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Local legends REO Speedwagon's Bruce Hall and Kevin Cronin perform at The Virginia Theater on Monday, Nov. 9, 2015. Before their rise to stardom, REO was a local band that often played at The Red Lion in Champaign.

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GO AHEAD >>>

Parkland's rebranding positively impacting students

Sierra Benson
Staff Writer

Everywhere Parkland students walk they can expect to see the new "Go Ahead" branding printed on flyers, table linens, sweatshirts, and more. What exactly is this short slogan trying to convey to the students and why does it matter so much?

Patricia Lehn, Parkland's marketing and public relations director, explained that Parkland needed to update their advertising, and in an effort to move into 2015 and beyond they decided to update their color palette for a more modern feel.

Students spend a significant amount of time in Parkland's newest building, the Student Union; bright colors on the small armchairs and sofas there inspired the color palette used in the brand. The people photographed next to the slogan are real students at Parkland.

"We actually got in touch with Surface 51, which is a little marketing and communications agency in Champaign, and the owner/founder is a Parkland grad. His name is Al Fleener [and] he's really proud of what Parkland has given him as an alum," Lehn said.

Lehn explained that they wanted school spirit to increase, and the new slogan will help further their ideals.

"The 'Go Ahead' tagline itself is meant to mean whatever that student needs at that point in his or her life, so if it's the encouragement to enroll... 'Get Ahead' is another thing; we want [students] to continue to pursue... and to just move forward," Lehn said.

For some students it is

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Honoring our Veterans

Parkland College hosts Veterans Day ceremony

Peter Floess
Staff Writer

On Wednesday, Nov. 11 at 11 a.m., Parkland College held a Veterans Day ceremony in the Student Union. The guest speaker of the event was Harold Huffman, a World War II tech sergeant on a B-17 Bomber. Huffman spoke about how life was hard during wartime, but it was not an unhappy time for him. He feels strongly that Americans should remember the veterans who have fought for our country's freedoms.

Cadet John Rossi, a flag bearer in the ceremony, agreed that Veterans Day is an important day to show appreciation for the men and women in service.

"To me, I think Veterans Day is about remembering that many people serve this country, and remembering that there is a cost to our lifestyle and safety. Be thankful, and be sincere. Doing something nice, or even just talking to a veteran, is a wonderful thing to do," Rossi said.

Also speaking at the event was the Coordinator of Veterans and Military Personnel Student Services, Kristina Taylor, who said that each semester 500 veterans attend Parkland, with around 350 of which received veteran's education benefits.

"Parkland has been



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The National Anthem is sung before the Veterans Day ceremony in Parkland's café on Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2015.

approved for all Federal and State Veterans Education benefits," Taylor said. These benefits include the Montgomery GI Bill, the Selected Reserve GI Bill, the Reserve Education Assistance Program, the Vocational Rehabilitation, the Post 9/11 GI Bill, the Survivors/Dependents Education Assistance, the Leonard Nettin Memorial Scholarship, the Mahomet-Seymour American Legion Scholarship, the MIA/POW Scholarship, the Illinois Veterans Grant and the Illinois National Guard Grant. Veterans also qualify for Federal Financial Aid.

Parkland also offers help to veterans socially.

"The transition from the

military to civilian life can be stressful and navigating the United States Department of Veterans Affairs can be frustrating," Taylor said. Parkland's Office of Financial Aid and Veteran Services advises the Student Veterans Association at Parkland (SVAP) and the SALUTE National Honor Society. The office of Financial Aid also offers a resource center for students that provides veteran-related information and offers a place for the veterans to network with each other.

Cadet Wade Beasley, a flag bearer during the Veterans Day ceremony, stated that he hoped to obtain a bachelor's degree with a GPA of 3.5 or

higher, which meant having strong time management skills. Rossi added that there was even more to juggle than just school and a personal life.

"Not just when to work and when to play, when to do homework, when to study, when to prepare your uniform, when to work out, and when to work on other aspects of being a cadet, like extracurriculars and volunteering," Rossi said. "The thing that makes it hard is that no one is telling you what to do; it's entirely your responsibility to do what you need to do."

The director of Disability Services, Cathy Robinson says that 45 veterans currently

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NEWS

Accessibility at Parkland

Part one: Mental illness and intellectual disability

Brittany Webb
Staff Writer

According to a study done by the National Alliance on Mental Illness, one in four students have a diagnosable mental illness. Fifty percent of students have been anxious enough that it led to struggles in their education.

The mission of the Office of Disability Services is “to provide assistance to students in determining, requesting, and using accommodations; to help students understand their abilities, needs, and the resources available to promote their learning, independence, and personal growth; to foster an environment which encourages personal and academic growth and facilitates attainment of their educational goals; and to be an educational resource on disabilities concerns for students, faculty, staff, and the community.”

They work closely with several key campus units for frequent student referrals. They rely heavily on the Counseling and Academic Advising Center for referring students for counseling support and crisis intervention services and general academic guidance.

Cathy Robinson, director

of disability services at Parkland College summarizes the department’s mission as working in partnership with the greater college community to facilitate equal access for students with disabilities to the educational programs, services, and activities of Parkland College. This mission is in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

“Students registered with our department continues to increase and we are currently serving 700 students (reported by the Office of Institutional Accountability and Research at Parkland College). This number includes a range of disabilities with 34 percent of our students reporting learning disabilities as their primary disability,” Robinson said. “The highest percentage of disabilities reported by our students include: 8 percent sensory disabilities, 22 percent with ADD, and 10 percent reporting PTSD or anxiety related disorders, and 7 percent reporting psychological disorders as their primary disability.”

Students are worked with on a case-by-case basis to decide what would help them the most, which includes being referred to the Center for Academic Success and Parkland’s Counseling and

700

students registered at disability services

Advising Center.

Students can be eligible for services such as extended time in a distraction-reduced environment, note-taking accommodations, or tape-recorded lectures.

“Many students with disabilities do much better on their tests when they utilize their approved academic accommodations and test in the Office of Disability Services. They’re not so distracted by people getting up and leaving, which of course for a person who experiences anxiety, definitely impacts their ability to process and stay on task, and reduces their level of stress,” Robinson said.

In addition to extended time testing, the note taking accommodations help students who have difficulty paying attention while also processing information from course lectures, which enables them to focus their energy on actively learning.

Disability services also offers private room testing for those with anxiety and

disorders where a student’s ability to concentrate is impacted on a more serious level. The office works with the Assessment Center to provide private room testing.

Club ACCESS, recently restarted at Parkland, looks for students who have an interest in disability, either with personal experience or because they want to be an ally to those with one.

“It could be an interest-related to physical, mental or emotional disability,” said Dennis Cockrum, a counselor at Parkland College and also the advisor of the club.

Cockrum would like to see more allies with the desire to help other people. This usually includes health profession majors, social work or psychology majors. They are more likely to eventually be working with people with different disabilities.

“The purpose of the club is to provide education, support and reduce stigma to issues related to disability,” Cockrum said. “It has a really good potential to have a good impact as a group.”

If you believe you have a disability for which you may need an academic accommodation (e.g. an alternate testing environment, use of assistive technology or other classroom assistance)

By the numbers:

22%
ADD

10%
PTSD or ANXIETY

8%
SENSORY DISABILITIES

7%
PSYCHOLOGICAL DISABILITIES

please contact The Office of Disability Services, Student Union Room U-260, (217) 353-2338, disabilityservices@parkland.edu.

Accommodations are determined on a case-by-case basis and are linked to the functional limitations experienced by each student in the college environment.

Dual credit program offers chance to get ahead

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Parkland College’s Dual Credit program offers high school students the opportunity to take college level courses alongside their high school courses. They are able to use these courses for college credit once they enter a collegiate institution like Parkland. The dual credit program has a strong showing in District 505 including Champaign-Urbana and surrounding areas.

“The dual credit program taught me how to handle an online class and time management. It also taught me basic computer programming, something that I still use today,” stated Olivia Brady, former dual credit and current Parkland student.

The dual credit program has been a part of Parkland College since 1997. It began to gain momentum over the years and grew at a rapid rate in 2008. Lisa Lyne started at Parkland as an administrative assistant around that time. In 2013 she was promoted to Parkland College Dual Credit Program Manager.

Lyne’s office oversees all student registration. They work with the high schools to manage the student registration process. That can range from admissions to the placement testing process. This semester they are working with nearly 900 students in the program.

Lyne described the program as a two birds with one stone concept. She related this aspect to the fact that students are able to earn credit at Parkland and most times their respective high



Photo by Ruben Aguilar | The Prospectus
During their teaching and learning unit, seniors at Rantoul Township High School attempt to do toe touches in their dual credit English 101 class on Friday, Nov. 13, 2015.

school.

“What dual credit really is, is a program that allows high school students to dually enroll in college classes at the same time as their high school classes. They can earn college credit in those classes and in most circumstances their high school will give them credit towards their graduation requirements. Hence the name dual credit; they’re earning credit in both places,” Lyne said.

The dual credit office works with the marketing department at Parkland and the participating high schools to bring information about the program to students and parents. It can be a confusing amount of information at times and Lyne’s office aims to deal with any problems that arise.

One confusion is the distinction between dual credit and dual enrollment.

“Nationally, dual credit is called dual or concurrent enrollment. Each state sort of has their own terminology.

In Illinois, we have both. Dual credit is the opportunity where the student is taking the college class and getting both college and high school credit for it at the same time,” Lyne stated. “Dual enrollment is where the student is taking the college class and only getting college credit for it.”

Due to a solid partnership with the participating high schools, most students in the program are dual credit and offered the chance to earn high school and college credit with the one course. The teachers that are teaching these dual credit courses are actually considered Parkland faculty.

They often work at the high school but some teach on Parkland’s main campus. They are offered the same resources and training that main campus faculty are. One of those teachers is Betty Jones, who teaches at the Rantoul Township High School.

Jones has taught for over 30 years at both the college

and high school level. This is her eleventh year teaching dual credit English courses.

“In dual credit English, students can perfect their writing skills and develop their critical thinking. Most of the selections discussed can be applicable to real-life situations,” Jones said. “I was sparked to teach dual credit by the wonderful opportunity and advantage students get by taking dual credit classes. Many students get up to 18 hours of college credit while in high school. Just think of all the money saved!”

English courses are some of the most commonly offered and taken but there are a number of other options available. It varies from school to school as their budget and qualified teaching staff varies. Brady took a number of computer science courses while attending Bement High School. She took dual credit courses both her junior and senior years.

“My school didn’t offer AP or any other form of

advanced class. If you wanted something more in your high school experience dual credit was the only thing that was offered,” Brady said.

Brady brought up an interesting perspective that some schools don’t offer an AP format of classes but are slowly adopting more and more dual credit options. She mentioned that taking these classes wasn’t the deciding factor for attending Parkland, but the assurance that her classes would transfer ultimately helped her make the decision to attend Parkland.

Another key factor to taking dual credit courses in high school is the fact that they cost the student nothing out of pocket. This way they can get ahead with college credit but not have to worry about a financial burden.

So whether high school students are looking for a challenge, the chance to earn college credit, or get their foot in the door at Parkland then taking dual credit courses is the way to go. Brady was able to offer some advice to interested students,

“I would tell any student thinking about dual credit classes to take them. Dual credit is a great way to earn both college and high school credit. It also lets you try out something you might be interested in before college.”

For more information, students should contact their respective high schools or the Parkland College Dual Credit Office at 217-353-2663, dualcredit@parkland.edu or visit their office in room U305 in the Parkland College Student Union.

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LIFESTYLE

Great American Smokeout Respiratory Care Club and Wellness Center team up to end smoking

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Staff Writer

On Thursday, Nov. 19 the Parkland College Respiratory Care Club, in conjunction with the Wellness Center, will be hosting The Great American Smokeout.

"The Great American Smokeout is a day that is dedicated to not smoking, so we are asking people that are current smokers to put down their cigarettes or other forms of tobacco and not use for 24 hours," said Sara Estock, Parkland College wellness coordinator.

Estock says that for the event they will be using the stage and surrounding area in the café. There will be an education table about the cessation of smoking as well as the harms of smoking. They will also have information about the harm of e-cigarettes.

During the event there will be a raffle. Parkland College TV will be interviewing people who have quit smoking and the reasons they quit smoking, according to Estock. There will also be a DJ to play music while students enjoy lunch catered by Jimmy Johns.

"The Respiratory Care Club will be working in conjunction with the Parkland United for Student Health Club and we



Photo by Ruben Aguilar | The Prospectus

Parkland College officially became a smoke-free campus on July 1, 2015. The campus policy prohibits use of all tobacco products, including e-cigarettes.

will be working in conjunction with them to bring forth an educational event for the great American smokeout," said Molly Martin, advisor for the Parkland College respiratory club.

They are putting on this event to get smokers to put down their cigarettes, e-cigarettes and vapes for 24 hours. The two clubs have come together to plan and execute the educational event to raise awareness of why

people should stop smoking.

Martin says that the Respiratory Care Club is going to be involved mostly in the educational part of the event, and one of the things that they want to hit really hard this year is the use of e-cigarettes and vapes.

The event will also have a focus on COPD [chronic obstructive pulmonary disease] which is the third leading cause of death in the United States. Martin

says that it is important to raise awareness because many patients that have COPD generally don't feel it's effects in their younger years, so many students do not have the realization that the disease can catch up to them.

"We are going to be focusing on the benefits of cessation of smoking, the risk of smoking and how smoking can affect your body, also your overall health in general," said

Gurvinder Rakalla who is the vice president of the Respiratory Care Club. Rakalla also says that they will be focusing on the risks and health risk of e-cigarettes and vapes.

The Respiratory Care Club will be handing out pamphlets that have information about e-cigarettes. The club will also be using the event as an opportunity to see how the new no-smoking rule is being taken and what effects it has on them as students at Parkland College.

"This will be a good opportunity to get feedback from students on how they feel about Parkland College being a smoke-free campus and getting that kind of feedback is one of the things that make this event important to us," Rakalla said.

The Respiratory Care Club wants to know how the students feel about the smoke-free campus, so that they can know how to better reach out to students about smoking-related problems.

Estock says that one of the things she hope students take away from this event is that the Wellness Center is a place that students can get health care and health education

The Great American Smokeout event will be going on in the U-Wing from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Nov. 19.

Paris attacks lead Americans to wonder about US safety

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Dan Sewell
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NEW YORK (AP) — From cafes in New York to tailgate parties in the heartland, the bloodbath in Paris is forcing Americans to ponder the awful possibility of terrorist attacks on "soft targets" in the U.S. such as restaurants, bars and other ordinary gathering spots.

"Maybe I'm more jittery," said Jordan Veneman, sitting at La Colombe cafe in Manhattan's SoHo neighborhood. He said that when a car backfired shortly after the attacks in France, he immediately thought of a bomb.

Counterterrorism experts say well-coordinated assaults carried out by foreigners are less likely in the U.S., in part because of tougher accessibility to the mainland and better intelligence-gathering since 9/11. But they acknowledge such attacks cannot be ruled out.

They worry even more about the possibility of "lone wolf" attackers who may have no direct connection to extremist groups such as Islamic State but embrace their ideology.

"It's impossible to protect everything and everyone all the time," said Lauren C. Anderson, a retired FBI official who served in Paris and headed the international terrorism program for a New York task force.

She said intelligence-gathering and sharing is crucial, but added that everyone has a role: "The front line when we're talking about this now is people being aware of what's going on around them."

In the crowded lobby of the Ace Hotel in Manhattan's Garment District, Daniel Bellino, who works in the restaurant industry, said authorities in New York, where memories are seared with images of 9/11, have done "a great job" heading off attacks, but there are limits to what can be done.

"You could do many things, and you stop 90-something



Photo by Verena Dobnik | AP Photo

Customers dine at the gourmet emporium Eataly in New York Monday, Nov. 16, 2015. From cafes in Manhattan to a throng of football tailgaters in the heartland, Americans asked a gnawing question in the aftermath of the carnage in Paris: Can anything be done in the United States to prevent a similar "soft-target" attack, in which well-organized extremists strike at the restaurants, bars and gathering spots that stand out for being ordinary?

percent of planned attacks, but miss some," Bellino said. "I'm happy nothing has happened. Yes, I do worry about it, but I've got regular things of life to worry about."

A soft target is any place that is largely unprotected, unlike a military installation, an airport or a courthouse. Soft targets can include schools, shopping malls, theaters and sporting events.

Americans have seen what an attack on a soft target can look like. A gunman in body armor killed 12 people in a suburban Denver movie theater in 2012. But the killer was a mentally ill American graduate student with no political agenda.

New York Mayor Bill de Blasio told the first 120 members of a new 500-officer-strong counterterror unit on Monday that the city "is the chief terror target in the country," and daily vigilance is needed.

The New York Police Department's counterterror units can now respond to as many as two dozen active shooting situations at once, having learned from such tragedies as the terrorist attacks in Mumbai,

India, in 2008, officials said. Intelligence officials also monitor social media postings, and detectives press informants for information on possible plots.

At the University of Dayton in Ohio, Mark Ensalaco, who has studied Middle East terrorism and is the school's director of human rights research, said the greater immediate threat in the U.S. is probably from homegrown Islamic State sympathizers the FBI says are being recruited constantly, often through social media messages that urge them to commit violence on their own. "The possibility of lone wolves carrying out attacks, that's high, and I'm concerned that it can be even higher if they're inspired by this," Ensalaco said of the Paris attacks.

The carnage is also likely to lead to debate in this country about stepped-up law enforcement monitoring versus the cost in privacy and freedom of movement.

"For me, after 9/11, I live with this duality," said Andreas Petrossians, a New York University student sipping a coffee outside

Greenwich Village's Third Rail Coffee. "I want more protections, but I don't want them to infringe upon me."

"You can't monitor every restaurant in NYC or every subway car; it would be a police state," said Andrew Davies, an actor and model, noting that there are thousands of potential "soft targets" in the city such as the coffee shop where he sat. He said allowing terrorists to restrict our freedom is "almost as bad as a terrorist attack."

In New Orleans' French Quarter, David Vann, a project manager from Toronto checking out a restaurant with his wife and baby Monday evening, said he wouldn't be deterred from visiting a city like New Orleans, but possibly Washington.

On Bourbon Street, Dan Wiltgen, of the Hot Springs, Arkansas, area, was among some retirees strolling past the nightclubs. "We're not going to let it stop us from doing what we want to do," he said. "We're Americans."

On the Las Vegas Strip, jogger Lauren Laquerre stopped Tuesday to snap a

photo of its faux Eiffel Tower, then considered whether she felt less safe than before the Paris attacks.

"No," said Laquerre, of Nashua, New Hampshire. "We've had bigger attacks in our country. It can happen anywhere."

In Cincinnati, police in cruisers and vans were parked along streets and officers patrolling on bicycles were highly visible Monday evening around restaurants, bars, tailgate areas and the stadium where the NFL's Bengals played the Houston Texans.

City officials said surveillance was also increased, and they urged fans to watch for suspicious activity.

Bengals fan Scott Kiser said his 17-year-old son Donovan asked him before he left for the game if he was worried about being in a potential terrorist target area.

"I told him, buddy, they could set off a bomb in Iowa or anywhere else," he recalled replying. "We have to keep living our lives. That's what they want — for us to be afraid."

OPINIONS

The Great Opportunity

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The Prospectus (Vol.9 #2 Sept. 2 '15) carried an article reporting the significant trend of decrease in the enrollment in foreign language courses now comparing to ten years ago.

According to the article only 3.2% of the student body study a foreign language at Parkland College.

According to the article some of the reasons for the change are

- foreign languages are neither required for admission nor graduation at many universities, and

- the increasing cost of attending colleges and universities among other reasons.

In addition to the reasons mentioned above, it seems that the purpose of education being emphasized today is as a means of getting a job. For that reason rightfully emphasis goes to obtaining skills, techniques, and information for a specific occupation.

A great number of graduates of Parkland College reach their goals professionally and successfully live as productive members of our society.

Now learning a foreign language does not seem to be important for the job-

searching process for many people since some higher education institutions do not require foreign language and students are not aware of what opportunities are opened up for individuals with multiple language skills.

The article indicated only 3.2 % of students study other languages. It means theoretically only 3 people out of 100 in the workforce in any field can communicate with people from other countries in this new global age. These 3% people have a chance to stand out as unique persons compared to the other 97 % of the population.

Recently one of the top management officers of a multi-national Japanese

company at a seminar at The University of Illinois told the audience that his company is seeking people who are sensitive toward other cultures and can communicate with people in other languages in addition to skills and knowledge in that field.

There are many examples of people working in various fields as a result of having invested their time and energy in studying a foreign language, such as

- working in an airline company
- working in a management office in a retail company
- teaching in another countries

- being a health care professional here or abroad
- serving as a language specialist in a military force

When fewer people study foreign language the greater the opportunity becomes for you to be a more qualified person than the 97 %. You can be a unique person in your field which increases your job opportunities.

Parkland College offers several languages. While studying here at Parkland College take advantage of the opportunity to learn a new language or increase your skills in one you've already begun.

House speaker calls for 'pause' in Syrian refugees

Erica Werner

Congressional Correspondent
AP

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Speaker Paul Ryan called Tuesday for a "pause" in Syrian refugees coming to the U.S. in the wake of the Paris attacks, and assembled a task force to bring legislation to a vote as soon as this week.

"Our nation has always been welcoming but we cannot let terrorists take advantage of our compassion," Ryan, R-Wis., told reporters after a closed-door House GOP meeting. "This is a moment where it's better to be safe than to be sorry, so we think the prudent, the responsible, thing is to take a pause in this particular aspect of this refugee program in order to verify that terrorists are not trying to infiltrate the refugee population."

Republicans said the chairmen of national security-focused committees were working on legislation dealing with Syrian refugees that the House could vote on as early as Thursday, though it was not clear exactly what the legislation would involve. Thus far the numbers of

Syrian refugees admitted to the U.S. from their war-torn homeland have been extremely limited and they are vetted in a lengthy process. Some Democrats denounced a rush to judgment on Capitol Hill and the presidential campaign trail.

Rep. Luis Gutierrez of Illinois likened the GOP reaction to the U.S. government turning away Jews fleeing Nazi Germany and placing Japanese in internment camps during World War II.

"Let us as legislators rise above petty politics, rise above sectarian fears ... the underlying layer of xenophobia," Gutierrez said on the House floor. "Let us maintain America's commitment as a beacon of hope."

The U.S. has admitted only about 2,500 Syrians since the civil war erupted in that country in the spring of 2011, but Obama administration officials want to admit 10,000 more this year. They announced that goal earlier this fall after a photograph of a little Syrian boy washed up on a beach sparked calls for compassion, including

from some congressional Republicans.

Thus far the administration has not backed off the goal. Attorney General Loretta Lynch defended the vetting process in an appearance before the House Judiciary Committee Tuesday, saying: "We have the benefit of having that robust screening process which Europe doesn't have."

But pressure is mounting following Friday's brutal attacks in Paris. The Islamic State group claimed responsibility and there were indications that one of the perpetrators might have entered France with a Syrian passport, potentially amid waves of refugees seeking haven in Europe.

GOP congressional aides said lawmakers are getting swamped by calls from constituents demanding action to ensure the U.S. is protected from such threats. The issue has emerged as a test for Ryan just weeks after he was sworn in as the new House speaker.

"Even amongst the most pro-immigration wings of the Republican Party there is a sense that national security absolutely has to come

first," Republican Rep. Mick Mulvaney of South Carolina said after leaving Tuesday's GOP meeting. "So we're trying hard not to overreact. But at the same time if there's a threat to national security that has to take priority."

Similar calls are coming from presidential candidates, and a number of GOP governors have announced plans to try to keep out Syrian refugees, though they appear to lack legal authority to do so. One Democratic governor — New Hampshire's Maggie Hassan — also said the United States should halt the acceptance of Syrian refugees until intelligence and defense officials can ensure a strong vetting process.

Hassan is challenging Republican Sen. Kelly Ayotte in next year's Senate race.

Even some Republicans who previously supported accepting more refugees are joining the call to clamp down. Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina, GOP candidate for president, was one of those. On Monday he called for a "timeout" in such admissions.

In a telephone call with journalists Tuesday, senior

officials from the State Department, Homeland Security Department and U.S. intelligence community emphasized that screening for Syrian refugees is the most rigorous for any set of travelers wishing to enter the United States.

The checks — conducted by multiple intelligence and law enforcement agencies — include an interview overseas, biometrics, fingerprinting and biographical investigations to determine if individuals are truly worthy of refugee status or if they pose security risks. Syrians are subject to additional, classified controls, said the officials, who briefed reporters on condition they not be identified by name.

The current acceptance rate for Syrians is around 50 percent. The other half includes denials and cases pending further investigation.

Of the roughly 2,500 Syrians the U.S. has taken in since the civil war erupted, about half are children. Another 25 percent are people over 60. Only about 2 percent are single men of combat age. The overall pool is almost evenly split between males and females.

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VETERAN

use Disability Services; she hopes that more veterans will stop by and discuss services that could possibly benefit them in the future.

Many of the veterans that use the disability services benefit from the educational accommodations, including extra time on tests in a room with no distractions, among other adjustments that support specific needs.

According to Robinson, the Office of Disability Services will also refer students to Parkland's Counseling and Advising

Center where students benefit from personal counseling services that are confidential and offered at no charge. Student veterans can also use the office of disability to be referred to organizations outside of Parkland, such as the veterans affairs office in Danville, the Center for Wounded Veterans, Community Elements, the Illinois Department of Rehabilitation Services, and others.

"All I want to say is thanks for Parkland for having a great ceremony to thank veterans in the school and in the community. I'm sure it means a lot to many of those ladies and gentleman," Rossi said.

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GO

about getting a GED, others may want to take non-credit courses to better their skills, for students like Jackson Powell involved in Parkland's Pathway Program it is about achieving a degree the more affordable way.

"For me, I applied to U of I, I got accepted, but I could not even come close to afford to go there. I decided to do pathways instead and it was really nice because I pay zero dollars in tuition here. As much as people may complain about community college, I honestly feel kind of lucky that this is the community college by U of I and not a run-

down one," Powell said.

Parkland is considered by Powell to be a good "in-between" due to the lower tuition and the need to adjust to college work before committing to a well-known university. The curriculum Parkland offers is similar enough to the U of I, so there are no worries of getting behind when transferring. Powell remarked that she liked the slogan at Parkland. "Because it's a community college, it encourages people who are only here for two years to not just get an associate degree. For a lot of people this could just be a step to start off and then move on to getting a bachelor's degree or a master's," Powell said.

Student Government's President, Cedric Jones, also

chose Parkland because of it being close and cost efficient.

"I knew that I wanted to continue my education. I've always been really involved in the community, so going to Parkland enabled me to stay in town and continue to give back; and continue to receive help from my support system," Jones said.

Parkland's Student Government uses the slogan "Go Ahead: Lead" since their goal is to be the voice of the students the college accommodates for.

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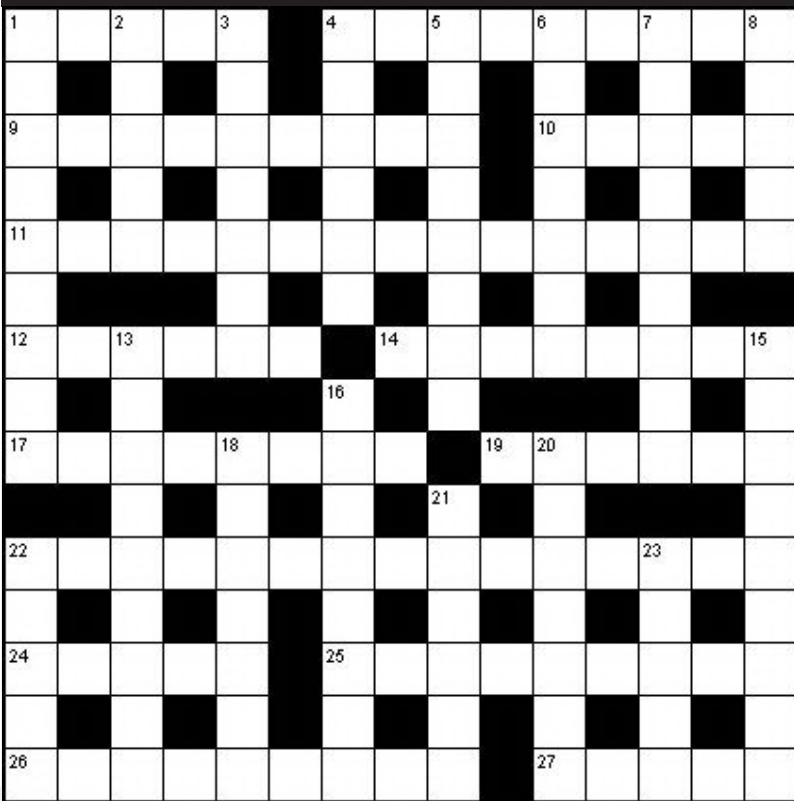
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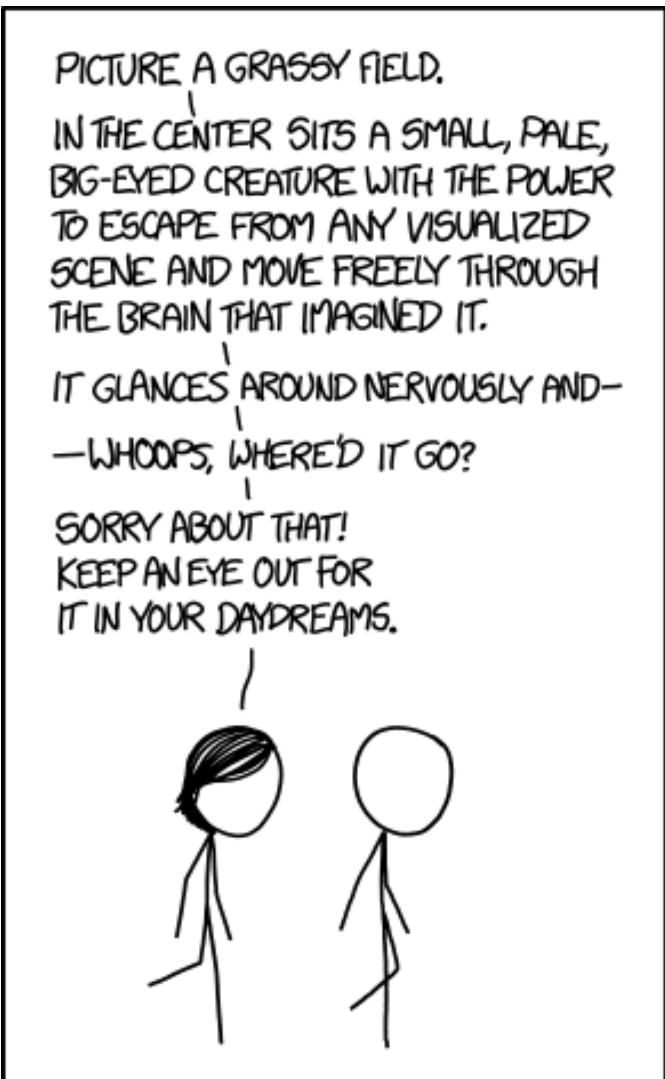
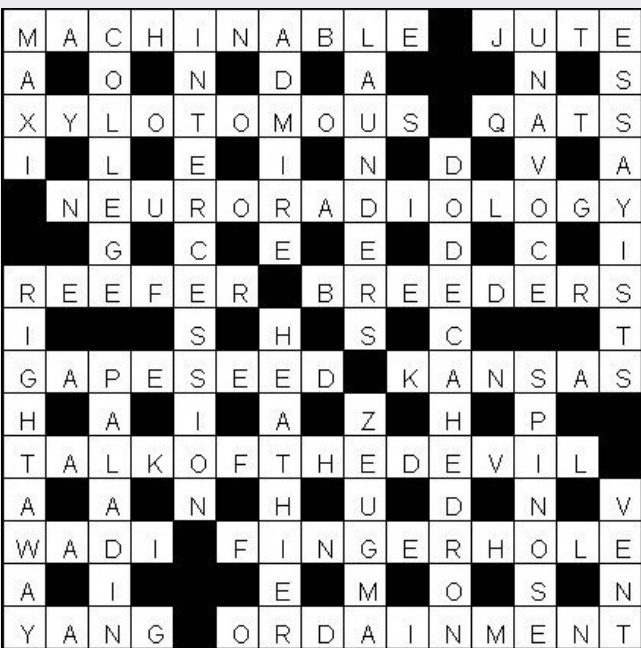
ACROSS

- 1 Axes elm, possibly, to obtain woody tissue (5)
- 4 Wise guy runs story during interminable strike (5,4)
- 9 The Italian general is set back by information deficit ultimately - that is careless (9)
- 10 Wine producing region prepared for unfavourable weather? (5)
- 11, 22 I hope the inn is cooking with some quality ingredients - thus observing this motto (4,4,3,3,1,5)
- 12 Powerful drug needed by hospital department (6)
- 14 Going hungry around Spain? Far from it (8)
- 17 Approved translation of Norse Edda mostly (8)
- 19 One has to go through the wardrobe to locate it (6)
- 22 Travelling bag accompanying wife to old road motel, perhaps (11,4)
- 24 I complain about her (5)
- 25 Slow scoring? (9)
- 26 Never failing to be naive at all times (9)
- 27 One is required from the stage designer - and then again, not! (5)

DOWN

- 1 Will she get cross with husband that is very quietly engaged digesting a set of books? (9)
- 2 Stone has a new record at No 1 (5)
- 3 Pottery made originally by one in German city (7)
- 4 Have a mind to observe seizure (3,3)
- 5 As describes quite new pieces in collection? Yes and no (8)
- 6 Birds - cats eating one of them (7)
- 7 Reportedly was short of an empty container for milk production? (9)
- 8 Shrewd woman invested in Cyprus (5)
- 13 Henry VII stood for it - and vice versa (5,4)
- 15 Ostentatious dignitary is reserving love for the higher placed of the two Europeans (9)
- 16 Once more use fruit that is no good (2-6)
- 18 Swindling cartel includes a politician (7)
- 20 Article - one of five - on God by Italian philosopher (7)
- 21 Inert metal principally extracted with nitrogen (6)
- 22 See 11
- 23 I am stoned, man - that is not right (5)

Last week's answers



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FEATURE

UIUC vs. Ohio State



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The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Women's Basketball Team played against Ohio State in Parkland's Donald C. Dodds Jr. Athletic Center. Illinois won the game 62-53.



Chatrice White - Center



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HUMANS OF PARKLAND



Dr. Tom Ramage

Scott Barnes
Staff Writer

"I happened to be in Ireland when I saw a job at Parkland College open up in 1998. They were looking for a Department Chair that could do three things: One, video production, two, interactive video conferencing and, three, online video courses. Perfect, this is exactly what I've been doing my entire career, so I applied. I interviewed with a committee on a phone sitting in a hotel in Bray, Ireland. I'll never forget it. Trying to drink tea and not be nervous.

I had no intention of being in higher education. My life, in my head, was I'd be downtown Chicago editing videos or working for a production company making TV commercials or whatever. This is about as far from that as one would think but it's worked extraordinarily well.

I think it was just luck. The things that I was interested in happened to be the beginnings of the Internet and video conferencing. That really set my path. If I didn't get into those things, and I could have very easily not gotten into those things, none of this would've happened. I would be cleaning AV rolls or moving DVDs and flat panel TVs for a living.

Dive in and figure out what it is you enjoy doing, whatever aspect. Now, hopefully it's not too narrow. Invest time and effort in doing it well, whatever it is. And find out who else appreciates that sort of work across the sector. If you never thought that you'd get into education or healthcare or the insurance business, whatever it is, it shouldn't prevent you from meeting people in those areas. Networking. That's how it worked for me. I knew nobody at Parkland when I applied here. Well, I knew one guy but I don't think he was even working here at the time. It's not always about whom you know. Your portfolio should speak for itself but that networking piece may take you in a direction you never expected. And, in my case, it happened to work out.

I always talk about this thing called the imposter syndrome, which somebody else wrote about very eloquently but I like the idea. My wife and I talk about it quite a bit. Our CFO and I talk about it a bit. You work yourself into a position of some level of responsibility and you begin wondering how you got there and if you are actually, really the right person to do that. If you knew how much I know about what I have to do here you'd be surprised by how little it actually is or how underprepared I feel inside to be the President of Parkland College or the superintendent at Rantoul city schools or the CFO of a sixty million dollar organization. That's an interesting phenomenon but I think everybody in a leadership position, to a certain degree, probably has that feeling.

I'd like to break Zelema Harris's record of 16 years as president. I'm about half way there. We'll see if that works. Another eight years. I don't know, we'll see what life brings."

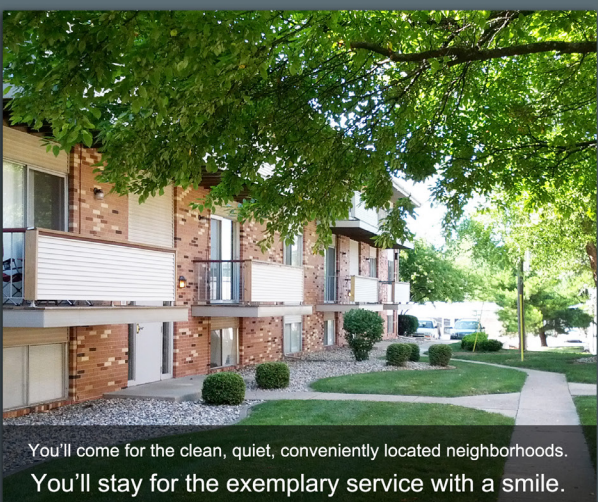
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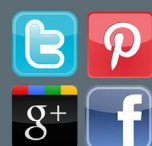
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ENTERTAINMENT

'Noises Off'

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Cast members of "Noises Off" perform in Parkland's Harold and Jean Miner Theatre. **From Parkland theatre's website:** Called the funniest modern farce ever written, "Noises Off" presents a hilariously hectic look backstage as a cast of frazzled actors rehearses and performs a naughty little British comedy called "Nothing On." Door slamming, on and offstage romances, flubbed lines, and misplaced plates of sardines all figure in the zany plot of this loving satire of life in the theatre.



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