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MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION IN ILLINOIS ADDRESSES SOCIAL INJUSTICE



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Carol Ammons speaking on marijuana legalization, Dan Linn on far left, Julie Pryde in the middle

Image source: Paul Benson

On Monday, February 18, 2019, State Representative Carol Ammons and State Senator Scott Bennet hosted a panel on marijuana legalization in Illinois. The panel was held in Senator Bennet's office on the fourth floor of the Illinois terminal.

Many different people attended the panel. Champaign County State Attorney, Julia Rietz was

there as a panelist; County Clerk, Aaron Ammons was moderating the panel; Champaign city Mayor, Deb Feinen and Council member, Matthew Gladney were there; State Senator, Heather Steans spoke on the legislative panel; C-U Public Health Administrator, Julie Pryde spoke as a panelist; and Champaign County Circuit Clerk, Katie M.

Blakeman was there also.

The event started with Scott Bennet introducing important public figures. Afterwards, Carol Ammons took the mic to introduce the discussion of regulating and taxing marijuana. Carol Ammons said, "This is one of the most pressing things that will happen in my legislative career." Which set the focus for

the panel to be about how we are going to tax and regulate marijuana as if it's inevitably going to be legalized.

One of the hottest topics on marijuana legalization is where the new influx of tax money will go for the state of Illinois. Saferillinois.org estimates marijuana tax revenue in Illinois to be over 350 million dollars. Carol Ammons said

that she wants to invest some of the tax revenue back into community-based investments. Ammons said, "I did not want communities of color left out of the economic question of marijuana regulation. And so, I introduced house bill 902, which is designed to increase diversity, equity, and accountability around the issue of regulation of

marijuana and adult use." Ammons also said, "In my bill it deals with the expungement of records and the release of people who may be incarcerated for cannabis related offenses." According to the American Civil Liberties Union article, Marijuana Arrests By

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Anthropology Department Hosts Anthro Day Event

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Parkland College's second celebration of World Anthropology Day is in the books! On Thursday, Feb 21st Parkland's Anthropology Department celebrated World Anthropology Day by hosting an event in the Student Union. The event was led by Dr. Isabel Scarborough, Dr. Lauren Anaya, and by part-time faculty members Erin Riggs and Benjamin Skousen. The four professors discussed the importance of

anthropology, the archaeology field school offered in the summer, and the various anthropology courses that Parkland offers. The anthropology department displayed archeological artifacts and a slideshow and provided free food and t-shirts for the students.

Dr. Scarborough, Associate Professor and Anthropology Program Director, explained the purpose and importance of the event. "#AnthroDay

is an initiative of the American Anthropological Association," Scarborough said. "Parkland's Anthropology program first celebrated National Anthropology Day in the Spring of 2017." Scarborough also said that Parkland participated in this event along with 300 other colleges and universities, and that the event was intended to promote anthropology courses and careers.

For the Anthropology Department, AnthroDay was focused on student involvement. "Our four anthropology instructors personally contacted students taking our classes who they know are interested in pursuing careers or classes in archeology, cultural anthropology



Professor skousen speaks with students about the discovered artifacts. Image source: Emma Fleming

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Humans of Parkland: Savannah Weishaar

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Savannah Weishaar is a student at Parkland College majoring in Journalism and minoring in Spanish. After Parkland, Weishaar hopes to attend Illinois State University in order to obtain her bachelor's degree. This will, hopefully, lead to a career in writing various pieces for either a magazine or a newspaper. Weishaar does not only have her career in mind when thinking about the future. She also hopes to travel the world some more.

Travelling is currently something that is a big part of Weishaar's life as she is spending the semester studying in

Seville, Spain through the Parkland Study Abroad Program. Weishaar explains that Seville is a large city located in the southwestern part of Spain.

Weishaar's love for travelling resulted in her always thinking about possibly studying abroad. However, it was due to her minoring in Spanish and wanting to improve her skills in the language, this specific destination was chosen. "What better place to do that than in Spain!" Weishaar says. "Parkland made it [travelling abroad] possible by having an affordable and reliable program easily available". There are many



Savannah Weishaar Image source: Savannah Weishaar

benefits when travelling abroad through Parkland College. "The largest benefits I see myself getting out of study abroad are improving my Spanish, traveling in

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Looking Ahead: Perimeter Road Music Festival



aylaMCDONALD | Co-Editor Perimeter Road Sound Recordings Image source: Paul Benson

Attention good people of the Champaign-Urbana community, if you are a fan of local music, then make plans to come out to Parkland College from 1-7 p.m. on Saturday, May 4 for the first annual Perimeter Road Sound Recordings Music Festival.

"Elsinore is headlining the festival, so that's a big deal, they're a pretty big band in town. We are also doing it in conjunction with the car show, so there will be cool cars and good music. And food too! It's all local artists, some Perimeter Road acts and some outside acts," said Matt McFarland, a Parkland student and member of Perimeter Road for the past three years.

The Music Festival will be the first large-scale event to be organized by Perimeter Road Sound Recordings, Parkland College's own student-staffed nonprofit record label. Occurring in conjunction with the annual Motorsport Club Car Show, the Music Festival will be held in the Parkland Student Union parking lot and will showcase a series of local bands and music artists, including the famed Elsinore. Attendees can expect to hear a variety of music

genres, ranging from alternative rock to funk, punk and acoustic pop. There will be free entry to the outdoor event, with food available for purchase.

According to the Perimeter Road webpage at parkland.edu, "Perimeter Road is Parkland College's student-staffed record label. We provide students who are interested in the music business an opportunity to apply the knowledge and skills they learn in the classroom to real-world experiences. Selected up-and-coming musicians are given an opportunity to record, release and promote their music free of charge."

Perimeter Road is currently staffed by fifteen students who are majoring in a variety of music related fields and who are all musically inclined to some degree. Many are members of bands that have recorded with the label. This semester Perimeter Road is working to plan their upcoming Music Festival, and is recording an album with the local band The Flaming Churros.

"One of our goals is to bring exposure to Parkland College

through both events, and to ourselves as a label," said Adam Porter, Communications and Radio Assistant Professor and Faculty Advisor for Perimeter Road. "By announcing this and promoting it on social media, I feel like a lot of people have learned about us that maybe didn't know about us before, just based on the amount of new views...we're nearing 7,000 views. I always wondered what we could do to better engage the community and I feel like this might be it, or at least a good step in the right direction."

At a staff meeting on Friday, the Perimeter Road team was excited to tell the Prospectus about their experiences working for the label and encouraged other students who are interested in music to check out Perimeter Road Sound Recordings. "With the label specifically, there's a lot of different things we can do with it," said Luke, a Parkland student and Perimeter Road staff member majoring in Communication and Media Arts and Production. "For example,

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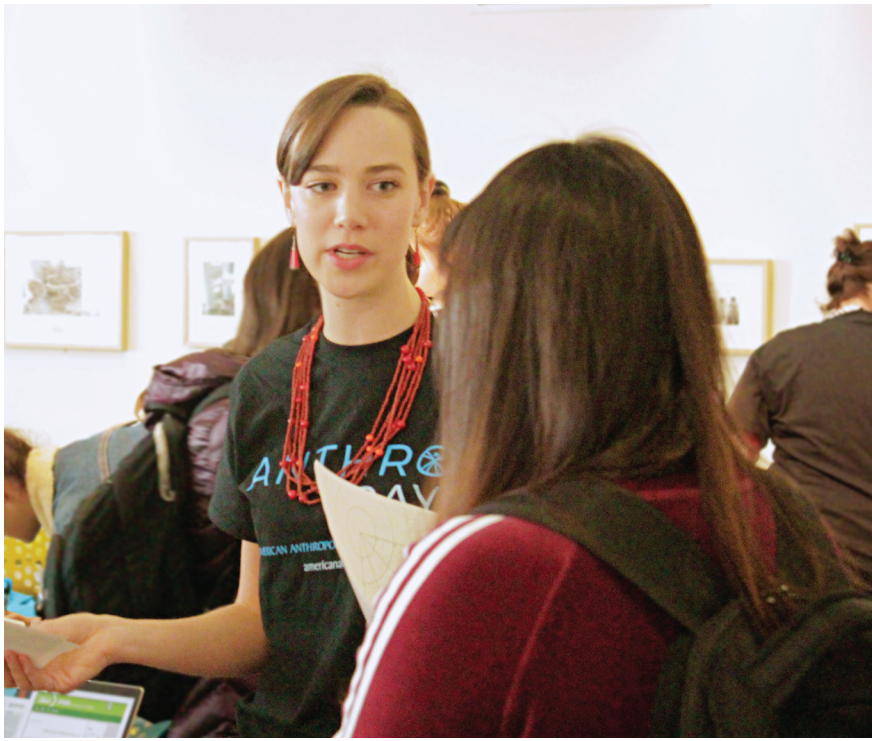


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True Stories

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Anthro Day



Professor Riggs speaks with students about the fields school. Image source: Emma Fleming



Fossils and artifacts on display. Image source: Sid Mounts

or biological and forensic anthropology,” Scarborough said. “The idea was to socialize and have students network with each other and with some of our instructors with whom they are not currently taking classes.”

The event allowed students to interact with the anthropology professors and ask questions about the program, but also allowed the Anthropology Department to meet potential students. “I know our anthropology instructors pride themselves in mentoring and supporting our students,” Scarborough said. “The event gave us the chance to continue conversations with

some of the students we already knew and to meet new students, all while having fun.” Overall, the event seemed to attract student interest. Many students examined the artifacts, engaged with the professors and even enjoyed free food. “I would say we met our objectives and had a very successful AnthroDay,” Scarborough said.

At the event, both anthropology students and non-anthropology students gathered to see what AnthroDay had to offer. Erin Riggs, professor of archaeology at Parkland, explained that the Anthropology Department was trying to build community. “The purpose of this event

is to build community around anthropology and its exciting opportunities,” Riggs said. Along with Riggs, Scarborough also highlighted some of the opportunities that anthropology provides students. “In our globalized and rapidly changing world, students who know how to handle themselves in situations where they come into contact with people from different cultures have an advantage over other applicants in fields as varied as IT, marketing, health professions, engineering and business and finance,” Scarborough said. “Anthropology classes teach you the skills to master cross-

cultural communication.”

The department director also mentioned anthropological opportunities specific to Parkland. When asked about what students should look forward to from the anthropology program, Scarborough said that, “Every spring semester the anthropology program sponsors a ‘Speaker Series’ where we bring anthropologists working in our community and beyond to give presentations on their work. On Feb 27, we have Dr. Maritza Quinones, the Anthropology Undergraduate Advisor of UIUC presenting on Afro-Puerto Rican women in part

of Black History Month.” Scarborough added that Dr. Kasia Szremksi, an archeologist, will speak about her research on ancient Peru on March 27, and Dr. Elizabeth Youngling will speak about the Chicago housing crisis on April 18.

Another Parkland-specific opportunity that was mentioned was the Archaeology Field School. “Parkland offers a unique opportunity to students every summer in its Field Archaeology course (ANT 220) with an ongoing partnership with the Illinois State Archaeological Survey,” Scarborough said. Professor Riggs leads this two-week archaeology course. “I

instruct Parkland’s field school, and students can spend two weeks at Allerton Park getting hands-on experience with excavating,” Riggs said. “This summer we will mostly be excavating pre-historics.” The course opens for enrollment in April.

For more information about the Archeology Field School or about Parkland’s Anthropology Program, see the Anthropology website which can be found at www.parkland.edu, or contact one of the Anthropology professors.

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Humans

Europa and immersing myself in a completely new and different culture,” Weishaar says.

The list of benefits does not end there, Weishaar explains. Overall, Weishaar describes her experience with study abroad as amazing, as it has allowed her to go to and discover several cool places both within and outside Seville.

Weishaar finds it difficult to describe her favorite thing about the semester abroad so far. She explains that the entire experience itself has been like no other. However, one experience stands out to her, which was when she was able to visit the Alcazar in Seville. “It is a fortress that was mainly built in the 14th

century” Weishaar says. “If there are any Game of Thrones fans – the Alcazar is where several important scenes were shot!”

However, there has also been more difficult elements of travelling abroad, especially when it comes to adjusting to a new lifestyle and the different mannerisms of Spaniards. “What

Americans consider to be common courtesy is simply not really a thing here,” Weishaar says. “At first, I was irritated because I thought people were being rude, but now it is kind of refreshing not having to say ‘ope sorry’ or ‘excuse me’ all the time.”

Weishaar shares that she had spent a lot of time researching Spain

and its culture before leaving for the semester, which she advises other people who plan to travel abroad do, as well. “Keep in mind when studying abroad... that you are a visitor and you have to adapt to the culture and way of life – not the other way around,” Weishaar says. Weishaar also explains that this this

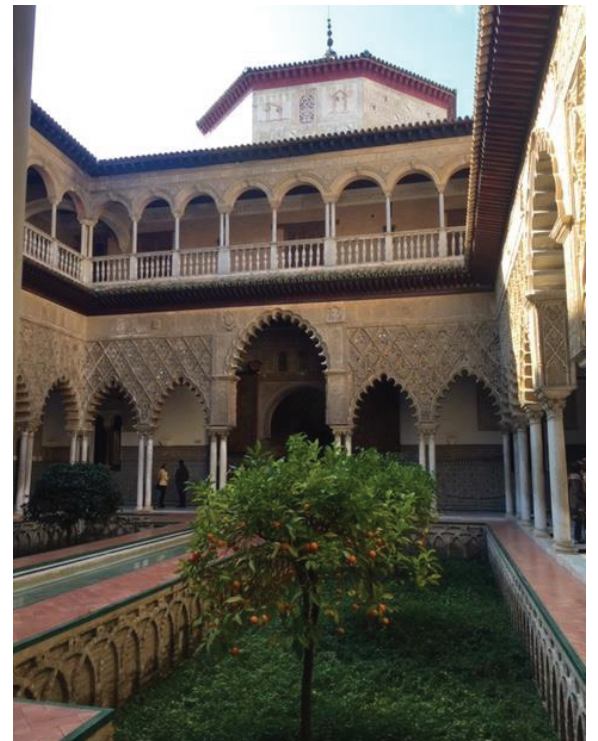
is important in order to avoid offending or disrespecting the locals of the country you are travelling to.

For any students who are considering whether to study abroad or not, Weishaar says to, “Just do it... take the opportunity while you have it.”



Las Setas, the largest wooden structure in the world.

Image source: Savannah Weishaar



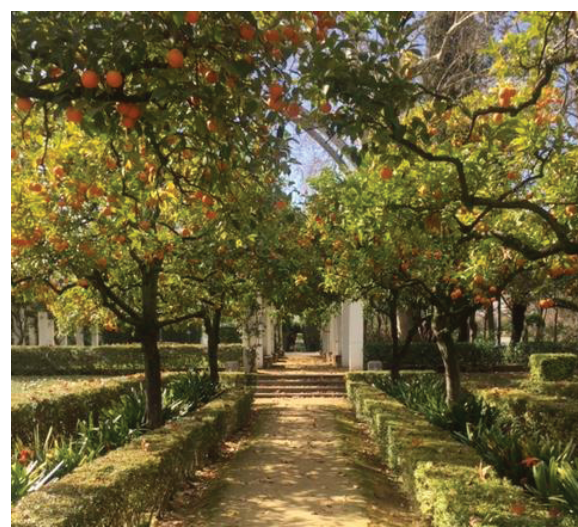
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Maria Luisa Park

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Plaza de Espana

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Gardens of Alcazar

Image source: Savannah Weishaar

Social Justice

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Legalization

The Numbers, “Despite roughly equal usage rates, blacks are 3.73 times more likely than whites to be arrested for marijuana.” The social justice aspect to marijuana legalization cannot be ignored. It would be a slap in the face to legalize marijuana just to have one white business owner monopolize growing and cultivating a majority of the crops.

One of the panelists, Dan Linn, executive director of the Illinois chapter of NORML (National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana

Laws), had this to say about home growers of marijuana, “In my opinion, if people can legally purchase this plant product and this natural material, but they can’t grow it and provide it for themselves, we’re not actually legalizing cannabis. We’re just giving a handout to businesses to be able to make money for this stuff.” A majority of the audience clapped.

While a majority of people seemed to support legalization of marijuana, there were a few outliers, mostly older white men afraid

of the impact marijuana legalization would have on the community. Things got a little heated. One gentleman spent a long time explaining how long marijuana stays inside the system until Aaron Ammons asked him to ask a question. He blurted out, “Why would we sponsor... it’s a gateway drug!” Some people groaned and the person behind the man speaking blurted out in laughter and started slowly clapping. Danielle Schumacher, CEO of THC Staffing Group, responded to these comments, “It’s

not addictive, it’s absolutely not addictive” The man who asked the question swatted at the air as if to dismiss what Schumacher said. A majority of the rest of the people clapped to Schumacher’s defense of safe marijuana use.

One of the big concerns that the older white men had with legalization was on how police officers would be able to test illegally intoxicated drivers. State Attorney, Julia Rietz, explained that, though, there is a way to train police officers to test for marijuana impairment,

there is no convenient test to determine how impaired a driver is by marijuana without taking them to the hospital. Part of the marijuana tax revenue is directed towards training law enforcement on testing for drug impairment.

There were many important and well-structured questions that were asked at the panel and there were also questions that seemed to be straight out of an episode of Parks and Recreation. A lot was discussed within the two-hour time frame. The topic of marijuana

legalization is still a controversial topic in Illinois, but according to saferillinois.org, the majority of people are for legalization. For those interested in learning more about or supporting marijuana legislation, visit Saferillinois.org.

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Music Fest

I came in wanting to just do recording music as an engineer, but I quickly found that I liked the social media aspect of it, and I’m kind of pseudo-running the Facebook page and the Instagram page, and I am having a lot of fun with that... there’s a lot of different things you can do with a record label... anybody can come in if they have something to offer.”

If their first Music Festival proves to be a successful event, Perimeter Road aspires to continue the event on an annual basis. “We’re making it the first annual in hopes that we can continue to do this in the

future, but this is just kind of one of the things that the label does. We also sign bands and put out real albums,” Porter said. “If anybody wants to get involved with helping with the festival in the future or learning more in the studio, or just joining the group and learning all the music business stuff, they would contact the Perimeter Road either through email or our Facebook page.”

To contact or learn more about Perimeter Road Sound Recordings, or to find a line-up of Festival performers, visit the Perimeter Road Sound Recordings Facebook page.

Letter to the Editor

In the Feb, 14 edition of the newspaper, the Prospectus published an article called, “Love Across the Globe.” One parkland student wrote a submitted a letter to the editor in response to this article.

Please try to be more objective while writing the articles because people might get offended sometimes. For example, the part of the Valentine’s Day article when you related ‘celebrating Valentine’s Day’ to ‘open-mindedness within cultures,’ which I personally didn’t really like and found it confusing. How would you relate

Valentine’s Day to the open-mindedness of my culture? Otherwise, the article was nice.

Thank you for all your hard work!

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Cobras Split Season-Opening Doubleheader Minder, Pierce key offensive outburst in game two

By Chad Beyler

GALLATIN, Tenn. – No. 2 Parkland baseball split a doubleheader at Volunteer State on Monday, February 25, to open their 2019 baseball season. The Cobras dropped the opener 4-3 before responding with a dominant 12-0 shutout in game two. Sophomore infielders Trevor Minder and Damian Pierce led the Cobras on offense with a combined five hits and seven runs batted in. Shortstop Trevor Minder led the team with four RBI and two extra-base hits, including Parkland’s first of three home runs. Freshmen outfielders

Corey Price and Jeremiah Lebron joined Minder in going yard to open the season. On the mound, Sam Ballard picked up the Cobra win in game two behind eight strikeouts over three innings while only giving up one hit and walking two. Ryan Culley started the first game, going four innings and striking out eight.

Game 1: Parkland 3, Volunteer State 4

A back-and-forth battle to start the season for Parkland, the lead changed hands four times over the middle

innings, beginning with a solo home run by the Pioneers in the bottom of the second inning. The Cobras responded in the following half inning, taking advantage of a dropped third strike and a hit by pitch, taking a 2-1 lead on a Corey Price sacrifice fly. After Volunteer State tied the game with a run in their half of the third, Trevor Minder played long ball for the Cobras’ first home run of the season and its second lead of the day. However, the lead was again short lived as the Pioneers scored for third straight inning on a two-run

homer that proved to be the difference. Ricky Castro held the home team in check with three strikeouts over two perfect innings of work, but the Cobras were unable to push across the tying run in their last three turns at bat. **Game 2: Parkland 12, Volunteer State 0 (5 inn.)** Parkland bounced back in game two to pick up their first win of 2019 behind a 12-run attack that was backed by a one-hit shutout from three Cobra hurlers that didn’t allow a hit after a

Pioneer single to open the bottom of the first. Scoring in each of the first three innings, Damian Pierce brought in his first of three RBI of the game with a single that scored Price in the top of the first. After a scoreless frame from Sam Ballard, the Cobras made it 3-0 on a pair of solo home runs from Corey Price and Jeremiah Lebron. Still leading 3-0 to start the third, the Cobras took advantage of four walks and two Pioneer errors to blow the game open with an eight-run frame. The big blow of the inning came from Minder with a

bases-loaded clearing double. Picking up where Ballard left off, relievers Ty Rybarzyk and Cody Hawthorne combined for two hitless innings and five strikeouts to close out the five-inning victory. Up next, Parkland will return to the Volunteer State for five games in three days in Millington, Tennessee. Playing twice on Friday (3/1) and Saturday (3/2) and a single game on Sunday (3/3), the Cobras will face Iowa Central, Southeastern, North Iowa Area and Rend Lake.



Source: National Women's History Museum

Mary Church Terrell

According to Biography, Mary Church Terrell was born on September 23, 1887 in Memphis, Tennessee. Terrell was a charter member of both the NACW and NAACP and an advocate for civil rights and women’s suffrage. Terrell was also one of the first African American women to earn a college degree; she earned her degree from Oberlin College in Oberlin, Ohio. Terrell also published her autobiography in 1940 entitled, A Colored Woman in a White World. She became the first black member in the American Association of University Women, after she won an anti-discrimination lawsuit.

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