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## April Fools' articles a "no-go" this year

**Patrick WOOD**  
Assistant Editor

As April Fools Day looms near, a Prospectus News tradition has come to a grinding halt. Under the leadership of former Publications Manager, Aaron Archibald Geiger, the student run paper has been responsible for over 500 fictional April Fools articles, with ambitions to run many more in the future. However, after a meeting between John Eby of Student Life and current Prospectus Publications Manager, Sean Hermann, that will likely not happen.

Citing "growing concerns" and "gaseous buildups and possible outbursts," Parkland College has asked Prospectus News staff to no longer compose fictional news pieces, photos, or graphics for special April Fools' editions of the paper.

"I'm not really at liberty to discuss what was said behind closed doors," said Eby when questioned about the meeting with Hermann. "But what I can say is that people are tired of getting duped. How would you feel if you opened the paper to read Chuck Shepard's "News of the Weird" and were instead greeted with an article on the growing threat of groundhogs burrowing beneath a wing of the college?"

According to Student Life

records, last year alone there were over 700 phone calls, letters, faxes, wires, emails, and Pony Express rides sent to the college in reaction to an April Fools article depicting the eventual installation of parking meters in lots closest to buildings. The year before that, a mock article with a photo of President Ramage being led away in handcuffs for "allegedly selling student Senate seats," had the President's office scrambling to answer inquisitive phone calls for months after.

Morgan Bernier offered a unique view as she is both an assistant editor for the Prospectus and office worker in Student Life, as well as a free-style beat-boxer in a local troupe.

"I can understand how people might get upset about fake news articles. I mean, when the paper intentionally messed up the Sudoku puzzles, people were extremely irate. We got three death threats over that," said Bernier

Although she sympathizes with people who fall for the fake stories, Bernier maintains that it's all in good fun and that the complete removal of April Fools from the paper would be a mistake.

"If these writers, photographers, editors, and designers don't get at least one day to throw a goofy piece of work



Random, nonsensical April Fools photos such as this, with avid lemonade drinkers gone wild, can upset weekly readers accustomed to real news stories.

Photo by Nik Lastropilitastiastronusburghingtonson

out there, there's really no telling what might happen. Like, imagine writing an article in three days and trying to complete an ungodly amount of homework, while working a part-time job and attempting to have some sort of social life.

It's enough to make someone want to rip their own face off."

Parkland students seem to have mixed feelings about The Event, which aired on NBC September 20 of last year.

Joey Chandler, a culinary arts and crafts major, said

that he'll miss the April Fools issues.

"Look, after navigating through the parking lot every day, it was always nice to know that eventually, even if it was just once a year, I would have something funny to read in the

Prospectus."

Other students don't share Chandler's sentiments.

"I think it's dangerous," said Rachael Ross, a scatology major. "That groundhog article had me avoiding B wing for a month. I even started wearing a vial of peanut butter around my neck because I've heard that's the only thing that will repel a vicious groundhog in the wild. You can't just trick people with a paper that may, or may not be their daily main source of news in the world."

Sean Hermann, Publications Manager since early last year, avid music lover, and Aquarius, says that he was shocked at Parkland's decision to nix April Fools editions.

"Everyone always had a lot of fun with it," said Hermann. "I was just really shocked at Parkland's decision to nix April Fools editions. I just can't believe it was nixed. Nixity nix."

Whether or not these special April Fools editions of the paper will return in the future remains to be seen. At this point though, one thing is certain. People still have no idea what The Event is about, or why it was included in this particular article.

## Parkland offers new "hip" course

**Josh GRUBE**  
Staff Writer

A new and obscure class will be introduced to Parkland students this upcoming Fall semester. The course is titled Intro To Hipster Culture and can be used to complete six hours of required humanities credit. It offers an extensive view of the hipster subculture in hopes to create a better understanding of an under-rated group in our community. It was created and will be instructed by Richard Stalke, a humanities professor at Parkland.

The reception of implementing this new course from students around Parkland is a mixture of confusion and anger. Many people on campus were unsure about the term, only having a vague understanding of what type of people it categorized. "I don't even know what a hipster is," said Parkland student Steph Green. Some students that knew of hipsters had an extremely negative association with the term.

A hipster is someone who is well versed in independent media and fashion, while rejecting and scoffing at mainstream artists and trends. In doing this, they feel as though they achieve "credibility," or "coolness." They strive on the concept of irony, such as wearing excessively large glasses while having 20/20 vision or drinking Pabst Blue Ribbon with better alternatives available. "The class will not only offer knowledge of some of the common traits of hipster irony, but sort of an analysis of how they choose their forms of irony," said Stalke. "Sure, we know they ironically listen to Lady Gaga, but what we try to teach is 'why?'"

To properly examine the life of the hipster, this class attempts to indulge students deep into their culture. While most classes require books, Intro To Hipster Culture has required listening. Students must purchase a select list of music to listen to. "Since this is an intro course, we only require the basics for hipster music knowledge. Such as the Replacements' *Let It Be*, Neutral Milk Hotel's *In the Aeroplane Over the Sea*, Radiohead's *Kid A*, and Violent Femmes' self-titled album." Stalke explained. "Owning any of these on vinyl gives extra credit points." Stalke then explained that students are also required to read music website Pitchfork daily and will take an online quiz at the end of each week on the reading.

"Taking this class would be cool, I guess," said self-proclaimed hipster and Parkland student Anthony Flame. "It can teach people about obscure things they've probably never heard of, but I guess I'm just apathetic about it." When asking other apparent hipsters around Parkland, they became defensive and denied that they were one. Stalke explained that this is an example of their aforementioned irony.

There are hopes for many similar classes for Parkland in the near future. If Intro To Hipster Culture is well received, Stalke has hopes for creating additional educational options focusing on hipsters. Students may be able to expand their knowledge with courses such as Hipster Music Theory and Intro To Hipster Psychology. Be sure to sign up for this class for next semester, so you can say you knew about it before it was popular!

## New rules in effect on campus

**Kelley HEANEY**  
Staff Writer

Parkland College has plans of implementing several new rules that are aimed at the bettering the student body. Since being chosen by the federal government as a college leader, the administration determined that to establish the function of a 21<sup>st</sup> century community college, the changes were a must.

The first change is the banning of all cell phones on college grounds. Due to the increased interruptions from phones ringing in classes, in addition to the amplified cheating capabilities, the college has decided that the only way to handle the situation is to ban them entirely from the property. Beginning over the summer semester, the new order will establish that anyone caught with a phone will be expelled from the college and will be presented with a ticket to appear in the newly established Phone Court, where a fine of \$7,300.00 will be imposed. The Phone Court will be in the college's former C-wing auditorium. It will be judged by newly appointed Parkland, and former TV judge, Judy Sheindlin.

A new three absences and you're out rule will also go into effect with the new semester. Any student who misses class three times will be expelled from the school. There will be a few rare exceptions, which will be determined by a court of senior citizens who had to walk barefoot the five miles to school in the cold with 10 feet of snow.

Parkland's new dress code will also go into effect at the beginning of the semester. It is designed to make students appear androgynous and identical in an effort to help promote studies and eliminate some of the distractions in school. It may also help with the fact that many students just don't seem to know what is and isn't appropriate apparel. The student body will be expected to appear in class each day wearing red and white checked coveralls. Knowing that this can be a large expense, Parkland is opening its own clothing store where appropriate apparel will be sold. It will be an extension of the college bookstore in what is now a study area across from the art gallery and the Eastern Uni-



Graphic by Burke Stanion/Prospectus News

versity offices.

Newly elected Parkland President, Angus Young, stated, "These changes are necessary to maintain the dignity of the school now that we are in the national spotlight. While we are trying to determine the needs of the average student in the new century, we need to show the world that we understand and take seriously our commitment to the institution. Community Colleges were designed to help the average person be prepared for the work world, but today's students think that showing up whenever they want and in whatever they want is acceptable." He concluded by saying, "In order to prepare our students, they need to get accustomed to paying attention, being present and being prepared for the position."

Many students feel that the changes are a positive aspect and will help Parkland look good as a school of conformity. "I think this will be a good thing in the long run," said student David Roth. "This will only help everyone to fit into a workplace

where divergence is frowned upon, especially in the world market. I see students paying more attention to the teacher during class."

However, business student, Randy Rhoades, said, "This is ridiculous. A business person would never wear red coveralls to work. They need to be dressed in a suit and tie. That should be the school uniform."

When President Young was asked about this situation, he said, "Perhaps we need to get rid of the business department, since in the 21<sup>st</sup> century we will all be working from home and won't even need to get dressed."

Any student not complying with the new rules will face immediate expulsion with all financial aid being forfeit and due immediately.



# Chuck Shepherd's News of the Weird

## Lead Story

New York University arts professor Wafaa Bilal had his camera surgically removed in February -- the one that was implanted in the back of his skull in November to record, at 60-second intervals, the places he had left behind (beamed to and archived by a museum in Qatar). The camera had been mounted under his skin, braced by three titanium posts, but his body very painfully rejected one of the posts, and his temporary solution is to merely tie the camera to the back of his neck (even though that work-around is unsatisfactory to him because it represents a less-personal "commitment" to the art). In the future, he said, communication devices like his will routinely be part of our bodies. [Chronicle of Higher Education, 2-7-2011]

## The Entrepreneurial Spirit

Till Krautkraemer's New York City beverage company MeatWater creates dozens of flavors of water for the upscale market of hearty gourmets who would like their daily

salads, or shellfish, or goulash from a bottle instead of from a plate. Among his new flavors introduced in January, according to an AOL News report, were poached salmon salad water and a Caribbean shrimp salad water that can double as a vodka mixer. Old standbys include Peking duck water, tandoori chicken water, bangers 'n' mash water, and Krautkraemer's favorite, German sauerbraten water. [AOL News, 1-25-2011]

**Sell What You Know:** In December, a company in eastern Ukraine (a country known for hard drinking) announced a "drinking buddy" service in which, for the equivalent of about \$18, it would supply a barroom companion for the evening, "qualified" to discuss politics, sports, women, etc., and even to offer psychological counseling if appropriate. [Agence France-Presse, 12-14-2010]

## Not Your Father's Scotch:

The Panamanian company Scottish Spirits recently introduced a straight Scotch whisky in 12-ounce cans, for a market of mobile drinkers who prefer not to invest in a whole bottle. The international Scotch whisky trade association expressed alarm. [Daily Mail (London), 1-17-2011]

At Clive's, of Victoria, British Columbia, Glenfiddich Scotch whisky is only one ingredient in the signature cocktail "Cold Night In," which, according to a January New York Times review, combines "molecular mixology" and comfort food. An especially buttery grilled-cheese sandwich is soaked overnight in the Scotch, along with Mt. Gay rum and Lillet Blanc wine. Following a brief freeze to congeal any remaining fat, and double-straining, it is ready to serve -- with a celery stick and other garnishments. [New York Times, 1-25-2011]

"Vulva Original," from a German company, VivaEros, is the "scent of a beautiful woman," reported in Harper's magazine in August 2010, and selling as a fragrance concentrate for the equivalent of about \$35 for a small roll-on container. (Its promotional video is of a lavishly photographed gym scene, with a handsome male, observing a beautiful female working out on a stationary bike, followed afterward by the male's gently sniffing the seat.) "The female smell of intimacy," they promised VivaEros, "triggers sexual attraction and desire,"

which men can address "more intensely during self-stimulation." [Harper's, August 2010]

## Science on the Cutting Edge

"You're not going to like this," warned NPR's Robert Krulwich, about to deliver a February story about visionary robotics developers James Auger and Jimmy Loizeau, who created a carnivorous clock, supposedly able to power itself for 12 days merely on the carcasses of 12 dead houseflies (which the clock traps with fly paper and then mechanically razors in two). The pair also showed a prototype of a coffee table that catches mice by luring them up the table legs with cheese into a hole in the center, where they are guillotined. Auger and Loizeau said their creations are just extensions of TV nature programs showing animals hunting in the wild, but Krulwich fretted about the dangers inherent in "giving robots a taste for (meat)." [NPR, 2-7-2011]

Scientists have long observed male capuchin monkeys urinating on their hands and then rubbing down their bodies, but researchers were unclear about the purpose (whether for identification, or threat-prevention, or mating) -- until a recent issue of the American Journal of Primatology. Dr. Kimberly Phillips and colleagues found that the practice helps clarify mating priorities, in that, first, males rub down promptly after being solicited by females in heat, and second, based on MRI scans of capuchins' brains, female mating activity is triggered only by adults' urine. [BBC News, 2-24-2011]

## The Continuing Crisis

In May 2008, classroom disrupter Alex Barton, 5, was finally made by his teacher at Morningside Elementary kindergarten in St. Lucie County, Fla., to sit down and listen to the accumulated complaints of his classmates, who then were asked to vote on asking Alex to leave the class. (He lost, 14-2.) Shortly afterward, Alex was diagnosed with a form of autism, and his mother filed a federal disability discrimination lawsuit, citing Alex's "humiliation" by the voting incident. A settlement was reached in February 2011 when the school district agreed to pay Alex \$350,000 (which included legal expenses). Said Ms. Barton, "Money can't take care of what (the school district) did to my family."



# Album Review: Justin Bieber's My World 2.0



**Josh GRUBE**  
Staff Writer

The year 2011 not only marks a new decade, but the one-year anniversary of one of the most groundbreaking releases in the music industry. Pop sensation Justin Bieber released his first full length studio release, *My World 2.0*, slightly over a year ago on March 19, 2010. Normally albums that have been out this long wouldn't be reviewed, but due to the extreme attention to detail and subtle effects spanning its entirety, this work takes at least year to fully digest. *My World 2.0*, has been met with much commercial success. According to Billboard.com, "Bieber became the first artist since the Beatles to debut at No. 1 and then sell more the following week." The album has also reached number 1 on the Australian, Brazilian, Canadian, Irish, New Zealand, and Spanish charts. Also, it has reached a 2x Platinum

ranking in the United States, Australia, and Canada. The 15-year-old artist took music lovers by storm when releasing the album's lead single "Baby," featuring hip-hop artist Ludacris. The song begins with melancholy echoed notes, followed by Bieber's soulful "ohohwahahaha" tugging at the listener's heartstrings. As the first line of the song is sung, the sweet, sugary, addictive beat drops. Bieber's sweet melodies carry the song throughout lyrics of heartbreak and the bittersweet love that once was. He stresses "my first love broke my heart for the first time," submerging the older, more experienced listeners into the sweet nostalgia of puppy love, while the target demographic wonders with beady eyes about what such a momentous part of life entails. Then, as a perfect catharsis, Bieber confesses that he "was like: 'Baby, baby, baby oh!' Like: 'Baby, baby, baby no!'" The rest of the album fol-

lows with the same passion and smooth sound as the first track "Baby." Contrary to popular belief, Bieber's music isn't only accessible to children and pre-teens. Across the album the listener will be encompassed in catchy soundscapes full of creative pop sensibilities and complex story weaving. Similar to Pink Floyd's *Dark Side Of The Moon*, *My World 2.0* is a concept album, focusing on Bieber's new world. He has made that frightening leap from childhood into the teenage years, and documented it for the masses to enjoy. The only thing wrong with this album is that it ends far too soon. Bieber Fever requires a prescription dosage much higher than 37 minutes and 37 seconds of content. Luckily an album of remixes was released this Valentine's day to help mitigate the agony of waiting for another set of number one hits. For more information on Justin Bieber, visit his website at [www.justinbiebermusic.com](http://www.justinbiebermusic.com).

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# Parkland President to Resign

# Parkland announces new dress code policy

**Kelley HEANEY**  
Staff Writer

When Dr. Tom Ramage became President of Parkland College in 2008, he had big dreams, although most people didn't know just how big those dreams were. Unfortunately, Ramage has announced his resignation today, amid a flurry of rumors and speculation. Most of the rumors claim the reason for the resignation was that he was offered a new position with an organization that he just couldn't turn down. Ramage appears to have been offered the position of guitar player for the 60s pop band, the Monkees, replacing Michael Nesmith on their current world tour.

The Monkees, comprised of vocalist, Davy Jones, drummer and vocalist, Mickey Dolenz, bassist, Peter Tork and guitarist, Michael Nesmith, began as a TV program in the 1960's focusing on four young musicians living in a beach hut, struggling to pay rent and often landing themselves into trouble along the way. The series ran from 1966-1968 and has been in syndication most of the time since.

With the success of the show, which won two Emmy's in 1967, the four also began doing concert tours as the characters, learning to better play their instruments and singing happy songs from the program at a time when the United States seemed to be falling apart. Their hits included, "Day Dream Believer," "Last Train to Clarksville," "Pleasant Valley Sunday," and "Stepping Stone."

Eventually, as it seems all good bands do, they split, citing the ambiguous, personality differences. However, time seems to heal all wounds, because now they occasionally go on tour together, although Nesmith has had little to do with the reunions since his



Parkland President Dr. Tom Ramage will be resigning his position to join the recently reunited band The Monkees on their world tour.

Photo by Levi Norman/Prospectus News

departure in 1970, and the 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tour of 2011 will not be different by not including him. He has taken to writing and his mother's passing left him a wealthy man, as a result of her invention of liquid paper correction fluid. He has, however, agreed to appear at particular events.

With the absence of Nesmith, the other band members began looking for a guitar player. Unknown to the rest of Parkland's administrative staff, Ramage auditioned and was lucky enough to get what his spokesperson, Patricia Benetar, says he has dreamed of since he was a child. "He used to watch the TV show and just knew he could be a Monkee,

too," the spokesperson told reporters. "He even had the green knit cap like Nesmith always wore in the show. But he was eternally disappointed because he wanted to be the one to take Marcia Brady to the prom instead of Davy Jones."

A spokesperson for vocalist, Davy Jones, the groups most well known member, said, "We are thrilled to have Tom on board. We really think he can do this and be an asset to the band. He already knows all the songs and he is ready to take the stage, playing just like a Monkee."

Ramage, in preparation for the position, has already filed with the courts to officially change his name to 'Nez,' the

nickname Nesmith usually used, saying that he felt that it would help the fans to better accept him.

Students who would like to see the former president in action will get their chance on June 27, when the band is playing at the Assembly Hall in Urbana. In this rare, summer concert at The Hall, the band will play all of their popular songs along with a few covers and some of their individual accomplishments.

"I think it was a great decision on his part," commented student, Brian Johnson. "He has been a great president and I think he will make a great Monkee, too." We all wish him the very best.

**Morgan BERNIER**  
Assistant Editor

In an effort to create a more efficient learning environment, the Parkland College Board of Trustees has announced plans to instate a mandatory dress code for all students. Any students that are found in violation of this dress code will be immediately removed from the grounds. The first violation will only result in a one-day removal, but the second violation will result in a one-week suspension. The third violation will result in a year-long suspension from school grounds. If, after the one year suspension, a student decides to return and fails to follow the dress code a lifetime removal from the Parkland campus.

According to Mrs. Prudence Uptight, a member of the Board of Trustees, the decision to instate a dress code came about after seeing several students dressed inappropriately. "When I look around, I am disturbed that college students find it appropriate to wear their under garments to classes," said Uptight. "There is never an appropriate time to expose the straps of a brassiere or the waistline of a man's pantaloons." Uptight is well known throughout the Board of Trustees for her somewhat archaic views, but she is not the only member who has seen the need for a dress code.

Another member of the Board of Trustees, Mr. Eustice G. Lamoos, said that he saw the need for a dress code after witnessing "boys walkin' around with their gym shorts and sweat pants." Lamoos felt that this caused men to treat the classroom as their bed room, and feel more comfortable with falling asleep or behaving in, "uncivilized behavior." The rest of the Trustees believe that Uptight and Lamoos have the right idea with this new dress code. The vote was uncontested, and will come into effect during the summer semester.

The reason for beginning this in the summer semester, according to Uptight, is that "women will walk around with their shoulders exposed, wearing shorts and skirts that do not allow for modesty." Uptight has found herself particularly offended during the summer semesters, and she is excited to see an appropriately covered student body this summer. Lamoos, on the other hand, will be glad not to see men wearing "those trashy sleeveless t-shirts that show seams and armpit hair." Once again, the Board of Trustees backed up Lamoos and Uptight. All members have admitted their excitement in seeing the new regulations put into place.

As to what the new regulations are, some people may find it difficult to believe. Students may not wear jeans, gym pants, or stretch pants of any kind. Students must wear khaki or navy slacks. Women may wear skirts, khaki or navy, which hit

no less than six inches below the knee.

Shorts are not permitted in any time of year.

Sandals of any kind are not allowed. Closed toed shoes must be worn, and these shoes must be clean. Sneakers are acceptable as long as they are neat and properly tied. Heels may exceed no more than 1.5".

Tank tops and T-shirts are not allowed. Students must wear collared shirts. Polo shirts are acceptable as are button-up shirts.

Sweat shirts are not allowed. Instead, students may wear button up sweaters (i.e. cardigans) or long sleeved under shirts.

When asked for their opinions, students seemed to have very strong feelings about this issue. One student, Frances Marie Antoinette, said that "[the new dress code] is not only reasonable, but it has been needed for a while. I don't believe that clothing that does not adhere to these standards should even be sold in stores. To be dressed less modestly or less properly than this and be seen in public is nothing short of a travesty." Another student, Wendell Greene, had views that were similar to Antoinette's. "I can't stand looking around and seeing men dressed in sweats and baggy shirts. I feel that it really lessens the prestige of our campus," he said.

However, some other students felt quite contrarily to Antoinette and Greene. Tayler Hart, a Parkland student, said "this is an infringement on my rights! I can't believe this! I have to be able to express myself through my clothing and no one can tell me what I want to wear!" Hart then stormed off in a huff, and refused to comment further. Another student, Brandon Bradley, agreed with Hart. "I don't really want to get all fancy dressed up to go to school. I just wanna [sic] roll out of bed and be there. I mean, as it is I barely have enough time to sleep." Bradley does make a valid point, that it is a hassle for many students to take the extra time to wear clothes. Another student, Leonard McKinney, said that his "main concern is the cost. I don't have money to spend on a whole new wardrobe. I spend enough money on tuition and books. This is one more thing I don't need."

Although Uptight and Lamoos refused to comment on the student's responses, it was stated that they would look into these valid concerns. As things currently stand, however, come summer semester the new dress code will be enforced. The Board of Trustees wants to urge students to familiarize themselves with the new clothing policies. Students will need to adhere to these policies for the summer semester and any subsequent semesters. In the next edition of the Prospectus, you will find out how to purchase the new, required clothing on a college student's budget.

# Fine dining to arrive at Parkland

**Kelley HEANEY**  
Staff Writer

Parkland College has heard student's complaints about the food service facilities and is doing something to improve the situation: both of the food service areas will be removed and a new restaurant will be opened instead. The new facility, Parkland Palisades, will be an actual restaurant, with a grand menu, silverware, cloth napkins and candles on the tables.

In a unique move, the restaurant will be run by the students of the hospitality club and will serve five star menu offerings. It will be opened in the area that is now Gullivers but will be enlarged to also include the study area behind it in the X wing. Mama Leones will be closed and a new health facility will be installed there, complete with bandages and ice bags.

The new restaurant will be overseen by hospitality club advisor Allison Cooper. All of the amenities necessary for a top notch restaurant will be included in the new design. The students who are in the food service branch of the hospitality program will each take a six week turn acting as manager, as well as performing other necessary functions, so that every student gets a chance to experience the necessary importance needed to be an effective restaurateur.

"This is a magnificent opportunity for these students to actually operate a five star restaurant," said Cooper. "We will finally be able to train them in the proper necessary techniques, creating an advantage



The Palisades of Northwestern, part of a branch of fine dining establishments on college campuses across the nation will make its way to Parkland in early 2012.

Photo by Levi Norman/Prospectus News

over students at other, lesser colleges. As at other comparable restaurants, the enticing cuisine will be experienced in a sequence of diminutive courses with each laying the foundation for the one following."

Many students agree with Cooper, saying that it is a wonderful opportunity to receive the training that they would really like to obtain "Most positions in a five star kitchen require years of training before any real money is made," comments food service student, James Hendricks. "This will be something that will place us at the front of the line when we are looking for employment."

Not all students think a five star restaurant is appropriate at a community college, though. "Students are broke as it is and can't hardly afford to buy lunch at the school anyways," says nursing student, Latasha Kennedy. "I can't afford to eat at a five star res-

taurant with those chandeliers and candles and cloth napkins. I need to eat someplace cheap."

Menu offerings at the new restaurant will be less than what is normally charged at a place of such high standards, but it will be more than what was normally spent on lunch at the former facility.

"With a grand menu consisting of rich lobster enhanced with red curry and pomelo, sea scallop kissed with saffron, bison tenderloin with candied espresso and other better quality items, we can't be charging pennies. We are not talking dull steak and cold potatoes, here. We must be able to make a trace of a profit, even though, since it is student facilitated, we won't have to concern ourselves about menial things, such as wages. But the utilities need to be paid and therefore a profit is a must," stressed Cooper.

There will also be new bills, such as cleaning bills for the

table linens, candles will need to be replaced and guest checks bought. "The new expenses will need to be covered in the price of the cuisine if this facility is going to be successful. Although the price for the grand menu will only run \$150 instead of \$195, we still need to charge prices that will enable us to pay for those things," continued Cooper.

The new restaurant will be enclosed rather than open and will seat close to 100 people at 35 tables. Computers, cell phones and book bags will not be allowed. Patrons will be expected to sign a waiver acknowledging that students are preparing the meals and that any illness is not the responsibility of the restaurant. Diners will also be expected to conduct themselves in a manner conducive of a top notch facility by keeping voice levels to a minimum. Any one creating a scene will be escorted out of the facility and have a black mark on their academic record.

Other new considerations will be the attire requirements for the restaurant which will include a mandated tie and jacket for the gentlemen and an appropriate dress demand for the ladies. Flip flops and pajamas will not be tolerated. In addition, as at most higher quality restaurants, wine will be served with dinner. In order to prevent drunkenness in class, the drink will be limited to 1 or 2 glasses served with the meal.

The new restaurant will serve both lunch and dinner with a breakfast buffet offered before 11 a.m. and will open in early 2012.

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# Features

## Cyber-Clowning for College Credit!

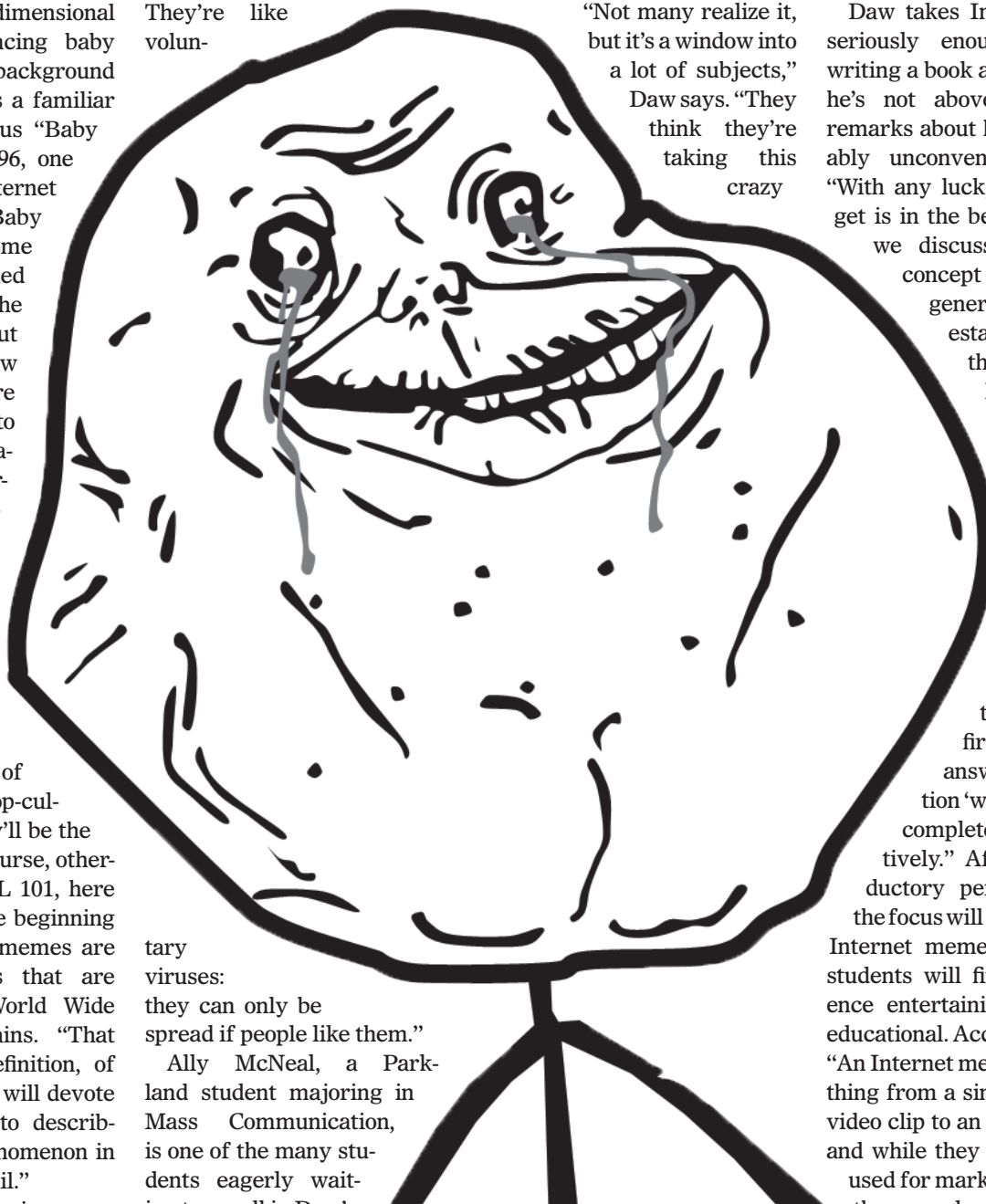
**David BUSBOOM**  
Staff Writer

Professor Dick Daw proudly displays a three-dimensional graphic of a dancing baby against a black background on his iPhone. It is a familiar image: the notorious “Baby Cha-Cha” from 1996, one of the earliest Internet memes. It was Baby Cha-Cha’s extreme popularity that called to a young Daw in the mid-1990s. Without Baby Cha-Cha, Daw might not be here today, preparing to teach a new generation about his favorite pop-culture phenomenon.

Internet memes are everywhere in this day and age. Within the last ten years or so they have become a massive part of contemporary pop-culture. And now, they’ll be the subject of a new course, otherwise known as LOL 101, here at Parkland College beginning in 2012. “Internet memes are basically concepts that are spread via the World Wide Web,” Daw explains. “That is the simplest definition, of course; in class we will devote much more time to describing this online phenomenon in more accurate detail.”

Students will examine many now-classic Internet memes (including “Baby Cha-Cha,” “Peanut Butter Jelly Time,” “Pirates VS. Ninjas” and more than a dozen others) and their origins, learn about the different types of Internet memes and their uses, and—as an alternative to a final research paper or exam—have the chance to make their own Internet

memes and try to spread them. “Internet memes evolve over time,” says Daw, “but many remain stagnant. They’re like volcan-



ary viruses: they can only be spread if people like them.”

Ally McNeal, a Parkland student majoring in Mass Communication, is one of the many students eagerly waiting to enroll in Daw’s course. “It sounds interesting and a little bizarre,” she says, “and it should be a nice education in popular culture.” It is certainly an intriguing idea. Internet memes have shown huge flexibility, and in this era of growing cybernetic culture their popularity is peaking. Perhaps they would be the perfect hook to get stu-

dents talking about anthropology and other conventional disciplines; this, at least, is Daw’s hope.

“Not many realize it, but it’s a window into a lot of subjects,” Daw says. “They think they’re taking this crazy

exciting for students who are already computer-savvy, and a fun introduction for those who are just entering the field.

Daw takes Internet memes seriously enough that he’s writing a book about them, but he’s not above lighthearted remarks about his unquestionably unconventional course. “With any luck, he dries it’ll get is in the beginning, when we discuss the original concept of ‘memes’ in general, before the establishment of the Internet,” he says. “Of course, that also happens to be one of the more important parts of the class.” In fact, among the official course objectives, he lists first: “Be able to answer the question ‘what is a meme?’ completely and effectively.” After that introductory period, however, the focus will shift entirely to Internet memes—Daw hopes students will find the experience entertaining as well as educational. According to Daw, “An Internet meme can be anything from a single image to a video clip to an entire website, and while they are frequently used for marketing purposes they can also be quite funny. This should be a fun learning opportunity.”

If nothing else, with subjects of study including “LOLCATS” and “Rickrolling,” LOL 101 will give the phrase “class clowning” a whole new meaning.

Internet meme course, and they are. But on the way, they learn about how mass media works, and how it comes to reflect our times.” Daw also encourages any students pursuing a degree in Computer Science or Digital Media to enroll in his class; he expects it to be both beneficial and

## End of the line for free Wireless

**Josh GRODIN**  
Prospectus Correspondent

Better break out those wallets people, because starting April 1, Parkland will start charging the staggering fee of \$5.99 every half hour for the use of its wireless network. The switch will come during the previous night, so expect to come into class Friday morning having to pay if you plan on using wireless. Not much else has been released publicly, but a few staff members on the “in” had some interesting comments.

“Truth be told, the economy is still in rough condition with the recession and Parkland is not immune to the problems it has caused” said Robert Jib, Parkland’s Head Treasurer Coordinator. He and a board of ten other staff members had to make the decision on March 16 during an emergency meeting. Robert also said, “I mean, when compared to our cafe-

teria prices, I’d say it’s pretty much on par with everything price-wise.”

Robert and the rest of the members on his board are hopeful that the pay-to-use wireless network will help Parkland garner enough money for new couches in the areas that need them. Julia Ocelot, Parkland’s Comfort Advisor, said the college is in desperate need of improved couches. “Without higher quality couches, Parkland’s average test scores could drop by as much as two letter grades! People need comfy places to study effectively!” she exclaimed. Julia has just started working at Parkland but would like to remind everyone that she graduated with a bachelor in “Comfort Expertise”, so she knows what she’s talking about.

Parkland doesn’t seem to think there’ll be any trouble on the day of the service change, since there’s been no mention of an increase in security.

## Chuck Shepherd’s News of the Weird

Lead Story

Latest Religious Messages

21st-Century American Exports? In strife-torn Sudan (land of the Darfur murder and rape atrocities and a per-capita annual income of \$2,200), an epic, year-long Ponzi scheme engineered by a lowly former police officer has enticed nearly 50,000 victims to invest an estimated \$180 million (according to a March dispatch on Slate.com). At the height of the hysteria, even militia fighters in Darfur rushed to invest. (As Bernard Madoff was initially, perpetrator Adam Ismael is lounging comfortably under house arrest.) And in February, NPR reported that the United States government will soon be asked to bail out yet another bank that dramatically overextended itself with bad loans – and is now \$900 million short: the Bank of Kabul in Afghanistan. [Slate.com, 3-1-2011] [NPR 2-28-2011]

“I thought, ‘Man, is this what Jesus would do?’” said Akron, Ohio, repo man Ken Falzini, after surviving a short, harrowing ride clinging to the hood of the Lexus he was trying to repossess from Bishop Marc Neal of Akron’s Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church in January. Neal, later charged with felony assault, told a reporter he thought it “disrespectful” for Falzini to try to repossess a preacher’s car during Sunday services. Falzini said Neal was “laughing” during parts of the drive, which included sharp zig-zagging at speeds around 50 mph to dislodge Falzini from the hood. [Akron Beacon Journal, 2-12-2011]

Cultural Diversity

The essential uniform of super-ambitious Chinese businessmen nowadays includes a leather designer purse, reported the Los Angeles Times in a February dispatch from Beijing, and high-end sellers “can’t believe their luck,” now that “(both sexes in the world’s most populous country adore purses.” The Coach company will have 53 stores in China by mid-year, and Hermes and Louis Vuitton are so optimistic that they built stores in less-obviously prosperous reaches of the country. (Apparently, only authentic designer items lend businessmen credibility. For the export market, China remains a world leader in trademark-pirating knock-offs.) [Los Angeles Times, 2-7-2011]

Genetic Legacies

In January, Czech Television reported on a recent, joyous, but confusing, family reunion featuring a woman (Ilona Tomeckova) who had become a man (Dominik Sejda), and who had finally found love (in the person of Andrea Kajzarova, who was, before her own sex change, a bodybuilder named Tomas Kajzar). Dominik, motivated to reconnect with his original family, learned that the son he had given birth to (Radim) was himself undergoing a sex change (to become Viki). [Agence France-Presse, 1-4-2011]

Questionable Judgments

Just How Bad Was Mom? In Brooklyn, N.Y., Judge Bernard Graham recently awarded custody of an estranged couple’s teenage boy to the father even though the father was at the time homeless and living from night to night in shelters and storefronts. The mother, Jeannette Traylor, who earns \$90,000 a year as a courthouse employee, was even denied visitation rights. (Judge Graham insisted the arrangement was in the boy’s best interest, but Graham was later transferred to non-divorce cases.) [New York Post, 2-28-2011]

# Bonus Stage!

The official gaming column of the Prospectus

## First Sims Medieval, Now Sims Halo?

**Jake GODIN**  
Video Game Columnist

If you haven’t heard already, EA released a new Sims game and it takes you to the medieval ages. It looks pretty fun, though I haven’t played it myself. Just recently started playing the Sims 3 again on my PC though, so I’m somewhat getting back into a Sim-y mood.

That’s why I was shocked to find out that EA plans on releasing another oddly themed Sims game, Sims Halo. What all does this new iteration include you may be wondering? Well, a leaked document from EA listed these feature bullets...

A futuristic world of Sims in a time of Covenant aliens, giant ring weapons, and Spartans.

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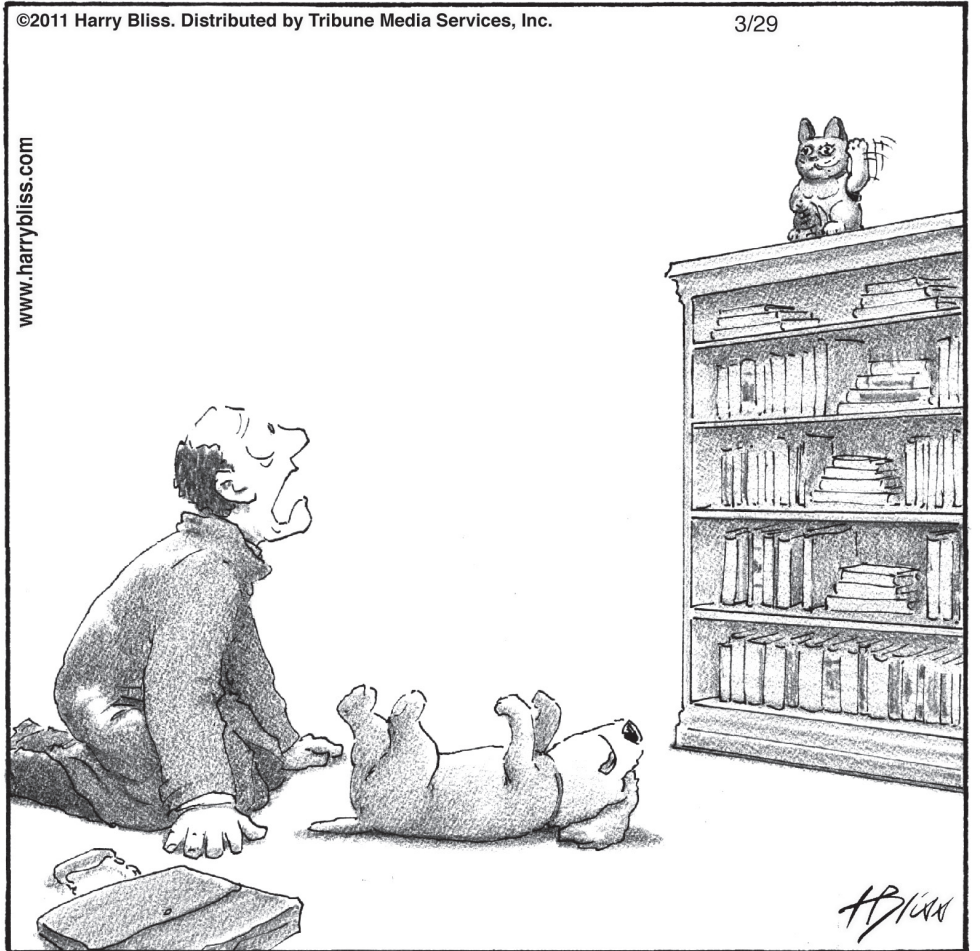
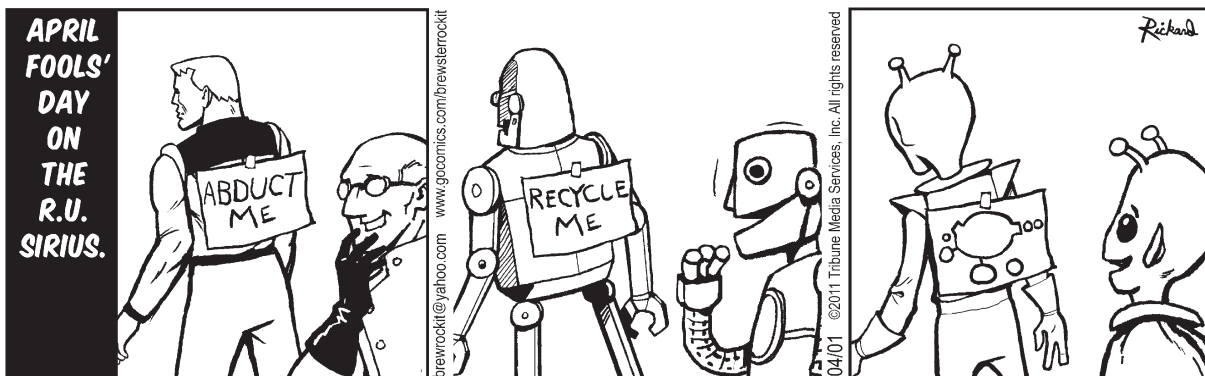
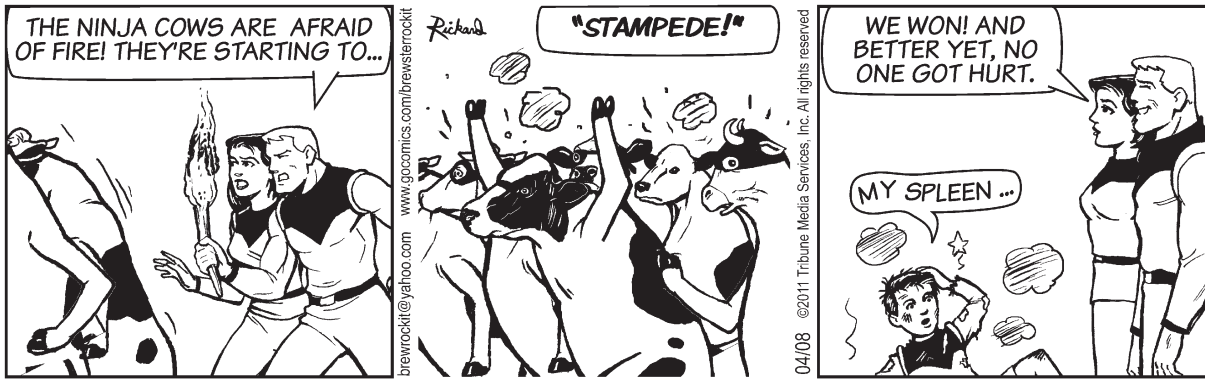
Rumor has it that the announcement containing this

information and more will be coming sometime early April. Whether or not this game will be awesome...well, that’s just something we’ll have to wait and see.

If there’s anything you want to discuss about this new development, just let me know at ProspectusBonusStage@

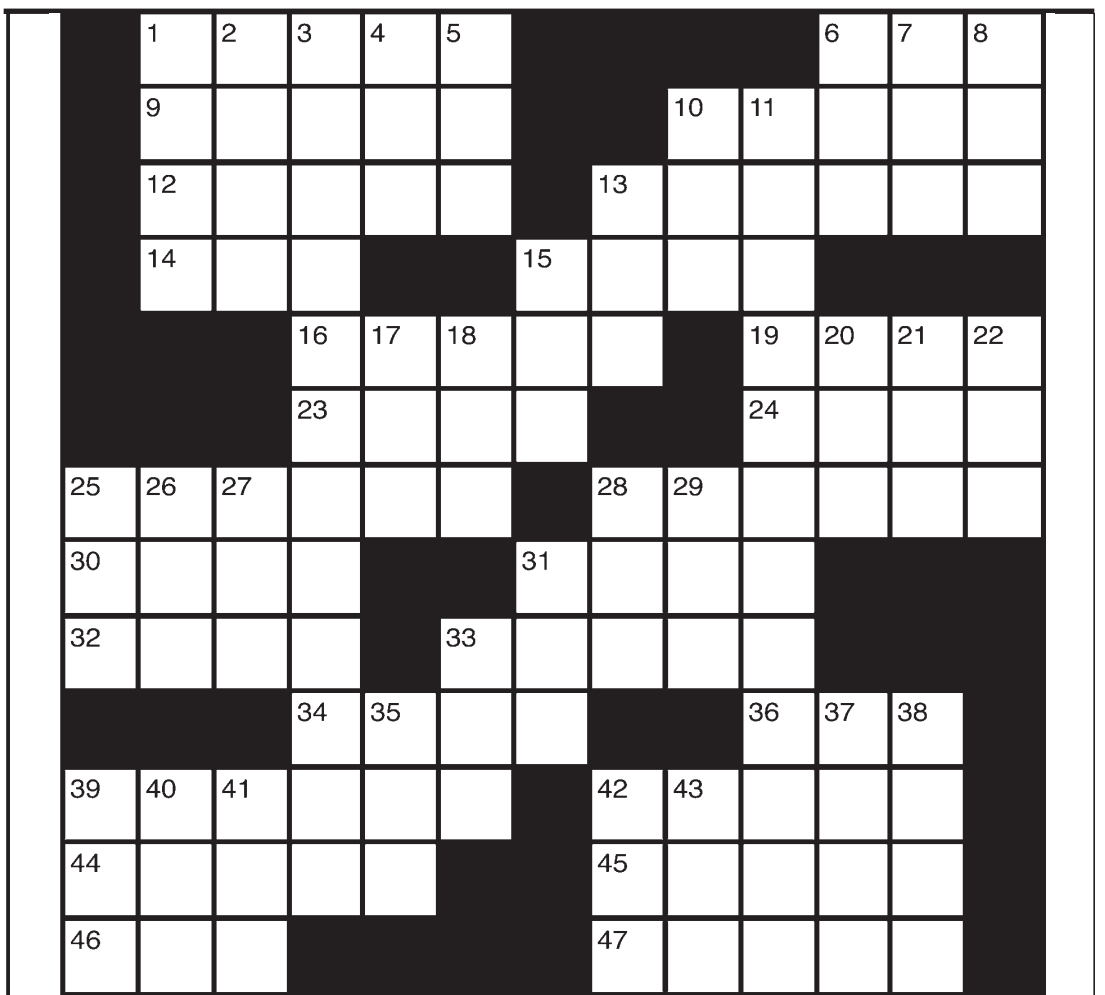
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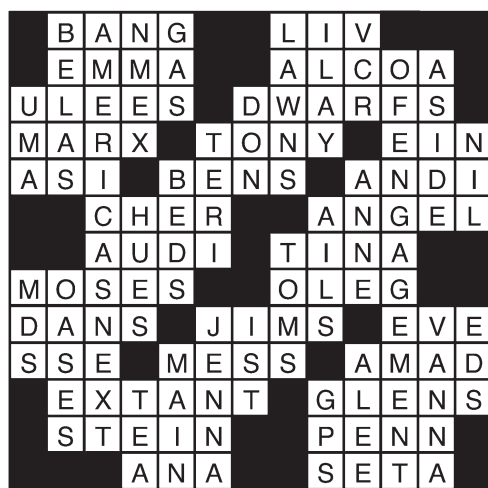
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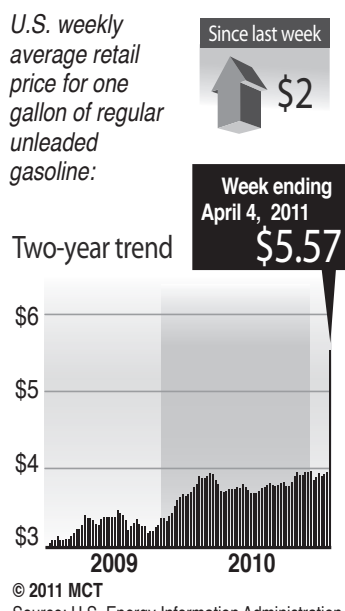
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**Solution to Last Week's Puzzle**



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# Sports

## New mascot in the works for Parkland

**Brock STAPLETON**  
Correspondent

Parkland College has adopted a new mascot after a number of students have been seriously injured while attempting to handle the live Cobra mascot located in the library. Student Government President, John Williams said, "The practice of keeping a live mascot on campus is a tradition that just isn't practical anymore." On March 17th, the Student Government voted 7 - 3 in favor of changing the mascot all together, as well as removing the traditional practice of keeping a live mascot of any type on campus.

The Cobra has been a Parkland College icon since the founding of the school in 1967. 74% of students surveyed during the Fall 2010 semester agreed that the Cobra Mascot has been a great and powerful idol to represent Parkland's

athletics. One student said "It's just so unfortunate that people continue to be bitten by our Cobra."

In the most recent incident, a student was rushed to Provena' Covenant Hospital. Parkland College President, Dr. Tom Ramage said, "Too many injuries; We have just come too close, too many times to a law suit from concerned parents." Throughout the Cobra's 44 year tenure at the College, there have been eleven students injured in biting incidents.

Rebecca McClure, one of the library's student assistants admitted, "One Friday evening, I'll never forget! Marcus Little and I were closing down the library and I saw the cobra coiled up in a lounge chair. I screamed so loud, Marcus heard me clear downstairs. Marcus managed to safely return him to his aquarium." With safety being the biggest



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concern, the Cobra's days are numbered.

Once the decision had been made, a committee was formed to choose our new mascot. The newly formed Mascot Committee agreed that the mascot should begin with the letter "P" to punctuate the College name. Several ideas came about, but the committee concluded that the Pirate would take on the role as our new mascot. There is still a lot of work ahead to roll out the full introduction of the new Pirate mascot. Several plans are in development including new school colors and a giant floor mural of the Pirate mascot installed in the Gymnasium floor. Students graduating this May will be the last Cobras to graduate Parkland College. By the time Fall 2011 semester begins, the Pirates will take charge. Of course, this time there will be no live mascot residing on campus.

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