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EARTH WEEK

Zach Trueblood
Staff Writer

Earth Day was celebrated on April 22 this year. Parkland expanded the Earth Day celebration to span the whole week of April 21-24. Informative activities were held to highlight sustainability here on Parkland's campus and to educate anyone about the green initiative at the college.

Tuesday, April 21 was a Prairie and Pond Work Day. Wednesday April 22, was another Prairie Work Day. Free Pandamonium Doughnuts were also given away in the college center. These doughnuts were glazed with berries from one of the invasive species being removed. Thursday April 23, there was a table set up in the Student Union with facts and samples of how students can eat organic foods on a budget.

Hilary Valentine coordinated the events of the week. Valentine works in the Marketing and Public Relations Department here at Parkland. She's been involved ever since Parkland started celebrating Earth Day/Week events back in 2009. She explained some of the events of Earth Week and the reason for them here at Parkland.

"This week we hosted two prairie/pond workdays, which involves removing invasive species - primarily honeysuckle, which is growing like wildfire around our pond and choking out more desirable woodland plants, and making it difficult to access the pond," Valentine explained. "Parkland has a prairie restoration

area which has many native plants like rattlesnake master, coneflower, prairie dock, compass plants, and prairie grasses. An additional acre was planted with prairie seed last fall directly across from the Union. Watch for these prairie areas to turn into beautiful flowering fields that provide habitat for wildlife and support pollinators like bees and butterflies."

Valentine also explained a few events that were coordinated by Activity Manager, Chaya Sandler. One such event was held in the college center and was the free giveaway of Autumn Berry glazed Pandamonium Doughnuts. The event was a success and the doughnuts were gone quickly. The Autumn Berry glaze provided a sweet but tangy flavor on top of the doughnut.

The other event was an informative display table on how to eat organically on a budget. Sandler had samples of organic apples, peppers, chocolate, carrots, dressing and applesauce. All the items were from Champaign's Common Ground Food Co-op. Fliers were available and Sandler explained how easy it is to eat healthily and organically for not all that much money.

Earth Week also offered a few additional recycling opportunities in addition to Parkland's regular recycling program. Boxes were placed throughout the college for anyone to recycle old batteries. The Dental Hygiene students also offered recycling for dental hygiene products like toothpaste and toothbrushes.

Valentine is very passionate about sustainability here on campus and gave insight into just a few of the many ways Parkland tries to remain environmentally friendly.

"We continue to offer these events in spring and fall because we feel it is

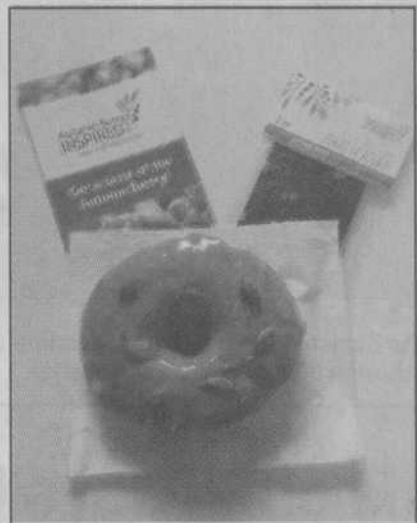


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Autumn Berry Inspired, a central-Illinois company that utilizes Autumn Berry trees to create nutritious foods, passed out doughnuts to students at Parkland College during Earth Week 2015.

so important to remind everyone that we are citizens and stewards of the earth. At Parkland, we are a public community college and I think have a true obligation to manage our natural and built resources with a minimal environmental impact. How well

we do that I'm not sure, but I know we are always striving to improve it," Valentine stated. "We installed solar panels to generate some of our electrical needs at the Tony Noel Building. We teach environmental biology and plant biology classes and those students have often participated in our prairie workdays. We want Parkland students and staff to know that these concepts are important, and that sustainable principles are valued at Parkland."

One of the biggest hits of Earth Week this year was undoubtedly the Pandamonium Doughnut giveaway in the College Center. These doughnuts featured an Autumn Berry glaze and the Forager and Founder of Autumn Berry Inspired, LLC, Dustin Kelly was there to help pass them out.

Most people have actually never heard of the Autumn Berry and would be curious to know its origins. It is technically an invasive species but Kelly has worked diligently at providing uses for the berries and changing the public mindset on invasive species.

"Autumn Berries are the fruit of the autumn olive tree (*Elaeagnus umbellata*), a bushy shrub native to Asia that was propagated in the U.S. for over half a century, and then was declared invasive," Kelly said. "Autumn Berry may be the single most productive and nutritious wild source of fruit in our part of the world and yet it is entirely absent from our commercial food system. The sweet-tart flesh surrounds a single soft, fibrous hull containing a seed kernel

which can be pressed to produce a quality, edible oil. The berry has been found to have an exceptional amount of the antioxidant phytonutrient, Lycopene, containing 17 times as much of this valuable cancer fighting nutrient as tomatoes."

Kelly has been working with Pandamonium Doughnuts over the past year and offering the Autumn Berry doughnuts. He is also a vendor at the Urbana Market on the Square. His company also wants to help any landowners that are affected by the presence of the Autumn Olive.

"Municipalities across the U.S. work to control the spread of the species at great expense. Land owners lose access to their land when this tree establishes itself. That is where my company, Autumn Berry Inspired, seeks to empower both public land management and private land owners with a new process to pay for the removal of the tree with profits from the sale of this high-quality super-berry," Kelly said.

The values that are at the core of events such as Earth Week, also strongly affect many students here on campus. One such student, Nursing Major Alexis Kriska, was able to give some of her own feedback. She explained some of the ways she herself is environmentally conscious.

"I recycle at home, I try to buy used clothes when possible unless there is an event where I need something specific, I don't leave water running especially while brushing my teeth,

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Experts gathered in Nepal a week ago to ready for earthquake

Seth Borenstein
AP Science Writer

Nepal's devastating earthquake was the disaster experts knew was coming.

Just a week ago, about 50 earthquake and social scientists from around the world came to Kathmandu, Nepal, to figure out how to get this poor, congested, overdeveloped, shoddily built area to prepare better for the big one, a repeat of the 1934 temblor that leveled the city.

They knew they were racing the clock, but they didn't know when what they feared would strike.

"It was sort of a nightmare waiting to happen," said seismologist James Jackson, head of the earth sciences department at the University of Cambridge in England. "Physically and geologically what happened is exactly what we thought would happen."

But he didn't expect the massive quake that struck Saturday to happen so soon. The magnitude 7.8 earthquake killed more than 1,900 and counting and caused widespread destruction.

"I was walking through that very area where that earthquake was and I thought at the very time that the area was heading for trouble," said Jackson, lead scientist for Earthquakes Without Frontiers, a group that tries to make Asia more able to bounce back from these disasters and was having the meeting.

A Kathmandu earthquake has long been feared, not just because of the natural seismic fault, but because of the local, more human conditions that make it worse.

The same size shaking can have bigger effects on different parts of the globe because of building construction and population and that's something the U.S. Geological Survey calculates ahead of time.

So the same level of severe shaking would cause 10 to 30 people to die per million residents in California, but 1,000 maybe more in Nepal, and up to 10,000 in parts of Pakistan, India, Iran and China, said USGS seismologist David Wald.

While the trigger of the disaster is natural — an earthquake — "the consequences are very much man-made," Jackson said.

Except for landslides, which in this case are a serious problem, "it's buildings that kill people not earthquakes," Jackson said. If you lived in a flat desert with no water, an earthquake wouldn't harm you, but then few people want to live there.

"The real problem in Asia is how people have concentrated in dangerous places," Jackson said.

Kathmandu was warned, first by the Earth itself: this is the fifth significant quake there in the last 205 years, including the massive 1934 one.

"They knew they had a problem but it was so large they didn't where to start, how to start," said Hari Ghi, southeast Asia regional coordinator for Geohazards International, a group that works on worldwide quake risks. Ghi, Jackson and Wald said Nepal was making progress on reducing its vulnerability to earthquakes, but not quickly or big enough.

Ghi's group on April 12 updated a late 1990s report summarizing the Kathmandu Valley



Photo by Bernat Armangué | AP Photo

Locals gather to watch a rescue operation at the site of a budget hotel that collapsed in Saturday's earthquake, in Kalanki neighbourhood of Kathmandu, Nepal, Sunday, April 26, 2015. A powerful aftershock shook Nepal on Sunday, making buildings sway and sending panicked Kathmandu residents running into the streets a day after a massive earthquake devastated the region and destroyed homes and infrastructure.

risks.

"With an annual population growth rate of 6.5 percent and one of the highest urban densities in the world, the 1.5 million people living in the Kathmandu Valley were clearly facing a serious

and growing earthquake risk," the report said, laying out "the problem" the valley faces. "It was also clear that the next large earthquake

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NEWS

Illinois air museum plans to close over finances

The Associated Press

RANTOUL, Ill. (AP) — An eastern Illinois museum that catalogues the history of a long-closed Air Force base and houses dozens of planes plans to close at the end of the year.

Leaders of the Chanute Air Museum in Rantoul say they can't afford to stay open, The News-Gazette in Champaign reported.

The museum on the former Chanute Air Force base 15 miles north of Champaign opened in 1994, soon after the base's closure. It receives financial support from the Village of Rantoul, but village officials say the town can no longer afford the bills.

"This was not an easy decision for anybody," said Nancy Kobel, the museum board's president.

Village administrator Jeff Fiegenschuh said the airport's annual utility costs of \$350,000 contributed to even more sizable yearly losses. The museum had a monthly operating budget of \$10,000, half of which covered rent payments to Rantoul.

"The airport was losing money," he said. "We have a fiduciary responsibility to our tenants and the airport and the residents."

The departure of a sporting goods manufacturer and another tenant that leased an airport hangar hastened the closing.

Curator Mark Hanson said the museum's 30 military planes are on loan from the federal government. He expects the military will try to find new homes for the planes.

The museum's collection also includes archival photos and documents, books and magazines, military uniforms, aircraft instruments and tools.

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Runners leave the starting line of the Christie Clinic Illinois Marathon on Saturday, April 25, 2015. The race was ultimately terminated before all participants were able to complete the run due to inclement weather.

Illinois schools chief says funding fix could take years

Kerry Lester
Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) — The state's new superintendent of schools believes the formula to distribute state aid to Illinois schools is flawed. But, unlike lawmakers pushing for an overhaul this spring to divert more money to poorer downstate schools, he thinks finding the right solution could take several years.

Tony Smith, 48, begins his tenure at the Illinois State Board of Education on May 1. He was Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner's solerecommendation to the board before it chose him this week, but the former superintendent of Oakland, California, schools says he has his own views on charters, funding equity and teacher unions.

A former professional football player, he played briefly for the Green Bay Packers and San Francisco 49ers in the early 90s but turned to a career in law and then education and teaching after being injured. He most recently oversaw a nonprofit organization focused on early childhood education.

He spoke to The Associated Press this week. Here are edited excerpts:

Q. What are your views about fixing Illinois' outdated school funding formula?

A. We have to figure out what is a real fair way to talk about school funding. I don't know that that conversation will get resolved in a year or two. But it's one that must happen.

Q. The governor hasn't said if he supports the latest proposed overhaul, which would steer more money downstate rather than

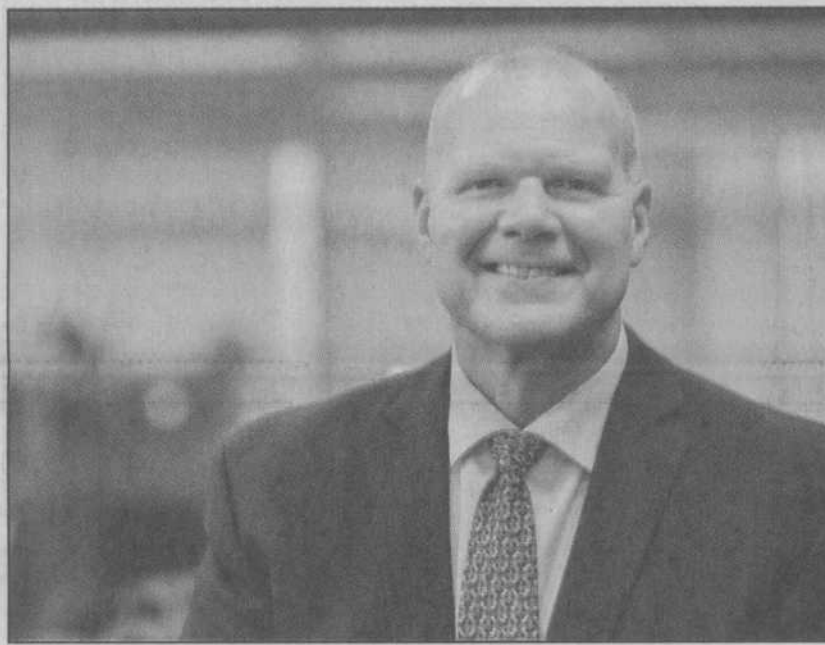


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In this April 22, 2015 photo, new Illinois Superintendent of Education Tony Smith poses for a photo in Chicago. Smith tells The Associated Press that he believes it will take at least a year or two to find a solution to overhaul Illinois' outdated school funding formula.

distribute it equally. Do you?

A. There's a deep kind of belief people hold that equal is fair. I don't think that's accurate. In a time and place where there's such (education) inequity, choosing to distribute things equally doesn't really do anything to interrupt that inequity, and we have to take that as one of our primary missions.

Q. You were the only candidate considered for this position while past superintendents were chosen through more extensive national searches.

Do you have concerns about how you'll be received?

A. The things that I talked about

and believe in, I think that's why I had a chance to interview with the state board. ... We talked about the notions of inclusion and belonging and why there's a chance to build on the leadership that's in districts across the state.

Q. The governor is an ardent supporter of charter schools. Your record on them is somewhat ambiguous. Can you clarify your position?

A. We have to do everything in our power to create as many public school options as possible. And some of those places are in district public charter schools in places where they've been doing great. But a

school that's not serving kids, when it's not a quality place, that's where we have to take action. I've been part of determining closures for charters.

Q. The governor talks about taking on "government union bosses." How do you plan to work with the state's teacher unions?

A. How do you get to the right kinds of agreements that honor the hard work of teachers, and recognize that this is first, foremost and always about the well-being of children? I think there are many who I've worked with in union leadership who shared the same values.

Q. You have a background working with high poverty, urban districts in California.

How will you get to know the needs of rural schools in Illinois?

A. As a young person, I grew up in different types of districts so I have a rural and an urban experience as a student. ... I've got to get to know the rural communities here and what they need in order to serve their children.

Q. How does one go from football player to school superintendent?

A. I was going to play football and be a lawyer after I was done. I got a job in a law firm, and I really didn't like it. I was sharing that story with the director of the athletic study center at the (University of California-Berkeley) and she talked me through some of the things I did with teammates — studying and tutoring with students at some of the local high schools.

She said, "That's what a teacher does."

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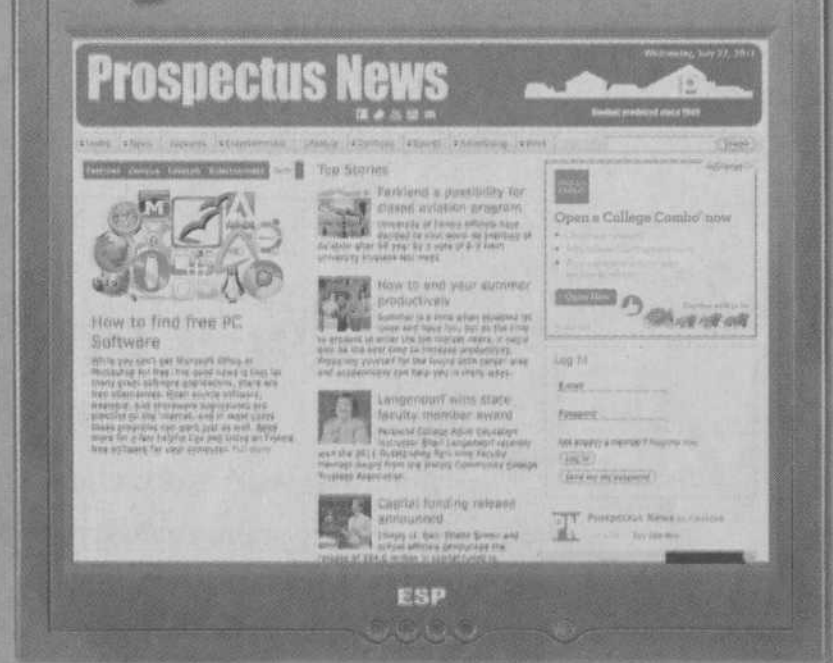
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LIFESTYLE

Summer semester approaching fast: Tips for getting ahead with schoolwork

Brittany Webb
Staff Writer

As summer approaches, many students look forward to the break, though some look to catch up or get ahead in their studies. The summer semester at Parkland runs from May 18 to Aug. 5.

Numerous classes do not run the whole semester and some being are only 3 weeks long.

Counseling and Advising Director John Sheahan wants students to remember these classes will not be easy, as they are paced much faster than a normal semester.

"Remembering that a regular class goes around 16-18 weeks, these classes are going about 5 times as fast," Sheahan said. "So if you're going to take one, you have to know you are going to dedicate your time to it."

Classes offered range from Intro to Public Speaking (COM103) to Humanities classes to Business Calculus, according to the class schedule on Parkland's website.

Taylor Lovett, a student currently attending Illinois State University (though she was a dual credit student in high school) will be on campus taking Business Calculus (MAT143).

"Only taking a few classes during the summer helps me focus a lot more on that specific class," Lovett said.

Students from all over the state take classes through Parkland during the summer, explained Sheahan. Online courses are popular during the semester, but are even more popular in the summer.

"Online courses are very popular," Sheahan added. "We're one of the biggest online providers in the State of Illinois, so it's not unusual for students from other state universities

or community colleges to take some of our online summer courses."

Online courses are especially hard to focus on in the summer, Sheahan pointed out. Students must rely on their strengths to get through a summer course.

"If you're taking a math class during the summer, there may be some pros and cons to it," Sheahan said. "It may be the only class you take, but it is going to go twice the pace of a regular class."

Students must weigh only having one class versus doing intensive work that much faster. A composition course or a literature course have a lot of reading and writing in a short amount of time, so students must decide if that is a strength to them.

Focusing can be a hard part of summer classes. Most students would rather spend their time enjoying the warm weather poolside or traveling,

so focusing on class during the summer can be challenging. Mary Corkery, a student in Business, thinks focusing will be the hardest part of her Business Calculus course.

"I think that it will be harder to focus because I will want to do other things, like travel or work," Corkery said. "But I think it will be easier to do well since it will be all I am focusing on."

Students should make sure they are not overloading themselves with summer classes. It's important to catch up or get ahead, but summer classes are hard to handle in large quantities because of the time constraints and rigor of the courses.

"It's become a little bit more difficult for us to monitor because of the online classes,"

Sheahan added. "Before we started offering them, students couldn't overload themselves just because of

the class overlap."

Since so many online classes are offered, Sheahan explained that some students try to take too many classes and aren't approved to take them.

"The general rule of thumb for summer courses is no more than one credit hour per week of class including any overlapping sessions," Sheahan said.

According to Sheahan, students who have never taken a summer class tend to greatly underestimate the class load. Advisors are trained to let students know how much is too much.

Summer classes can be found on MyParkland through WebAdvisor or in the catalogues in the Counseling and Advising Office, located in U267.

The Counseling and Advising Center has walk-in appointments and scheduled appointments, and can be reached by phone at 217-351-2219.

Health officials say ice cream is safe despite some recalls

Mary Clare Jalonick
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal health officials say ice cream is still safe to eat — even amid recalls by two ice cream companies after the discovery of listeria bacteria in their frozen confections.

The Food and Drug Administration and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention say there's no reason to think that listeria illnesses and deaths linked to Texas-based Blue Bell Creameries and the discovery of listeria in Ohio-based Jeni's Splendid Ice Creams are related.

"Based upon what we know now, there is no connection between these two ice cream companies nor any reason to suspect that ice cream as a whole poses any special foodborne disease risk," said CDC's Dr. Robert Tauxe.

Blue Bell, which recalled all of its products Monday, is linked to 10 illnesses, including three deaths, in four states. Jeni's ice cream hasn't been linked to any illnesses, but the company recalled its products Thursday after Nebraska health officials found listeria in a sample of ice cream.

On Friday, Jeni's said early testing suggested that listeria was present in other pints from the same batch the Nebraska officials tested, and possibly another batch as well. The company said additional testing appeared to show that listeria was present in Jeni's manufacturing plant in Columbus.

"We are encouraged that the early indications suggest we have found it and can focus on eradicating it," said John Lowe, Jeni's CEO, in a statement on the company's website.

Tauxe said the discovery of listeria is a "wake-up call" for the industry, since the bacteria isn't very common in ice cream. While the hardy bacteria thrive in cooler environments, they can't grow at freezing temperatures.

At least one other major ice cream manufacturer, Unilever, appeared



Photo by David Woo | The Dallas Morning News, Associated Press
A Blue Bell Ice Cream truck stops at Walgreens in Dallas on Thursday morning, April 23, 2015. Texas-based Blue Bell Creameries recalled all its products this week after listeria was found in a variety of the company's frozen treats. New technologies account for one way that the government is tracking a life-threatening outbreak of listeria linked to Blue Bell ice cream products. Listeria is a hearty bacteria found in soil and water that can be tracked into a plant or carried by animals.

confident, saying in a statement that the company has "robust quality and safety protocols across our ice cream network designed to prevent listeria contamination." Unilever owns Ben & Jerry's, Breyer's and other ice cream brands.

In a statement, the International DairyFoods Association said the dairy industry is "seeking to understand how and why" listeria ended up in the products.

"Ice cream makers are double and triple checking safety protocols to make sure you can shop with confidence when buying ice cream," the industry group said.

The FDA agreed consumers should feel safe eating anything that hasn't been recalled.

"Despite these recalls, it is important to understand that ice cream in the United States is generally safe," said the FDA's Jeff Ventura. "These recalls are an example of companies taking appropriate action by getting potentially unsafe foods off the market."

The FDA is investigating the Blue Bell outbreak but hasn't said what caused it. On Thursday, Blue Bell said its plants in Texas, Oklahoma and Alabama are undergoing intensive cleaning.

Listeria illnesses generally only affect the elderly, people with compromised immune systems and pregnant women. The three people who died consumed the Blue Bell product in a Kansas hospital.

The bacteria is found in soil and water, and it can be tracked into a manufacturing facility, carried by animals or spread by employees not using proper sanitation practices.

Bill Yarbrough of New Albany, Ohio, said he understands why the recalls are concerning to those most at risk but he's not going to stop buying ice cream. Expecting the company would take a hit, Yarbrough started

recruiting fellow fans on Facebook to help Jeni's rebound.

"When a company makes a good decision like this, but it's going to cost them a lot of money, they need to know and be rewarded for that," he said.

Sandra Eskin, director of food safety for the Pew Charitable Trusts, says she believes the U.S. ice cream supply is safe but that the outbreak linked to Blue Bell shows the need for more testing for foodborne bacteria in manufacturing facilities. President Barack Obama signed a sweeping new food safety law in 2011 that would boost some of that testing, but the FDA hasn't yet put all of the rules in place.

"It's frustrating that people have to get sick while we wait for the process to play out," Eskin said.

At the same time, the recalls may be evidence that testing has increased.

The Nebraska Department of Agriculture's discovery of listeria in Jeni's ice cream was part of a program to test ready-to-eat products for foodborne illness. South Carolina health officials were the first to discover listeria in Blue Bell products as part of a random sampling program that includes frozen desserts. Following the recalls, the Ohio Department of Agriculture said it would add ice cream to the list of items they pull from store shelves to check for contamination.

Former FDA assistant commissioner David Acheson, now a consultant to food manufacturers, says ice cream companies will boost listeria testing as a result of the recalls.

"We just have to cross our fingers there won't be a whole lot more recalls," Acheson said. "When you start to look, you find."

Associated Press writer Kantele Franko in Columbus, Ohio, contributed to this report.

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Notice to students and faculty regarding Final Exams

A final exam is expected in each credit course at Parkland College.

Final exams for all full-semester and second-half-semester courses will be given during final exam week (May 8-14) according to the official published schedule.

These final exams are not to be given early (during regular class periods). Final exams for all other courses (those ending earlier) will be given at the last regularly scheduled class meeting.

All requests from faculty to alter scheduled final exam times or dates must be reviewed and

approved by the Department Chair and the Vice President for Academic Services.

In courses where a final exam is not appropriate, as determined by the Department Chair, an educational alternative scheduled during the week of final exams is expected.

Students: These official College guidelines were established to more fully ensure that you receive the full set of instructional class periods for which you paid and to which you are entitled; and that you have the appropriate amount of time to prepare adequately for your final exams.

If your final exam is given earlier than scheduled, please contact the Department Chair or the Vice President for Academic Services (351-2542, Room U333).

Three final exams scheduled on the same day may be considered a conflict.

Conflicts may be resolved by arrangement with the faculty of these courses.

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OPINIONS

The world as seen by an artist



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Pictured above is student artwork displayed in the Giertz Art Gallery at Parkland College on Monday, April 20, 2015.

Humna Sharif
Staff Writer

In today's fast paced and pragmatically oriented world, we don't give art quite the value that it deserves. Less and less people opt for a career in arts and even more people spend their lives without ever integrating this extremely important element of human creativity and natural beauty into their lives.

The community at Parkland College is no different. Since the recession of 2008, less and less people are enrolling in Liberal Arts courses. This drop in enrollment rates might be attributed to people's desire to acquire practical skills, which would put them in the job market fast and guarantee a paycheck, rather than learning to play an instrument, paint on a canvas, or even write creatively.

Engineering Sciences, health professions, business studies, and short term certifications are all practically feasible choices, but these in no way diminish the importance of arts and creative studies.

According to English Professor and

former Dean of Arts and Sciences Doctor Matthew Hurt, the skills taught in liberal arts classes help make students' personalities well-rounded and impart valuable skills that employers seek in prospective job candidates.

"Liberal arts courses work to form a strong foundation in a person's life. And upon a strong foundation any kind of building can be built," Dr. Hurt elaborated.

Even outside of choosing to carve up a career in the Liberal Arts, it's important to give arts a place in our life. Art enriches life with beauty, it brings joy and makes people appreciate the world around them art works to bring out the best in all of us, and it wakes up the creativity in us to give us new perspective on life.

Art manifests itself in many forms. It is a much broader field than we consider it to be. It is not just the brush strokes and pencil marks, art is not limited to a piano composition, and the dialogues of an actor.

For a writer, it's art to construct a compelling piece, for a reader it is art to interpret that piece and form

opinions about it. It is embracing the inner creativity that we all have to let us enjoy the simple pleasures that the world has to offer. Art is everywhere, in everything and everyone, we just have to be able to see it.

According to Parkland College President, Doctor Tom Ramage, "The planetarium, the theatre and the gallery at Parkland are all spectacular opportunities for the community to come to Parkland and see something different."

The art pieces mounted on walls throughout the campus are also mostly student and faculty produced works. Parkland, in that sense, is doing an excellent job of integrating arts into the learning environment and promotes the talent of its students and staff.

"It's extraordinarily important to raise awareness about art in students, and we try to display art in a way so that students even just walking by can experience it," Dr. Ramage elaborated.

As with everything else in life, developing a taste for arts also takes some effort. As students, it may

be difficult to find time to watch a theatrical performance or visit a gallery, but try to make it a priority to find those few hours in a week for the sake of incorporating into your life any form of arts.

We spend so much money and time going to watch box office movies, even a fraction of that time watching a theatre show would provide such a different experience.

The gallery is open to all parkland staff and students, anyone can walk in there to see the exhibits. The theatre and the planetarium, on the other hand, also maintain easily affordable ticket prices and Parkland Alumni get discounts.

All this is done by the college in order to effuse the lives of its community with arts.

Celeste Kim, a fourth semester student majoring in Micro-Biology, enrolled in an Art History class this semester. According to Kim, the Art History course is amongst her fun classes, the class has taught her to view artwork in more detail than ever before.

"I notice the minute things that

the artist is trying to get across to the viewer. Every piece of art is a beautiful story in itself and I am so glad to be able to see it now," Kim said.

So next time you find yourself with a free hour or two on your hands. Walk to the gallery, notice the walls. Take a trip to see the new theatrical performance parkland is putting on. Walk inside the planetarium dome and see for yourself what a delightful place it is.

When the lights go off and you sit in the dark looking at all those stars and planets slowly emerging around you, it will make the stress of a hard day just melt away. When you find a piece of art that really speaks to you, tell your friends about. Have discussions, introduce the people around you to what is beautiful for you.

Parkland College truly offers some remarkable opportunities to its students, in terms of a community college there really is a lot of experience and it'd be such a waste if each and every one of us never took full advantage of the incredible resources.

Ohio in a minority as high court weighs same-sex marriage

Dan Sewell
Associated Press

CINCINNATI (AP) — While Ohio has traditionally been a national bellwether politically, the state now finds itself in the minority on same-sex marriage heading into Tuesday's U.S. Supreme Court oral arguments.

When Ohio voters handily passed a state ban in 2004, only Massachusetts allowed such marriages. Today, three dozen states and the District of Columbia do.

Al Gerhardtstein, a Cincinnati civil rights attorney who filed challenges to Ohio's ban that are now before the Supreme Court, compared the state's position to those of the 16 states where interracial marriage was still illegal in 1967. That's when the high court outlawed race-based marriage bans in a Virginia case.

"It's a comparable time in our nation's history," he said. "Now Ohio is one (of the remaining states with bans)."

An Ohio State University legal expert says that the cultural and judicial landscape has changed dramatically since November 2004, when Ohio voters were among those in 11 states passing same-sex marriage bans. Polls have shown growing acceptance among Americans of same-sex marriage, and same-sex marriage advocates won a long series of court victories before the Cincinnati-based 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals created a judicial split with a 2-1 ruling last November that upheld bans in Ohio, Kentucky, Michigan and Tennessee.

"It once seemed very unlikely that the Supreme Court would strike



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Kelly Noe, left, listens to her partner Kelly McCracken speak to supporters during a send-off event in support of plaintiffs in gay marriage cases that will be argued April 28 before the U.S. Supreme Court on the steps of City Hall in downtown Cincinnati, Friday, April 24, 2015.

Ohio's and other state marriage bans down as being unconstitutional," said OSU law professor Marc Spindelman. "That was the picture in 2004. Now it looks unlikely that they would be upheld."

Spindelman cautioned, though, that the number of states allowing same-

sex marriage might not be a decisive factor.

"Now it looks like one might say 'Hey, look, we only have a relatively small number of states that are left; the court can at this point in a sense harmonize the national rule,'" he said. But the counter-argument to that is

that many states that have changed didn't do so through the ballot box or other state action.

"A number of the states that now have same-sex marriage have same-sex marriage as a result of federal court intervention," Spindelman said. Ohio Attorney General Mike

DeWine has repeatedly defended the state's ban as an issue that should be determined by the democratic process. Judge Jeffrey Sutton's opinion in the 6th Circuit decision also said it should be resolved politically, not by judges and lawyers.

Phil Burress, leader of the Citizens for Community Values based in suburban Cincinnati, said the cases are an attack on traditional marriage and infringe upon states' rights.

"There is no such thing as a federal marriage license," Burress said. "This is not about equality. This is about destroying the institution of marriage."

He predicts that even after the high court rules, there will be more litigation over marriage, and warned: "Politicians who are on the wrong side of this issue will be held accountable."

Pam Yorksmith, who travels to other states for work as a health care information technology consultant, said it can be vexing to return home to where her marriage to Nicole Yorksmith, which includes two children, isn't recognized. They live in northern Kentucky and work in neighboring Cincinnati, where they became part of the legal challenge to Ohio's ban.

"I'm not married in Kentucky or Ohio, but when I'm in Rhode Island, I'm married," she said. "When I get to Florida, I'm married. But when I travel back to the state where we have bought a home, pay taxes, and are involved in our community, we're not recognized as a married couple or a legal family."

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EARTH

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to strike near the Valley would cause significantly greater loss of life, structural damage, and economic hardship than past earthquakes had inflicted."

And for years there were no building codes and rampant development so homes and other structures could be built without any regards to earthquakes, the report said.

There are now building codes, but that doesn't help the older structures, and the codes aren't overly strong, Ghi said.

It's actually even made worse because of local inheritance laws

that require property be split equally among all sons, Jackson said.

So that means buildings are split vertically among brothers making very thin rickety homes that need more space so people add insecure living space on additional floors, he said.

"The construction is appalling in Kathmandu," Jackson said.

Poverty and pollution make the problem worse, Jackson said. That's because people don't spend time worrying about some future earthquake because they have more pressing problems.

"If you live in the Kathmandu Valley you have other priorities, daily threats and daily nasty things happen to you in terms of air quality, water quality, pollution, traffic and just poverty," Jackson said. "But it

doesn't mean that the earthquakes go away."

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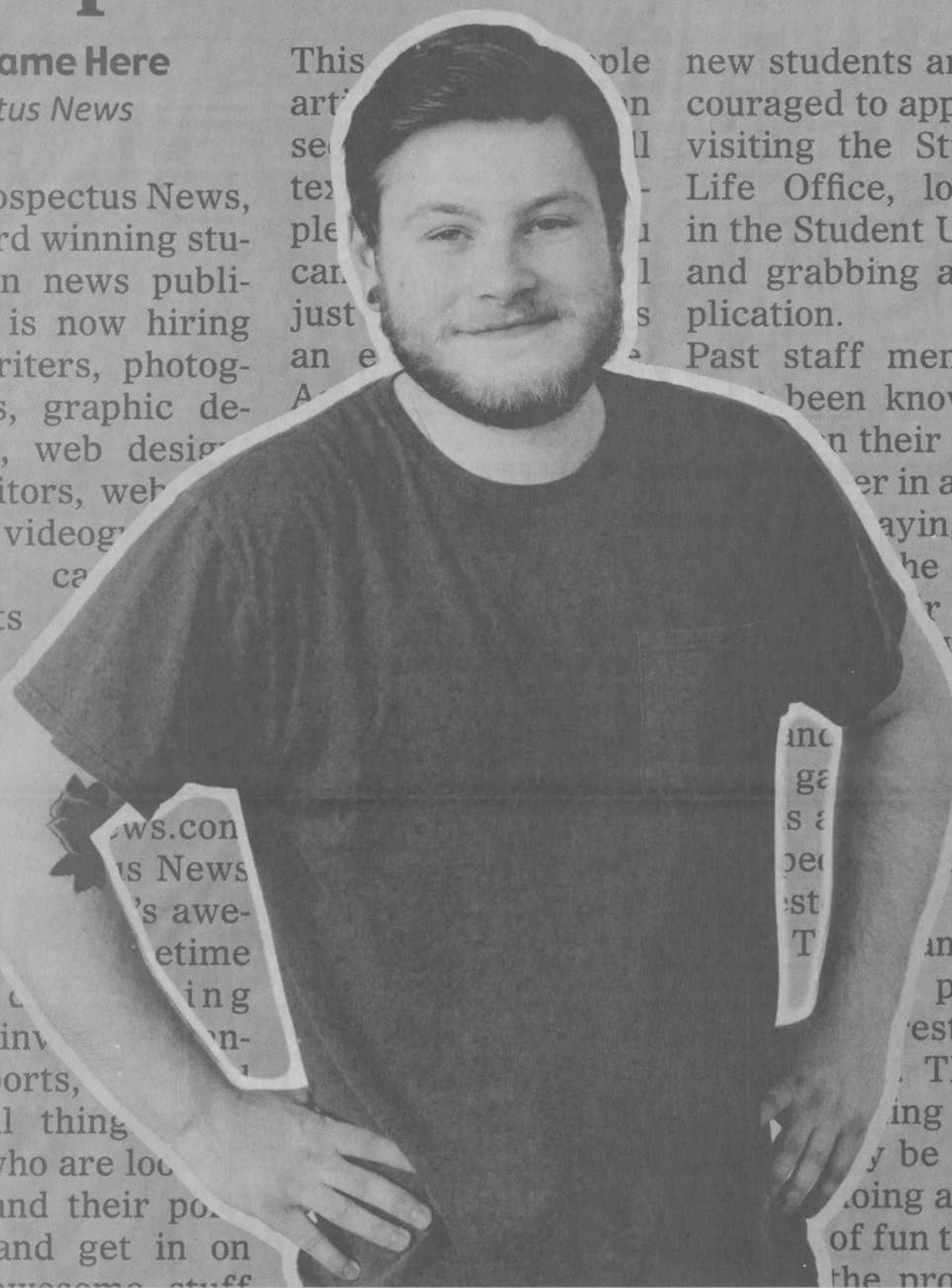
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The upcoming baseball season

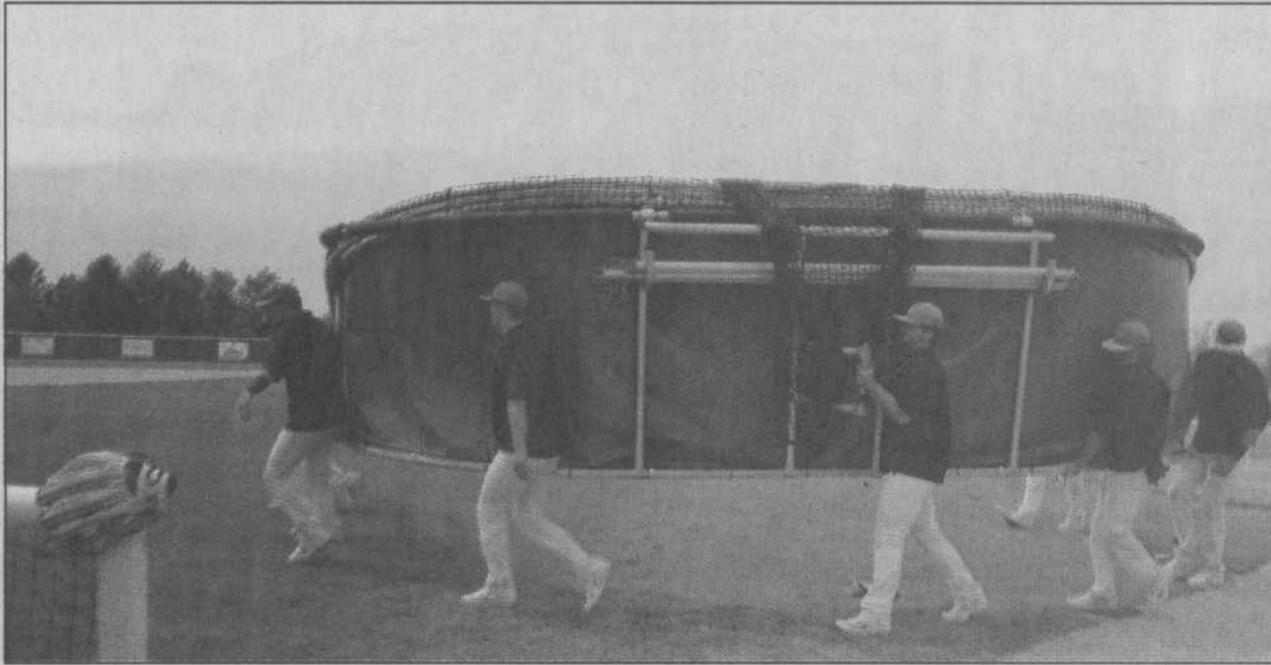
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Staff Writer

It's a freezing Wednesday in April and the Parkland Cobras baseball team is riding the bus. Assistant Coach Zach Berryman rides in the front, in charge of the rowdy, but good natured team. The team, he and Head Coach Dave Garcia, have been purposefully brought together to recapture what has been eluding the Cobras since Berryman was a player in 2009. They are here to win a national title.

Since the days Berryman was here, the Cobras have experienced a reworking of the team's entire philosophy. The Cobras have shifted from the power offense, with defense usually coming from the liberal application of more offense, into a sleek, on base machine that doesn't stop running; both on the base paths and on defense where the tight group of Cully Day, Donovan Chandler, and Xavier Warren mercilessly pull down balls shot into the gap.

The defense is aided by Coach Jon Goebel's lock-down pitching staff that averages nearly 10 strikeouts a game.

Unfortunately, the Cobras are finding their speed hampered in the brutal Chicago wind coming in across right field. Balls put up in the air are dancing around long enough to miss gloves and seem to hang their drives to outfield right into the South Suburban outfield. Their normally



Cobras Baseball Team prepare on the field for their game against John Wood on Friday, April 24, 2015.

Photo by Zonghui Li | The Prospectus

potent pitching staff is getting pitches lifted and hung out in the nonstop gusts off Lake Michigan. Muscles tighten in the cold and the game plan just won't come to life.

This is why these guys come to play in Champaign; it's an ultimate test. Coach Berryman explained that it's no secret to coaching staffs around the country that Midwestern ballplayers come tough. The winters spent inside the gym running suicides and taking batting practice in cages not only toughens their bodies but

hardens their minds as well. They grow stronger when the cabin fever starts to set in and leads to fantasies of sunny days going 3 for 4 and driving in five. Maintaining a strong focus is built into these players. On days like this, it's easy to see the biggest reason the Cobras can handle the long bus trips every week, just to get out and freeze for three hours; everyone here loves the game. They put up with the sacrifice of their time, the dedication and the physical pain their love demands. The grey sky

may be hiding the sun, but the love of sport is illuminated around the diamond. Everyone in attendance is here to be part of the love and maybe get a chance at the glory a championship brings.

The Cobras know what it takes to finish championships. Garcia's coaching staff makes a point of recruiting champions. The staff seeks out the players who know the dedication of a winner. They go out and find the guys who have won championships in high school.

The guys who showed they know that playing as a team and winning a championship at Parkland gives them the chance to move up and play at even higher levels. The men come from all over, like starting second baseman Glenn Reeves moving here to play from Toronto, because they know Parkland builds championships.

Knowing what it takes, the whole team knows the road to this year's championship is going to be tough. Early conference wins against Lincoln and Spoon River set them as top threats coming out of the MWAC conference, but after last weekend's tough sweep at the hands of Lincoln Land C.C., everyone knows the stakes are higher. The biggest test comes May 2nd in the 4 game series scheduled with close rivals, and first place in the conference, Heartland Community College.

The bus ride home is quiet and the Cobras eat their post-game meal in silence. All of them know to trust in their years of travel ball, trust in the months training their bodies before the season, and most of all, trust the brothers they've spent all year building this championship contender with.

Garcia says, "all these guys know their role, and what they're counted upon to do." Now it's just time to watch these men get the title they know is theirs.

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ENTERTAINMENT

A look ahead at Summer Camp Music Festival

Billi Jo Hart
Staff Writer

Summer Camp Music Festival (SCAMP) is a four-day event that takes place in Chillicothe, Ill. over Memorial Day weekend. For many veteran SCAMP attendees, this is a well anticipated event many look forward to all year long. SCAMP attendees are welcomed to Three Sister's Park to camp-out, listen to music, browse various artists and hangout with friends.

Many artists walk throughout the festival displaying their work for others to purchase, and there is also live artwork being made throughout the grounds all weekend. Food trucks and vendors line the entrance road onto the festival grounds and also near stages, and various rogue cooks can be found outside of their campsites selling grilled cheeses or hot dogs.

Over 100 bands and more than 20,000 attendees make this festival hard to miss, and its growing popularity over the years is sure to create an even more massive Summer Camp this year.

Despite its growing size, Summer Camp representatives insist that their "at-home" feel and energy surrounding the event has not been changed or reduced in any way. Rather, it has helped spread the positive energy SCAMP originally created during their first festival in 2001 to an even larger and more diverse audience.

This eclectic mix of artists, vendors, musicians, dancers, young and old helps to create the memorable experience that SCAMP attendees gain and cherish every year.

"Last year was my first time (at Summer Camp), but I had so much fun and I definitely want to go again this year," Engineering major Nick Stoegar said. "I'd never gone to a festival before, but it was a blast. I bought a really cool painting I have hanging in my living room and a couple cool necklaces for me and my girlfriend."

SCAMP is an all-ages event, with childcare and activities during the day and various workshops anyone can participate in, like hula-hooping lessons and yoga.

SCAMP also promotes sustainable practices by clearly marking their compost, recycle and trash bins and employing a volunteer "Green Team," to pick up trash throughout the festival grounds and go through bins to sort out recyclables.

This year, Summer Camp has employed new ways to promote the event and get people involved and excited weeks and even months before the event. One such idea is Summer Camp Wednesdays, which takes place at the Canopy Club in Urbana, Ill. SCAMP enthusiasts are invited to the club to watch local bands who will be playing at Summer Camp Music Festival 2015.

Once there, attendees are asked to sign-in at a booth and then snap a photo of themselves holding a sign explaining to viewers what the event is. Once these selfies have been uploaded to social media with the hashtags scamp2015, scampwednesdays and canopyclub, the attendees are given credit toward earning themselves goodies like a free pre-party pass, a free ticket to the festival, and even a chance to win a free VIP upgrade.

Church Booty, a Champaign-Urbana band with self-described genre as "Funky Hip-Hop R&B Soul Groove Explosion, is one of the

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and lead positive discussions. The group has been active year-round with posts from Summer Camp fans, successfully connecting the community despite the distance.

Camp Counselor Carmel O'Farrell added that in addition to the group, Summer Camp also hosts events such as Summer Camp on the Road, a contest that allows bands in different cities to battle for a spot on the lineup at Summer Camp, as well as a campaign called hashtag spottascamper, where counselors watch out for patrons wearing Summer Camp Gear. If a Counselor sees someone, they snap a photo with that person, who is then entered to win prizes like free tickets to the festival.

O'Farrell remarked that her time as a counselor has been rewarding because she's been able to see her coverage of younger bands influence their growth, and is provided a free ticket and photo pass to document the experience.

"I am a counselor because I love Summer Camp. It was my first festival and I've been there 10 times, so it really feels like home to me," O'Farrell said. "I love the community and I want to make that community stronger, so that's why I applied for the position back in 2013. Since then I've met dozens of artists and have had many amazing experiences."

New Summer Camp Counselors are chosen every year before the start of the festival through an online application, and similar to regular summer camp counselors, are expected to reach out to camp attendees and lead interactions. Counselors are also expected to help promote the festival throughout the year by interviewing bands and artists, and writing about news pertaining to the music festival through Summer Camp's online blog, "The Campfire at Summer Camp Music Festival."

The dedication for Summer Camp extends far beyond those working the festival. When asked why Summer Camp was so important, most SCAMP veterans agreed that the feeling of home was hard to beat, and the family atmosphere that is created every year is what keeps them coming back.

"My first scamp was in 2008 and it was a much different experience than what it is now. It was so much smaller, and what was great was that there was so much more room. I could wander away and easily find my friends again, and the chances of randomly running into friends was a lot higher," Summer Camp attendee Aditus Maximus commented. "It has grown a lot now, and this has completely changed the smaller more intimate feel of the fest."

"That being said, even with the change in size, Summer Camp is still amazing. I'd rather it grow and keep going every year than fizzle out. The music is awesome, the people are awesome, and having to carry your campsite into the grounds (as much of a pain as it is initially) helps maintain the intimate and awesome atmosphere that makes Summer Camp so unique and memorable year after year," Maximus continued.

2015 will mark Summer Camp's 14th annual event, and will host bands such as moe., Umphrey's McGee, Steve Miller Band, Widespread Panic, Krewella and many more.

Tickets for Summer Camp just went up to Level Three general admission pricing, so be sure to grab yours today if you're interested in attending at <http://summerncampfestival.com/tickets/>.

groups that have been performing during the Summer Camp Wednesdays. Church Booty first attempted to get on Summer Camp's lineup last year during a Battle of the Bands contest at Canopy, but was unfortunately knocked out after making it to the final four.

At the start of this year, band member and saxophonist Dan Hinze approached the booking agency for Summer Camp again to try and get a spot without going through a contest.

Church Booty secured a spot, and as part of their agreement they were asked to play four times at Canopy for Summer Camp Wednesdays to promote the festival, and three other two hour-long sets. Hinze admitted that the long sets were a challenge for the band, because they did not yet have two hours worth of original material.

"It definitely gave us the opportunity to play longer, more spontaneous sets. We had a chance to experiment on a lot of our current rotation of tunes, stretching things out to see what people really got into, and what didn't work so well," band member and keyboard player Rob Osio explained. "Also, a lot of the audience were people attending Summer Camp who hadn't seen us before, so we've had the chance to expand our audience as well."

Summer Camp has also had an increased presence on social media, promoting events and news surrounding the festival on their Facebook page and group, which has almost 7,000 members.

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