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Library resources help students

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Parkland College has a beautiful and spacious library that provides a myriad of diverse services to both Parkland College students as well as the community. There is much more to the library than the traditional books and study space that libraries are normally associated with.

The main floor of the library has plenty of study space available in which group and individual study sessions can be held. The main floor also holds most of the library's resources. The STAR desk and library computers are also on the main floor. Comfortable chairs and a supportive study environment is provided for the students. The second floor of the library is the silent floor, which is an ideal space for students looking for a quiet place to study.

Parkland College embraces the diversity that its students bring to the school and the library is no different. There is a flag lounge in the library where almost all the flags from countries around the world have been hung. It's a small gesture but it goes a long way in showing support and acceptance of students from varied ethnic backgrounds.

"As far as resources go, we have more than a hundred thousand e-books available, we have a multitude of electronic resources including a media viewing center, 3D printer, scanner, printers, photocopying machines, and digital audio records," Library Director Anna Maria Watkin said.

The library also has a Media Production Room, which is fully equipped with programs and devices that students might need for a media related project. There are power outlets available all around the library so students can charge any of their electronic devices.

"Students at Parkland can check out from the library laptops, tablets (iPads), calculators, video recorders, digital audio recorders, and even DVDs," Information Services Librarian Maggie Taylor said.

The library has course reserve books accessible to students and textbooks for most courses taught at Parkland as well. Students are allowed to use the textbooks for up to two hours at a time but they must remain in the library.

There is also a vast collection of scholarly and peer reviewed publications available in the library's database. The database is paid for by the college, but its services are free for all students who have a Parkland ID. The library staff, in collaboration with course instructors, also conducts classes that teach students how to write research papers.

"We are always willing to help students with their research. Our staff can help them decide on a topic," Watkin added. "If they already have a topic we can help them narrow it down and develop a focal point. We believe in teaching students to think critically."

Students can also get help pertaining to the use of different computer programs, including making presentations on power point,

use of Excel, and even word processing.

The library is also a part of the I-share system. Over 80 libraries in the State of Illinois are a part of this network. These libraries share books, research articles, and scholarly peer reviewed publications.

"A student just has to place a request, using their Parkland library account, for whichever book or article they require," Taylor added. "We can help them if they have trouble figuring out the process of placing requests for items. The average delivery time is about two to three days."

In addition to being a part of I-share, Parkland also does inter-library borrowing. This system works with all libraries that have chosen to loan items to other libraries. Therefore, if a student finds a book that they want, but it is located at another library, the student can put in a request to have it sent to Parkland. Another perk that Parkland students enjoy is that they can use the University of Illinois undergraduate library, and borrow items from there if they have a Parkland ID.

There are also several employment opportunities available for students at the library.

"We hire four to five student workers every year, sometimes even more," Access Services Librarian Jing Shi said. "Due to recent budget cuts we prefer that the students have federal work study. A student must have a minimum GPA of 2.5 to be eligible for employment."

Student workers' duties include providing customer service, checking out items,



Photo by Scott Wells/Prospectus News
Freshman Tuesday Koester works the weekend shift at the Parkland Library on Oct. 18, 2014. During fall and spring semesters, the library is open on Saturdays from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

re-shelving books, charging all electronic devices, recovery of items, and general sprucing up of the library. "I'd like to tell the students that we have a terrific staff up here, we will help students with anything and everything," Watkin said. "No question is insignificant or unimportant. All you have to do is come up to the front desk and ask for assistance. Librarians do

much more than just finding books. We are always here for students."

The library is open Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. More information about the library can be found online at <http://www2.parkland.edu/library>.

Parkland College celebrates Sustainability Day

PN Kaleb Schwaiger
Staff Writer

Wednesday, Oct. 29, 2014 was Sustainability Day here at Parkland. Different activities pertaining to the sustainability of Parkland's campus took place throughout the day. In the morning was the prairie restoration effort, followed by a tour of the new Student Union. Later was a presentation by Steven Rosenberg, Chief Executive Officer of Green Purpose, LLC, a local recycling company.

Hilary Valentine, a member of Parkland's Sustainable Campus Committee, was present throughout the whole event. Valentine has been a member of the board for several years now. She lamented about the seeming lack of interest in recycling around the nation as of late. She mentioned new recycling regulations and raised concerns over how feasible any new plans could be, given budget cuts.

Event days like Campus Sustainability Day do help spread the message to those who might otherwise be unaware of the college's recycling efforts.

"I want to keep seeing campus sustainability move forward at Parkland,"

Valentine said.

The first event of the day, Prairie Restoration, had students and volunteers cleaning up the prairie located on the eastern side of campus. There is typically a cleanup of the prairie during both the spring and fall semesters.

In addition to picking up trash, volunteers also removed any invasive species. Seeds were also collected, primarily from cone flowers and the grasses. These seeds were then shipped off to be used to start similar prairies elsewhere.

A tour of the new Student Union took place during lunch hours. Groups were shown all the ways in which the building is energy efficient. Next week usage meters will be installed, to more accurately quantify just how efficient this new building really is.

Near the end of the day, Parkland was given a presentation by local business owner Steven Rosenberg, creator of Green Purpose,



Photo by Andrew T. Kurtenbach/Prospectus News
Carmen Ratcliff is doing her part to try and keep the environment safe by using the recycle bins available around campus on Friday, Oct. 31, 2014.

LLC. His vision is to create extremely efficient recycling practices for all.

One environmental issue he discussed was how to recycle electronics.

"There is lots of confusion on what exactly can be recycled or not," Rosenberg said.

As for Parkland itself, there are several programs already in place. Currently, cardboard and white paper recycling are the college's focus. The waste/

recycling is taken once a week by ABC Recycling. Troy Burns, Manager of Buildings and Grounds, talked about the difficulty in getting students to actually recycle items. There are about 20 bins at Parkland that have separate containers for waste and recycling. They even have signs on top describing what type of waste goes where.

Burns explained that one of the biggest obstacles with an efficient recycling program is education.

Most students don't understand or care about the difference, as many of the recycling bags end up with food waste and other unrecyclable items.

Another barrier is simply funding. Burns recalled a time when he had a large amount of student workers in his office. Then, it was feasible to come up with better recycling programs, as they had the man power to make a difference.

Now, with all the budget cuts, the office has a sparse amount

of workers. There aren't enough resources to divert to making more recycling programs.

One of the issues he brought up was how much waste was produced involving food. An otherwise recyclable good might be covered with melted food or sauce residue that renders the entire item a waste product.

Burns also explained that, with the recent campus expansion, the college needs to purchase more waste/recycling bins. There are roughly 20 bins scattered throughout campus that were originally used to cover the X Wing alone.

Some of those receptacles are now being used in the cafeteria as well as other locations around the new Student Union building. Burns expressed hope for the future of recycling at Parkland.

"With the help of the Sustainability Committee, we are doing the best we can, we can always improve, and we will continue to do so," Burns said.

Students also play a big role in making Parkland College a sustainable facility and doing simple things, such as tossing their trash in the appropriate bin, would help out a lot.

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News

On Time Registration's first impressions

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Staff Writer

Fall semester is in full swing and many students have just passed the hurdle that is midterms. This is week 12 for those that started on Aug. 18, week nine for those that started on Sep. 8, and week four for those that started on Oct. 13.

Registration for spring semester started on Monday, Oct. 27, 2014. Any student that has less than 30 credit hours must see a counselor or advisor to be cleared. Once students are cleared they may register themselves or receive help from Student Life.

For those unaware, Parkland implemented a new registration policy at the beginning of the fall semester. This new policy is called On Time Registration or, as some staff members refer to it, OTR. The new policy dictates that students must be registered by the Tuesday before a class is set to start. Students must also have tuition paid in full, covered by financial aid, or have a payment plan set up. If they fail to do so they will be dropped from said class, and not allowed to re-register.

Enrollment was not at the beginning of the semester, but the decline was not as bad as predicted. Parkland actually had a better enrollment rate than many other state schools. According to Director of Accountability and Research, Kevin Knott, figures based on student retention after OTR was implemented are due to be released soon.

"We have run some preliminary data recently but have not yet released it. We're putting together a report for administration soon and we'll release information after they have viewed it," Knott stated.

Dean of Students Marietta Turner has played an active role in the registration process for a number of years. She meets with committees regularly to discuss enrollment and registration. It has been a collective effort to get On Time Registration up and running.

"These enrollment changes are to insure student success," Turner said. "Get in to see your advisor, get cleared and registered. Make sure you have payment to complete the

process."

Overall, On Time Registration has been well received around the college. According to Dean Turner, many more students are being retained in class. The On Time Registration team has committed to coordinating it for a whole year. Other colleges have even inquired on the new registration process. The success of the policy ultimately rests on good communication between students, faculty, and staff.

The implementation of On Time Registration has allowed for a wider range of start dates for classes. Parkland still has the traditional 16 week courses, along with an increase in 13 week and eight week late start courses.

"If you want 16 week courses you must start early. 16 week courses are like a walk, 13 week courses are like a jog, and the eight week courses are a full on sprint," Turner added. "Some students prefer the faster model but make sure you plan accordingly. Maximize financial aid to cut back on work hours. Don't forget part time is still a viable option."

Social Work Major Maggie Potter had some mixed feelings regarding the new policy. Potter has over 30 credit hours so she did not need to meet with an advisor but chose to anyway.

"[The policy] makes sense, it's better for the college," Potter stated. "It's better for the teachers and students too. The only drawback is for foreign students. If they can't make it because of travel issues they get dropped and can't re-register which isn't really fair. Otherwise it's not too bad. There's no point in waiting until the last minute to register anyway."

The jury is still out on exact numbers due to On Time Registration. The consensus among students, faculty, and staff seems to be good.

The majority believe the policy has good intentions and will increase student retention throughout the semester.

Parkland is being noticed by other institutions as a model of enrollment policies.

Students needing to meet with an advisor should visit room U267 or call 217-351-2219.

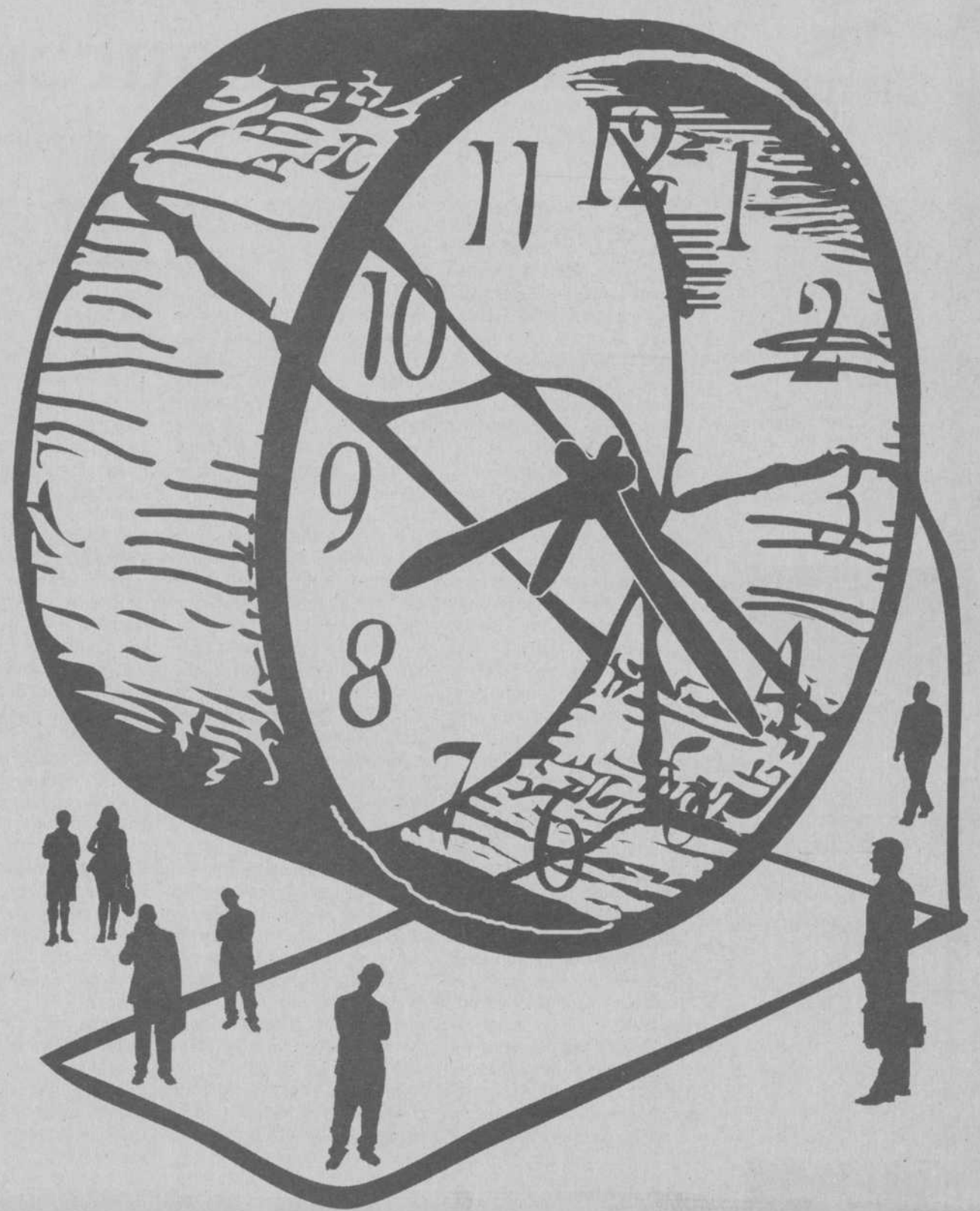
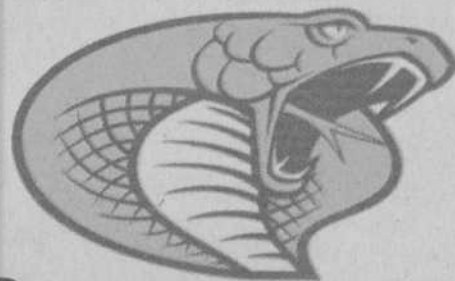


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The On Time Registration policy has encouraged students to register for their classes early, in hopes to decrease the amount of students that drop classes within the first few weeks.

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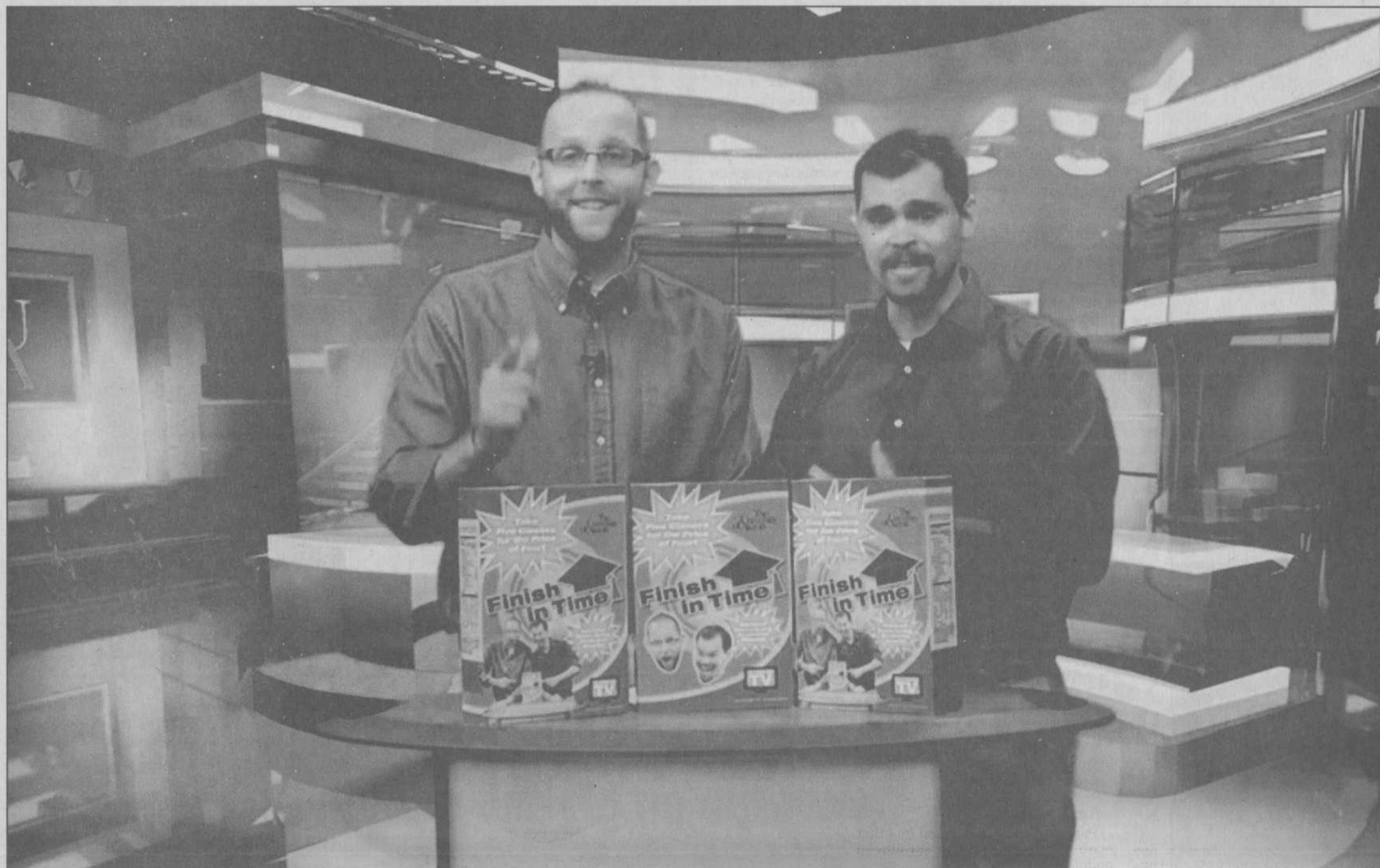


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University of Akron pitchmen Willy, left, and Chris renew their campaign to help students save money and graduate sooner with new, improved Finish in Time, now with faster-acting graduation results.

Rick Armon
Akron Beacon Journal

AKRON, Ohio — The University of Akron is joining the ranks of the Snuggie, OxiClean and Ronco Spray-on Hair.

Yes, UA has entered the fast-talking, quirky world of infomercials. And it's hoping funny videos urging students to graduate on time are just as effective as selling off-beat products.

So far, it is. The cheesy videos, being shared with students via email and crafted like low-budget infomercials, are part of the university's larger Finish In Time (F.I.T.) effort.

UA is urging students to take at least 15 credit hours each semester, noting that it's the same time as taking 12 and leads to on-time graduation. On top of that, students save money.

In the second UA video hitting campus recently, co-hosts Chris Stimler and William "Willy" Kollman

channel their best Billy Mays and Ron Popeil as they dance awkwardly, raise their voices and make goofy comments while drilling home the serious message about the benefits of graduating on time.

Or as the infomercial puts it: "You'll experience, over time, side effects such as..." says Kollman, UA's associate director of alumni relations.

"More cash in your pocket. Less college debt," interjects Stimler, assistant director of admissions.

"And a craving for an extremely large burrito," Kollman finishes as a large burrito wrapped in foil magically appears in front of them. "So join the masses and schedule your classes today."

They say all this while standing in front of what look like cereal boxes plastered with the F.I.T. brand and, of course, the phrase "As Seen on TV."

The infomercial lasts a mere 1 minute, 30 seconds. (You can watch both videos here: <http://tinyurl.com/nyajcn2> and <http://tinyurl.com/pljo5yr>.)

Chelsi King, a senior and president of the Undergraduate Student Government, praised the F.I.T. campaign.

"I'm ecstatic that they are pushing it," she said, adding that students should take at least 15 credit hours if they can handle it.

Wayne Hill, UA's associate vice president of marketing, said the university chose the infomercial approach hoping that it would connect better with students.

"It's a serious topic, but we wanted to do something to get the attention of the audience we were going to," he said. "We went for cheeky, not preachy."

There are obvious benefits for the university if the program succeeds because state funding now is linked to six-year graduation rates. It's also better for UA's academic reputation. UA has posted poor graduation rates in recent years, hovering around 40 percent or below.

The marketing campaign, which began last school year, includes posters and the videos playing on internal message boards. It's also backed by advisers who are recommending the same idea with students.

"We really pushed that heavily last (school) year," said Stacey Moore, UA associate vice president for student success. "We presented it at every new student orientation. We talked to all the parents. We showed them very specifically to the penny how much money they will save — both now and at the end. We show them exactly the lost salary potential."

It appears the approach is working. In first-time, full-time freshmen taking at least 15 credit hours this fall compared to the same period last school year.

Today, more than 50 percent of UA freshman are on track to graduate on time.

A survey released last year by

Complete College America, an Indianapolis nonprofit, concluded that 52 percent of full-time students nationwide were taking fewer than 15 hours, the standard that would lead to graduating in four years.

"The University of Akron is on track to be a national leader when it comes to increasing the number of students taking 15-plus credits a semester," said Blake Johnson, spokesman for Complete College America. "By the progress you're seeing in your first-time freshmen, you are taking big steps to change culture. Most of your freshman are on track to graduate on time. That's a big deal."

He added that universities and colleges in about 20 states have some sort of Finish In Time program.

But he said the humorous infomercial approach employed at UA is unusual.

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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.

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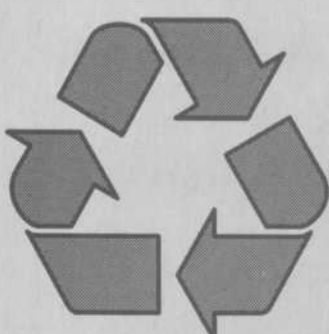
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World's wildlife threatened

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Between 1970 and 2010, the planet lost 52 percent of its wildlife, according to data collected by the World Wildlife Fund and the Zoological Society of London. That's an alarming statistic even while certain creatures like otters, wolves and buffalo make a comeback.

The Living Planet Report released last week is based on an index that measures 10,380 representative populations of mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians and fish. The report said the number of land and marine animals both plunged by 39 percent in less than half a century, while the worst loss occurred to freshwater animals at 76 percent.

Deforestation across every continent accounts for much of the decline in numbers of land animals such as elephants, gorillas and big cats that depend on lush forests for food and habitats in which to mate. The poaching of animals is another cause of this disaster.

Overfishing has devastated the number of marine animals faster than they can replenish themselves. Whales, sharks and dolphins are threatened as much as small fish, as fishing nets that are miles long drag indiscriminately across

the ocean floor. Freshwater fish are also in steep decline as dams and pollution that disrupt habitat take a toll.

Coral reefs are succumbing to diseases caused by industrial farm runoff that empties into oceans from damaged rivers. Oxygen-depleted zones hundreds of miles wide are popping up in the world's oceans. Consequently, bird populations decline as their feed stocks die off.

The report says that 1.5 Earths are needed to maintain humanity at the rate that it consumes resources for "food, fuel and fibre, the land we build on and the forests we need to absorb our carbon emissions." World leaders need to take seriously the WWF's call for international talks on sustainable development goals and actions, including on climate change, that will reduce the depletion of resources and the harm to Earth's wildlife.

Changing mankind's patterns of consumption, waste and pollution will not only transform economies arguably for the better, but it is also the only rational thing to do on a planet with a growing human population and finite natural resources.

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Coral reefs at risk

Unless they are protected soon, many of the Caribbean's coral reefs could vanish in the next 20 years, victims mainly of overfishing and disease.

US military refuses to be 'too late' on climate change

Anthony Zinni, Ronald Keys and Frank Bowman

McClatchy-Tribune News Service

More than a year before the United States formally entered World War II, Gen. Douglas MacArthur warned that "The history of failure in war can almost be summed up in two words: Too late. Too late in comprehending the deadly purpose of a potential enemy. Too late in realizing the mortal danger. Too late in preparedness. Too late in uniting all possible forces for resistance."

Today, as we pass another global heat record, we run the risk of being too late on climate change, endlessly debating causes at the expense of sensible actions.

Just as we have underestimated recent threats, such as the Islamic State and a revanchist Russia, we are in danger of underestimating those threats that follow a changing climate.

Indeed, the days of climate change as a future concern are over. The Department of Defense's recently released Climate Change Adaptation Roadmap notes that climate change "poses immediate risks to U.S. national security," the strongest language yet from the Pentagon.

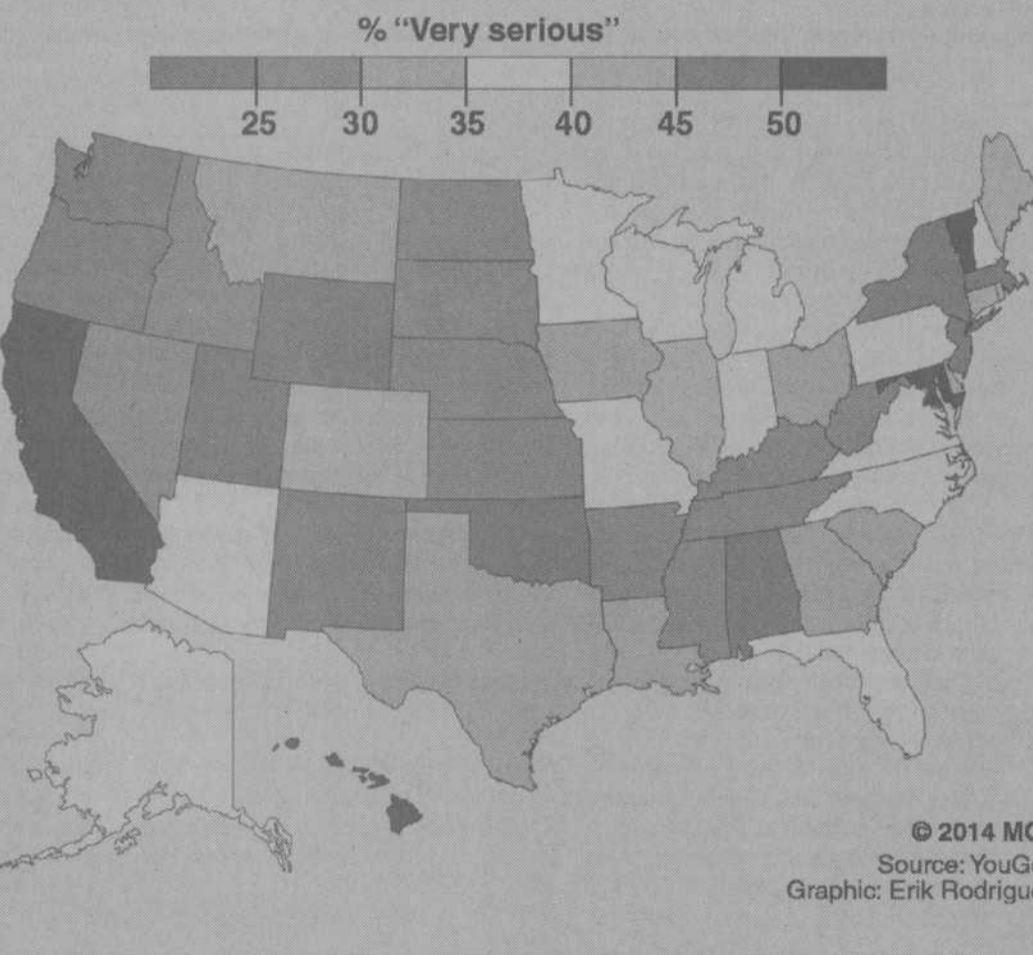
A 2012 report from the Center for Climate and Security found that rapidly declining winter precipitation in the Middle East and North Africa, driven by a changing climate, contributed to the displacement of more than 1.5 million people in Syria from 2006-2011.

These dynamics in the Middle East were forecast in a CNA Military Advisory Board report we contributed to back in 2007. In an update to that report released this year, we stressed that these impacts "are already accelerating instability in vulnerable areas of the world and are serving as catalysts for conflict."

This instability has real consequences for our national security. The Pentagon's 2014 Quadrennial Defense Review states that climate change may create "conditions that can enable terrorist activity and other forms of violence."

Concerns on global warming

A YouGov poll asked Americans how serious a problem they think global warming is.



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This is supported by a 2012 intelligence community assessment, which warned that climate change may exacerbate the conditions that make it easier for terrorist organizations to seize scarce water resources as a means of enhancing their power and influence — as the Islamic State did along the Tigris and Euphrates rivers, including the strategically essential Mosul Dam.

We should have seen it coming. Since 2003, defense and intelligence analysts have been telling us that climate change presents a threat to the United States, increasing the likelihood of instability, degrading military readiness, and harming our critical infrastructure.

The good news is that the Department of Defense refuses to be too late in both realizing the mortal danger and in preparedness.

The Pentagon's aforementioned CCAR, for example, demonstrates the military's increasing concern, noting that: "The impacts of climate change

may cause instability in other countries by impairing access to food and water, damaging infrastructure, spreading disease, uprooting and displacing large numbers of people, compelling mass migration, interrupting commercial activity or restricting electricity availability."

Moreover, the road map lays plans for tackling the threat as the military sees it (regardless of the cause), calling on the department to assess how increases in disaster relief will stress force availability, build the resilience of training and testing venues, and help partner nations adapt.

The U.S. military is also not alone among security establishments in recognizing the threat.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security identified climate change as a "strategically significant risk" to the United States in its 2014 Quadrennial Homeland Security Review and more than 70 percent of countries in the world call climate change a threat to their national

security.

As former military leaders that operated in a wide variety of unstable, climate-stressed environments, on land, on water and underwater, we know these are not hypothetical concerns.

That's why the Pentagon's recommendation that climate change considerations be integrated into guidance to Combatant Commanders is the kind of forward-leaning action we should expect across the U.S. government.

The bad news is that while the military refuses to be "too late" on climate change, short-sighted politics have prevented more robust action to reduce serious and costly risks.

After all, climate change poses threats to communities across the United States, including coastal zones, areas vulnerable to wildfires, agricultural regions hit by severe and frequent droughts, and the critical infrastructure that powers our economy.

As climate change continues unabated, we may find ourselves faced with cascading

disasters that are difficult to manage, particularly as our resources are stretched across domestic and international scenes.

Already, National Guard units are increasingly called upon to augment strained federal firefighting resources, while overseas, the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps receive requests for international humanitarian assistance and disaster relief every two weeks, on average.

Military leaders see a direct connection between addressing the effects of climate change and succeeding in its mission to protect the United States.

In short, the military gets it. But until our politicians get it too, we run the risk of fulfilling MacArthur's admonishment of being "too late."

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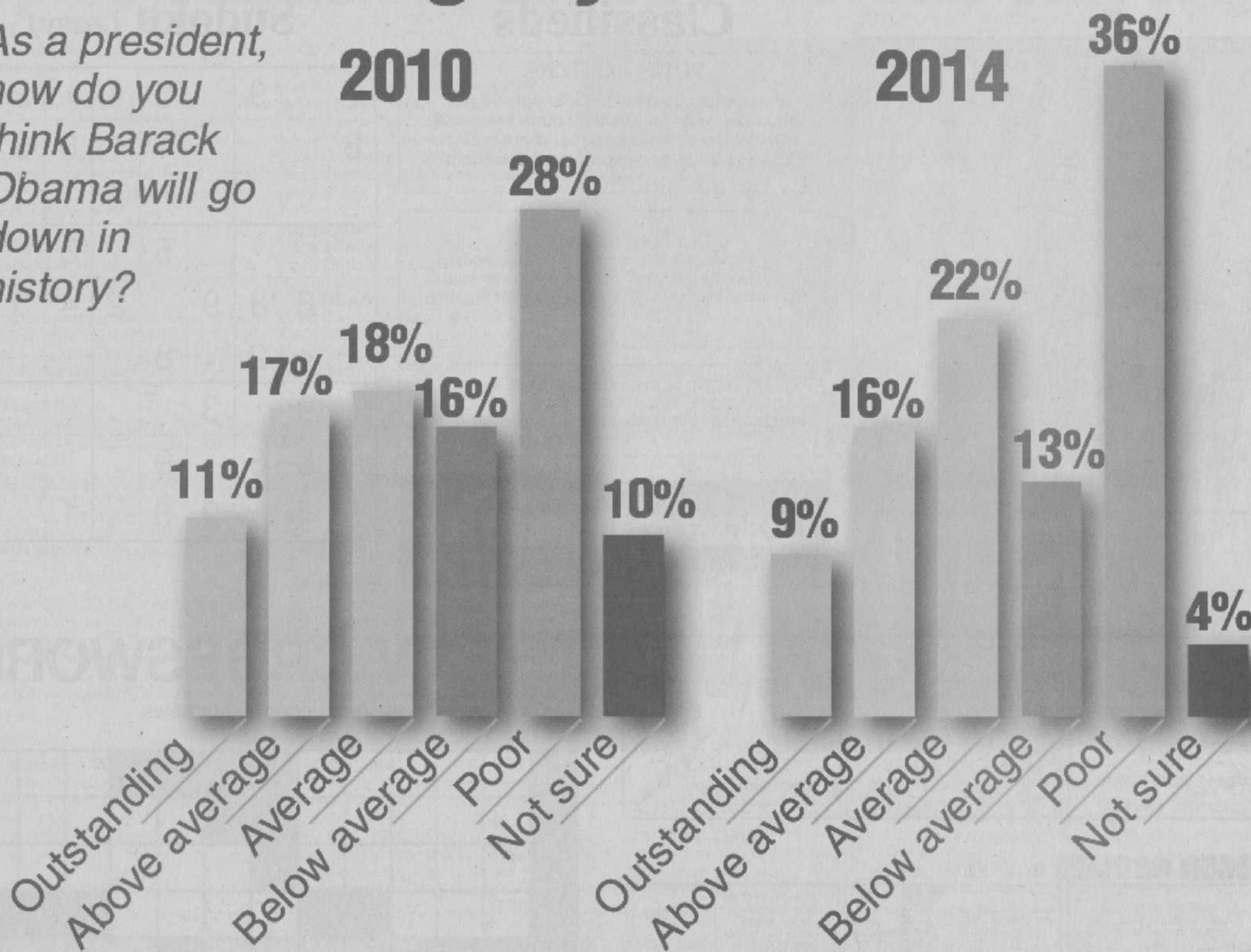
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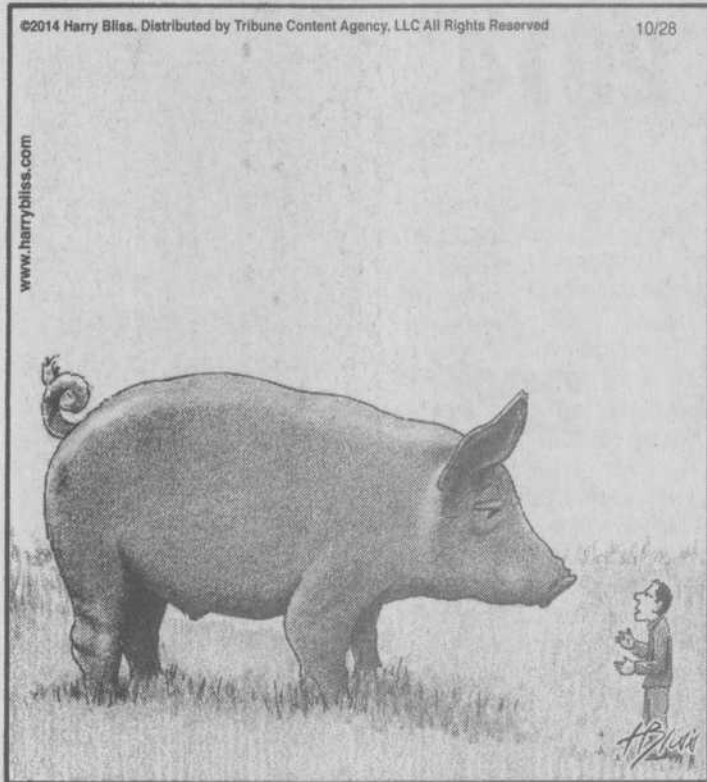
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Sudoku (easy)

7		9		3	4		2	5
8				1		6	3	
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	6	8	9		2	4	5	
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	9		3					
	8	6		9				3
5	4		2	6		1		7

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Best In Show

by Phil Juliano



THE TV CROSSWORD

by Jacqueline E. Mathews

1	2	3	4	5		6	7	8		
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Created by Jacqueline E. Mathews

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ACROSS

- Actor Clark ___
- "___ Vegas"
- To no ___; fruitlessly
- ___ 99; Barbara Feldon's role on "Get Smart"
- "Cagney & ___"
- Captain Hook, for one
- Bit of sooty residue
- "___ the Explorer"
- ___ up; relaxed
- "Cold ___"
- "The ___ King"; hit animated film
- "Brown ___ Girl"; song for Van Morrison
- Burnett and Channing
- Actress Robin ___
- Sharif or Epps
- Downey of "Touched by an Angel"
- Tim Daly's sister
- Family car
- Mary-Kate, to Ashley
- "Harper Valley ___"
- "Harry ___ and the Sorcerer's Stone"

- Late film critic Roger ___
- Zodiac sign
- Capital of Oregon
- "The Whole ___ Yards"; Bruce Willis movie
- Spreads for fancy crackers

DOWN

- Celebration
- Gardner and her namesakes
- "The ___"; reality dating series
- "___ to Me"; Tim Roth series
- Ron of "Sea Hunt"
- Actress Thompson
- "The Atom ___ Show"; cartoon show of old
- Sault ___ Marie
- "Up in the ___"; George Clooney movie
- Role on "The Mentalist"
- Pea casing
- Comfy room
- Be in poor health
- Distress signal
- Certain vote
- Title for Feinstein & Hatch: abbr.
- Begley and Bradley
- Rollaway bed
- Actress Brenneman
- Gallop
- "___ Bless America"
- "___ Celebrity...Get Me Out of Here!"
- "The ___ & Stimpj Show"
- Title for Alec Guinness
- Jazz guitarist ___ Montgomery
- "One ___ Hill"
- Machines that give \$20 bills, for short
- Emcee Sajak
- Miner's discovery
- "The Adventures of Rin Tin ___"
- Sixth sense, for short
- Sheep's cry

Solution to Last Week's Puzzle

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Sports

Top 10 teams for college football playoffs

Matt Murschel
Orlando Sentinel

The path to the College Football Playoff is a winding road and there are still twists and turns that need to be maneuvered before we find out who will make the final four.

Take a closer look at the 10 teams in the playoff picture and the potential obstacles they face the rest of this season:

MISSISSIPPI STATE

Rest of schedule: vs. UT Martin (Nov. 8); at Alabama (Nov. 15); vs. Vanderbilt (Nov. 22); at Ole Miss (Nov. 29)

The Buzz: Mississippi State's needs to win tough games on road, with key matchups versus Alabama and Ole Miss loom. Win the SEC and you're a shoe-in for the final four.

FLORIDA STATE

Rest of schedule: vs. Virginia (Nov. 8); at Miami (Nov. 15); vs. Boston College (Nov. 22); vs. Florida (Nov. 29)

The Buzz: The knock on Florida State has been its schedule and with no truly marquee games remaining, the 'Noles have to remain undefeated and hope winning the ACC is enough to impress the selection committee.

AUBURN

Rest of schedule: vs. Texas A&M (Nov. 8); at Georgia (Nov. 15); vs. Samford (Nov. 22); at Alabama (Nov. 29)

The Buzz: Auburn's resume is good enough to keep it in the playoff mix, but any hope of making the final four hinges on beating Alabama in Tuscaloosa.

OREGON

Rest of schedule: at Utah (Nov. 8); vs. Colorado (Nov. 22); at Oregon State (Nov. 29)

The Buzz: The Ducks maybe the best one-loss team in the country, but they'll have to hope a Pac-12 title will carry enough weight with the selection committee.

TCU

Rest of schedule: vs. Kansas State (Nov. 8); at Kansas (Nov. 15); at Texas (Nov. 27); vs. Iowa State (Dec. 6)

The Buzz: The Horned Frogs need to beat Kansas State and then hope the Wildcats can topple Baylor, giving TCU a clear path to the Big 12 title and potentially a playoff spot.

ALABAMA

Rest of schedule: at LSU (Nov. 8); vs. No. 1 Mississippi State (Nov. 15); vs. West Carolina (Nov. 22); vs. Auburn (Nov. 29)

The Buzz: You should never count out Nick Saban, but Alabama has the toughest path to the final four. If 'Bama wins out in the brutal SEC West, they'll lock in a playoff spot.

MICHIGAN STATE

Rest of schedule: vs. Ohio State (Nov. 8); at Maryland (Nov. 15); vs. Rutgers (Nov. 22); at Penn State (Nov. 29)

The Buzz: The Big Ten shot at earning a playoff spot rests on the shoulders of Sparty. Michigan State needs to beat Ohio State, win the conference title and pray for some help.

KANSAS STATE

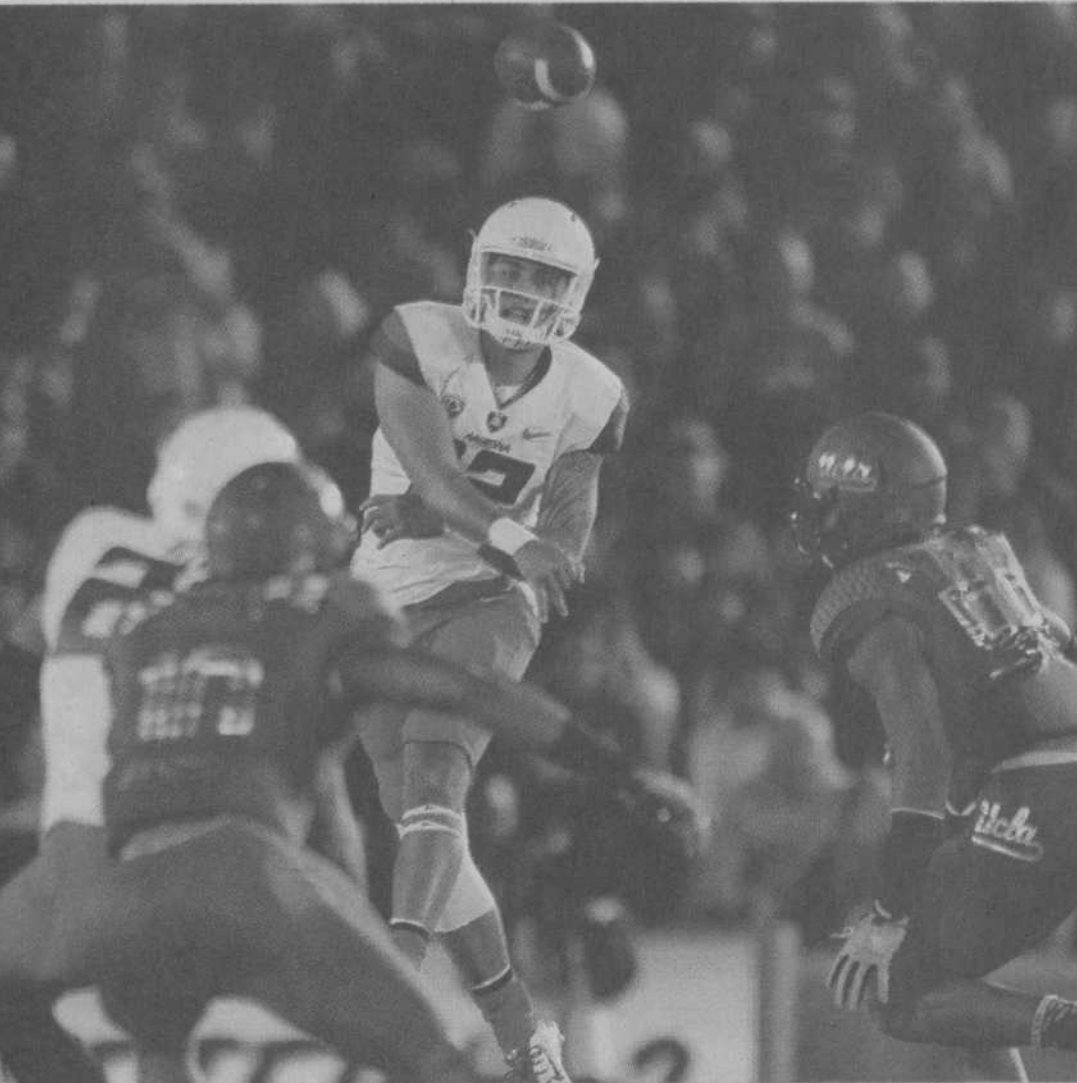
Rest of schedule: at TCU (Nov. 8); at West Virginia (Nov. 20); vs. Kansas (Nov. 29); at Baylor (Dec. 6)

The Buzz: Unlike TCU, Kansas State may have enough on its plate to present the selection committee with an interesting choice — especially if the Wildcats win the Big 12 by beating TCU and Baylor.

NOTRE DAME

Rest of schedule: at Arizona State (Nov. 8); vs. Northwestern (Nov. 15); vs. Louisville (Nov. 22); at USC (Nov. 29)

The Buzz: Notre Dame is on the outside looking in of the playoff talk, checking in miles away from the top four at No. 10 in the first round of rankings. The Fighting Irish need to



Arizona quarterback Anu Solomon delivers a pass during a first-quarter drive against UCLA at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, Calif., on Saturday, Nov. 1, 2014.

win out and hope it's enough to impress the selection committee.

ARIZONA STATE

Rest of schedule: vs. Notre Dame (Nov. 8); at Oregon State (Nov. 15); vs. Washington State (Nov. 22); at Arizona (Nov. 28)

The Buzz: Arizona State is my dark horse to get into the playoff. The Sun Devils may have enough quality opponents left on the schedule and a possible Pac-12 title to help push them into final four.

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Entertainment

The alternative voice of 88.7 WPCD



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Freshman Communications major Katie Swindle takes a call from a WPCD listener on Friday, Oct. 31, 2014. Upon completing her classes at Parkland, she hopes to further her studies at the University of Alabama.

Aron Ammann
Staff Writer

From sponsoring shows and festivals throughout out Champaign-Urbana to providing the soundtrack for many events at Parkland WPCD is in the public eye, but still remains unknown to many Parkland students.

WPCD is a non-commercial radio station and in turn underwriting and donor announcements on 88.7 are given to acknowledge or to publicize those businesses and individuals who support the broadcasting program.

Giveaways for local and national bands and comedians, as well as gift cards to local shops and eateries that underwrite or sponsor WPCD are given away on air by the student DJ's, giving them a chance to interact with their listeners.

Producer Jason Hayes has worked at WPCD since 2010. Hayes was

a student in Com 142 Introduction to Radio Production when he was plucked from class to get paid to produce spots on air. As producer, Hayes programs the music, produces and voices many of the spots for WPCD sponsors, jumps on air when needed and has emceed numerous shows, as a public face of WPCD including battle of the bands. Hayes loves the freedom of working at WPCD, and mentioned a format tweak that has begun to take place at the station.

"I love that we are changing things up with the station and getting positive feedback from listeners about it," Hayes said.

According to WPCD Radio Director Deane Geiken, the station hit the airwaves on January 28 1978 and will have its 40th birthday in 2018.

Geiken himself was a student DJ at WPCD in the 80's, a time when actual

vinyl records had to be spun to get the music on air. "I was a student and now I'm back where I started my career," Geiken said.

According to Geiken WPCD has had various types of formats including top 40 hits, straight forward rock, country, hip hop, rap and heavy metal.

"It was whatever the students wanted to play and that gave the station a schizophrenic vibe," Geiken stated. All of these changes have led to WPCD's indie alternative sound that is now being sprinkled with classic alternative artists like Nirvana and Soundgarden who paved the way for the artists on the air today.

"First and foremost WPCD is a learning lab for the students, our success is not based on how well we do outside of Parkland. Our success is based on giving students the best real life radio experience they can have," Geiken said.

"We've got a really great crop of 141 Basic broadcast announcing and 142 radio production students on the air right now. I think the station in terms of radio personalities sounds better than it has in years," he said and Geiken credits Adam Porter instructor for the Com 141 and Com 142 classes on building up his students and setting high expectations and that has become a winning combination.

Geiken hopes to open the doors so that we can be a voice for Parkland College, noting that student groups and departments on campus can use WPCD to advertise their activities and events. Something Geiken and everyone involved with WPCD hopes will get the word out to Parkland students that there is a radio station on campus and it's something students should be proud of.

"Our weakest area for listeners is actually Parkland Students" Geiken

explained. "We are playing the same stuff they are listening to, just not on demand, but once people find us, they usually stick with us," Geiken added.

Student DJ's Chad Myler and Anthony Thomas want their fellow students to be proud of the station as well. "It's something really cool that we have here, and even if you aren't affiliated with the station as a student at Parkland this is your voice so call a request a song, call and win a prize, support your fellow students as they learn on air," Myler said.

Thomas added that it's just a cool experience to be on the radio. "It's not something everyone can say, you know? I've had my own radio show for over a year, how cool is that?" Thomas said.

For more information visit www.wpcd.parkland.edu or find WPCD on Facebook or follow them on twitter @887wpcd.

Movie picks

- ★ Outstanding
- Worthy effort
- ▼ So-so
- A bomb

McClatchy-Tribune
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R	Gone Girl	■	■	■	■
PG 13	St. Vincent	■	■	■	■
R	Fury	■	▼	▼	■
R	Birdman	★	■	★	★
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Top tracks

- 1 **Shake It Off**
Taylor Swift
- 2 **Blank Space**
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- 3 **All About That Bass**
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3/4 cup
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