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## Campus Tech to tackle bandwidth issue

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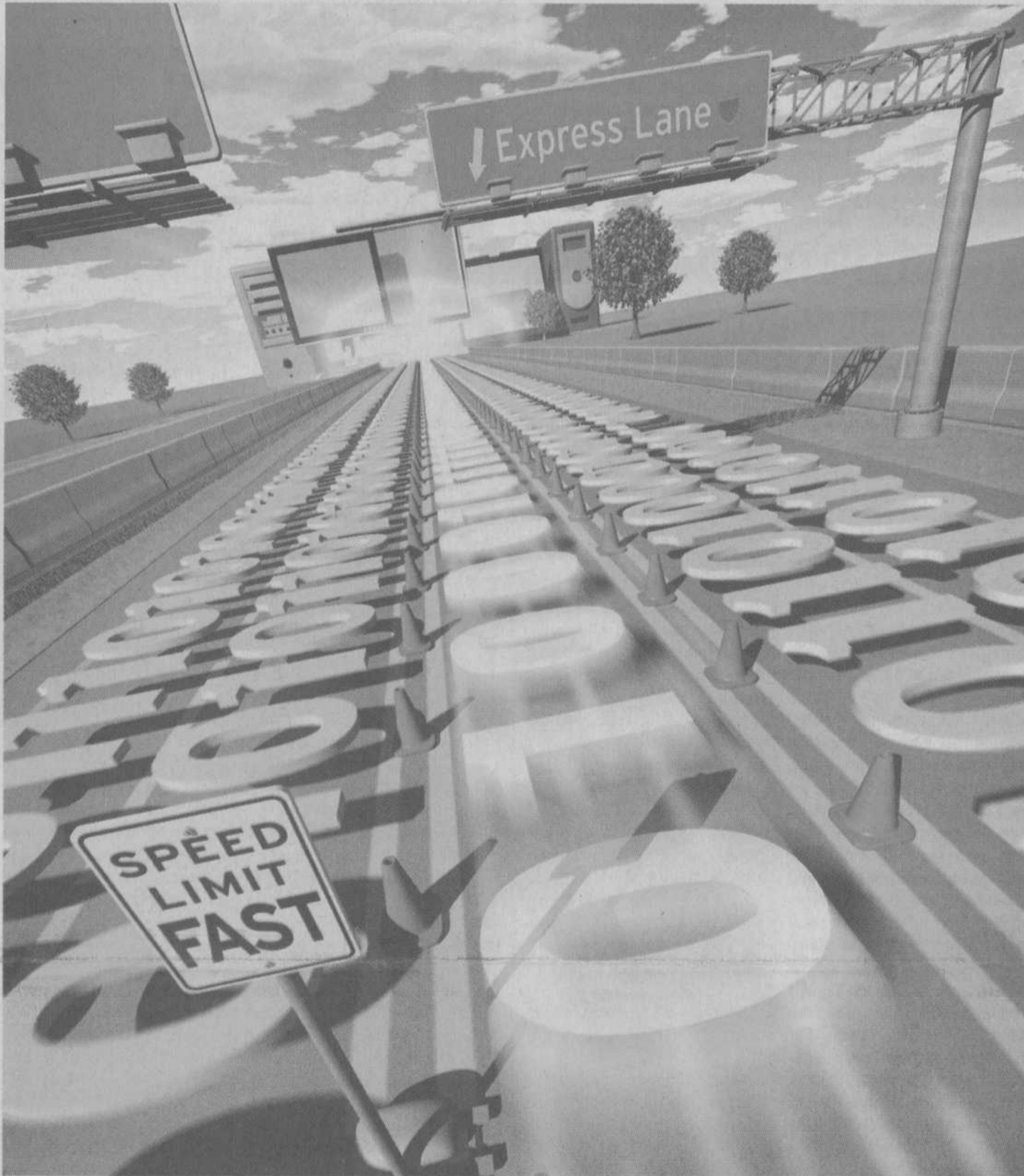
Teachers and students alike both know the pains of a slow Internet connection. Important documents that failed to download, YouTube videos that never play, and Angel quizzes lost to network issues. We've all experienced the hardship of a campus wide network that has continuously grown and unfortunately, it won't stop anytime soon.

"It's the placement of the routers, they're behind huge thick walls and steel girders," said one student who wished to be referred to as Zach. "I've given up on trying to connect to the Internet with my Blackberry," he said as he threw his phone on the table.

In our current tech-oriented society, more and more devices are being made that can access the Internet, stream video, view photos and download apps, all of which have proved to be a nightmare for bandwidth. Not to mention the increase in student population at Parkland and the fact that more and more of those students are bringing their laptops and gadgets to campus. In addition, there are a plethora of videos, complex advertisements and loads of other content added on to many sites not just every day, but multiple times a day, blocking any hope of seeing the light of day for poor old bandwidth.

What is bandwidth you may ask? In networking, bandwidth represents the overall capacity of the connection. The greater the capacity, the more likely that better performance will result. Fortunately, Campus Tech is taking on the bandwidth issue once again.

At this time, Parkland has a bandwidth capacity of 45-50mb. That capacity has already



We've all experienced the hardship of a campus wide network that has continuously grown, causing many problems for both teachers and students. However, Campus Tech have started work on increasing the bandwidth at Parkland to around 100mb, nearly twice the size of the current bandwidth, and hope to have it all in effect by the end of the week. The increase is believed to aid in slow video load times and connection issues.

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been increased multiple times, but with so many computers, devices and users, the bandwidth "will continuously grow and it just keeps skyrocketing," said Doug Brooks, Associate Director Network Support Services. "That makes it very hard for us to keep up with it on campus." The difficulties have been a real headache for network users campus-wide.

"It's not like anyone is torrenting or playing WOW to use up all the ports," said Zach. "I'm just glad they are doing something soon."

Another student didn't think the problem was very noticeable. "I guess I have trouble sometimes, but I think (the bandwidth increase) should help," said the student.

Yi Luan, a chemistry teacher, said he didn't notice any problem with the connection. "I show YouTube videos in my class every Friday and have no trouble at all. But, I know that some people in my department have had trouble," he said.

Luckily there is a temporary fix to this big issue and Brooks believes it should help. Brooks and other network specialists will work on increasing the bandwidth at Parkland to around 100mb, nearly twice the size of the current bandwidth, and hope to have it all in effect by the end of the week.

"Our first priority in increasing the bandwidth is for instructional purposes. Our second priority is for the less important things such as social networking and YouTube videos," said Brooks. Brooks believes that the increase should last around ten years before further action would need to take place.

"I'm happy they are making improvements. I've had a little trouble with YouTube videos, but nothing else," said Mass Communications teacher

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## Snow Day Woes: What to do when mother nature forbids going out

Janelle O'DEA  
Staff Writer

It's that time of year, yes, the time for hats, gloves, and scarves, the time to be extra nice to your friend with a tow truck, and the time to get creative. Being stuck inside all day doesn't mean you have to be bored. It isn't hard to find something fun and interesting to occupy your time. Here is a list of ten ideas to help add some excitement to your day.

### 1. Expand your horizons

Sure, this sounds extremely cliché, but it doesn't have to be. Tune into a radio station you normally don't listen to. Find a movie that looks intriguing or watch one that you've wanted to watch forever, but have never found the time. Read a book (or, at least part of one) that looks horribly boring to you. Read a newspaper or magazine that has opposing viewpoints. Try cooking up a new recipe that you've never tried before. Watch a T.V. program you always glaze over when surfing the channels. (CSPAN, anyone?) These only begin the long list of horizon-expanding activities one can do.

### 2. Work out

Of course, winter is a famous time for shutting down people's exercise routines. Don't let it be! If anything, a snow day is a fantastic day to get off of the



Phil Theobald takes a walk through a Lexington, Kentucky park no matter what the weather conditions are. People wanting to keep their exercise routine going through winter's chill can move indoors or wear warm layers that can be taken off as the body heats up.

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couch and work your body. The best indoors work out? Especially if you happen to have an empty house? Crank up that music and dance your life away. It's a great cardio work out, not to mention a fantastic stress reliever. If you don't feel better after a session of dancing, you'll certainly feel better after you try this next tip.

### 3. Take a nap

This seems like a very obvious idea, but for many Type-A

personalities, it's the last thing on their list of things to do. It's blustery and nasty outside, and you're snuggled into your blankets so deep, nothing will get you up. If it's a true snow day and you really can't make it to work or school, nothing will get you out of bed and you can stay there all day if you like, a rarity for most Americans in this day in age. Taking a nap on a snowy, grey day is possibly the best treat you can give yourself.

### 4. Clean the place

Whether it's yours, your mom's, your dad's, your boyfriend's, your girlfriend's, or wherever you are staying, it could probably use some cleaning. Even if you just pick up and clean in one room, it's probably going to make you or the owner very happy. This could, in the end, turn out better for you. Can anyone say free dinner?

### 5. Learn a new skill/craft

This, to many, seems too challenging for a snow day. It can, or it can't be. Pick something that's interesting to you, or something that you've always wanted to do. There's a WikiHow for nearly everything, these days. Always wanted to learn to play the guitar? Play the accordion? Learn to knit? Learn about the solar system? Carve figures out of soap? Become a better photographer? Write a book?

You name it, and then start it! Nobody's stopping you, except for yourself.

### 6. Start a blog

No, this doesn't mean spending all day continuously updating your Facebook status every five minutes. Pull a real Zuckerberg move and start your own blog, about whatever you fancy. You could write about your ex-girlfriend, like Zuckerberg did (though, remember, that came back to haunt him), or you could write about how you spent your day learning how to carve figures out of soap. A blog is a great way to express yourself and maybe even get yourself some exposure.

### 7. Call a family member/old friend

This also seems like a very obvious tip, but we all know there are family members we have meant to talk to or call, but just haven't found the time. And I know all of you fellow college students have told friends "we'll hang out soon," and never found the time for that, either. You can call the friend or family member and see how their life is going, and maybe even make plans to see each other when the weather gets better.

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# CHUCK SHEPHERD'S NEWS OF THE WEIRD

## Human Pandora Pt. 3: Arcade Fire

Lead Story

**Belt-Tightening Greeks:** In October, Greece's largest health insurance provider announced, in a letter to a diabetes foundation, that it would no longer pay for the special footwear that diabetics need for reducing pain but suggested it would pay instead for amputation, which is less expensive. The decision, which the foundation said is not supported by the international scientific literature, was published in the prominent Athens newspaper To Vima (The Tribune) and reported by the U.S. news site DailyCaller.com.

**The Entrepreneurial Spirit**

Spotted outside subway stations in Nanjing, China, in October: vending machines selling live Shanghai Hairy Crabs, in plastic containers chilled to 5 degrees C (41 degrees F), for the equivalent of \$1.50 to \$7, depending on size.

**Surgery That Can't Possibly Be True**

Janis Ollson, 31, of Balmoral, Manitoba, is recovering nicely after being almost completely sawed in half in 2007 by Mayo Clinic surgeons, who concluded that they could remove her bone cancer no other way. In experimental surgery that had been tried only on cadavers, doctors split her pelvis in half, removed the left half, her left leg and her lower spine (and the tumor) in a 20-hour, 12-specialist procedure. The real trick, though, was the eight-hour, 240-staple reconstruction in which her remaining leg was reconnected to her spine with pins and screws, leaving her in an arrangement doctors likened to a "pogo stick." A September Winnipeg Free Press story noted that, except for the missing leg, she is enjoying a normal life with her husband and two kids and enjoys snowmobiling.

Kyle Johnson shattered his skull so badly in a high-speed longboard accident in June that ordinary "decompressive craniectomy" (temporarily removing half of the skull to relieve pressure) would be inadequate. Instead, doctors at McKay-Dee Hospital in Ogden, Utah, removed both halves, leaving only a thin strip of bone (after placing Johnson in a drug-induced coma) and kept the skull frozen to prevent brittleness. After the swelling subsided, they reattached the skull to his head and woke him up gradually over a week's time. Johnson admits some memory problems and cognitive dysfunction, most notably his inability to focus on more than one concept at a time — even when they are part of the same scene, such as two crayons on

a table. Johnson said he probably won't go back to the longboard but, curiously like Janis Ollson, looks forward to snowmobiling.

**Cutting-Edge Science**

Two University of Sydney researchers reported recently that the food-acquisition "strategy" of the brainless, single-cell slime mold appeared to resemble one of the strategies familiar to us so-called brain-containing humans, specifically, making a selection only after comparing it to readily available alternatives. Furthermore, Japanese researchers who mapped the slime mold's search for food found that its nuclei are arranged in a pattern that is seemingly just as logically helpful in food procurement as the service arrangements are in Tokyo's acclaimed railway system. (In October, the Japanese researchers were awarded a satirical "Ig Nobel" prize by the Annals of Improbable Research.)

In research results announced in June, a team led by a University of Oklahoma professor, studying Mexican molly fish, discovered that females evaluate potential mates on sight, based on the prominence of the moustache-like growths on males' upper lips. More controversially, the researchers hypothesized that males further enhance their mating prowess by employing the "moustache" to tickle females' genitals. (Catfish have similar "whiskers" and perhaps use them for similar purposes, said the researchers.)

**Leading Economic Indicators**

In September, Russia's finance minister publicly urged citizens to step up their smoking and drinking, in that the government's new "sin" taxes mean more revenue: "If you smoke a pack of cigarettes," he said, "that means you are giving more to help solve social problems." (Alcohol abuse is already said to kill 500,000 Russians a year and to significantly lower life expectancy.)

Executive Brigitte Stevens announced in September that her perpetually underappreciated advocacy institution, Wombat Awareness Organization, had just been pledged \$8 million by a single donor. According to Stevens, the \$1 million annually she will receive in each of the next eight years is about 13 times the previous annual budget for the Mannum, South Australia, organization. The U.S. donor, who demanded anonymity, became interested in 2008 when, on an onsite visit, he was enthralled with "southern hairy-nosed" wombats.

**Patrick WOOD**  
 Music Columnist

This week will mark the end of the three-part series entitled "Human Pandora." Just to refresh everyone on what this is, for the last few weeks I've

and keyboard. All eight members of band can and switch instruments how to play each and every single one.

In 2004, Arcade Fire released their debut album, *The Funeral* and received crit-

ically true. Don't get me wrong, Arcade Fire is super-unique, but there is one band out there that sounds a lot like them, and that band is The Kissaway Trail.

The Kissaway Trail formed in Odense, Denmark and



Photo by Gabriel Jones

used my basic knowledge of music to offer indie and alternative enthusiasts a new spin on some of their favorite bands and artists (Band of Horses, Death Cab for Cutie). And the last band that Human Pandora will tackle? Arcade Fire.

**BAND/ARTIST:** Arcade Fire  
 Canada has given the world many fine things: Pamela Anderson, Scotty from Star Trek, the Stanley Cup, a ton of top-notch hockey players, an almost disturbing amount of figure skaters, Canadian bacon, and of course, the band Arcade Fire.

The Montreal band was formed by the husband-wife twosome Win Butler and Régine Chassagne in 2003 and has been on the rise ever since. Their music is a melodic combination of over a dozen conventional and non-conventional alternative music instruments including, but not limited to, the cello, violin, French horn, mandolin, harp, hurdy-gurdy,

ical acclaim for what I call an amazing piece of musical artwork. It started showing up on top ten sections of most music charts and had several hit singles including "Wake Up" and "Rebellion (Lies)."

The band's second album, *Neon Bible*, which was actually recorded in an old church purchased by the Arcade Fire, received just as many positive reviews, if not more. The single "Keep the Car Running" plays in regular rotation on thousands of radio stations and hundreds of thousands of iPods and MP3 players every day. And by the time the much anticipated *Suburbs* was released earlier this year, Arcade Fire had become a household name in indie and alternative music.

Now like Band of Horses and Death Cab for Cutie, I have been a fan of Arcade Fire since I first heard their music, and after over five years of listening, I thought they were a purely unique sound. That isn't

although they have gone relatively unnoticed in the U.S., across the ocean in Europe and Japan, they have a strong following. This is a band that has yet to go "big" though. This year they released *Sleep Mountain* which includes tracks like "Don't Wake Up" and "New Lipstick" which have the Arcade Fire sound, but more upbeat lyrics. Basically, if you enjoy Arcade Fire, you'll enjoy The Kissaway Trail.

Hopefully you've gotten something out of this series of articles, whether it's a new favorite band, or the rediscovery of an old beloved one. Just remember, if you like a band's music, keep a keen ear out for similar sounds and you may even find a new band for your listening pleasure.



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# World of Science lectures peak the interest of many

**Kassandra COAN**  
Staff Writer

Over 40 people gathered at Staerkel Planetarium last Friday night, and it wasn't just to relax in the comfy reclined chairs. They were attending the second lecture of the ongoing series, *World of Science*. Many adults from the Urbana-Champaign community accompanied Parkland students in the audience. Attending students were from various majors, such as business, science, and history. The first Friday of every month features an original lecture each with a different speaker.

Last Friday, Beverly Seyler spoke about Oil Production in Illinois and how it is different from oil in the gulf. Being the former head of the Oil and Gas Division at the Illinois State Geological Survey, Seyler has much experience in oil research. Presenting the audience with a colorful presentation, she brought many interesting facts to light. There are approximately 95,000 oil wells in Illinois. Seyler mentioned the different types of oil and how drilling the various types not only has effects on the amount of revenue produced, but also has various effects on the environment.

Many viewers of the presentation commented on how they learned about events currently happening. They were able to make connections with sights they see around home and during their daily travels. During the question and answer session, many points were brought up that could better our future, such as new applications for shallow rock that is passed up in the search for deeper rock.

The next *World of Science* lecture will feature astronomer James Kayler. Kayler has spoken previously at Parkland and is well known across the community, selling out show after show. According to view-

ers of this month's show, next time around is expected to be no different. Kayler will be using the dome movie screen to demonstrate mysterious objects in the universe to his audience.

A student majoring in kinesiology has attended the lectures for the past few years. "I come here with my dad. It's a great way to spend time together and gives us something to talk about." Parkland student, Andrew Heiser, had just learned about the lectures. "I'm not a science major, but these lectures definitely seem interesting," said Heiser. "The topics are versatile, and appli-

cable to many areas of study."

Other future shows include a discussion on the Periodic Table of Elements, the cow genome, and an invasive insect species, the emerald ash borer.

David Leake, Director and Event Coordinator of the Planetarium, was able to provide some very useful information for those who might be interested in attending upcoming lectures. Admission is only \$1 for Parkland students. Everybody, including non students, is welcome to attend. While all ages are welcome, the event is an educational lecture, and is intended for adults and children at least in middle school.

Topics are not all astronomy related, and because there is no formal guideline that must be followed, each lecture is enlaced with the speaker's unique personality and style. Each lecture is followed by a question and answer session, totaling 1 hour. Some professors, when asked, are willing to give extra credit for attendance to the lectures. Whether you are in need of a better grade or you simply want to explore the wide world of science, the *World of Science* lectures are sure to amaze.

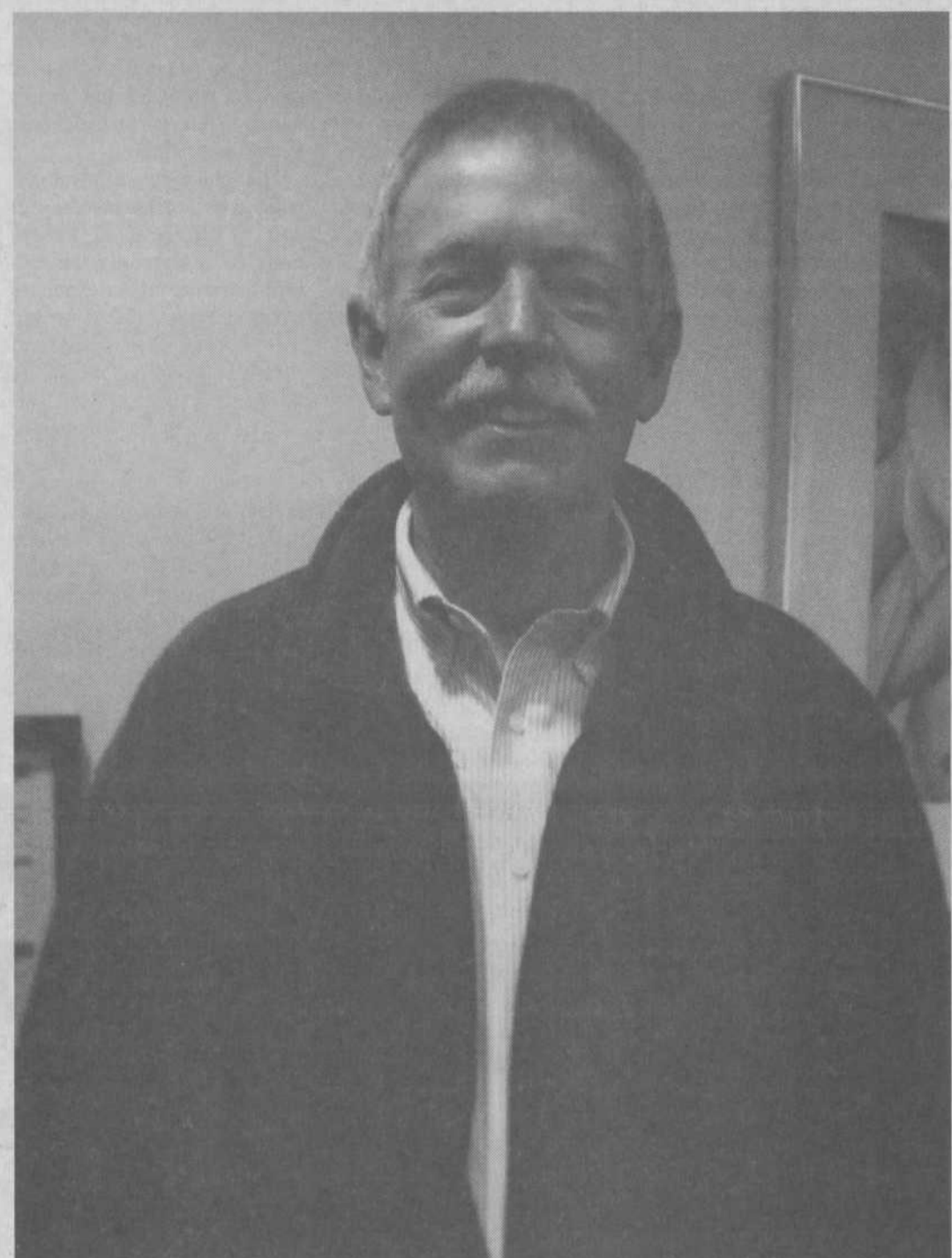
# Lenville Stelle: A Rare Find at Parkland College

**Jake GODIN**  
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Are you taking any social science classes right now? Maybe you're in Intro to Cultural Anthropology, learning about the ways of old societies. Or perhaps it's Archeology, where you're preparing yourself for a future of digging up and exploring ancient relics. Either way, if you're in or have taken any social science classes at Parkland College in the last 38 years, then chances are that you've had the interesting experience of having Lenville J. Stelle as a professor.

With short, white hair and a mustache that would put Ron Burgundy to shame, this Professor of Anthropology has quite a goofy side to him. He's open to the idea of cracking a few jokes during class, sometimes testing that thin line of what's appropriate and what's not, and talks to the class as if he and they were old chums. He loves to teach and has been doing so since he was hired at Parkland, back before the building was even where it is now. With retirement being only about a semester and a half away, this article will take a look at a condensed history and some of the accomplishments that are important to this professor.

Stelle started his first semester in 1972, when Parkland was still located in its former downtown location. He recalled that when Parkland moved to where it is now, rooms were still being painted and some parts didn't even have carpet. There are not a whole lot of teachers who are left at Parkland who can claim that. He was hired in to teach sociology, but after three years of doing that, quickly became bored with it. With a strong background in anthropology, Stelle decided to teach that class himself and gradually created multiple classes



*Len Stelle was first hired in to teach sociology, but with a strong background in anthropology, Stelle decided to teach in that area. Eventually he became the President of the State Professional Society of Archeologists in Illinois. Now, his semi-retired state is coming to an end and soon he'll have his final day at Parkland.*

Photo by Jessy Wilson/Prospectus

throughout the years. Intro to Cultural Anthropology, Intro to Physical Anthropology, and Intro Archeology are just a few that he originally started. Stelle's true interest was Archeology though, and he spent a year working at the

U of I as a visiting scholar in order to work on his credentials. Eventually he became the President of the State Professional Society of Archeologists in Illinois, which at the time had quite a difficult process for admission, and enjoyed that

for a long time before eventually stepping down recently.

When Stelle had to recall his accomplishments over the course of his career here at Parkland, he noted that there are lots of different ways to measure accomplishments.

One way, he said, was in terms of the success of his students. He was happy to say that a lot of students have gone onto professional degrees in what it was that they studied here at Parkland.

One such student could be Laura Jamison, who was a reentry student taught by Stelle. She graduated Parkland, went through the U of I, and eventually became the Director of Sociology at Parkland after serving as a department chair for five years. He is also proud of the fact that students who were in his archeological programs took part in some really fun projects with him, and a few of which have been published. Having an archeological project published can also be considered a measure of professional success to Stelle. Along with published work, he also believes that becoming the President of the State Professional Society of Archeologists is something to note as well.

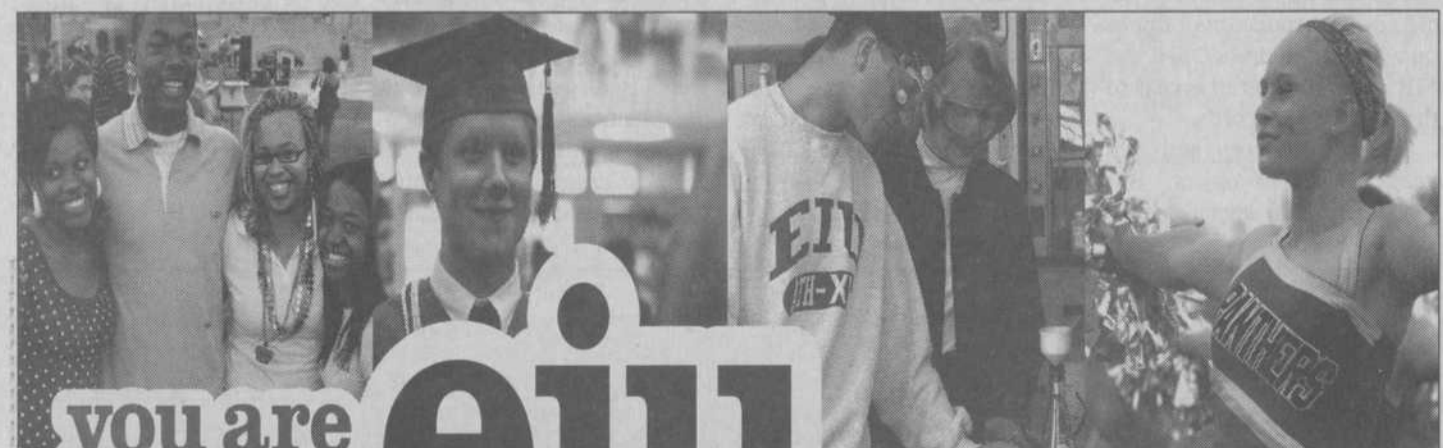
Another way to measure success, said Stelle, was in the ways that he's gained the support of the college, specifically when it came helping the Archeology department.

He noted that, throughout his entire career here, the college was always very supportive when he presented them with a request or new idea. He is very grateful and considers himself blessed in that regard. The college also allowed Stelle a sabbatical on two different occasions. A sabbatical, for those who do not know, is when someone takes time off of their job for an extended time (in this case an entire semester) to work on a book or large project. Stelle took his first sabbatical and wrote up an eighty page report that he then presented to the board. They enjoyed it enough to listen in for thirty five minutes over the original ten minute time limit. He considers this a major success and

went on to explain that, for his second successful sabbatical, he studied the Fox Fort site up by Saybrook. This is one of the most historic locations in Illinois, and Stelle had to travel to Paris to search their libraries for ancient texts that described the French and Native American battle that took place there. That adventure is just another reason to list his sabbaticals as some major accomplishments.

Stelle's teaching days are winding down now though. His semi-retired state is coming to an end and soon he'll have his final day at Parkland. What will he do when he's retired? Well, he still has quite the agenda even when Parkland is behind him. He has two sons who he'll be able to visit more, one who has two children. Stelle has a ranch with horses that he will tend to, though he did claim that he was tired of cleaning stalls. He has a business he will manage as well. And there he will continue practicing one of his true joys in life, archeology. He said that he has some stuff he had always wanted to write about, and now that he'll be retired, he'll have ample time to do so.

Stelle was also nominated to be an affiliate of the Illinois State Archaeological Survey group, so he'll still be able to stay active in the archaeological community. Overall, Stelle says he'll miss teaching. Not completely sure how he'll get used to not teaching, Stelle said that he loved "Standing in front of a class. Playing. Entertaining. Being on stage." Whether you have a class with Stelle right now, next semester, or just happen to pass him by in the hall, keep this in mind: professors such as Stelle are a rarity at Parkland. There are a few faculty members left who have a track record such as his, and few are as easy to get along with. Here's to you, Len Stelle.



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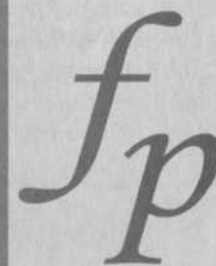


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## Greyhounds: Racing to the grave

 Jennifer O'CONNOR  
PETA

Officials responding to a complaint about a putrid smell at Florida's Ebro Greyhound Park recently found the bodies of 37 dead and decomposing dogs who had apparently starved to death - as well as five more dogs who were near death. Some of the dogs had duct tape wrapped around their necks. It appears that the owner had intentionally left the greyhounds to die when the racing season ended.

The worst part of this story is that it's not an isolated incident.

Greyhounds used in the racing industry live in misery and frequently die in misery. The clock starts ticking the day a greyhound is born. Countless greyhounds are killed each year when breeders decide that the dogs won't be fast enough to win races. Dogs have been shot, bludgeoned or simply dumped to fend for themselves. Those who make the first cut live on borrowed time: Their lives are secure only as long as they make money for their owners.

A few years ago, the bodies of 10,000 greyhounds were uncovered in a U.K. field. The "slow" but otherwise healthy dogs had been killed with a bolt gun.

After 3,000 dead greyhounds

were found in a backyard pit on his property, a security guard at a Florida track admitted that he had made money for 40 years by shooting injured or aging dogs.

And at least 140 greyhounds were presumed dead after they disappeared while in the custody of a man who had been paid to haul "losers" to greyhound adoption groups. The dogs were never accounted for and were believed to have been left in the Arizona desert.

Greyhounds are sociable dogs who enjoy lounging on the couch and who crave the love and attention of a family, but when used in racing, they spend the vast majority of their lives in cramped cages and are usually kept muzzled at all times. Although they are extremely sensitive to temperature because of their lack of body fat and their thin coats, greyhounds are forced to race in extreme conditions - ranging from subzero temperatures to sweltering heat. Trainers have been found doping greyhounds with cocaine and other drugs to mask injuries or to get them to run faster.

Greyhounds face many risks from which they have no defense. An employee at Connecticut's Shoreline Star track used fishing line to tie a dog's tail to the starting shoot before a race as a "joke." The dog's tail was ripped off when he began

running. Many greyhounds have died from heat prostration during transport from one racetrack to another. Haulers transport dozens of greyhounds in trucks that can be poorly ventilated and stifling, cramming two or three dogs in each crate. Countless dogs have also perished in kennel fires.


Sickness and injuries - including broken legs, heatstroke and heart attacks - claim the lives of many dogs. During one three-year span, almost 500 greyhounds were seriously injured while racing on Massachusetts tracks alone.

All over the world, an increasingly informed public is refusing to support an industry that treats greyhounds like garbage. Since 2001, 25 greyhound tracks have closed in the U.S. because of declining attendance. In 2010, greyhound racing was banned in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New Hampshire and the U.S. territory of Guam. Barbados, Haiti and Indonesia have all shuttered their once-active tracks.

People who care about dogs should continue to stay away from tracks and betting parlors. If they do, this ruthless industry will eventually be relegated to the history books once and for all.

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## No 'free rides' for athletes

 McClatchy-Tribune NEWS SERVICE

The following editorial appeared in the Philadelphia Inquirer on Friday, Nov. 5:

Those struggling to pay for higher education might find it hard to shed a tear for athletes on full scholarships. But a new study shows many don't get the "free ride" they may have been promised - even as colleges and coaches reap the rewards of their athletic prowess.

Even with a scholarship covering tuition, fees, room, board and books, a Division I student-athlete can expect nearly \$3,000 a year in other school-related expenses, says the study by Ithaca College professor Ellen J. Staurowsky and the National College Players Association. Out-of-pocket expenses can include parking, software, medical care and more.

Depending on the school, the estimated uncovered expenses for last year ranged from \$200 to almost \$11,000. The study found a gap of \$1,500 a year at

Villanova, \$2,345 at Rutgers, \$3,924 at Penn State, and \$4,436 at Temple.

Meanwhile, many head football and basketball coaches get six- or seven-figure compensation packages. The NCAA has signed an \$11 billion, 14-year contract with CBS and Turner Sports to televise its men's basketball tournament.

The scholarship gap was calculated by comparing the full cost to attend these institutions, as reported by the federal government, to expenses covered under NCAA rules. Some college officials disputed the extent of the gap, but didn't deny its existence.

Of course, the costs borne by elite athletes are dwarfed by those facing most students and their families. But the players' association notes that the idea of a "free ride" for talented athletes has become so ingrained that many expect just that.

Moreover, the shortfalls exist across institutions and sports, so most of the athletes involved are not headed for lucrative pro careers. And,


having expected a free education, they may be especially ill-equipped to pay for it.

Nickel-and-diming makes top athletes more vulnerable to unscrupulous agents. Several told Sports Illustrated they took illicit payments because scholarships didn't cover all their expenses.

There have been some halting steps to address the issue. The NCAA reportedly considered changing its rules so scholarships could cover the full cost of attendance, but it ultimately dropped the idea. It should reconsider taking that step.

Last month, California began requiring colleges to disclose more information about the total cost of attendance. Making at least that much clear to prospective students, whether they're athletes or not, should be standard practice everywhere.

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## Do you mind if the FBI tracks your online habits?

 McClatchy-Tribune NEWS SERVICE

The Internet is developing so rapidly that users typically discover only after the fact that their private online activities were revealed to strangers. Safeguards don't seem to keep pace. That's troubling if, for example, a private marketer stealthily follows your online activities, as the Wall Street Journal has reported, or if trusted online sources permit others access to users' personal information without their knowledge or consent.

It's bad enough when private organizations track or share the Internet behavior of unsuspecting users. But private entities have limited control over

our lives. It's quite another thing when the government does the snooping.

The Obama administration wants Congress to make it easier for the FBI to force private companies to turn over records of individuals' Internet activities and to do so without so much as a court order if government agents believe the information pertains to terrorism or an intelligence investigation.

The danger in such expansive powers to document personal online behavior - particularly without court review and approval beforehand - should give all Americans pause.

The administration desires to add the words "electronic communication transactional records" to items the

law already permits the FBI to demand from Internet providers without a court order. The additional records include addresses to which e-mail is sent, including the times and dates it's sent and received. The FBI also may seek access to users' browser histories, the Washington Post recently reported.

We probably should be relieved the government isn't seeking to inspect the content of e-mails or "other Internet communication," as the Post put it. But we wonder how far off reading your e-mail might be without a judge's OK if the FBI gains unfettered access to these Internet records.

Industry lawyers and privacy advocates object. But the government says it merely

seeks expansion of warrantless access already permitted with the issuance of so-called "national security letters," which are demands for information an FBI field office can make on its own authority. National security letters not only permit the government to request such information, but to keep the request secret when obtaining electronic records.

"It'll be faster and easier to get the data," Stewart A. Baker, a former Bush Homeland Security official now practicing national security and surveillance law, told the Post. "And for some Internet providers, it'll mean giving a lot more information to the FBI in response."

We don't doubt that. Expan-

sion of the government's warrantless accumulation of private communication records also proportionately would diminish Internet users' protections, and transform their Internet providers into arms of the government, collecting and passing on users' records without their knowledge or consent.

One of the many problems posed by the sought-after additional authority is that the phrase "electronic communication transactional records" isn't defined in existing statute or in the proposed law.

"Our biggest concern," said Kevin Bankston, attorney with the Electronic Frontier Foundation, a nonprofit Internet privacy organization, is that the expanded power "might

be used to obtain Internet search queries and Web histories detailing every Web site visited and every file downloaded."

We share that concern. We hope Congress does, too, when this matter is taken up again after the election.

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Q: John asks: How do I pick a major?

A: John, picking a major may seem like a daunting task at first. A good way to go about it would be to sit down with a notepad and brainstorm a few hobbies or tasks that you like to do. From that, make a list of those hobbies and tasks and put the things that you enjoy most on the top and as you move down the list, write down the things you don't like as much. Starts going down the list and research jobs out there that involve those tasks or hobbies. Narrow down your list even more, to the jobs that you would be willing to do or would enjoy doing. Find out more information about those jobs and see what kind of education requirements they suggest, they will usually suggest a degree in a certain field or program. Once you figure out the type of degree needed for your potential future job, see what's available at the schools you are looking at or attending.

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#### 8. Redecorate

Redecorating doesn't always require spending money. Get rid of a few nick-knacks you have had around the place forever. Move furniture around. Re-arrange the paintings and/or wall art you have. Redecorating can take as much time as you like. You can simply move a couch and be finished, or you can re-tile your entire shower.

#### 9. Introspect

Write in your own journal (that only you see), or sit down and meditate and/or pray. With the constant push to get things done and get them done faster, we often forget that taking care of our own peace of mind is one of the most important parts about this life. Make sure to check on yourself, especially

in particularly stressful times. A snow day is the perfect time to do this.

#### 10. Get online

The options here are endless and stretch to the ends of the earth, literally. You can find out about the country you've always wanted to visit, and maybe even plan a fake (or real!) trip there. You can find funny jokes to tell. You can find games to play. You can find that pair of shoes you haven't had time to shop for. You can find the perfect birthday/Christmas present for anyone. You can Skype a friend in California, or across town. You can read Texts From Last Night. You can catch up with your favorite celebrities. Online, you can do just about anything.

Just don't get too caught up...

Whatever you chose to do on your snow day in, just remember to do something for yourself. Don't waste your day away. Do something productive! Have a great day off! Brag to your friends about how much you were able to get done. Best of luck and may a nice cozy snow day come your way soon!



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### BANDWIDTH

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Kendra McClure.

The bandwidth increase is huge news for Parkland, mainly in part of the reliance of the Internet on campus and in classrooms and many people are glad to hear the good news. Teachers will now be able to access those important files from their E-mail. Students will be able to take their Angel quizzes without any worry. And while students and even some teachers may be ecstatic about being able to watch YouTube videos once again, just remember to save those top 10 Michael Jordan dunk videos for home and focus on the true tasks at hand.

# Healthy Mind, Healthy Body Image

## How a positive view of your body can lift your self-confidence

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Student Health 101 is an online health and wellness magazine — find the latest issue online, and Enter2Win \$1,000 cash, at <http://readsh101.com/parkland.html>

In the media-driven society that we live in today, it can be difficult to develop a healthy body image when you are constantly being flooded with messages and images targeting your insecurities about your appearance and showing people with unattainably “perfect” bodies (that are possibly digitally enhanced). A poll of 582 students conducted by Student Health 101 found that 95% said

they know students who are not satisfied with the way they look, and 84% said they often or sometimes think about the way their body looks and wish it was different.

While some of these students may have a healthy attitude about improving themselves through exercise and proper nutrition, many who are not happy with the way they look have self-esteem issues.

“Body image is your self-esteem,” says Chrissy Quattro, a junior at the State University of New York at Oswego (SUNY Oswego). “Your self-esteem is what you see when you look in the mirror. If you are unhappy with yourself, then you will see someone who displeases you in the mirror. If you feel confident

when you walk into a room, then you will naturally be confident about how you appear to other people.”

Fellow SUNY Oswego student Samantha Shelton says, “If you have a positive body image and are comfortable with yourself, you’re much more likely to keep pushing yourself to reach toward your goals—whether they’re physical, emotional, whatever—because you feel confident about yourself.”

### A Sign of Bigger Problems

For some students, a poor body image can lead to bigger issues. These students may take up damaging eating behaviors (called disordered eating), which can include restrictive dieting and binge-

ing and purging. Sometimes disordered eating will lead to more serious eating disorders, such as anorexia nervosa and bulimia.

“Body dissatisfaction is the most robust predictor of disordered eating, unhealthy weight control practices, eating disorders, along with depression and suicide,” says Dr. Mary Tantillo, an eating disorder specialist and director of the Western New York Comprehensive Care Center for Eating Disorders, based at the University of Rochester School of Nursing. “It is also correlated with other high-risk behaviors like substance abuse.”

You may not be able to handle serious body image issues on your own. If you or someone

you know is seriously struggling with these problems, seek help or encourage him or her to seek help from your college health center, a doctor, or other expert resource. Body image issues may require medical attention from a mental health professional.

Build a Better Body Image If you are not in a crisis situation but are having body image issues, you may wish to take measures on your own to build a better regard for the way you look. Quattro feels positive about herself by wearing clothes she feels comfortable in, doing yoga every morning, and riding her bike to work. Other steps toward a healthy body image are to:

- Limit the time spent in front of the mirror and on the scale.
  - Make a list of all the things you like about yourself.
  - Surround yourself with people who like the way you look and care about your feelings.
  - Find the things that make you feel good about your body.
- MICHAEL KRAFT IS A JUNIOR JOURNALISM MAJOR AT THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK AT OSWEGO. HE STRUGGLED FOR YEARS WITH BODY IMAGE ISSUES AND ANOREXIA NERVOSA BEFORE RECEIVING TREATMENT IN THE SUMMER OF 2009.

- Eat a balanced diet.

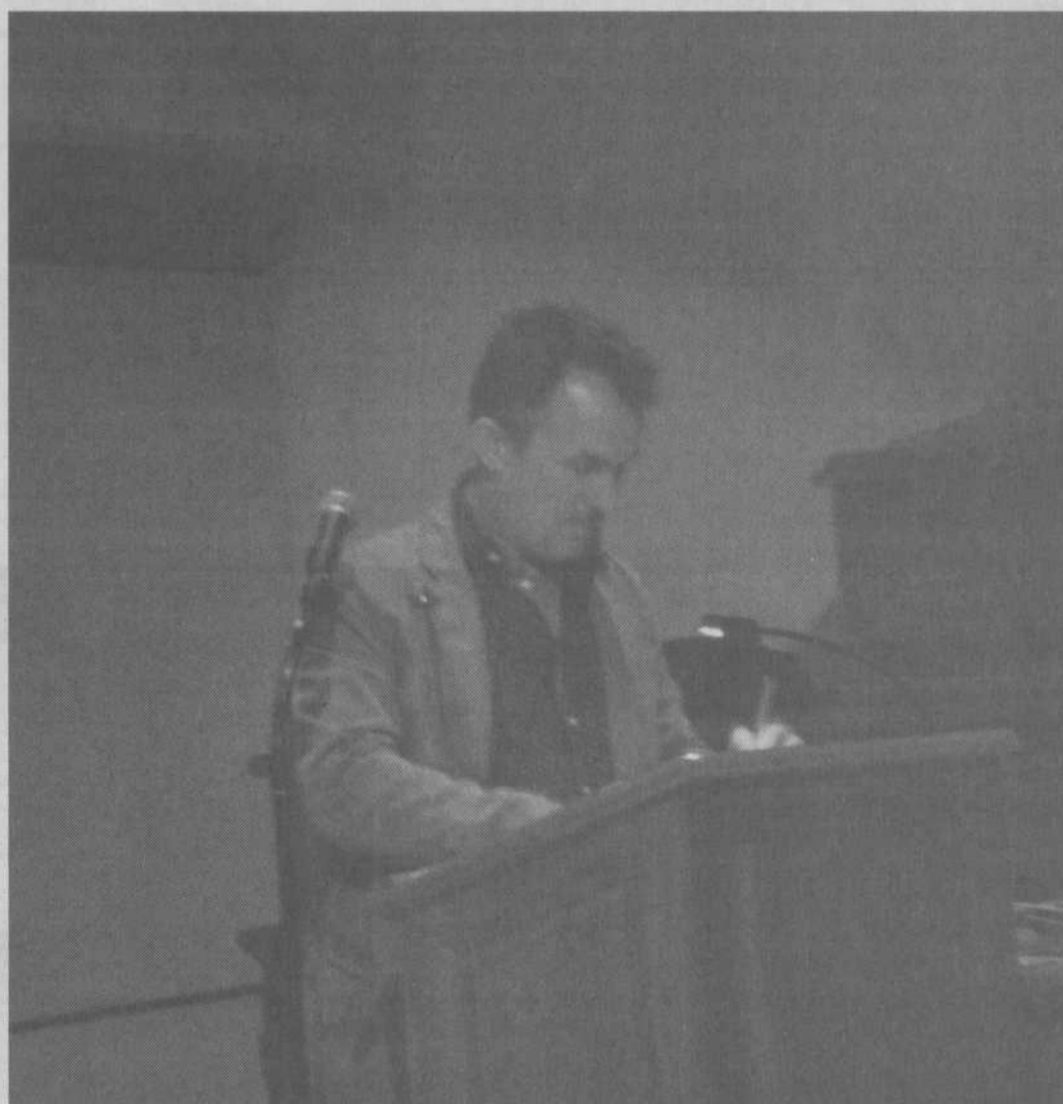
## Virtual Embodiment: Tom Boellstorff discusses placing the virtual body

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Last Thursday, anthropologist Tom Boellstorff visited the Spurlock Museum at the University of Illinois to discuss virtual embodiment. Boellstorff is a professor in the Department of Anthropology at the University of California, Irvine, as well as Editor-in-Chief of the American Anthropological Association’s journal *American Anthropologist*. Being interested in the concept of an online persona through avatars, he wrote the book “Coming of Age in Second Life: An Anthropologist Explores the Virtually Human,” and he is currently writing another book titled “A Handbook of Ethnographic Methods For Virtual Worlds,” with three colleagues.

Boellstorff’s philosophical discussion was taken from his piece in an upcoming book “A Companion to the Anthropology of the Body and Embodiment,” being put together by anthropologist Fan Mascia-Lees. “She asked me to write a chapter about virtual embodiment, which is an issue that I’m interested in,” Boellstorff explained to the audience. “I used that as a chance to sort of figure through some theoretical concepts and some philosophy in the Western tradition of embodiment, and what might virtual worlds help us do in terms of thinking about questions of embodiment.”

Second Life, developed by Linden Lab, is a 3D virtual world available through the Internet. In this world, people can interact with others through avatars they modify to represent themselves. In Sec-



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ond Life, residents can meet other residents, communicate with each other, partake in a variety of activities, create and trade property and services, and explore the digital world. Also, the program has proven useful by many U.S. agencies,

such as NASA and The Department of Homeland Security, for conducting meetings and communicating with citizens.

“While I’m sitting here talking, some people might be falling in love. They might be building something together in

Second Life, having all kinds of social relationships,” said Boellstorff. “They don’t have to fly to Japan and to Germany and to Nebraska to understand the sociology that’s happening here inside of Second Life. The sociology that’s hap-

pening inside of Second Life has its own realness to it and it’s influenced by the physical world cultures that people come from; they don’t have to meet in the physical world in order for them to hang out in my house in Second Life. So I followed that methodologically...”

Boellstorff explained that the research for Second Life was conducted in the virtual world itself, through interviewing people at his virtual house and observing social activities, such as going to dances.

From having the ability to choose your own body, Boellstorff described that it is creating new ways of thinking about the body and embodiment. Giving an example, he showed Second Life’s Transgender Resource Center, explaining that some people interested in changing their real-life gender use an avatar of the opposite sex to see how they like it. “There are people I know who actually feel that their Second Life avatar is more real than their physical body because it’s more in line with how they see their gender identity,” he said. The flexibility of your virtual body offers abilities that are

not available in the real world, such as choosing your race, species, and having multiple different bodies. Boellstorff showed some of his avatars, ranging from a normal human to a female jellyfish to a gigantic dragon.

To conclude the lecture, Boellstorff showed a screenshot of McDonald’s plain Web page in 1996, which was nothing more than the logo and yellow text over a red background. He then juxtaposed this with a recent screenshot of the social networking site Twitter. His argument was that although Twitter was technologically possible back in 1996, we did not have the imagination back then to come up with the idea. He applied this example to current virtual worlds, conveying that we cannot imagine the possibilities of what’s in store for the future.

To learn more about Tom Boellstorff and his work, visit his faculty page on [www.anthro.uci.edu](http://www.anthro.uci.edu). For more information on the virtual world of Second Life, visit the Web site [www.secondlife.com](http://www.secondlife.com)

## New from Cee Lo Green and Kid Cudi

**Glenn GAMBOA**  
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CEE LO GREEN “The Lady Killer” Grade: A

With “The Lady Killer” (Elektra), Cee Lo Green has secured his place among R&B’s greatest singers — in part by taking their strengths and twisting them into his broader plan.

So far, all the talk has centered around “ — You,” his expletive-filled rant set to an innocuous slice of Motown soul crooned as sweetly as Smokey Robinson. The combination is compelling enough to be a song of the year candidate, but “The Lady Killer” thrills don’t stop there.

“Bright Lights, Bigger City” feels like an homage to Michael Jackson, right down to the loping “Billie Jean” bass line.

“Love Gun,” a duet with Lauren Bennett, sounds like Marvin Gaye and Tammi Terrell filtered through Amy Winehouse’s dangerous mind, while “I Want You” takes on bits of Luther Vandross’ smooth phrasing.

Teaming up with Philip Bailey on “Fool for You,” Green brings back the mid-’70s Earth, Wind & Fire R&B vibe. He goes back to Sam Cooke’s early-’60s soul on the gorgeous “Old Fashioned” and the infectious “Satisfied,” which throws in a bit of “Sign o’ the Times”-era Prince for good measure.

But that’s not to say that Cee Lo, best known for groundbreaking work with Danger Mouse in Gnarls Barkley, isn’t still looking to the future. On “Bodies,” he uncoils a murdering mystery worthy of “Law &

Order” over a trip-hop beat.

After two middling solo albums, Green finally gets everything right on “The Lady Killer.” For him, the third time is definitely the charm.

KID CUDI “Man on the Moon 2: The Legend of Mr. Rager” Grade: B-minus

Kid Cudi has fallen in love with the night. While the Brooklyn-based rapper’s debut featured the lighthearted “Make Her Say” and the playful breakthrough “Day ‘n’ Nite,” his follow-up is all dark. “Man on the Moon 2: The Legend of Mr. Rager” (Universal Motown) somehow even makes Mary J. Blige sound bleak. Only on the rockish single “Erase Me,” featuring Kanye West, and the driving “Maniac,” with St. Vincent, does Kid break out of the

synthesized melancholy haze. “The Legend of Mr. Rager” could use a lot more rage.

### HOT SONG

After more than a year of delays, has Sean “Diddy” Combs finally found the hit that’s going to pull his group Diddy Dirty Money’s “Last Train to Paris” album out of the station? It looks like it. “Coming Home” (Bad Boy/Interscope) sounds like a winner in latter-day T.I. style. Produced by Alex Da Kid, of B.O.B.’s “Airplanes” fame, and Jay-Z, the catchy track even features an introspective Diddy asking, “It’s easy to be Puff, but it’s harder to be Sean, what if my twins ask why I ain’t marry their mom?”

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Music in the College

This article is to remind you that music must be listened through ear phones while in the college. Playing music from your cell phone, MP3 player, laptop, or other device without headphones is a violation of the Parkland College Student Conduct Code.

Due to the limited amount of space for students to congregate and study, this code allows a person to listen to their music without disturbing others. Always remember to be courteous and respectful while others are studying. The Parkland College Police Department will address violations of this policy and bring the issues to the Dean of Students. Violations of student code can result in academic probation, loss of privileges, administrative withdraw, or other sanctions.



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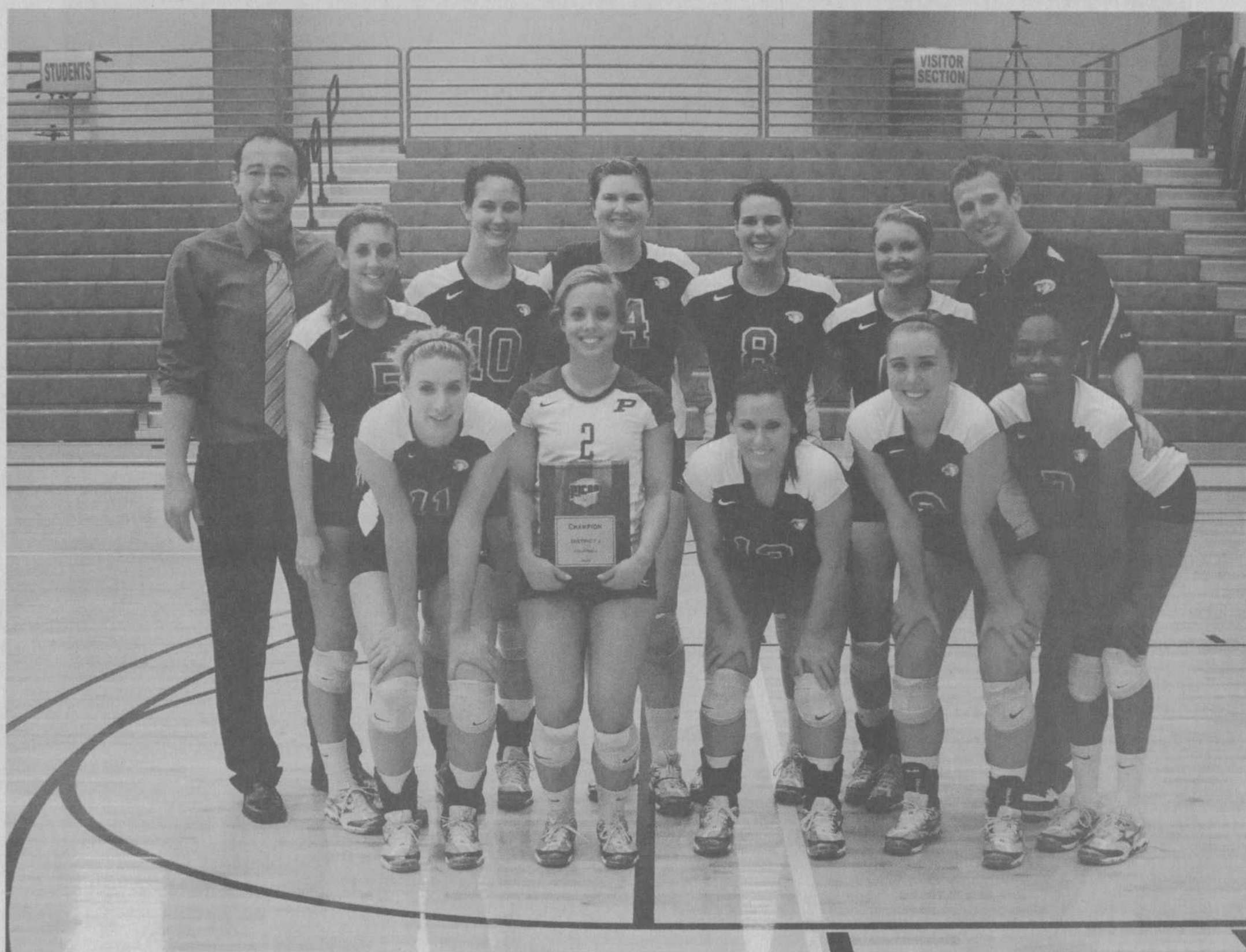
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Solution to Last Week's Puzzle

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Cobras Volleyball completed a perfect Region 24 Tournament as they swept by Lincoln Land and Illinois Central College to earn their third straight trip to Nationals. The Cobras are now 39-10 on the year and will have a week off before heading to Nationals November 18-20.

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# Prepare to “Access Success”

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As the economy begins to see signs of improvement, the elusive entrepreneurial spirit seems to be what numerous businesses are looking for in their new employees. Fortunately, it is something that appears to be visible in many Parkland College students and, to help encourage that spirit, programs are being developed that will enhance and develop those characteristics.

“Entrepreneurial spirit became a buzz word for the involved thinking of how to improve things with the entrepreneurial thinking of those like Parkland’s President Tom Ramage, Vice President of Academic Services, Kris Young, and Vice President of Institutional Advancement, Seamus Reilly,” said Access Success series coordinator, Mark Kesler. Access Success is a business lecture series, conceived by Ramage, Young, and Reilly, in which successful local business personnel talk about their business, achievements and goals. Since its introduction in 2009, the series has presented six speakers to students and established an emphasis on informing audiences that success isn’t usually achieved overnight, but has to be worked at, and that most successful people started small. This month’s installment was on Nov 3, 2010 with a visit from Jon Stewart, president and CEO of Tri Star Marketing.

Headquartered in Champaign, IL, Tri-Star is the corporation behind the convenience store, Super Pantry. Originally instituted as Russell Stewart Oil Company in 1947, it eventually became affiliated with Gulf Oil. It then became an independent company when Gulf withdrew all local affiliations in 1970 and became known as Stewart Stations, with convenience stores



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attached, known at Stewart Stores. After several changes, and trying to find its niche in the oil wars of the 70s and 80s, the Stewart Company became affiliated with Marathon in 1991. The company website says that the company again changed, and “in 1989, the corporation changed its name to Tri Star Marketing, Inc. to better describe its diverse operating divisions.

In 1993, the corporation entered into franchise agreements with BP and Exxon Mobil to exclusively sell their motor fuels at all Super Pantry locations.” Today, Super Pantry is affiliated with Exxon Mobil in most of the Illinois and Indiana stores and BP in stations in the Rockford area. With 525 employees the company was recently named as Exxon’s Top Distributor 2009.

Mr. Stewart conferred the company’s mission and values, which are periodically reviewed and updated, to ensure that they stay on track as a company. Since their primary mission is “to provide outstanding customer service,” it was reiterated that without customers, there is no business. “Customers remember the bad experiences. Business shouldn’t be all about the return, but about customers and people. The customer isn’t always right, but they are always the customer” said Stewart to the audience that filled the lecture hall.

The company’s plan for the future was also discussed as the View 17 Plan. With a road map of where the company is today and where it would like to be in 2017, goals are high, especially in a poor economy. But company growth is happening at a time when other companies are stagnant and building continues with new stores opening and new people being hired. Today there are 52 stores with a goal of 70 and

almost double the store sales by 2017. In a place that claims to make more money off of the fountain drinks and candy sales than it does on the fuel sales, those goals might sound a bit farfetched, but as Stewart pointed out, “it is about getting the right people on the bus. The employees make the company. The mission of the business includes cultivating an exceptional work environment.”

Access Success is part of Parkland’s endeavor at developing the key people for the bus. Entrepreneurial spirit may have started as a buzz, but the word is quickly becoming a roar as more and more attention is being focused on community colleges across the nation. Parkland, as other schools have done or will soon do, has been taking steps toward opening roads between education and employment, even before the White House Summit on Community Colleges.

Access Success is only part of the new entrepreneurial ideas that are being implemented. In addition, there is a new certificate being offered as well as an entrepreneurial scholarship program. The lecture series offers an opportunity to meet local people who have started small and grown big. “We want to find the people wanted on the bus, and fine tune them to get them ready to step aboard when employers begin rehiring, in an attempt to have our students first in line when the recession is over,” said Kesler.

Helping students prepare to step aboard the bus on December 1 will be WCIA meteorologist, Jennifer Ketchmark, recently named as one of Champaign Urbana’s Top 40 Under 40. Kesler said that more speakers will be announced for the spring 2011 semester. If you would like to Access Success, be sure to check out the lectures in the future.

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In many ways, fans can relate to Harry Potter. He had to wait out the summer with the inhospitable Dursleys, until that bright day when he could get on the Hogwarts Express and be with friends again. Likewise, fans have had to wait impatiently between movie releases to be able to step into a dark theater and once again be immersed in that charming wizarding world. But now,

with the first part of "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows," coming to screens on Nov. 19, Harry, Ron and Hermione won't be returning to Hogwarts. Everything has changed for them, and it will for the series' fans, too.

Although part two doesn't apparate into theaters until July, it's time to come to terms with the end of Harry Potter. And "The Deathly Hallows" is not a light-hearted romp. Despite a few

moments that will put smiles on our faces — the wedding of Bill Weasley and Fleur Delacour, and the "Seven Harrys" scene, where six others take Polyjuice Potion to appear as Harry Potter — our beloved trio, who grew up before our eyes, will be on the run, so it's important to be up to speed on the story. Before the darkness descends, let's take a look back at the movies we've loved for nearly the past decade.

# THE BEGINNING OF THE END



Oh, how they've grown ...  
Harry Potter (Daniel Radcliffe), Hermione Granger (Emma Watson), Ron Weasley (Rupert Grint)

Release dates  
Directors

So many characters, so many perils

Hogwarts' high turnover for Defense Against the Dark Arts (D.A.D.A.) teacher

## HARRY POTTER AND THE SORCERER'S STONE



Age 12\* Age 11 Age 13

\*AGES ARE APPROXIMATE FOR THE TIME OF FILMING.

November 2001

Chris Columbus  
"Home Alone"

The first chapter begins on Harry Potter's 11th birthday, when he discovers he's a wizard, as were his parents. He learns they were killed by an evil wizard named Voldemort when he was an infant — a fact hidden from him by his awful relatives, the Dursleys.

Harry enters Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, and finds he is something of a legend — known as "The Boy Who Lived" because he survived Voldemort's attack which left him with a lightning-shaped scar on his forehead. Harry becomes friends with Ron Weasley and Hermione Granger. Although he is a good

student and a star Quidditch player, he's treated with derision by Potions Professor Severus Snape (Alan Rickman) and an arrogant student Draco Malfoy (Tom Felton).

Harry, Ron and Hermione determine the missing Sorcerer's Stone — a magical object that extends life — must be the item Fluffy, a three-headed dog, is guarding. Harry is suspicious of Snape's intentions regarding the stone after witnessing him threaten the meek Defense Against the Dark Arts (D.A.D.A.) Professor Quirinus Quirrell. Harry must get the stone before Voldemort or his followers, the Death Eaters.



**Quirinus Quirrell**  
Played by Ian Hart, Quirrell is perpetually nervous and wears a purple turban to hide his dark secret.

## HARRY POTTER AND THE CHAMBER OF SECRETS



Age 13 Age 12 Age 14

November 2002

Chris Columbus

Harry is lonely and miserable over the summer with the Dursleys who banish him to his room. Dobby, a house elf, warns Harry against returning to Hogwarts. Harry ignores Dobby's warnings and tricks and returns to school with Ron in a flying car.

The trio discover a giant snake called a Basilisk is stalking the castle and attacking students. Ron's younger sister, Ginny

(Bonnie Wright) is taken by the Basilisk and the new (D.A.D.A.) professor, Gilderoy

Lockhart, is no help. The vain professor is ridiculously inept, so Ron, Hermione and Harry must find the Chamber of Secrets to rescue Ginny themselves.



**Gilderoy Lockhart**  
The narcissistic wizarding celebrity is played by Kenneth Branagh.

## HARRY POTTER AND THE PRISONER OF AZKABAN



Age 14 Age 13 Age 15

June 2004

Alfonso Cuaron  
"Y Tu Mama Tambien"

Harry learns he's in danger from a notorious criminal who has escaped the Dementor guards at Azkaban prison. But the wrongly convicted Sirius Black (Gary Oldman), who is accused of being loyal to Voldemort, is Harry's godfather.

Students on the Hogwarts Express have a run-in with the Dementors, sinister creatures that drain the happiness of anyone nearby. The encounter leaves Harry unconscious, but he is rescued by the new D.A.D.A. teacher, Remus Lupin (David Thewlis). Lupin helps Harry develop a Patronus, an apparition to

fend off the Dementors. Despite his kindly ways, Lupin has a dark secret that almost gets Harry and his friends killed.

Harry meets Sirius in the Shrieking Shack where they discover Ron's pet rat is really Peter Pettigrew (aka Wormtail), the real betrayer and Death Eater. The discovery can clear Sirius's name.

*Of note: Actor Richard Harris, who portrayed Hogwarts headmaster, Professor Dumbledore in the films, died of Hodgkin's Disease at the age of 72, and was replaced by Michael Gambon for the remaining films.*



**Remus Lupin (aka Moony)**  
Played by David Thewlis, this instructor transforms into a vicious werewolf.

## HARRY POTTER AND THE GOBLET OF FIRE



Age 16 Age 15 Age 17

November 2005

Mike Newell  
"Four Weddings and Funeral"

Hogwarts is selected as the site of the year-long Triwizard Tournament, and hosts students from foreign wizarding schools. One student from each school is chosen by the Goblet of Fire to compete, but the cup tosses out a fourth name — Harry Potter. Hogwarts' other champion is Cedric Diggory (played by future "Twilight" vampire Robert Pattinson). Meanwhile, fears are heightened as

Voldemort's (Ralph Fiennes) lackeys, the Death Eaters, are making themselves known; and more trouble is stirred up by a reporter

with a poison pen, Rita Skeeter (Miranda Richardson). In addition, the new D.A.D.A. teacher, "Mad-Eye" Moody, is being impersonated by the evil Barty Crouch Jr.



**"Mad-Eye" Moody**  
Brendan Gleeson plays the famous auror, someone who pursues and apprehends dark wizards.

## HARRY POTTER AND THE ORDER OF THE PHOENIX



Age 17 Age 16 Age 18

July 2007

David Yates  
Control changes hands for the last time.

Harry, Ron and Hermione are made aware of The Order of the Phoenix, who fought against Voldemort 14 years earlier during the First Wizarding War. The trio learn Snape is a double agent — although it's unclear which side holds his true loyalty. The Order must work outside the Ministry of Magic, which refuses to believe Voldemort has returned, and has installed the sadistic Delores Umbridge as D.A.D.A. teacher, "high

inquisitor," and eventually, headmistress.

A group of Hogwarts students rebel against Umbridge by forming Dumbledore's Army (D.A.), training in secret to learn magical defensive techniques. Six D.A. members, including Harry, use their skills against Death Eaters while trying to rescue Sirius at the Ministry's Department of Mysteries. It's there the demented Bellatrix Lestrange (Helena Bonham Carter) gleefully kills Sirius.



**Dolores Umbridge**  
Imelda Staunton plays the cruel and abusive teacher who does very little teaching.

## HARRY POTTER AND THE HALF-BLOOD PRINCE



Age 19 Age 18 Age 20

July 2009

David Yates

Severus Snape finally wins the position of Defense Against the Dark Arts teacher, and although he remains in Dumbledore's good graces, he has made an unbreakable vow with Draco's mother. This vow forces Snape to protect Draco who is forced to carry out a task from Voldemort: To kill Dumbledore.

After Harry finds out that Voldemort has split his soul into seven pieces, Dumbledore and Harry leave Hogwarts to

retrieve a Horcrux, a locket that contains one of the pieces, but Dumbledore must drink a poison in order to retrieve it. Back

at Hogwarts, a weakened Dumbledore encounters Draco, but he falters, and Snape takes over, killing the headmaster himself in order to save the boy.



**Severus Snape**  
Alan Rickman plays the complex Potions teacher turned D.A.D.A. teacher.

## HARRY POTTER AND THE DEATHLY HALLOWS PART I AND II



Age 21 Age 20 Age 19

Part 1:  
Nov. 19

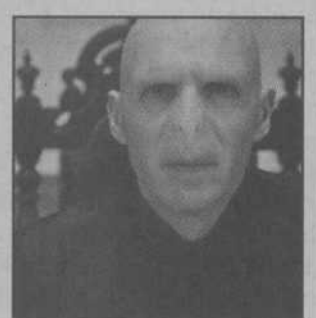
Part 2:  
Scheduled to be released  
July 2011

David Yates

(Spoiler alert!) In it, Harry, Ron and Hermione take to the road to hide from the Death Eaters, who have now taken over the reins at the Ministry, and made Snape headmaster of Hogwarts. While continuing Dumbledore's work searching for the Horcruxes, they discover the tale of the Deathly Hallows: three objects (the Elder Wand, the Resurrection Stone and the Cloak of Invisibility) supposedly created by Death, which would make Voldemort invincible. The trio slowly make some headway, but they are isolated from their friends and family, and the stress begins to divide them. They are soon captured by the Death Eaters, and Dobby is killed by Bellatrix. The film

reportedly ends with Voldemort taking the Elder Wand from Dumbledore's grave.

In the final film, Harry, Hermione and Ron return to Hogwarts when they learn a Horcrux is hidden there. Voldemort and the Death Eaters descend on Hogwarts, and the Battle of Hogwarts begins. Voldemort kills Snape, thinking it will be the only way to become the master of the Elder Wand. Before he dies, Snape reveals his motivation for all his actions has always been to protect Harry, the son of his childhood love, Lily Potter. Harry also learns that he, himself, is the final Horcrux, and must allow himself to be killed in order to defeat Voldemort.



**Lord Voldemort**  
Played by Ralph Fiennes, Voldemort and his evil minions are the reason for all those D.A.D.A. classes.