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Local entrepreneur Sean Baird visits Parkland

Zach Trueblood

Local business owner and entrepreneur Sean Baird, came to speak at Parkland on Thursday, Oct. 22. Baird was a guest speaker in an event put on by the Parkland Entrepreneurial Network or PEN. He provided his own experiences and business advice for those interested in entering the restaurant business. “Sean is a great example of someone who had passion and ideas, but has also now a really well-honed sense of the business side of following your passion. And this is also set an end game for him. I fully expect him to continue to develop other ideas and projects. Parkland provided a lot of resources for student success and we’re so excited to see where that goes,” said Parkland College Vice President for Institutional Advancement Seanmish Reilly stated. Baird’s story is a local web site.

Stock Simmons, a sophomore in industrial engineering at Parkland successful entrepreneurship to well for students, and has soon found himself fully enthralled in it. There is this standard way that you have to be an honor roll student have a 4.0 GPA graduate of high school and college to get anywhere,” Simmons said. “The film “The Truth about Parkland Entrepreneurial Network or PEN talk on Thursday, Oct. 22, 2015.

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Fact or Fiction

Walmart makes more money than any other company in the world.

From Egypt to Illinois: Shagun Kumar Pradhan is building a new life for himself in Naperville. He is finding strength to raise awareness about the conditions in Nepal following the earthquake that happened this past April. Pradhan plans to cycle from Urbana, IL to Seattle, Wash.

Scott Barnes

Shagun Kumar Pradhan is currently bicycling across America to raise awareness about the conditions in Nepal following the earthquake that happened this past April. He hopes to raise money as well as awareness of the reality that the Nepalese people are facing today. He began his journey in Urbana, Ill. on June 28, 2015. His final destination in Seattle, Wash. Pradhan is a former student at the Canadian University of Parkland from 2009 to 2011. He majored in mass communications and was also a member of The Prospector.

John Ellis is the program manager for the community education department at Parkland. He was an advisor for students an hour or at the time Pradhan was a student. “I was amazed by the passion that students would dream up such a huge idea, and then jump on a bicycling trip to reach it,” Ellis said. “He is a person with a great big idea, and a great big heart to match. I really admire his energy and his generous nature.”

Former student cycles for a cause

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Math literacy course good option for non-stem majors

Jacob Kantor  Daily Journal

Sitting in math class many students have heard the grunts and groans as the professor’s good intentions of teaching and fostering their understanding are met with silence and a feeling of dread. Math classes are often regarded as difficult and a sin to many students, but some say that courses can take on a different feel depending on the professor and the class itself.

Parkland mathematics professor Dr. Erin Wilding-Martin has recently received the Central Region Outstanding Faculty Award, which she got for her role in starting the mathematical literacy course which many students have benefited from.

"At the University of Illinois I realized that I wanted to teach math as opposed to doing other things with math, there are two differences like that in our educational system," Wilding-Martin said. "I went to the ex-Soviet countries, in Latvia, the political climate in Latvia was shaky. The country was still rebuilding and reorganizing itself in the wake of a 1976 military disaster. However, Walwik said he felt everything but hostility from the Kyrgyz people, who would stop him and express their sorrows and sympathies for the disaster. However, Walwik said he returned to the United States and its coalition invaded Afghanistan.

It was one thing to be sympathetic towards us because of what happened in New York and Washington, but then they could start seeing us as American bombing people who looked a lot like them," Walwik said. "It wasn't like there was any hostility about it, but there were attitudes."

From Egypt to Illinois:

Matthew Moss

From the cold of the Baltics to the scorching heat of the Sahara, one of Parkland’s professors has seen the world and encourages others to do the same. Joseph Walwik is a social sciences professor and the department chair of the social sciences and human services department. He has lived in ten countries and interacted with many different cultures throughout his lifetime.

Walwik’s first experience living abroad came in 1991, when he began teaching at the ex-Soviet Baltic states, Latvia and Estonia, an area known for its influence in the Baltics of northeastern Europe.

Working toward his doctorate from the American University, Walwik and other graduate students from other universities under the auspices of the Smithsonian-founded Open Society Institute went to Latvia to learn about the ex-Soviet educational system. He taught at the University of Latvia in the practical philosophy department, which he said at one point in time was known as the Marxism department.

"I was in this room where I would have been the department of Marxism in the first years of American philosophy," Walwik said. "It was a tumultuous time for the educational system. During Walwik’s stay, it was a time of great political instability, and at different factors—not all of them respectable—struggle for influence in the young political system.

Despite this, he said it was an interesting time to be learning about the country as the political environment fluctuated and the descendants of people who emigrated when the Soviet Union took power there would still mentally flip back. "It was a fascinating kind of time to be there," Walwik said. "In the midst of all of this, you had people who were trying to revitalize and democratize the Soviet model, and that’s what my job was.

He returned to Washington and continued his doctoral work in 1994. However, he was not done traveling and three years later he moved from Washington, D.C., to Buenos Aires, Argentina, where he helped to orchestrate a study abroad program.

At the University of Illinois and the ex-Soviet educational system, he taught part-time in Washington during this time and eventually moved to Parkland in positions as a department chair.

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WASHTENAW (AP) — Improvise isn’t a word parents want to hear from their kid’s doctor. Yet pediatric specialists too often have to jury-rig care because many of the medical devices needed to treat sick children are built for adults.

Part of the problem is size. Doctors point to some specific examples, including Alice de Pooter’s pacemaker.

Alice, now 3 and living near Houston, has a well-functioning heart and a painful, sweat- and sore-producing socket attaching her prosthetic leg to her thigh. The prosthetic leg is far too big for her, so her mother eventually decided not to let her wear it. The pose of her leg now remains visible in her belly, surrounded by a painful, torn ACL, without damaging it. OrthoPediatrics Corp. — that she refused to wear — created a device to repair her bone no longer — that she refused to wear — created a device to repair her bone no longer. A U.S. Food and Drug Administration laboratory to see if bacteria from the food matches the human cases. The source of the E. coli was most likely a fresh food from a tiny camera normally used in the urinary tract. Eventually that could be used in the heart, but for now it’s experimental.

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Police backlash pressures Tarantino’s ‘Hateful Eight’

In this Oct. 24, 2015 file photo, director Quentin Tarantino, center, participates in a rally to protest against police brutality in New York. Calls by police groups to boycott Quentin Tarantino’s “The Hateful Eight” are putting pressure on one of December’s most anticipated releases and inserting one of Hollywood’s top directors into a pitched cultural battle.

In recent days, a growing number of police groups have called for the boycott of the upcoming Weinstein Co. release. After local police organizations in New York, New Jersey, Chicago, Philadelphia and Los Angeles, the National Association of Police Organizations recently joined the ranks opposing Tarantino after remarks by director made during a recent rally against police brutality.

“We ask ofcops to stop working special assignments or silly-duty jobs, such as providing security, traffic control to technical rescue for any of Tarantino’s projects,” the organization said in a statement. “We need to send a loud and clear message that such hateful rhetoric against police officers is unacceptable.”

Tarantino defended the Brooklyn rally against brutality on Oct. 24 where he told The Associated Press “I’m a human being with a conscience. And if you believe there’s murder going on then you need to rise up and stand against it. I’m here to say I’m on the side of the murdered.”

Tarantino’s comments drew condemnation from, among others, New York Police Department Commissioner William Bratton. “Shame on him,” he said, speaking shortly after the recent fatal shooting of NYPD officer Randolph Holder in East Harlem. “There are no words to describe the contempt I have for him and his comments at this particular time.”

The response has made Tarantino a regular topic on Fox News and at Hollywood events, such as Fox News’ Bill O’Reilly last week said Tarantino “lives in a world of reality TV.” At the Hollywood Film Awards on Sunday night in Los Angeles, Jamie Fox, star of Tarantino’s “Django Unchained,” defended the director. Fox urged him: “Keep telling the truth and don’t worry about none of the haters.”

Tarantino’s father, Tony Tarantino, has even issued a statement through the New York Police Patrolmen’s Benevolent Association saying his son is “dead wrong” about police officers. The director has previously said that his father “was never part of my life.”

Tarantino has yet to respond publicly to the backlash.

Representatives for the director didn’t respond to messages Monday.

Expectations are high for “The Hateful Eight,” which opens Christmas Day exclusively in film presentations of 70mm before expanding to nationwide theaters January 8. Starring Samuel L. Jackson and Kurt Russell, it’s a Western about a group of bounty hunters holed up together during a blizzard.

Tarantino’s last film, 2013’s “Django Unchained,” earned $425.4 million globally and won two Oscars, including best screenplay for Tarantino.

Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., speaks during a campaign stop at the William B. Cashin Senior Activity Center, Friday, Oct. 30, 2015, in Manchester, N.H.

Sanders spends $2M on 1st ad campaign

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democratic presidential candidate Bernie Sanders launched his first national ad campaign in the early voting states of Iowa and New Hampshire on Sunday, pouring $2 million into a 30-second ad that casts his campaign as a sharp break with the status quo.

The ads give voters a fuller look at the Vermont independent senator’s biography, as a lifelong fighter against injustice and inequality, his humble upbringing in Brooklyn, New York, and his attendance at Dr. Martin Luther King’s March on Washington in 1963. There’s also his work as mayor of Burlington, Vermont, in Congress and his pledge to take “Wall Street and a corrupt political system.”

The ad, entitled “Real Change,” mentions how a million contributors to his campaign and shows footage of him standing in front of a rally crowd. The nation’s line tag is his name: “Bernie Sanders.” An instant leader building a movement with you, to give us a future to believe in,” calling to mind President Barack Obama’s 2008 slogan of “Change We Can Believe In.”

“Thousands of Americans have come out to see Bernie speak, and we’ve seen a great response to his message,” said Sanders campaign manager Jeff Weaver. “This ad marks the next phase of this campaign. We’re going to make the message direct to the voters of Iowa and New Hampshire.”

The 90-second ad, which was first aired on NBC’s “Meet the Press,” is also a not-so-discreet dig at the Clinton political brand. It notes Sanders’ vote opposed the Iraq War in 2002, which Clinton supported and later said she regretted. “People are sick and tired of establishment politics, and they want real change,” Sanders says in footage from a campaign rally.

Sanders is in competition with Clinton in the first contests of Iowa and New Hampshire, and he has raised more than $400 million through the end of September mostly online.

In the first two states could be pivotal in his challenge to Clinton. The Democratic front-runner enjoys strong support among black and Latino voters who play an influential role in South Carolina and Nevada, respectively, which follow the first two states.

“If we win Iowa and New Hampshire, it opens up for us a path toward victory,” Sanders said to supporters at a campaign rally in Manchester, N.H.

Sanders has a history anchored in the civil rights movement, but is political career rooted in mostly white Vermont. The ads seek to underscore his career working on progressive causes, showing a photo of his high school in Vermont while attending the University of Chicago, a photo of King’s March on Washington and walking a picket line.
Concerned about their friends or family are able to find out what services are available. Anyone may be suffering with depression, anxiety, or any other mental health issue.

It's an event that can prevent a colleague or friend from suffering any further with depression, said Cockrum.

"Making time for praying, making time for the student body. It's a great opportunity to support students, and it will help convene them.

"Anyone who needs help can find their way to us. The Wellness Center is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday in the Union South Life (in Student Life)."

The Wellness Center is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday in 206 of the Union South Life (in Student Life) on November 21. It is a good opportunity for survivors of Suicide Loss and others needing help to come together.

If you or someone you know is experiencing rough times.

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Green Apples

by Jeff Harris

This is so frustrating! I can’t understand this new math! It says to draw a picture to solve an equation problem. That’s weird! Why?

What did you say flight attendant?

The airplane is back for a reason.

Why not?
“Where I come from, back in Joliet, I had a pretty messed up life. That’s why [my family] moved down here two years ago, to try and change. So, we came down here and I really got into woodshop. I liked it, and decided to give it a go.

I don’t usually like to tell people my life story, but my family was involved in some gang activity, and after we left, our house was boarded up and everything. I think it’s baring down here, but it’s definitely safer, so I’ll take it.

I’m at Parkland for construction, specifically carpentry. In my high school they had a summer program I did that taught me a lot about building houses. It was one of the things I know that I could make good money, and decided to go for it.

Woodworking makes me feel like I’m helping out, because in the program that we did, we were working for Habitat for Humanity, building houses for people. It felt really good, because I was helping people and at the same time doing something I enjoy.”

Peter Fless
Staff Writer

The book by historian Mark Essig, "Lesser Beasts: A Snout-To-Tail History of the Humble Pig," is a history of pig and human interaction in North America, the Middle East and Western Europe. The title of the book stems from Essig’s opinion that pigs in traditional American agricultural history are treated as less important than cattle, even though he feels that pigs played a more important role in American history than people believe.

In the history of the United States, pigs represent a way for the American working-class, the rural and the urban poor to become self-sufficient. In the 1800s, a farmer in the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina wrote that the region, “truly, it is a paradise for the poor man,” because with a herd of pigs, a poor farmer could build a nice house. In 1860, a physician wrote the United States “might properly be called the Republic of Porklands.”

Essig feels that the history of pigs shows a darker side of United States history and other societies. The tendency to create hierarchies is another reason why older, more civilized historians may have considered pigs “kosher beasts,” because pigs were the most of the common person.

One example of this was in the decades that followed the Civil War. Many southern elites worried that there wouldn’t be enough labor to work their plantations, since black slaves were free. State legislatures created public programs in most states, thus reducing the amount of labor猪 overwork and forcing many rural blacks and whites to become sharecroppers and tenant farmers for the plantation owners.

Even in modern times the pig industry tends to reinforce hierarchies. According to Essig, most packers, one of the most injury-prone industries in the United States, tend to be done by de-humanized, low-skilled, low-wage, non-English speaking workers.

Essig believes in some of the ideas of the slow food movement, where food is produced or prepared in accordance with local culinary traditions, typically using high-quality locally sourced ingredients (from Oxford Dictionaries). He is not against the eating of pork; at one point he takes a workshop called "Advanced Meat Curing." Essig feels that pigs are one of the more intelligent animals that humans have demonstrated. He believes that industrial agriculture changed the way humans interact with pigs, and out for the better.

An example of one of the methods used in modern-day pig farming is called gestation crates, which are metal pens about seven long and two feet wide in which most sows are housed on industrial farms for most of their lives. The pork industry claims that the crates prevents the pigs from fighting each other, allows for more equal distribution of food, and prevents the sow from crushing her piglets. Many animal rights experts believe that gestation crates should be banned, because in the words of the animal scientist Temple Grandin, “basically you’re asking a sow to live in an airplane seat.”

The front cover flap of Lesser Beasts has phrases such as "pork has been prined in sources from Ancient Rome to dynamic China," making it sound like part of the book will be a global history of pigs, where the book only covers modern-day pig farming. Anyone who is involved in agriculture or the food industry, or just wants a more unusual aspect of history, might find this book interesting.

Essig does not have solutions to the many problems of industrial agriculture. The pork the system produces is just too cheap to create a mass movement against it. Essig believes that people should know where and how their pork is produced, and they should care about the welfare of the animal they eat.
We always hope that’s a possibility going into the season. One of the things we tell our recruits in summer orientations is everyone here has a chance to win their conference and make a run at nationals. We’ve been really proud to have that kind of diversity in our programs. You never know how two-sport athletes. One year you can be really, really good, then lose everybody and be really, really bad the next year. That said, every one of the coaches was feeling good at the start, but again, you never know.

Success like this then is pretty extraordinary. Where does your contribution come in?

Guidance and support is my biggest thing. One thing you have to understand: these are part-time people. They all have other duties and full time jobs. I’m here to help them shuffle and deal with all that stuff. We really take advantage of text and email, because that’s the only way we can get a hold of them, so that’s really improved things over the past 10 years. We can now assist them easier when recruiting, and get them information they might need. I also make sure to be there supporting the team. I’m at probably 90 percent of their games or making it out to the golf tournaments, letting the students know the department is behind them and supporting them.

As well as that support, are you trying to impart your vision on the program as a whole, or do you leave it up to your coaching ladies to succeed and bring the “Parkland brand” to their squads?

A little bit of both. We have a summer orientation program, and we talk very strongly about being a “student athlete.” Yes, we have some athletes make it professional or to a Division I scholarship, but at the end, most of those kids aren’t making money off of it. You’ve got to have an education. For me, a kid playing two years here and has a positive experience, has a lot of fun, but at the end saying, “Hey, I want to be a business major, and I get into the U of I, so I am not going to play anymore and that’s OK.” The same goes for someone who sees they can’t play at a D-3 school, but might have an opportunity to play at a smaller school and still get a good education. Both of those things are great.

Is academics the only off field characteristic you expect the coaches to be pushing on their athletes?

All of our coaches, we tell them, “we are a community college”, so we stress being part of a community. We want them involved in at least one significant outreach in the community and they do a great job of involving the kids in volunteering. When we’re looking for athletes, we obviously want good players and students, but also ones who are ready to be active in the community.

When you’re looking for these “Parkland type” athletes, if someone isn’t an obvious fit for the culture, are they automatically excluded?

Not necessarily. We might meet some kids who have some little things, like say a drinking ticket or minor arrest in high school, and you have to look at it knowing everyone makes stupid mistakes at that age. It all comes back to us being a community college, and our community college is frequently about second chances for people, so we understand we might have to guide those students a little more. We hope that we can bring a good mix of kids who are already successful so they can help lead. Having that dynamic makes everyone more successful in the long run.

Finally, while obviously the winning is a reward, what do you feel like is biggest takeaway for you that you’ve kept here for so long? Good question! (laughing). I really do believe in what Parkland stands for. It’s a great place for people to get started. It gives people a chance to get used to what they might want from life. While we have some people playing professionally, you also get to see all the kids who were naive, 18 year olds, turning into doctors, lawyers, farmers, and having their own families. Even right now, we have athletes with who have parents playing here when I first started. While that makes me feel old, it speaks a lot about our program, that they want their kids sharing an experience they had. We also have coaches who played here. That’s a great comfort, getting to see people who you made a difference for, coming back and wanting to do the same.