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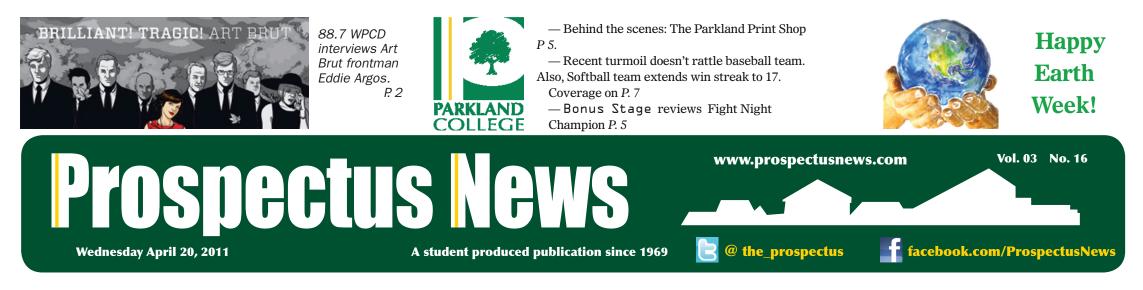
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# **Earth Week: Alternative options for transportation**

**Kelley HEANEY** Staff Writer

Sometimes it's hard to believe that American motorists feed their vehicles about 142 billion gallons of gasoline annually, or that they drove nearly 3 trillion miles in 2010, according to sierraclub.org. These numbers lead to many other issues such as road repairs, car maintenance, and most recently, how to cope with rising gas prices.

In 1999 gas was around \$.90 a gallon, but now Illinois drivers are looking at the very real possibility of paying \$5.00 per gallon as summer approaches. The threat of record high gas costs is leading many people to look for better ways of commuting to work, school, and around town in general. With Earth Day quickly approaching, here are some tips for a few sustainable ways to get around town.

One solution to reducing the amount of money you'll spend on gas is to buy a hybrid or electric car. Motor Trend and Automobile Magazine named the Volt by Chevrolet the "Green Car of the Year." Running solely on electricity isn't

always a green solution, but this vehicle claims to "run up to 40 km on electricity before the backup gas engine comes into play." Of course, starting green at \$32,780 this may not be the most viable option for individuals in a crunch.

Luckily, for the relatively low cost of \$60 a year, students can take the bus almost anytime. Many motorists are spending more than that a week just refueling their vehicle. The MTD is a great option for getting around town. Buses run on a set schedule to most of the University of Illinois campus, Parkland College's campus, and shopping areas in Champaign-Urbana, as well as through residential neighborhoods, which makes catching a bus pretty easy. Schedules are available online and some stops have digital updates informing passengers an estimated time before the next bus arrives. The system even runs at night, unlike some public transportation in other towns of similar size. Bus passes can

be purchased at the Illinois Terminal, near University Avenue.

The

movement has even moved

MTD to add an additional twenty-three more diesel-electric hybrid buses to the nine they already have. In addition, the MTD website states that even the non-hybrid buses "use government regulated, ultra-low sulfur fuel and use a percent of soybean biodiesel fuel in each tank."

*Tim Lee/The News & Observer* 

try With the same rights and rules as a motor

vehicle, biking is becoming a more common option. Many more roads in the area have a reserved bike lane along the edge of the pavement, allowing cyclists to have space alongside traffic. Plus, you can give yourself the opportunity to enjoy the weather and throw

warming

up, why not

biking?

With the weather now some exercise into the mix, as well.

Those thinking about trying this solution for the summer should be aware that May 3 is the Bike to Work and School Prereg-Day. istration is requested and can be done online at cubiketowork.com. By registering, bikers are eligible to attend a preparation event such as Bike Commuting 101 at the Urbana Free Library and the Bike to Work Day information booth, which is located at the Common Ground Food Coop. There will be bike stations set up at certain locations around the twin cities and Parkland College will have a station for the first time. The stations will offer bikers coffee, fruit and other healthy options.

One person who will be riding his bike that day is also an event organizer. Parkland instructor Jeffrey Hickman, said that there would be a bike station outside B wing where

new, temporary bike racks will be installed.

"We want to get as many people as possible to try biking to work and school to see how easy it is," he said. He also cited the benefits of biking to work and school as including exercise so there is better health, no gas bill so there are better finances, and getting to park closer to the building.

Whether purchasing a hybrid vehicle, riding mass transit, or biking, the Earth Day website would like to hear about it. The website is requesting a preregistration of events and actions in an attempt to have A Billion Acts of Green scheduled on April 22, Earth Day. They currently have over 95 million pledges. Some are as simple as pledging to eat more local food, thereby reducing the need to have it shipped across the country by truck, while others are as in-depth as organizing a local Earth Day event.

By finding cleaner, more efficiently and less costly ways of commuting, everyone can make a difference, no matter how small. The real reward is knowing that you're contributing to the green movement to make the world a better place.

**Empty Bowls Fundraiser: Feeding Local Youth** 





The idea of having a hobby that could save lives sounds extraordinary. Some would call it a dream because it is difficult to imagine ordinary, fun activities making such an impact on the world. However, Parkland students and faculty, along with various artists from the Champaign-Urbana community are turning this dream into a reality by making pottery to prevent children hunger.

Ceramics artists Victor Feldman, Al Tindale, Linda Weiner, June Volkening, Chris Berti, Louis Ballard, Laura O'Donnell, and Hiroko Ito have been hard at work creating bowls, which are being donated to the Empty Bowls fundraiser.

According to the Eastern Illinois food bank, one in six local children go hungry. Empty Bowls is an international effort to fight hunger. Each participating community works to feed children in their local area.

This year, the Empty Bowls fundraiser will take place Tuesday, April 26th at Silver Creek from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Everyone is welcome to attend and by giving a donation of \$10, you'll receive a bowl of soup, bread sticks, and a ceramic bowl of your own to take home. There will also be a silent auction of donated artwork.

All proceeds go towards the Backpack Program. Through this program, children who receive free school-provided breakfasts and/or lunches are also given a backpack of food for the weekends. The back-



Parkland College Ceramics students recently donated handmade bowls to the Empty Bowls fundraiser to raise money for the Eastern Illinois Foodbank's Backpack program.

Photo by Ashley Melloncamp/Prospectus News

pack is returned the following Monday for re-use.

Children can open and serve all the food independently. Some items that can be found in one of these backpacks are peanut butter, granola bars, and applesauce.

Approximately 400 children from Martin Luther King Elementary, Prairie Elementary, Thomas Paine Elementary (all in Urbana), North Ward Elementary (Tuscola), Unity West Elementary (Tolono), East Park Elementary (Dan-

ville), Sangamon Elementary (Mahomet), and the Champaign-Ford Regional Office of Education (Rantoul) benefit from the Backpack Program. The estimated cost is \$150 per child per year.

See BOWLS on P. 5

Parkland College played host to the third annual C-U Autism Network Walk and Safety Fair on Sunday as nearly 1,000 attendees walked to support the C-U Autism Network and the Autism Society of Illinois.

Photo by Sean Hermann/Prospectus News



President Lincoln was our tallest president at 6 foot 4 inches but Lyndon B. Johnson was also the same height.

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# **Chuck Shepherd's News of the Weird**

The CIA recently won two

court rulings allowing the

agency to refuse comment

about its former contractor

Dennis Montgomery -- rul-

ings that issues involving him

are "state secrets" (despite

strong evidence that the main

"secret" is merely how fool-

ish the agency, and the U.S.

Air Force, were to pay Mont-

gomery at least \$20 million for

bogus software following 9-11,

according to a February New

York Times report). Montgom-

ery, a small-time gambler who

said he was once abducted by

aliens, convinced the two agen-

cies that his sophisticated soft-

ware could detect secret al-

Qaida messages embedded in

video pixels on Al Jazeera's

news website. According to the

Times report, Montgomery has

not been charged with wrong-

doing and is not likely to be,

since the agencies do not want

their gullibility publicized.

For about a year, the U.S.

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco

and Firearms (ATF) has been

facilitating Mexico's increas-

ingly bloody drug wars by turn-

ing a blind eye to U.S. gun sales

to the cartels -- even though

those very guns account for

some civilian deaths as well as

the December fatal shooting

of a U.S. Border Patrol agent.

According to the senior ATF

agent who supplied evidence

to CBS News, neither the Mexi-

can government nor many U.S.

officials were aware of the pro-

gram (called "Fast and Furi-

ous") until mid-March. ATF

allowed the sales so it could

track the guns' locations, to

facilitate, at some future date,

bringing indictments against

drug traffickers. [CBS News,

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[New York Times, 2-28-2011]

#### Lead Story

A 200-exhibit installation on the history of dirt and filth and their importance in our lives opened in a London gallery in March, featuring the ordinary (dust), the educational (a video tribute to New York's Fresh Kills landfill, at one time the world's largest), the medical (vials of historic, nasty-looking secretions from cholera victims), and the artistic (bricks fashioned from feces gathered by India's Dalits, who handclean latrines). Dirt may worry us as a society, said the exhibit's curator, but we have learned that we "need bits of it and, guiltily, secretly, we are sometimes drawn to it." Capping the exhibit, leaning against a wall, was what appeared at a distance to be an ordinary broom but whose handle was studded with diamonds and pearls. [Reuters, 3-25-2011]

Government in Action!

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Tough Guys:

In Houston in February, Christopher Harding, 23, was sentenced to three years in prison for beating up his mother (who is disabled and requires a caretaker) and yanking out her dentures. [Houston Chronicle, 2-24-2011]

Intra-Geek-Community Crime: In March, a teenager was charged with attempting to rob the Fun 4 All comicbook store in Southfield, Mich., with a homemade bomb (that looked realistic but turned out to be harmless) and presenting a list of the specific collectors' merchandise (not money) he wanted. After the clerk balked at the demands, the robber relented, paid cash for a few of the items on the list, and left. When arrested later, he called the incident a "social experiment." [WJBK-TV (Detroit), 3-9-2011]

Timothy James Chapek, 24, was charged with burglary in March after he broke into a house in Portland, Ore., and took a shower. Unknown to him, the resident was in another part of the house and came, with his two German shepherds and a gun, to confront Chapek through the closed bathroom door, while calling 911. Fearing the dogs and the gun, Chapek simultaneously dialed 911 himself, begging that officers come quickly and arrest him. (Chapek, later released on bond, was rearrested two days later in Chehalis, Wash., while, according to police, loading shoplifted goods into a stolen car.) [The Oregonian, 3-8-2011] [KATU-TV (Portland), 3-10-2011]

A News of the Weird Classic (March 1991)

India's legal system is noto-The manager of the Chanriously among the world's most leisurely paced. In December nel Islands Co-operative store (1990) in New Delhi, four men (ages 82, 71, 63 and 62) were acquitted of accusations that they defrauded a governmentrun transport company by buying bogus motor parts. The men had been charged with the crime in 1955 (when they were, respectively, 47, 36, 28 and 27 years old), and the trial began in 1957. Hearings continued, off and on, for 33 years before Judge V.B. Gupta concluded in December that the government had failed to prove its case. [Houston Post-AP, 12-21-1990]



# **Q & A with Eddie Argos** from Art Brut



#### Josh GRUBE Staff Writer

English indie rock band Art Brut are releasing their fourth album Brilliant! Tragic! May 24. The album was produced by Pixies frontman Black Francis. Working with Pledge Music, a web site designed to assist bands with raising money, the group is selling a variety of exclusive material, as well as giving away a non-album track titled "Unprofessional Wrestling" for free. In the midst of all of this hype, Prospectus News was able to have a Q & A with vocalist Eddie Argos.

Prospectus: What has Art Brut done different this time around with Brilliant! Tragic !?

EA: We had a bit longer in the studio this time and our relationship with Black Francis is closer, we're proper mates now. So we took all the songs apart and examined them in greater detail this time and I think Black Francis felt he could push us a lot further this time.

Prospectus: What was it like working with Black Francis?

EA: Brilliant. Even better than last time. I want to make 5 albums a year just to hang out with him more. Not just him, either. Everybody we stay with in Salem. I love making records over there.

Prospectus: Take us through the usual songwriting process for Art Brut.

EA: I write all the words in my head, go to a practice; they've written some music, and then I change the words till they fit what they've written. Easy.

Prospectus: There's a track on the new album called "Axl Rose." I know you've written about him in the past, as well as name-checking him in a previous song. What makes him appealing to write about?

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Police Blotter

EA: Axl Rose is everything a rock star should be. He does what he wants and tells everybody to f\*ck off and maybe in the real world sometimes that isn't something people shouldn't aspire to. But when you are on a flight of fancy it is incredibly appealing. I would really like to be friends with Axl Rose. He is definitely someone you want in your corner and of course Guns N' Roses are a f\*cking awesome rock band, if not the best rock band ever.

Prospectus: What song are you the most proud of on the new album?

EA: I love them all. I'm proud that I can finally sort of sing, so anything I'm sort of singing on really.

Prospectus: How did the idea to sing on this album come about?

EA: We had a bit more time. I think it was Black Francis' plan from the beginning. On the first day he locked me in a room with him for a few hours until I got it right. It was great to find out I could use my voice as an instrument.

Prospectus: You wrote about discovering the Replacements in the last album, what are some amazing artists you've discovered since then?

EA: I'm still pretty hung up on the Replacements. There is a band called Ezra Furman and The Harpoons from Chicago I really like. A guy called Akira The Don who I think has a new album out soon. And I've just moved in with my girlfriend; she plays The Rolling Stones a lot more than I used to. They are a lot better than I thought.

Prospectus: Any plans for a United States tour?

EA: We're doing an East Coast tour fairly soon. June, I think, and then a bigger tour later in the vear.

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# PCSEA prepares, excites students for education

Staff Writer

Contrary to the belief that college students spend their mornings sleeping in, some arose early to have breakfast with retired professors. This was a networking tool used by the Parkland College Student Education Association (PCSEA). Its goal was to help students interested in a teaching career by allowing them to question people who have already experienced the education system. These students are part of a larger organization called The Illinois Education Association.

Founded in 1853, the IEA currently has a membership of 133,000 teachers, support professionals, higher education staff, and retired and future educators. Their mission is "to affect excellence and equity in public education and to be THE advocacy organization for all public education employees," according to their website.

PCSEA is aimed at students "to get educational information needed to decide career paths and to strengthen their knowledge base," said club advisor Charles Larenas. The club hosts guest speakers and also attends the State Student Conferences twice a year in the spring and the fall.

The spring session of the IEA Student Program Conference was held April 1 at Countryside, IL, near Chicago. Attended by about 230 Illinois students, it held officer elections along with the seminars. The officers hold a two year term, spending the first year shadowing the current office holder and the office of "Chairelect" will become the president in a year's time. The conference is a way for students to



Members of PCSEA at the IEA Student Program Conference, held April 1 at Countryside, IL. A total of five former and current Parkland students ran for officer elections, and three were voted into office.

attend seminars and network with not only other students, but also people currently in the profession. This helps students learn more about their intended career choice in education.

The unique thing about the most recent of these elections was that five former and current Parkland students ran, and three were voted into office. Those three, all former students, were Chair-Elect, Kristin Walker, Vice Chair, Matt Hiser and Secretary and Treasurer, Brittany Archibald. Current Parkland attendees, Kaj Holm and Kelsey Montgomery, also ran for offices. This is the first time that so many Parkland alumni have held offices at this level of the organization.

Some of their success could have come from the fact that the PCSEA recognizes the importance of networking and holds events like Breakfast with a Teacher to create an opportunity for future educators to learn from past educators. About twenty retired teachers and administrators attended this week's event with an almost equal amount of students.

The PCSEA president, Kyle Patterson, who has goals of some day becoming a Champaign area high school teacher, said that he "really likes the organization; it has great opportunities for its members." He has had great experiences, listening to the insights of others and feels that he has gained a deeper understanding of his career pick. But he also thinks the program is beneficial when seeking employment. "It gives you an opportunity to make your resume more powerful because it increases your knowledge when you sit down to talk to educators," he continued. "Your credentials are more competitive." Future second grade teacher,

Kaj Holm, said that belonging to an organization like this is a great opportunity to see doors open, as well as a way to gain information and knowledge. "It's a great way to inform students of the ins and outs of teaching, with guest speakers sharing information with us. We are able to learn how to make connections with the students early. I've already made a connection with several of Courtesy of PCSEA

those kids who have seen their grades improve."

Elizabeth Wheatman said that she likes the club because "you get more involved than

you ever thought you would. It deepens your passion for teaching and wanting to help, not just going to class, but making a difference and getting hands on experience before getting your own classroom."

Retired and current teachers at the breakfast came and went as time allowed. Nancy Gwinn, a retired music teacher from Westview Elementary school, commented that "it's exciting to see young people get into teaching." She also talked about how a teacher has to love children in order to succeed at this career and that there are many things that teachers have to fight for. "If we don't spend our money on early education, we are going to be spending it on drug rehabilitation and prisons," she said.

Lorenas attributed student success to the ability to be a sponge. "There can never be enough preparation and this club helps students to become that sponge by providing outreach. Teaching is a difficult job since constant adaption is needed to understand students; it is different every day," he said.

Succeeding in a job section like education that changes daily can be a difficult task. It needs people who are not only prepared for those changes, but are also excited about them. The students in the PCSEA have gotten a head start a being both, and all thanks to getting up just a little earlier than usual.





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# **Colleges price out middle class:** Even best and brightest can afford it



**Barbara SHELLY** McClatchy Newspapers

The wildest college admissions story of the year involves a 4-year-old.

The tyke's mother sued a New York City preschool, claiming it hadn't lived up to advertising claims that the \$19,000-a-year tuition would set her child on the path to the promised land.

Instead of drilling for the intelligence test needed for admittance to a prestigious elementary school, it seems the girl spent most of her time - believe it, folks - playing.

"It is no secret that getting a child into the Ivy League starts in nursery school," the mom said in a legal brief.

Well, Harvard admitted only 6.2 percent of its applicants this year, so perhaps this mother is on to something.

In other news, waiting lists for selective schools are at an all-time high. And being raised by a tiger mother paid off. The daughter of Amy Chua - the Chinese mom who recounted her stern childrearing methods in a controversial book was accepted by Harvard and Yale.

These are the stories we hear

this time of year, as the acceptance and rejection notices from top-flight colleges roll in. It's an entertaining exercise to watch. But from a public policy perspective, it's almost

irrelevant. Dips in endowments aside, the Ivies and their students will be fine. Even their rejects will get by. Kids who aspire to the Ivy League usually have plenty of other choices.

Here are some more meaningful higher education stories to keep an eye on:

-Students at all four campuses of the University of Missouri system will pay higher tuition next year. Increases also may be in store at some Kansas universities. A report last year by the American Council of Trustees and Alumni warned that if tuition at Big 12 universities continues to increase at the rate seen in the last five years, the average family with a middle school student can expect to spend a quarter of its annual household income on that child's college tuition.

-In a milestone moment last year, the total amount of debt owed on student loans moved ahead of the nation's collective credit card debt. Students who borrowed money left college

last year with an average debt of \$24,000. And many are asking whether a college degree still carries enough weight in the job market to make the cost worthwhile.

-Every autumn, on community college campuses, students and teachers alike weep over test results that show too many high school graduates lack the reading and math skills to enroll in college courses. These students are channeled into remedial classes - an expense they hadn't budgeted for. Lack of preparedness is a big reason that less than a third of the students who enroll in a community college with the goal of attaining a two-year degree ever receive one.

Four-year colleges also struggle with completion rates. Four of 10 students who enroll at a college or university don't earn a bachelor's degree within six years.

For too long, we've been focused on the campus entrance. "Go to college," we've told our young men and women, holding out a degree as the key to the American dream. We've offered them scholarships and grants and loans and applauded them as they've walked through the front gate.

But no one pays much attention when they slip quietly out the back door with no degree and tons of debt.

That's starting to change. The Obama administration has asked states to come up with new approaches for improving college completion rates. The Gates Foundation is offering incentives to community colleges to work on the problem.

Those are good moves, but they confine themselves to the conventional wisdom that at least some college is good for everyone. A growing number of counselors, economists and, yes, academics, are questioning that wisdom, and instead recommending more apprenticeships and vocational training to prepare students for middle-skills jobs.

The solution isn't one approach or another. Students need options other than college and those who opt for college need support once they get there.

College admissions dramas make for good reading. Jobs and financial security make for happier endings.

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#### How the 'wild west' of the seas was won

#### Lee CROCKETT (MCT)

Besides disco balls, bell-bottoms and lava lamps, the 1970s can lay claim to something far more important - a host of landmark environmental laws. The Clean Air Act, Ocean Dumping Act and Clean Water Act changed our nation forever.

Though most people have probably never heard of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, this piece of legislation forms the linchpin in managing our nation's fisheries. It marked a major turning point in how we oversee marine resources, ensuring that we have seafood on our plates for years to come. It's also a policy that all Americans who love to fish and eat local seafood should applaud.

Passage of Magnuson-Stevens marked a historic recognition that our ocean fish are a valuable national resource, which will help feed and employ millions of Americans. The law set in place a fishery management system still used today, but unfortunately also helped expand the U.S. fishing fleet to unsustainable levels, resulting in overfishing, or taking species faster than they can reproduce.

Subsequent congressional efforts to strengthen the law, in 1996 and 2006, helped refocus fishery management efforts to end overfishing and promote more sustainable practices.

Today, the United States has in place one of the most advanced marine resource management programs in the world. We also are on track to have in place catch limits designed to end overfishing on the vast majority of major commercial and recreational fisheries in U.S. waters by the end of the year.

Mid-Atlantic summer flounder, also known as fluke, makes an excellent case in point. The species has recovered to 89 percent of healthy levels since federal managers effectively implemented a rebuilding plan in 1993. Scientists are now optimistic that this once severely depleted population will return to healthy levels by 2013.

Some now in Congress, however, are trying to loosen current conservation provisions within our nation's fishery management laws. Over the past 35 years, we have learned much about how to build vibrant and sustainable fisheries. Now is not the time for Congress to reverse course on a policy that has helped return our nation's fish populations to healthy levels.

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There are few occasions in life more idvllic than college graduation. Steeped in ceremony, it is the moment of triumph after years of work, a time for parents to beam proudly and gowned students to receive their hard-earned

However, graduates aren't the only ones earning something on commencement day. Some colleges and universities are paying exorbitant fees - not just expenses - for graduation speakers. Public speaking has been big business for years, and finding a great speaker for commencement day is a competitive business, particularly for a school burnishing its image and trying to boost fundraising. Rutgers University, which is planning a bigger ceremony this year, recently announced that it will pay Nobel Prize-winning author Toni Morrison \$30,000 to be the commencement speaker. "An honorarium was required to attract a stellar speaker of Ms. Morrison's caliber," said Rutgers spokesman Ken Branson.

Morrison is only one example. In 2006, CBS news star Katie Couric got \$115,000 to speak at the University of Oklahoma's ceremony - although she did donate it to a cancer center at the University of Virginia in honor of her late sister. And Rudy Giuliani's 2005 address at High Point University in North Carolina reportedly cost the school \$75,000 in a contribution to a foundation of his choice.

Some speakers who command astronomical fees will discount them for commence-

McClatchy-Tribune ment speeches - it's possible that Morrison usually gets much more than \$30,000 - or waive them.

> Bill Clinton, who was scheduled to speak at UCLA in 2008 before canceling because of the university's dispute with a union, did not request a fee. Nor would UCLA have offered one. (It never pays.) Neither President Obama nor the first lady are paid for their commencement addresses. This vear, the president will deliver the address at Miami Dade College's North Campus, the U.S. Coast Guard Academy and the public high school that wins the White House's Race to the Top Commencement Challenge. Michelle Obama will speak at Spelman College, the University of Northern Iowa and the high school that serves children of members of the military on the Marine Corps base in Quantico, Va.

> We know it's a struggle for lesser-known schools to find a speaker a cut above a dreary dean talking in cliches about the challenges to come. But it's disappointing to see a tradition so wrapped in idealism become yet another vehicle for commercialism.

A commencement address is not a gig at a corporate retreat. Even though it takes time and effort to craft a good speech, it is honor enough to be chosen to impart some words of inspiration to newly minted graduates. We'd like to see influential figures go out of their way to speak at smaller institutions for free. Commencement day is one time when accomplished people should share the wealth - not increase their own.

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# **Behind the Scenes (Part One): The Parkland Print Shop**

Josh GRUBE Staff Writer

If an instructor mentions the Print Shop in class, it strikes curiosity in some students. Previously unaware of this part of Parkland College, many wonder what exactly they do. It is a department tucked in the back of Parkland's X Wing that provides various printing jobs for the college. If there is a poster for an upcoming event at Parkland College posted on a bulletin board, odds are that the Print Shop is responsible. Spanning back in time to the very beginning of the college,

the department has been an needs a couple of work sheets its faculty.

"We're a full service shop and we provide value to the faculty and staff," said Dave Weckhorst, the manager of the Print Stop. "We do anything as simple as a test to as complicated as what we call a mail merge, where we can do variable print data and so forth. And we can help market the college through things such as posters."

The Print Shop exists to exclusively serve Parkland, printing only in-house for the college. Whether an instructor

important aid to Parkland and for a homework assignment or if the college needs a large amount of course catalogues for the next semester, the Print Shop has the job covered. "We do anything from tests, syllabus, marketing material, college catalogs, posters, to mailings," said Weckhorst.

> Sitting in the Print Shop is a variety of different equipment responsible for providing any printing job that the college may need for printing specifically, there are three pieces of production equipment: two designed for black and white printing and one for color. In addition, there are many different kinds of equipment for binding paper together. The Print Shop can bind paper in ways such as comb-bounding, tape-bounding, and perfectbounding. Also, there is equipment on hand for cutting and folding. "Everybody is trained to run all of the equipment," Weckhorst explained.

> The staff of the Print Shop is fairly small. Along with Weckhorst, the workforce behind the department consists only of one full-time employee, one part-time, and two student



Features

(Top) The Parkland Print shop plays a vital role for the college, providing printing services that include quizzes, fliers, posters, college catalogs, and IMAGES student art magazine. (Bottom left) Print shop manager Dave Weckhorst pauses for a quick photo before heading back to work.

#### Photos by Ashley Melloncamp/Prospectus News

workers. One of these student workers is Michael Hoke, who juggles his class work with twenty hour work weeks at the Print Shop. "When there's work, you work. When there isn't, you study," Hoke commented with a laugh. "I'm responsible for

taking print jobs to the offices and printing them out, as well as binding and spiraling catalogues. I learn all sorts of new stuff; I like that."

The Print Shop is located in room X142 near the radio station 88.7 WPCD and the TV

station PCTV. The small staff works to serve the college and its faculty by printing anything that is needed. Whether you need catalogues, quizzes, or posters, the Parkland Print shop has you covered.



# Bonus Stage! The official gaming column

# of the Prospectus

## **Game review: Fight Night Champion**

#### **Fight Night**

#### Champion

For: Playstation 3, Xbox 360, iPhone, and iPod Touch

From: EA Sports

**ESRB Rating:** Mature (blood, suggestive themes, strong language, violence)



Sports games have gone down the storyline route before, but typically it's in the form of a branching career mode. "Fight Night" has done that for years, and with the Legacy mode, "Fight Night Champion" does it again.

This time, though, the Legacy mode plays second fiddle to a new Champion mode that, while short and linear, goes all-in in terms of storytelling. Instead of text, "Champion" offers up full-blown cutscenes, complete with plot twists, crooked refs, villainous promoters and, waiting at the end, the scariest bad-guy boxer since Ivan Drago.

For the most part, Champion mode delivers, even if what it delivers is a torrent of boxing movie tropes on caffeine. The story's predictable, but it's absorbing, and its best moments apply story-mandated conditions to bouts that



you must overcome - often at the expense of your traditional instincts.

Unfortunately, the only time the idea backfires is during the final bout, when contrivance - during the first two rounds, your opponent is invincible and can end you with a single punch - badly undercuts the moment. This isn't "Punch-Out," and while the title fight certainly tests your ability to defend yourself, it still undermines what should have been a terrific demonstration of a polished boxing system during what arguably is the game's most important bout.

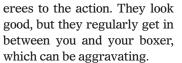
Fortunately, while Champion Mode ends on a down note, it's only part of "Champion's" package, which otherwise brings back traditional "Fight Night" features - the Legacy mode, a 50-plus-strong roster of licensed fighters, local/ online multiplayer, an absolutely limitless tool for designing and sharing customized boxers - in their best light yet.

Most impressive is the boxing itself, which feels like a culmination of all the reinventing that took place during the previous two "Fight Night" games.

Like "Fight Night Round 4," the action is fast, but not dumb. "Champion" heavily rewards players who learn to dodge, block and land counterpunches, which look terrifically painful thanks to the camera angles and swift camera pans the game uses.

Also per "Round 4," punching is handled through different movements on the right joystick. But "Champion" makes some nice concessions by replacing the needlessly complicated gestures with simpler motions that better accommodate the fast pace. "Champion" also brings back "Round 3's" button controls, and players can freely switch between the two schemes and even use them simultaneously without visiting the options menu.

The only in-ring stumble comes from the addition of ref-



In terms of core features, the Legacy mode returns mostly as it was in "Round 4," albeit with some new training/business opportunities and minor tweaks in terms of overall level progression.



Ditto for the custom boxer editor, which was massively versatile already and only benefits from the extra coat of graphical polish applied across the whole game.

Online, though, "Champion" makes some nice new strides. Players can form up by creating and joining each other's gyms - basically the boxing game equivalent to clan support found in online shooters. Your online boxer's abilities improve as you fight and accrue experience, and you can enter tournaments and even compete for communitywide title belts. If you're good enough to hang in this company, it's far more rewarding than its single-player counterpart.

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A special thank you goes to Parkland alumna, Susan Garner, who has organized Parkland College and the Champaign-Urbana Potter's Club together to participate bi-annually in the fundraiser.

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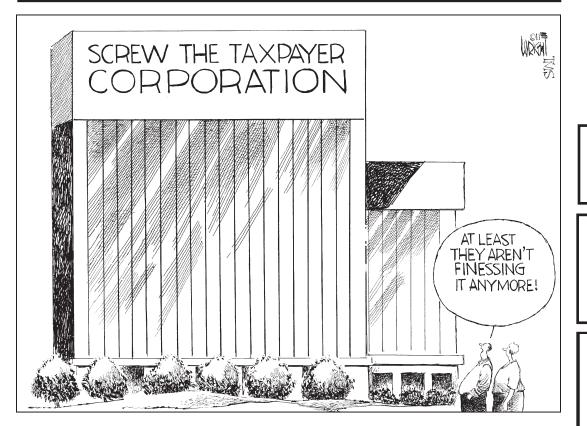
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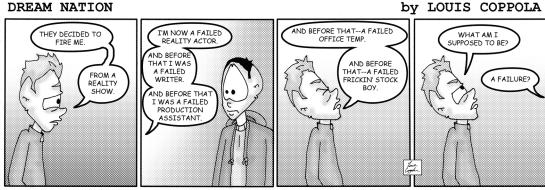
April is Alcohol Awareness Month. It is an opportunity to raise awareness of alcohol abuse and encourage people to make healthy, safe choices. Alcohol Awareness Month began in 1987 and is sponsored by the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence. A primary focus of Alcohol Awareness Month over the years has been Underage Drinking and the devastating effects it can have on our youth.

According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, young adults aged 18 to 22 enrolled full-time in college were more likely than their peers not enrolled full-time to use alcohol in the past month, binge drink, or drink heavily. Past-month alcohol use was reported by 66.4% of full-time college students compared with 54.1% of persons aged 18 to 22 who were not enrolled full-time. Binge and heavy-use rates for college students were 45.5 and 19.0%, respectively, compared with 38.4 and 13.3%, respectively, for 18- to 22-year-olds not enrolled full time in college.

To commemorate the month the Parkland College Police Department is hosting an Alcohol Awareness Day on Wednesday April 27 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. More information will be sent out, but if you are interested in participating or have any questions, please contact Officer Kopmann at (217) 351-2369 or MKopmann@parkland.edu



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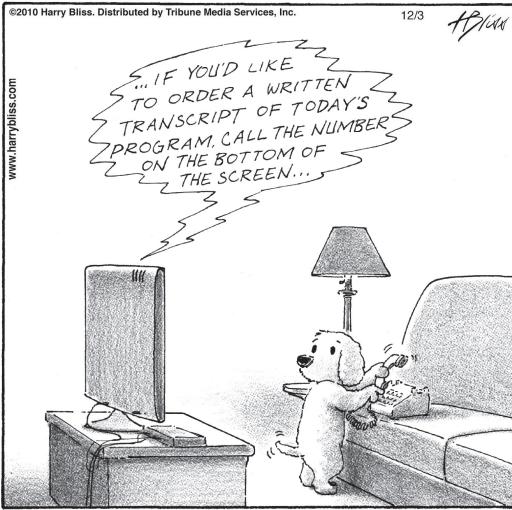


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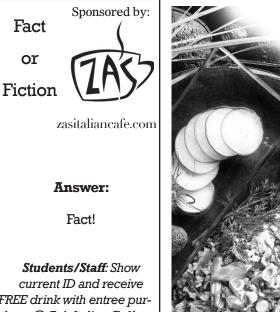
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Question/Answer by Bruce Walker, History Professor

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• A source of high-quality protein, vitamin E, potassium and calcium, hazelnuts are also low in saturated fat, high in heart-healthy monounsaturated fat

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# **Sports**

# **Recent Turmoil Doesn't Rattle the Snakes**

Markus RODGERS
Sports Writer

The Parkland pitching staff has been red hot this year, lifting the Cobras to a 21-8 record. Heading the attack is University of Kentucky transfer Jon Carlson, who had a solid outing Sunday, throwing a two hitter in five innings against Lincoln College.

Carlson, who has committed to High Point University for the fall, has made an immediate impact since coming to Parkland. Most of the team agrees that he has taken on a leadership role not only on the pitching staff, but of the entire team. Since becoming the Cobra's ace, Carlson has gone 6-1 with an ERA of only 1.45. Zach Hall has started the season 4-1, with a 3.00 ERA. Third pitcher, Clay Manering, has solidified the middle of the rotation and is yet to lose a start for the Cobra's this season.

Late inning leads are usually secured thanks to the reliable bullpen; consisting of the only remaining pitchers from last year: Kyle Zegarac, Dane Krone, Ryan Copley and Drake Everson. Zegarac has done his part as a shutdown closer for the Cobra's with 2 saves and a 2-0 record. "They never complain," says head coach Matt Kennedy, "they just go out and do their job."

The mature nature of this group is somewhat attributed to pitching coach Evan DePotter. Coach Kennedy speaks in high regards about the newly acquired assistant coach. In his first year assisting the Cobras



Cobras ace Jon Carlson (26) pitched a two hitter allowing only one run in five innings in a game against Lincoln College on Sunday. Carlson improved his record to (6-1) on the season as the Cobras won the first game of their double header, 11-1. (More photos can be found at prospectusnews.com)

raves Kennedy, "He really takes a professional, hands-on approach."

The offense is led by the hot hitting of Wes Minton. So far, Minton is hitting an astonishing .381 and has put 2 over the fence. Minton is a draft caliber player who is already attracting pro looks. Joey Migliaccio isn't far behind, batting .378 and contributing 2 homeruns. The overall hitting hasn't been

as prolific as recent years, but the current talent is capable of doing damage if the team gets on a roll.

Sophomores have also done a great job providing leadership and production for the Cobras. Second baseman Dylan Drury is hitting .310 and has hit the most homeruns on the team; three so far this season. "Dylan (Drury) has really improved his work ethic in the offsea-

son," says Kennedy, "he's got in the weight room and got into much better shape." Drury is set to attend Central Missouri where he will reunite with Parkland teammate Krone.

Another key return is third baseman/outfielder Jordan Parr, who is hitting .338 with 2 homeruns. Parr has committed to the U of I, along with teammate Brent Kuper. "Kuper has gotten so much better behind the plate," says Coach Kennedy, "he has turned it up in

the weight room, and it shows on defense."

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Outfielder Bryce Feller is also batting above .300 to round out a talented sophomore class. When asked if Feller's hitting improved, Coach Kennedy responded by saying, "He's showing a lot of patience in the box and people are pitching to him a lot different. He's understanding his role and really helping the team." After an 18-3 start, the Cobras have hit a bit of a speed

bump. The Cobras were on a 3 game slide, and were only 1-5 out of their last 6 before going 2-0 against Lincoln College on Sunday. With the Cobras' sweep, Lincoln dropped to second in the MWAC conference.

While having 24 new players on a 33 man roster, and adding 4 since Christmas break, seems like a lot to overcome it doesn't seem to affect the chemistry of the Cobras. "We got off to a slower start than previous years," says Parr. "But once we get going we'll be tough to stop." Putting together new talent is never easy, but Kennedy seems to be the man for the job.

Kennedy is in his 3rd season as Parkland men's baseball head coach. He boasts an impressive record of 99-22 entering this season. In his first year, he won the NJCAA National Championship; in his second year his ball club finished 5<sup>th</sup> in the nation. He led the Cobras to 2 consecutive MWAC championships, and, more remarkably, 2 consecutive region 24 titles. His mantle includes 2 Region 24 Coach of the Year finishes, and bringing together this talented bunch late in the season could bring him his third.

Kennedy says that this team is, "just as good if not better talent wise", and that "if (the team) figures it out we can be really good." He is hoping it will be this weekend against Lincoln College that the Cobras take the next step to greatness. This is an important game for conference standings and everyone should come out and support your Cobras as often as you can. The next home games will be today at 3:30pm against South Suburban and a double header on Saturday against Illinois Central starting at 1pm.

his style has already meshed well with the staff and players. "He's young, energetic, and overall knowledgeable,"



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Sarah Gray (2) and the Cobras Softball team were all smiles after a walk-off homerun by Macy Shupe in the final game of a double header on Sunday. The Cobras shut out John Wood 10-0 and 8-0 with the help of great pitching performances by Kelsie Hoey, who tossed a no-hitter and Jenna Harshbarger, who allowed only two hits. The Cobras increased their winning streak to 17 and improved to a record of 30-12 on the season.

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