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# GOUGH NAMED HEAD COACH



Illustration by **Scott Landells**

Parkland Athletics has announced the appointment of Jason Gough as the new head coach of Parkland Women's Soccer. Brendan McHale, Parkland's Athletic Director, selected Gough and is confident our Cobras will benefit from the new addition.

Gough has worked previously as an assistant coach with both Illinois State University and Heartland Community College. At Illinois State

University, Gough's role mainly focused on goalkeeper training for the year of 2019. Heartland Community College took advantage of Gough's skills and experience to also handle recruiting, team development, and aiding prospective four-year institution athletes' transition from Heartland to a four-year level.

Although this will be his first season as a head soccer coach, Gough has plenty of sports

experienc. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Recreation Management and Master of Science in Sport Management. These degrees were earned in 2015 and 2019 respectively from Illinois State University. He is also currently working towards earning a U.S. Soccer Federation "D" coaching license, which is one of the first

By **KERRY LIPPOLD JR.**

steps in obtaining licensing, according to the U.S. Soccer Coaching Education website.

Gough also spent three seasons from 2010 through 2012 at St. Ambrose University as a goalkeeper where he earned Coach's MVP and Player's MVP honors for his work during the 2012 season. Gough's soccer career includes nearly

six years as a goalkeeper in his hometown of Schaumburg with Schaumburg United.

Brenden McHale said, "We are very fortunate to add Jason Gough to our talented family of Parkland College coaches. We are confident Jason will bring a style of play to our women's soccer program that will be exciting to watch. Coach Gough's prior experiences at both the junior college

and the Division I levels have given him an advantage to help prepare our Cobras women's soccer team for each season moving forward."

In the past two years, the Parkland Women's Soccer team has had results that in the eyes of some, may not have held up to their hopes and expectations with records of six wins, ten losses, and one draw as well

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## Clean Energy Act proposed

By **ERIN MORRISON**

The Clean Energy Jobs Act (CEJA) was proposed in Illinois in February of 2019. It follows the Future Energy Jobs Act (FEJA) which was passed in 2016. Both acts encourage the use of more clean and renewable energy and are intended to create jobs in Illinois. The difference is that CEJA will have a clearer plan than FEJA did.

According to the Illinois Clean Jobs Coalition and Citizens Utility Board, FEJA increased the clean energy industry in Illinois and lowered our electric bills. FEJA made Illinois a leader for the U.S. in clean energy. In 2018, the amount of jobs in clean energy increased by 37%, but in the U.S., jobs in clean energy decreased by 3.2%. CEJA is intended to make sure the number of jobs in clean energy increase rather than decrease in Illinois.

In an interview with Amanda Pankau, the Energy Campaign Coordinator for Prairie Rivers Network, which is a local non-profit to protect water resources and wildlife, Pankau mentioned that she split CEJA into four categories so the act could be utilized in the

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Illustration by **Scott Landells**

On Jan. 3 the U.S. conducted an airstrike in Iran killing general Qasem Soleimani and other targets.

## Why the tension between Iran and US?

By **MASON GENTRY**

On Jan. 3 of this year, President Donald Trump issued a drone strike on Iranian General, Qasem Soleimani, in order to deter what the President deemed an "imminent threat" to Americans.

The airstrike killed Soleimani and also Iraqi politician and militia commander, Abu Mahdi al-Muhandis.

In an interview with Dr. Dale Gardner, an International Relations professor at Parkland College, the Prospectus was able to gather more insight into the conflict between the U.S. and Iran. According to Gardner,

General Soleimani, "Was without a doubt a major ringleader for militant Iranian causes in Iraq and elsewhere." However, he also said that there has not been any clear evidence given to the public that shows any imminent threat and that there are still many unanswered questions.

Gardner informed that the, "Iranians have so far just sent a relatively ineffective volley of SCUD missiles, and the U.S. administration has not continued with more

deadly targeted strikes of its own."

Perhaps there will be no more violence to come from these attacks, however the tensions do not seem to have subsided yet.

The authority to declare war is congressionally exclusive, meaning the President cannot declare war under any circumstances. However, Gardner said that, "U.S. Presidents have a lot of discretion in the conduct of foreign and military affairs," and that

the President's loyalty within his party makes it difficult for Congress to oppose these kinds of military strikes.

"A war would prove to be very costly as the U.S. would need to secure the Strait of Hormuz, the waters of the Persian Gulf and the northwestern Arabian Sea from threats to oil shipping," said Gardner.

These water ways are crucial to the circulation of oil throughout the rest of the world. Without securing such important oil arteries or pathways,

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## Faculty spare time for bowling

By **MICHELLE BARNHART**

On Fridays at 4:30 p.m., you can find several Parkland College faculty members tearing up lanes at Western Bowl in Champaign.

Parkland's faculty bowling league includes faculty members from all over campus, as well as any friends or family who may tag along. Teams of 2-3 face off every weekend with a little friendly competition.

Of course, there is a lot more to these meetings than just a quick game of bowling. Members also use the time to chat and catch up with one another. According to commissioner Kevin Hastings and member Grant Clark, conversations between lanes range from Parkland related subjects, to community events, to what's going on in each other's lives. The group also meets for dinner after they have finished bowling. This consistent afternoon hangout has led to bonds between people whose paths would otherwise only cross occasionally.

As commissioner, Hastings collects the money, emails members

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Photo by **Erin Morrison**

If the Clean Energy Jobs Act is passed, there could be more solar farms in Illinois, like this one off of Windsor. Solar energy is better for the environment and cheaper than many non-renewable energy sources.

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most effective manner.

The first pillar is to put Illinois on a path to using 100% renewable energy by 2050. Much of this would include wind power from wind turbines and solar power from solar panels. The University of Illinois has been approved to build a second solar farm adding 54 acres to its original 21.

According to a news release published by the U of I, it is said that, "With both solar farms

in production, the U of I will be the third-largest user of renewable power generated on-site, for higher-education facilities in the country." Under CEJA and the Illinois Solar for All program, which makes solar more affordable and accessible for people who otherwise would not be able to use solar power, the access and use of solar power would increase.

According to Pankau, the second pillar of CEJA is the decarbonization of the electric sector by 2030, and the third pillar

is replacing the equivalent of one million gas and diesel vehicles for electric ones. Both pillars would cut carbon pollution levels that are contributing to the climate crisis. Pankau said that 2019 was the wettest year for Illinois and that every county in Illinois was declared an agricultural disaster zone; CEJA hopes to combat climate crises like this.

The fourth pillar for the act is to create more jobs in clean energy. Many of these jobs would go to communities that the

act is helping the most which includes communities with a coal plant that has ceased operation, economically disadvantaged communities, and communities of color.

Pankau also told the Prospectus that CEJA is the only clean energy act developed with grassroots. It has many grassroots supporters, and it was created by using feedback from people all around Illinois. In Champaign's district, CEJA is co-sponsored and supported by Senator Scott Bennet

and Representative Carol Ammons.

Parkland College is addressing the climate crisis by supporting a sustainable campus committee and a Parkland Students for Sustainability Club co-advised by Chris Berti and Amy Frasca. Parkland has committed to becoming carbon neutral by 2060, installing more water and energy saving devices, and has also become one of the first colleges in Illinois to be a licensed provider of the National Green Infrastructure

Certification Program (NGICP).

Currently, action is being taken on the climate crisis in ways like the Clean Energy Jobs Act, which is intended to help improve public health and minimize pollution. It is projected that the economy will improve because of the jobs created, but also because of reduced energy costs for Illinois residents. For more information about CEJA, please visit the Clean Energy Jobs Act at <https://www.citizensutilityboard.org/clean-energy-jobs-act/>.

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to remind them of upcoming games, schedules lanes, keeps track of score sheets, and occasionally advertises for the league. If he is unavailable, someone else, usually member Erik Johnson, will step in and fulfill his duties; everyone helps each other out.

"It's almost a family," said Hastings, who joined the league in fall 2001. He said the group falls naturally into conversation with one another and possesses a witty banter.

Hastings described the current group as both, "very laid back" and, "small, humble, and fun." He said that the game is not nearly as competitive now as in years past; everyone roots for each other and will say congratulations after a good bowl. The process is very casual; people show up, pay, do a quick warm up, bowl, and turn in their scores. Anyone is welcome to bring family members or friends.

The league is also very diverse. Members include people of all different backgrounds, occupations and levels of bowling experience. Hastings said he has enjoyed meeting people from other departments and seeing the fresh perspectives everyone brings to the table.

Of course, over almost 20 years, Hastings has seen the league evolve greatly. Hastings mentioned that members come and go and game processes change, but the dedication always remains.

One thing that has vastly changed over the years is level of competitiveness. According to

Photo by **Michelle Barnhart**

Several members of Parkland's faculty bowling league, ready for a fun game at Champaign's Western Bowl. Pictured from left to right is Amy Nicely, Grant Clark, Mike Weaver, Erik Johnson, Claudia Weaver, Sarah Hurley, Sheryl Drake, Lauren Sonnichsen, Kim Bode, Kevin Hastings and Brett Bode.

Hastings, the competition used to be a lot more serious. Commissioners would formerly send out emails with player rankings and high scores from previous weeks. Awards and trophies were handed out, including one for most consistent bowler. Being at the top was more of a goal than it is now. Prizes are no longer distributed, but the fun is enough of a reward.

"If you have fun, you win!" said member Kim Bode.

The size of the league has also varied over the years. Clark told the Prospectus that both small and large groups have their advantages. While large groups can get a little hectic, they make the competition more intense and exciting. Smaller groups,

however, allow for more intimacy between members. "There's give and take with both," Clark said. "There's a duality."

Although prizes and awards are not handed out currently, this league is still full of celebrations and honors. At the end of the year, the group throws a party. Sometimes they will give gifts to people in the community who have contributed or helped with the league. One year they even donated to a memorial for a former commissioner who had passed.

Parkland's faculty bowling league is a fun, lighthearted group who meets Friday afternoons between work and other evening activities to kick back, relax and hang out. And, of course, get a strike or two.


# HOW I LEARNED TO DRIVE

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as three losses and ten wins in 2018 and 2019 respectively. It should be congratulated though that these hardworking student athletes ended their season with three First Team All-Conference players and persevered

through the ups and down of their season.

This program has had many successes including being declared M-WAC Champions for four years straight during the period of 2014 through 2017. 2016 was an especially significant season for the Women's Soccer Team

where they earned the Region 24 Championship and fifth place in the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA). Previously, there are no postseason awards recorded but the program has most of its history with more wins than losses.

A member of the

Parkland Women's Soccer Team told the Prospectus that the main goal for this season is to have a better record. "... I think it is safe to say that most think the change was needed ... [Gough] told us a little about his background and he certainly seems to have the ethos to bring us to

a higher level of soccer. He has plenty of experience with four-year schools and knows what level we need to be at to compete," said the player.

The team is ready to get back to playing and winning. There are high hopes for these student athletes with the help of a new head coach as

we approach the 2020 season.

For more information about the Parkland Women's Soccer Team, visit athletics.parkland.edu where you can find their background, history, awards, and news. Join us in the fall for more women's soccer at Parkland College.

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a likely oil crisis will impact China, India, Japan and the European Union. Gardner also said that irregular warfare at sea would be just as challenging as land warfare in Iran because of its terrain, heat and populous cities.

In a response to whether third-party actors, such as Russia, would be likely to assist Iran in wartime, Gardner said that "Aid to Iran from other powers seems to me unlikely in any short-term period, but I have no

doubt war would rouse up international opposition, especially over the longer term."

The resolutions to the current conflicts are highly debated. Gardner thinks that negotiation and diplomacy have the best chance of success in easing tensions. However, he also noted that others think that "standing firm with violent counter actions" might prove to be more effective.

According to Gardner, the conflict dates to the year 1979 during the Iranian Revolution. This revolution was a successful attempt to overthrow

the last monarchy of Iran and replace it with an Islamic Republic.

The international relations professor said that there has also been a "general bipartisan consensus" for the role of the U.S. in the Middle East to support Israel. He said that the conflict goes back to the Iranian Hostage Crisis of 1979-1980. The conflicts in the Middle East were, again, reinvigorated by the attacks on 9/11 forcing the U.S. to act against terrorism. We have stayed since then to fight the Islamic State.

"Moreover, as Trump

has said, the Saudi Arabians and other Gulf states offer a lot of money for arms and military protection," wrote Gardner.

All these causes have made it hard for the U.S. to extract itself from the Middle East as its policy in the region "exhibits a lot of inertia," said Gardner.

Today, Iran is a major oil producer. Gardner said that it is a reasonably diverse and industrialized economy but would, "surely do much better without all the international sanctions it endures."

Iran has also been developing a nuclear industry, one that worries its neighbors as well as the United Nations Security Council. Gardner said that the industry, "could be quickly diverted for military purposes."

Iran also has much influence in political movements and governments in the Middle East. "The Iranian leadership has considerable sway, if not outright control, over significant political movements or governments in Lebanon, Syria, Iraq, [the] Arabian Peninsula and Yemen," Gardner said.

Gardner also said

that "Iran has long had a cautious, but not too unfriendly relationship with Russia, and sometimes looks to the new countries of Central Asia for trade."

In order to achieve a more peaceful relationship, Gardner offered that we should recognize common interests in the region such as the fight against the Islamic State and the Taliban.

Gardner also thinks that the U.S. should encourage more trade and investment in Iran, not less, so each party can benefit and develop a relationship.

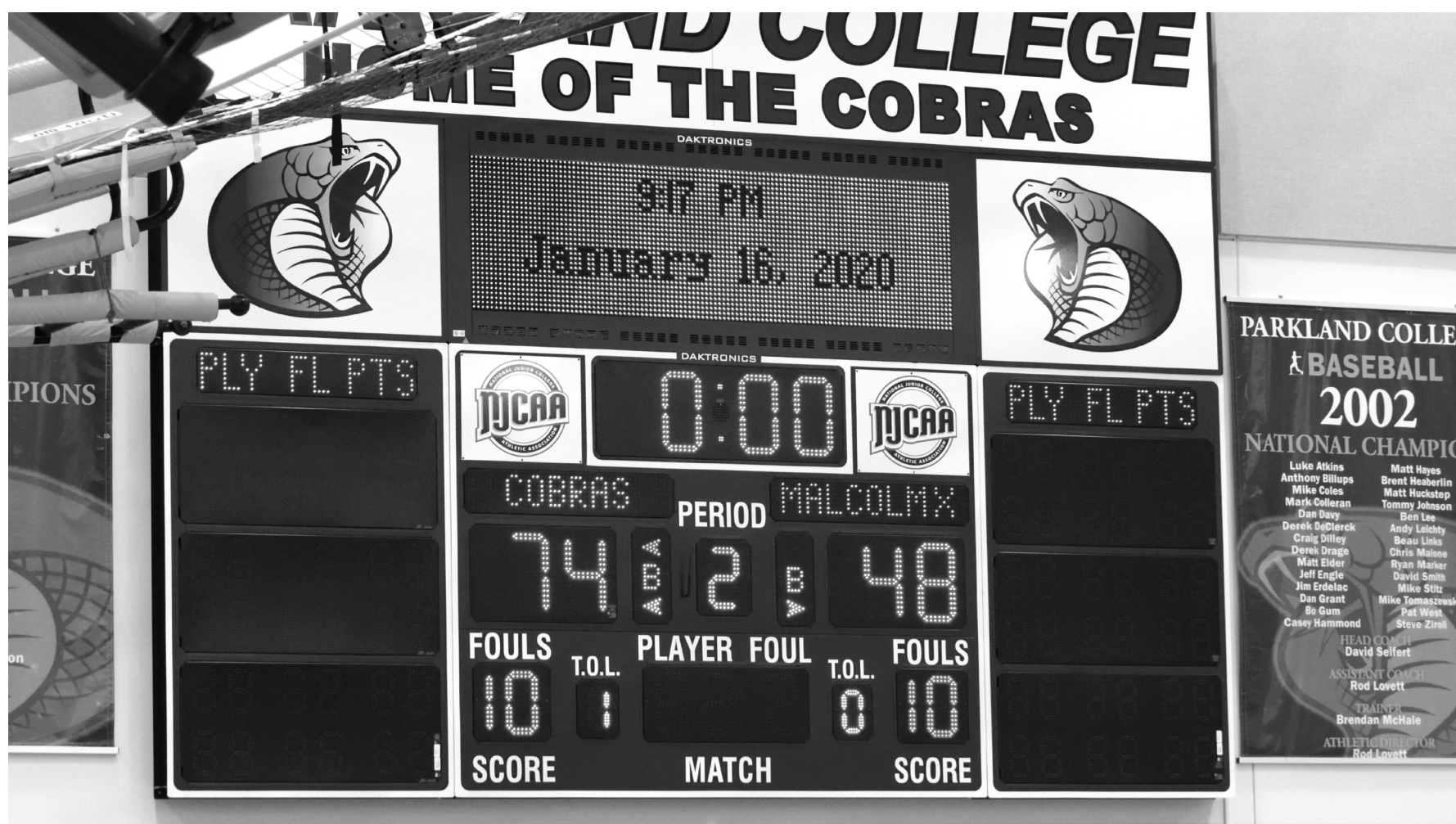


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Men's Basketball took a home win on Thursday Jan. 16. The team won 74-48.



Photo by Sidney Mounts

Joey Saracco is fouled on the shot.



Photo by Sidney Mounts

Bruno Williams Jr. shoots a free throw against Malcom X College.

# Meet the staff: Scott Landells



Photo by Andrew Waner

Scott Landells, the Design Editor for The Prospectus student newspaper, is a graphic design major here at Parkland. Landells was also a social worker for 20 years prior to attending Parkland, and has a Bachelor of Science degree in Art from Illinois State University.

By ANDREW WANER

Scott Landells is the Design Editor for the Prospectus newspaper. Landells hails from Lansing, Michigan but he has lived in Champaign most of his life.

He started designing the paper in the spring of 2019. This is his third semester working for the Prospectus; he is currently responsible for designing the paper and making sure it is ready for printing.

Landells' first experience with graphic design was in high school. "I acted a role in a play called Biloxi Blues at the Station Theatre. The director knew I was interested in art, so he asked me to design a poster for the show," he said. "The director introduced me to a professional graphic designer. I got to work in her office on her computer to design the poster. I loved it."

Interestingly enough, he shared the stage with Nick Offerman during that play.

Landells is a graphic design major. While attending Parkland, Landells has greatly enjoyed classes and appreciates the quality of education he has received while attending.

"I would have to say, the graphic design classes by Paul Young were my favorite. And they were my favorite because of Mr. Young's persistence to ensure his students made the best work possible. He didn't hand you answers. He expected you to solve problems on your own. He challenged every project I presented and expected justification for everything I made. Mr. Young set high expectations for his students."

Landells was also a social worker for 20 years prior to attending Parkland. "I don't have a degree in social work. I have a Bachelor

of Science degree in Art from Illinois State University. I got started in social work by volunteering at the Men's Emergency Shelter in the basement of the McKinley Presbyterian Church on the U of I campus," Landells

**"I like to read newspapers but to actually teach myself how newspapers are designed has been the most rewarding. The experience has made me appreciate their value even more."**

told the Prospectus. "I washed dishes, cooked food, served food and handed out toiletries. I mostly enjoyed playing chess with the residents and listening to their stories. After a year of weekly volunteering, a job opened up at the shelter and the director asked me if I wanted the position."

One of his favorite things about social work was advocating

for people who could not advocate for themselves, and sometimes that meant advocating for people that society might have turned its back on.

"I learned quickly that if one person's rights could be infringed,

appreciate their value even more," he said.

Outside of Parkland, his favorite things to do are to read print newspapers, fish, hunt, bicycle and garden. Landells also enjoys anything to do with being in a boat on

newspaper.

Landells' piece of advice for students is to take advantage of the different opportunities Parkland has to offer. "...utilize all the resources and services to the fullest, especially scholarship applications, the



Photo by: Sidney Mounts

Parkland College Men's Basketball player, Noah Persich, dribbling around the Malcom X defense.



Photo by: Sidney Mounts

Charles Campbell Jr., shooting from the free throw line against Malcom X College.



Photo by: **Marcus Flinn**

Join the Queens Group Feb. 3 from 12-2 p.m. for the Black Queens Rock Event. The event is open to all black women on campus, but an RSVP is required.

## Black Queens Rock event Feb. 3.

By LINDSAY COX

Parkland's Queens Group is hosting a Black Queens Rock Event from 12-2 p.m. on Feb. 3. The purpose of the event is to empower black women attending Parkland College while kicking off a celebration for Black History Month.

The event is a luncheon accompanied with a dessert bar. The desserts will come from Parkland staff and faculty to give back to the students. There will also be a DJ providing music for the duration of the event. The Black Queens Rock event will include free items for the attendees as well as information about resources they may not know about.

Jessica Jackson, one of Parkland's Academic Success Coaches, Developmental/Adult Ed Specialists, and an advisor of the Queens Group will lead discussions. Jackson mentioned that the keynote speaker for the event will be Genesis A. Hall, who was named Ms. Black America 2019, she is a life coach and a clinical licensed social worker. Hall even has her own private practice as a therapist.

"I wanted to make sure that the speaker wasn't going to highlight their own achievements, but someone who was going to have a message that was encouraging for all the women attending. Ms. Hall has great energy and I think she

will bring that to the event," Jackson said about selecting the speaker for the event.

The inspiration for this event came from seeing black women around campus and wanting to have a space where they could all come together to connect and feel supported. Queens Group focuses on bringing black women together as well as giving them a safe space to share their experiences in and out of the classroom.

Queens Group President, Mikyla Steed, has worked hard to make sure that the club is more than a club to its members, but a sisterhood. Steed said all black women are invited to the event, but it is mandatory that you send an email to Whited or Jackson in order to RSVP.

The Black Queens Rock event is a great way to begin Black History Month and to celebrate the women at Parkland.

Black Queens Rock is an event intended to remind to our African American women at Parkland that they are seen and valued. Melanie Whited, an Academic Success Coach, Student Engagement Specialist and an advisor of the Queens Group stated, "We all have different challenges sometimes and I wanted to build

a community and a support system for our diverse students at Parkland. My goal is to also have a safe space where students feel comfortable to be their authentic selves."

Whited also mentioned that it's sometimes difficult to find programming that reflects diverse values as a minority. This event was created with that challenge in mind and to celebrate diversity. Both Whited and Jackson find joy in diversity and serving the students of Parkland.

"It's affirming to me, because we have a number of populations on campus that are underserved. Our black women are certainly underserved. While we have an incredible line up for Black History Month events, sometimes when we are learning about Black history, we're talking a lot about slavery and things that are heavy," Jackson told the Prospectus. "These things can be hard to digest as a black person."

The Black Queens Rock event will be a chance for students to engage with one another, while providing an empowering opportunity for black women on campus. An RSVP is required. Please contact Melanie Whited at [MWhited@parkland.edu](mailto:MWhited@parkland.edu) or Jessica Jackson at [JJackson@parkland.edu](mailto:JJackson@parkland.edu) with any questions or to RSVP.



Photo by **Marcus Flinn**

Pictured is the Queens Group founder, Mikyla Steed.



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The second-founding Queens Group member, Asia Jointer, shows off her crown with queen-like energy.

# Parkland Basketball crushes Malcom X

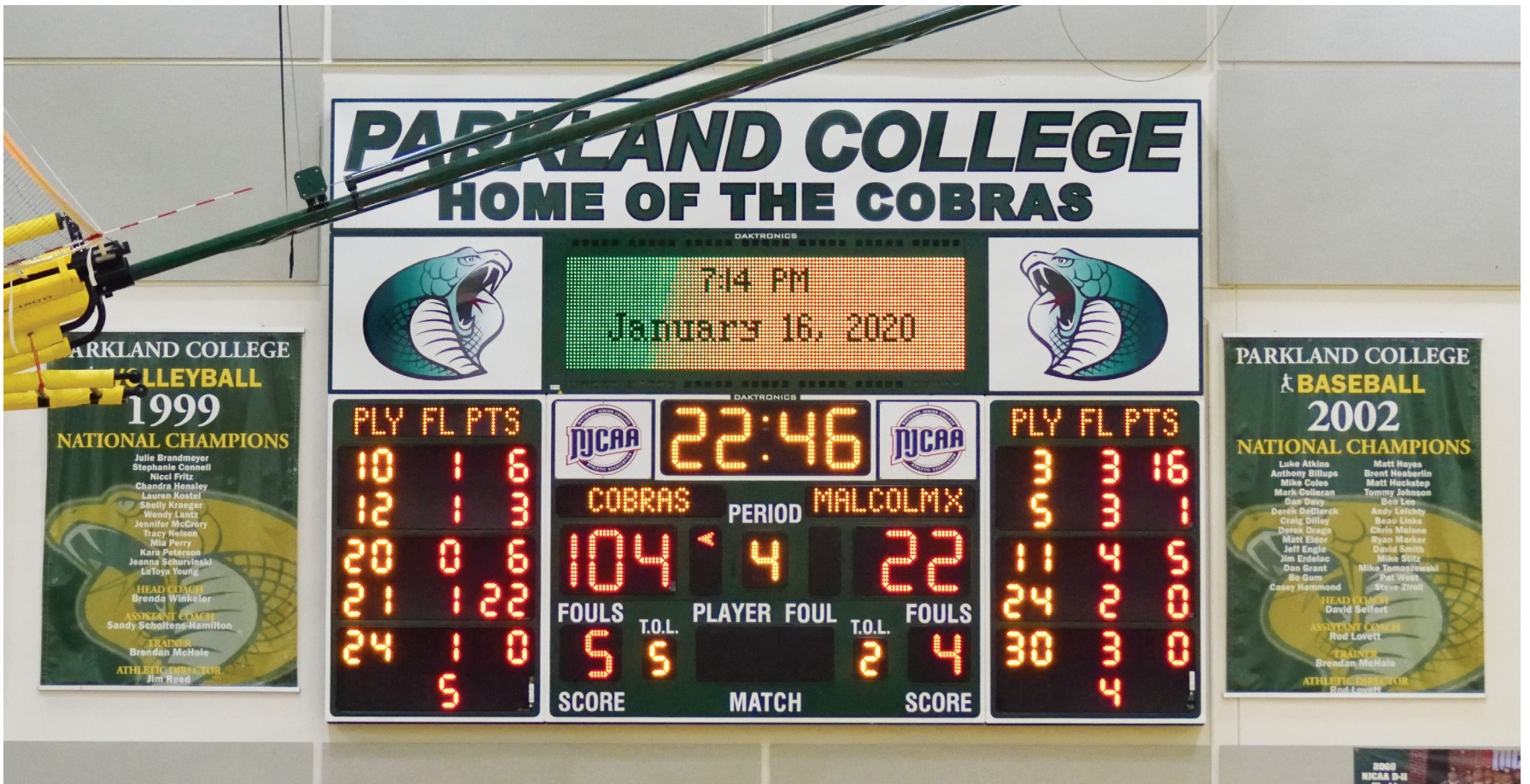


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Women's Basketball annihilates Malcom X College on Thursday, Jan. 16 from 5:30-7:00 p.m.



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Gema Alegre, dribbles down the sideline to out-manuever a Malcolm X player.



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Bree Trimble, prepares to shoot a free throw following a foul.

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