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I've lost my grandmother and my aunt and certainly all of us have been negatively impacted by cancer. It was also about the time I met Jennifer Smith who has been fighting for recovery. In addition our athletic secretary, Mickey Cler, was going through treatment and she has been nothing short of a God send for our program and my coaching career," Sikora

"Like most, I want to do what I can, where I am, however I can, in my position. It is also important to me that my players recognize that they athletes but also of service "Within the last few years to their communities. Throw

all of that together and that was the inspiration about four years ago," Sikora continued.

"It really humbles you and brings people together," Criminal Justice major Daniel Vargas said, a left defender for the men's soccer team.

Many people don't understand the toll cancer can take until it hits home, and Kick for the Cure works to raise awareness about the impact cancer has on families and friends battling the disease.

Reaching high temperatures of 115 degrees Fahrenheit,

"The team worked hard and we wanted to show we had the fittest team," Assistant Coach Mick Galeski commented.

Parkland's team had worked hard and one can see that through how well they played. On the second day, Parkland competed against Illinois Weslevan University and bested them 5-2.

"We played under good conditions and overall we wanted to create an entertaining event," Sikora said.

This event also gives four-

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Soccer team's Kick for the Cure can only get bigger.

"Eventually I would want to have a three day tournament and the high schools involved," Sikora stated.

This tournament has a bright future ahead of it and advocates for a good cause. Any money that was donated goes to the "Coaches vs. Cancer" fund through the American Cancer Society.

To donate to this cause, checks can be sent to Parkland College Men's Soccer located at 2400 West Bradley Avenue, Champaign IL. 61821 with a memo of "Kick for the Cure."

Manny Rios makes an attempt to kick the ball at Urbana High School's McKinley Field on Sunday, Sept. 1, 2013.

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International Student Award recipient: YoungSuk Oh

Ted Setterlund Staff Writer

create this event.

Ashton Gwin

The Parkland College Men's

Soccer team held its third

annual "Kick for the Cure"

Tournament on Saturday, Aug.

31 through Monday, Sept. 2,

2013 at Urbana High School's

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Coach Mark Sikora, this

schools from other states

including Ohio and Wyoming.

Before the commencement

of the Kick for the Cure, Sikora

tournament featured

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McKinley Field. Created

Staff Writer

The Parkland College International Student Award is just one of many scholarships that are available for students. With this award, international students will be provided aid for tuition which will reduce the stress they face when paying the high out of district rates.

"In order to facilitate and support international education, Parkland College is offering the International Student Award Scholarship. There are five one-year scholarships available per academic year to international students. The winners will receive in-district tuition for the fall, spring and summer terms of the academic year they win the award. Students will not receive funds to pay for tuition, purchase books or supplies, or to pay for living expenses," Parkland College's website states.

YoungSuk Oh, currently studying Liberal Arts and transferring as an Accounting major, was one of five of the recipients of the International Student Award. As a student from South Korea, he was quite happy when he first heard that he received the award.

"For an international student, it is kind of tough to get a scholarship in the USA, so this was a great opportunity, since it could bring me one step forward to my dream," Oh said.

Oh is not alone when it comes to

the high tuition rates for colleges and universities. According to an article by website Inside Higher Ed, they say that "the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign charges international undergraduates \$800 more than it does domestic non-Illinois residents, for a total of \$27,016."

Inside Higher Ed also states that "international students enrolled at public universities pay standard nonresident tuition rates -- i.e., the same as out-of-state students -- although there are cases of individual institutions that impose additional fees on international students."

Another requirement for receiving the award is that applicants need to show academic and leadership abilities to students and staff of Parkland College. Oh chose to work at Parkland College's Department of Academic Success located in D120, and also for TRiO Student Support Services.

Oh was first a student at a Korean university before deciding to attend the University of Hawaii for one semester, and then University of Illinois due to the college's high status for accounting.

Oh now attends Parkland College as a way for him to easily reach other universities, such as the University of Illinois, that he is considering transferring to.

"Irealized that (University of Hawaii) was not good for me, so I was looking for a good school for my Accounting major, and I found that the U of I has a pretty good accounting program. After asking them on what should I do for my transfer, they recommended me to attend Parkland to get some more credit," Oh said.

On how he is planning on using the scholarship, Oh explains. "I am planning on using my award for my University tuition, because the tuition will be very expensive at community college," he said.

One of the requirements for an international student to receive the award is to have a minimum GPA of 2.75. For Oh, he believes that is one of the better ways to be recognized and to receive the award for any International student.

Oh recommends that students do well in their classes and in their free time in order to increase their chances of receiving the award. Oh strongly believes that this award will help improve his and other recipient's college life, as it will lower their tuition and

Other students who received the International student award include Binh Le, Yebin Lee, Anh Nguyen, and



Photo by Gerardo Jimenez/Prospectus News Accounting major YoungSuk Oh is one of the five recipients of the Parkland College International Student Award.

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Parkland PRIDE backs LGBT community

Ernie Springer

Staff Writer Any student attending college for the first time can face a daunting, sometimes

terrifying experience when finding friends or a place in the social web of a new school.

For gay and lesbian students, this fear is often heightened. Many from the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender, or LGBT community worry about being excluded, bullied or harassed. This can be especially true for those coming from small town schools, where students and faculty may not have been tolerant.

Here at Parkland College, a student organization exists whose mission is to help these students feel safe and welcome.

Parkland PRIDE is a student organization where LGBT students and their allies can meet for support social interaction. and group also helps This raise awareness about LGBT issues on Parkland's campus, according to Development Student Advocate and Parkland PRIDE Adviser, Tanino Minneci.

"Parkland PRIDE is an important part of community. Parkland's

It's important to have a group like this on campus because it gives all students the chance to expand their own world view and connect with students that



Parkland PRIDE sets up a booth at the Fall Welcoming Convocation to educate students and encourage them to join their organization on Thursday, Aug. 22, 2013.

from their own," Minneci said. Parkland PRIDE has been a part of Parkland's campus in different forms since the '90s.

have experiences different When the group started, it was called "Colors." Later, the club changed its name to "Q&A," which stood for Queer & Ally. By the end of the year 2011,

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the group decided to change the name again to "Parkland PRIDE," because they felt the name better reflected the spirit of the group.

Since the name change in 2011, Parkland PRIDE's membership has fluctuated, as students enroll at Parkland and then graduate.

The current members come from a range of schools and towns and have different reasons for joining the club.

For Jennifer Davis, a social work major and Vice President of Parkland PRIDE, these reasons include her family's history

Ogburn, are new to LGBT activism.

"I heard about Parkland PRIDE from seeing a flyer around campus. I decided to show up. There wasn't anything like Parkland PRIDE at my high school," Ogburn said.

"It was a big transition when I came out, but all my real friends and my family were very supportive. Parkland seems to be more supportive than other schools I have been to," Ogburn continued.

in high school. They got made fun of and harassed," Gonzalez said.

According to Gonzalez, the bullying she saw led her to become involved in gay rights at her high school.

"I took part in the day of silence and I wore rainbow colors. I wanted to be a part of something that supports people whether they are gay, straight or bi. It can be rough time for people when they come out. If you are gay, you shouldn't hide. If you are afraid of what people will think, you should come to (Parkland PRIDE)," Gonzalez said.

Other students at Parkland have claimed support for Parkland PRIDE, even when their personal or religious beliefs seem to conflict with the organization.

Anthony Jones, а Psychology major and founder of Parkland's Great Minds club, who described himself as "religious," believes Parkland PRIDE is an appropriate club for Parkland, even though he is not a member.

"Discrimination from color, class and sexual orientation still exists. I feel that the hate someone Photo by Makenzie Hryhorysak/Prospectus News

has for skin color is the same hate that people have for sexual orientation.

Other members, like Kit Even if you don't understand homosexuality doesn't mean you don't have to respect it," Jones said.

Parkland PRIDE is planning events and activities for the upcoming semester. The club will have a table at the CU Pride event on September 14 at Lincoln Square Mall. There, they hope to connect with some Parkland students who may not have known about the organization and increase membership.

On October 11, Parkland PRIDE celebrates National Ogburn is not the only group Coming Out Day. Students can member who found Parkland to look forward to showing their support and meeting some of the club's members. Parkland PRIDE welcomes all students to become members. The group meets Wednesdays at 1 p.m. in room X150. Students seeking information about Parkland PRIDE can contact Minneci at gminneci@parkland.edu.

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in activism.

"I was raised to be an activist. I cannot remember a time when I wasn't along for the ride on one of my mother's projects, which were usually somehow related to domestic violence issues. LGBTQ issues are important to me and, with all the recent media attention on gay marriage, equality is vital," Davis said.

be a more tolerant atmosphere for gay and lesbian students than other schools they have attended. Carmelita Gonzalez, a music performance major, decided to join Parkland PRIDE in part because of the homophobia she experienced at her high school.

"I'm straight, but I have a lot of friends who are gay. I support gay rights because a lot of my friends got bullied

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How to stay safe on campus

PN Matthew Jackson Staff Writer

Nighttime is a playground for criminals. People walking alone in the dark could potentially be putting themselves and dangers, so students must remember to take care of themselves and stay safe on and off campus.

According to Parkland's website, there were a total of 32 thefts from January to December of 2012. While there is no information about the time at which these thefts occurred, one can guess the guilty parties associated with these thefts thought that their victim was an easy target to steal from.

There are steps that can be taken to avoid these harmful kinds of situations.

Liberal Arts and Sciences major Maggie Seeber shared some of her tips when it comes to being on campus at night.

"Be aware of your surroundings at night. Girls are often targets of muggings," Seeber commented. Seeber also carries pepper spray on her for defense in case someone tries to attack her.

Being in a lighted area of the parking lot makes it so that a student would be seen if they were to be robbed.

"Park as close to the building at night as you can. There is lighting up there, so you won't have to walk in the dark," Seeber continued.

Sergeant Yvonne Meyer also suggests being aware of your surroundings, and to try and walk with a friend at night to reduce the risk of getting into a dangerous situation.

"For students who are taking night classes they can come to the public safety office and have an officer escort them to their car," Meyer said.

Meyer notes that a lot of students walk and talk on their cell phones. She advises against this because students are not paying attention to their surroundings when they are talking on the phone. This leaves the opportunity for something bad to happen to a person or their belongings to get stolen.

Police officer Benjamin Boltinghouse suggests that students keep in contact with friends and family so that their whereabouts are known. "When you are out late at night, make sure you let someone know where you are at and where you are going to be going, in case something would happen to you, like your car break down, or something more serious," Boltinghouse said.

It would be a disaster to loose things related to class like books and notes. Often students carry items like iPods and expensive calculators that would be devastating if stolen.

"Bring few valuable things with you in case you were to lose them. Keep track of your stuff. If your class goes to the computer lab, decide whether to leave the stuff there or take it with you. Figure out each day what you need to bring to campus and minimize Graphic by Amber Walters/Prospectus News

the valuable things that you bring," Boltinghouse suggests. Seeber added that it might be a good idea to keep one's important items on them at all times, to reduce the risk of someone else picking them up. Items such as purses and backpacks should remain on one's person or in sight in order to keep them safe. There is a lost and found office in room X109 for students looking for their lost items.

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Violence in video games has been under debate for years. Games such as "Mortal Kombat" and "Doom" were some of the earliest to be blamed for the violence of youth, but the trend has continued on to today.

Video games are now able to show more detail than ever. The next generations of consoles are coming out with even better graphics that can show blood and gore more realistically than ever before.

Psychology major Austin Berlocher weighs in on why he thinks violent video games sell.

"As humans we enjoy the energy and power from the violence in games. It's honestly an urge we can't express otherwise," Berlocher said.

Personally I have never had a problem with violence in games as long as the story justified it and there were consequences if the player went off the rails killing people. There hasn't really been a game like "Postal" in the past decade where violence is encouraged and has no plot.

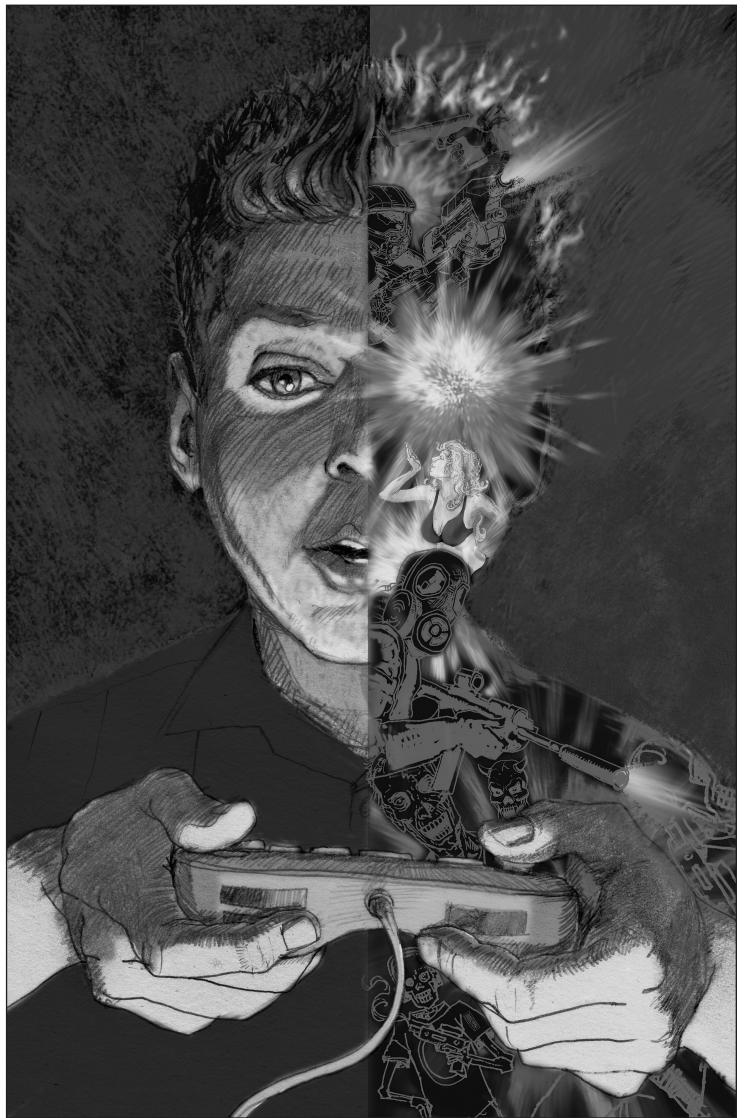
I recently encountered a game where the violence did affect me. "Payday 2" is a game about committing crimes and earning as much money as possible, and made it me rethink violence in games.

"Payday 2," while not being grotesque or graphic in its depiction of violence, made me feel uneasy and a little disturbed.

The player can tie up civilians and use them as hostages during bank and jewelry heists. If the player accidentally kills a hostage the only real consequence is a loss in pay. The player also cannot be killed, only sent to jail very briefly until they are let out minutes later.

Molecular and Cellular Biology Major Haley Lister believes games should have more realistic consequences.

Video game violence may go too far



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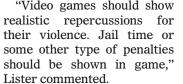
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"Payday 2" also allows players' characters to shoot at hordes of police officers and FBI agents. There is little to no remorse and they're treated as obstacles more than people. Some of the dialogue even calls these safety officials "pigs" when they come after the player for doing illegal acts like robbing a bank or cooking meth.

The game doesn't have much of a story, and there's no real excuse as to why the characters do this type of thing. They seem less like video game characters and more like Sociopaths who care more about money than human life.

The only form of justification for the violence in this game is that the bank or jewelry store is run by a rival gang, which really doesn't justify the killing of police officers or FBI agents. I feel the violence in "Payday 2" was misused and it causes the game to feel mean spirited.

Violence in games can be used to push a story forward or leave impact on the player.

Illustration by Chuck Todd/MCT

A game like "The Last of Us" uses violence to show what the world has become and how the main characters are morally ambiguous.

Games, when done right, can use violence as an important story telling tool. In a world where survival is the goal and violence is the only means the game can have a gripping narrative.

Even though violence can be used for storytelling I actually do believe there is merit in games that move away from violence. Indie games like "Fez" and "Journey" are creative games that have no violence.

These games focus on puzzle solving and it's a refreshing experience in today's gaming world.

Games that use violence

to tell their story can have a negative impact on players. It's a sort of desensitization to real life forms of violence.

Personally I find myself less affected by real world violence and it feels somewhat dehumanizing to not be shocked by some of the more gruesome realities of life.

A study done by The American Academy of Child Psychiatry found that gamers, in this study specifically children, were more likely to become numb to acts of brutality and violence.

Psychology major Emmah King also feels the effects of violence in video games.

"Violence in games has caused me to feel desensitized to super violent occurrences in real life. I don't know if this is a bad thing but it is what it is,"

King said.

Studies on whether video games can cause violence seem to be divided. The United States Secret Service performed studies and found that violence in games doesn't really cause impulsive violent behavior.

A book titled "Grand Theft Childhood," which has research done by two Harvard individuals, found some interesting patterns. They found that the games could cause youth to become more violent.

The type of violence is described as juvenile violence and wasn't indicative of delinquent behavior.

Violence in games will continue to be a hotly debated topic. Games don't seem to be shying away from being more

violent and whether it will be used as a storytelling device or a shock gimmick has yet to be seen.

For more information on the studies the Secret Service conducted go to www. secretservice.gov/ntac/ssi_ final_report.pdf and www. secretservice.gov/ntac_ssi. shtml.

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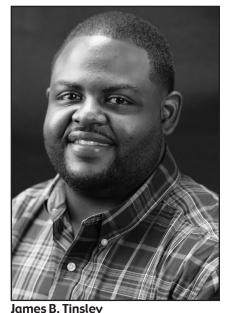
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Candidate statements for fall election

Editor's note: The following statements are presented as submitted by the candidates No changes have been made.

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For Senate

As we students enter this fall semester with hopes of opportunities, the challenging but obtainable goals we set to accomplish over the next four months will have much importance to the goals and paths we choose later in life. These next four months dictate which way we will turn next when the fork, also known as the New Year, presents itself in our roads of life.

As a Parkland College student and member of the Champaign County Young Democrats, I also have a goal this semester. That goal is to be a representative of the student body through being elected for student senate.

I believe in progression. The development and forward movement of this college depends on academic as well as socialization progress for the sake of current and future students. As the world grows, we should also. The backbone in forever improving Parkland College relies on the voices of faculty and attending students. Both perspectives are needed for the growth and development of Parkland College. By being elected for student senate, an example of my duties would be to take consideration and interest in the opinions of my fellow attending students; presenting and recommending those opinions as concerns of the student body to higher officials within the student government.

The procedures and policies that can be utilized for the beneficial wellbeing of all Parkland College students is what I, James B. Tinsley, aspire to pursue by being elected for student senate.

(Photo not available.)

Margarette Matlock

For Senate

Student Government to me is a major opportunity to get involved and help students' get their voices heard. Upon being elected I can help make sure that issues are being resolved amongst the student body and help be an advocate between students and the administrators. An important issue to me is having a voice in maintaining tuition and fees for future semesters at Parkland. During my term, I would like to help better organize the way in which situations are handled and help solve the important issues of the student body!

An experience that has helped

prepare me for this position in student government is, for the past two years, I have assumed the leadership role of Certified Trainer at my job. The responsibilities that come with this role require me to guide my fellow coworkers to follow guidelines and collaborate with them and management to be proactive in solving problems that arise. Another experience that has helped to prepare me for student government is that I enlisted in the Army Reserves; where I am still currently serving. Through the Army I have even more opportunities to further develop my leadership skills. Given the chance to serve as a part of your Student Government I will be provided with continued opportunities to better my ability to lead.

legislation for inner-city hospitals in Chicago. It is inspiring to watch

Jill Patterson

I love my college. That is the

main reason as to why I want to be

a Senator in Student Government

for another year. I believe that

I am highly qualified, as I was a

Senator last year, am the Treasurer

of the Honors Program and am a

member of the Parkland Scholars

Student Organization. I received

two scholarships for this academic

year alone, which were the Student

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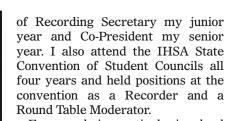
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For Senate



I love being able to help other students, and that is just what Student Government's role is here at Parkland College. One of the main concerns that I have always had was that a majority of students seem to have a negative attitude towards Parkland, which ends up having an effect on the entire student body as a whole. I would like to attend a college where the student's are proud to be attending, which is not always the vibe I pick up at Parkland. I want to make Parkland a place where students want to be at. I believe this issue of having a lack of school pride comes from the mentality of the students, rather than what Parkland has to offer, because we do have a lot of great resources available to all students here at Parkland. To help boost the morale of students, some of the things I would like to do are host more fun events on campus and use social networking to connect students in ways where they would have never met any other students otherwise. We are working on a Parkland College Student Government twitter account for this school year, which I have many great ideas for.

With your vote I will work hard to make Parkland a place that you are proud to be at! #CobraPride



For me, being actively involved in the school that I am attending is a must. I believe that staying active in your school and community helps not only school performance, but also builds character and presents many different opportunities to a person that would otherwise be missed. If I were elected to be a Senator of Parkland's Student Government I would work diligently to make sure that the students voice is heard when making decisions. Students make up a vast majority of Parkland so the best way to improve the institution is to



Abby Vanderkloot For Treasurer

My name is Abby Vanderkloot, I went to Monticello High School. I played volleyball all four years and was a member of the student council for seven years. I was also a class officer and was the president of my class senior year.

I am running for the position of treasurer on the student government because I want to use my leadership and organizational skills to help make Parkland a better place for students and teachers. I think it would be a great opportunity to meet more people at Parkland and is a great way to get involved. One of my favorite things to do is to plan events and I would be able to help put on fun events for the students at Parkland College. One thing I would like to work on is getting students more involved in the athletics. Supporting our sports teams is something that should interest our students.





Michael Simon For Senate

Hello my name is Michael Simon I am a sophomore here at Parkland College. My hometown is Springfield Illinois. Ever since a young age I have been interested in government. My dad's job as a lobbyist has played a large role in my interest. Countless times, I have watched him help pass

my dad make a positive impact on government.

Naturally, during High school I join the Student Council. As a member of the Council I helped to organize many school events, such as homecoming, fundraisers, and my favorite event the special Ed dance. The Student Council had a positive impact not only for our school but also for our community. Events for the community included a senior dinner and a Christmas party for underprivileged grade school kids. Teamwork immensely influenced the success of these occasions. I always made sure to not only ask the opinions of those on Student Council, but to ask the opinions and ideas of my fellow classmates and friends.

If you elect me as your student representative I will make the effort to reach out. So I can best speak for my fellow students. I will appreciate any input I get and I will take it seriously. I deeply believe to have a strong student government is vital in optimizing the potential of the student body.

Hello everyone. My name is

Madelyn Witruk and I am running to become one of the ten Senators that will be elected on to Parkland's Student Government this fall semester. During my four years in high school I was very involved in my school and community through dance, a cappella, and National Honors Society. Along with these activities was my favorite extra-curricular activity: Unity High School's Student Council. On Unity's Executive Board I held the position

listen and adapt to students' worries and ideas

While attending Parkland College I have become a member of the Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society and have been a dancer for the Parkland Charmers Dance Team. I can no longer dance due to a back injury so I am looking for a new way to become involved at Parkland. Now that the door leading to dance has closed for me another one has opened, and that open door leads towards Parkland College's Student Government.



Maisam Yousef For Senate

I, Maisam Yousef have decided to run for senator will put forth my best effort in determining the needs of Parkland students and ensuring that the needs are met. I realize that Parkland is a very diverse college and that opinions vary and needs are different. It will take additional effort from student government to enhance the environment and nurture intellectual growth. As a senator, I will make it my primary responsibilities to contribute to this teamwork and put forward to any changes that would improve Parkland College.

Eric Ray For Senate

One of the great aspects of Parkland College is how diverse the student body is here. We have students from all over the world attending classes at Parkland. Not only are we diverse in our origins but we are also quite diverse as to the age of our students. I'm not going to lie to you, it is a challenge to represent a student body such as we have.

Let me introduce myself. I am originally from Texas and moved to Champaign about a year ago with my wife. We were just married earlier this year and now we live in Savoy. We have 2 dogs, both terrier mixes, named Roxy and Ranger.

This is my second semester at Parkland College and I love it here. I am 41 years old and I was named to the Dean's list for last spring with a 4.0 GPA. I take my college classes very seriously, especially since I am paying for them, just like you. I am a Social Work major and it is my hope that I can help troubled teens reach their potential.

I have petitioned for the position of Senator. My responsibility is to help you. Help you make Parkland College a better college for you. After all, you are spending a lot of money to be here and you deserve to be heard. Every student deserves to be heard.

I promise to listen to your ideas, concerns, and wishes. To forward them through the proper channels and fight for the ways that together we can make a difference, not only while we are here, but for the future generations of Parkland College students. Vote for Eric Ray!

Voting Schedule

Sept. 16 and 17 10am - 2pm 5pm - 7pm

Sept. 18 10am - 12 noon



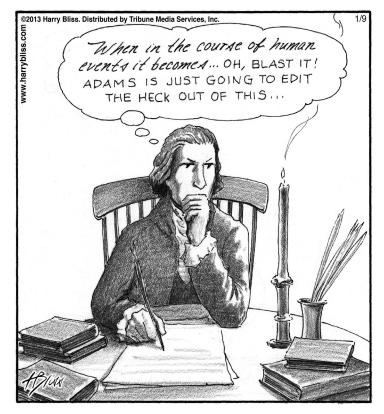
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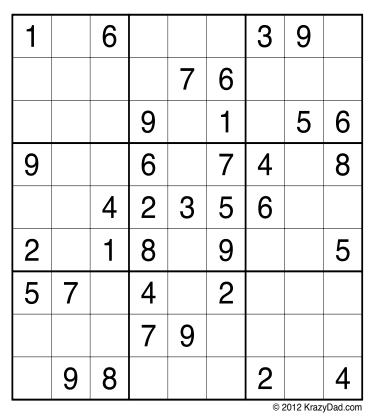
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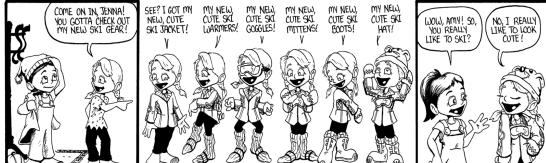
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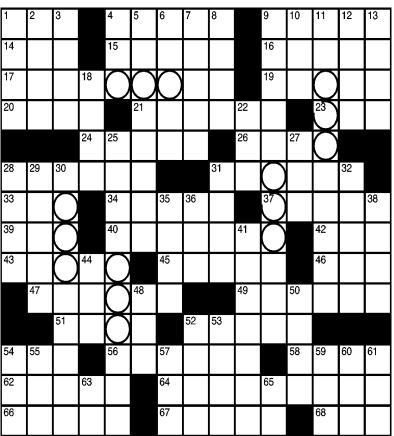
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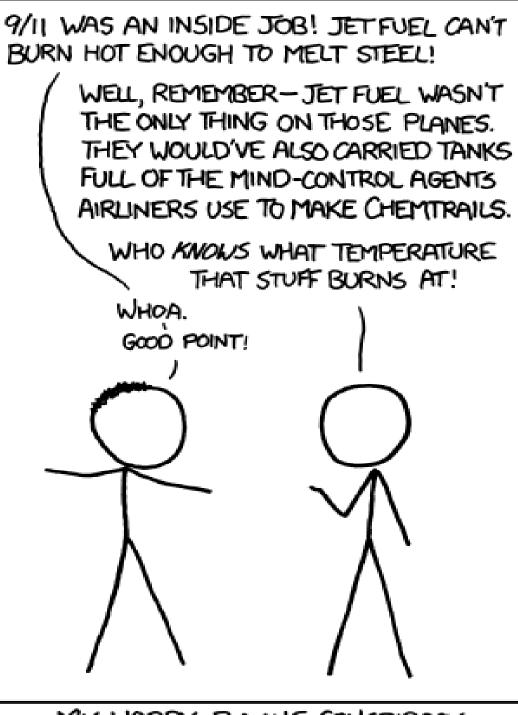
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Photo by Gerardo Jimenez/Prospectus News Lori VanBeek and Allyn Krenz attempt to block the ball in a home game against Lincoln College on Wednesday, Sept. 4, 2013.

Parkland volleyball serves one up for community

Alex Wallner Sports Writer

On Wednesday, Sept. 4, 2013 at 6 p.m. Parkland volleyball hosted the second annual Champaign-Urbana Special Recreation game. This is an organization that was developed to help residents of the Champaign-Urbana area with disabilities become involved with new activities.

Wednesday night was a good night for the volleyball program. In between the second and third sets, fifteen individuals from the Champaign-Urbana Special Recreation were able to play volleyball with members from Parkland's volleyball team.

"I love being a part of their experiences and seeing them having pure fun and doing something that they enjoy and that I enjoy," Nursing major Madison Weldon said.

"I was honored the past couple of weeks to work with them and help them get better, let alone just spending time with them. Not everyone gets those chances, they're all beautiful individuals inside and out," Biological Sciences major Kaitlyn Hunt said,

To have players on a team that feel this way about others is great.

players care about more than just volleyball. These players care about putting smiles on the faces of others in their community.

Parkland raised an outstanding amount of \$5,000 for CUSR.

"I think that is important that since Parkland College is a community college, that we serve the Champaign-Urbana and local communities and we request that all of our teams do some type of fundraising activity or some type of volunteer activity, it doesn't necessarily have to be about giving money, but what we can do is give time," Athletic Director Rod Lovett explained.

"We have worked with Crisis Nursery, Cancer Society, Champaign-Urbana Special Recreation, and all kinds of different organizations through Champaign-Urbana that we can give time to their clean-up efforts or working a soup kitchen, so I just think that it is important that since we are a community college that we give back to the community that we play in," Lovett continued.

Giving back to the community is something that really helps the image of a college, but it is not just community colleges that are involved in these actions. In fact,

It makes everyone feel that these the University of Illinois sends men's and women's basketball players to different area hospitals to attend the sick.

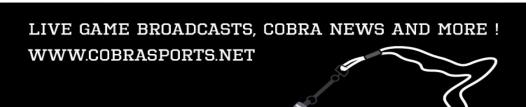
> These individuals had an amazing experience getting to know the players and getting to participate in activities that they may not be able to be a part of because of their disabilities.

> The night was definitely one to take in, as Parkland also opened against their first conference opponent, Lincoln College, beating them in straight sets and improving their record to 11 and 1.

> Overall, it was a great night for the college, the players, the coaches and the fans as they got to witness a spectacular moment that will be remembered by many involved

> Actions like these really show how much these athletes care about something other than their sport and it really brings a whole different meaning to what Parkland volleyball is about; doing something good on and off the court.

> To find out more about the Parkland College Volleyball team, visit http://www.parkland.edu/ athletics/volleyball.



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