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## Big new things to happen at Parkland

### ■ Parkland announces new classes, future aquarium

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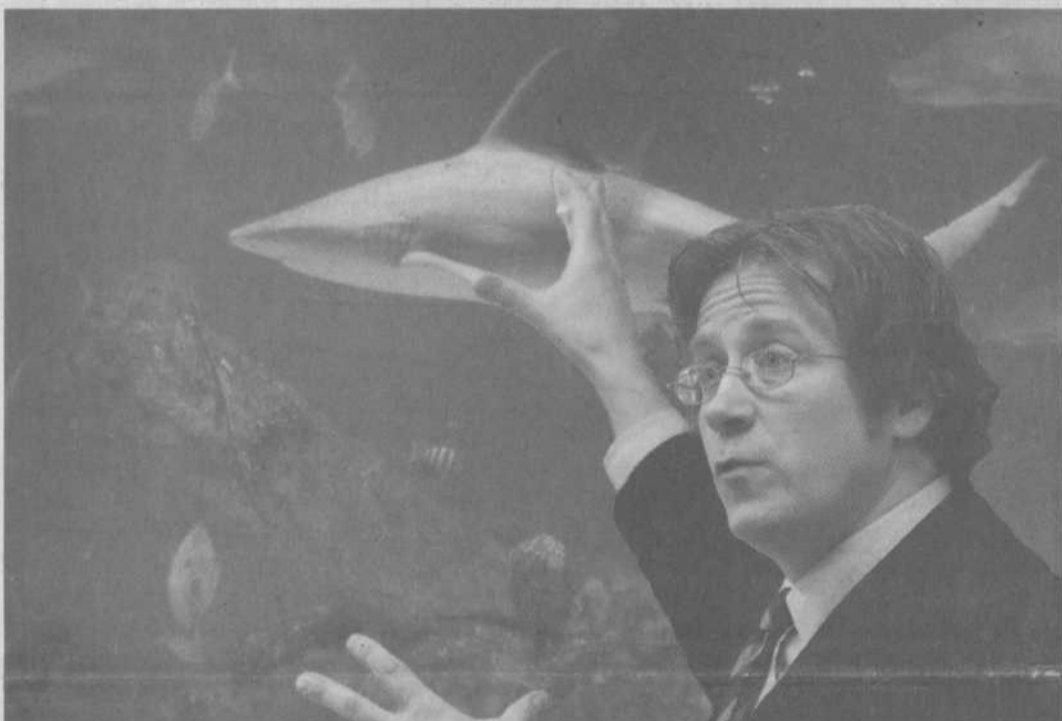
Earlier this year, the Prospectus reported on Parkland's master plan and what it means for Parkland College. The plan has outlined adding a future 210,000 square feet of cam-

Daimler. "It was completely unexpected really, but I'm glad that the ball is now rolling."

The "ball" that Daimler refers to is not only referring to the new classes, but the approval for a future indoor saltwater aquarium. Talks of oceanography courses, as well

initial designs have been proposed for the future aquarium, representatives of Parkland have visited several saltwater aquariums, including the Monterey Bay and Oregon Coast aquariums.

"Right now we're just trying to get an idea of what we want,"



Klaus Daimler of the Forest Fissure Oceanographic Institute (FFOI) proposes the idea of implementing oceanography classes as well as a 1.5 million gallon aquarium at Parkland.

pus space, as well as a 95,140 square foot student services building, an Applied Technology addition, and a Duncan Road entrance. Currently, gym renovations and roofing projects are underway.

Along with the aforementioned additions, Parkland College will soon be host to new classes and at least one new building. As early as spring 2011, Parkland will begin offering oceanography courses that cover marine biology, chemistry, geology, and physics.

Klaus Daimler of the Forest Fissure Oceanographic Institute (FFOI) first approached Parkland this past October with regards to implementing oceanography classes into the list of offered courses.

"I had absolutely no idea that oceanography classes would be met with such a warm embrace at a Midwest college," said

as a research aquarium have been discussed for several years at Parkland. However, due to lack of funding, the idea has been turned down time and time again.

The 1.5 million gallon tank will hold sharks, exotic fish, goldfish and many other aquatic creatures as well as plants and a small coral reef.

Students are expected to be able to sign up for the classes by next year. They include OCGN 101 (Intro to Oceanography), OCGN (Advanced Oceanography), OCGN 105 (Intro to Physical Oceanography), OCGN 210 (Geological Oceanography) and OCGN 220 (Advanced Biological oceanography).

Daimler, along with the FFOI, has agreed to help cover equipment costs for classes, as well as private contracting for the aquarium. Although no

explained Daimler. "The aquarium is still a ways off, but it will definitely be happening within the next five years. We have the classes, now we need the ocean."

Parkland student Kurt Trame said that he was thrilled that he could finally get involved in oceanographic studies without transferring to a school in a coastal state.

"I mean, sure, eventually I'll have to transfer to a college in like South Carolina or Florida, but for now, it's nice being able to get started on this here, from the comfort of my home town and state," said Trame.

Currently there is a waiting list to sign up for oceanography classes, totaling over 500 or more individuals. Activities Program Manager John Eby, who converses with a great deal of students daily, said that

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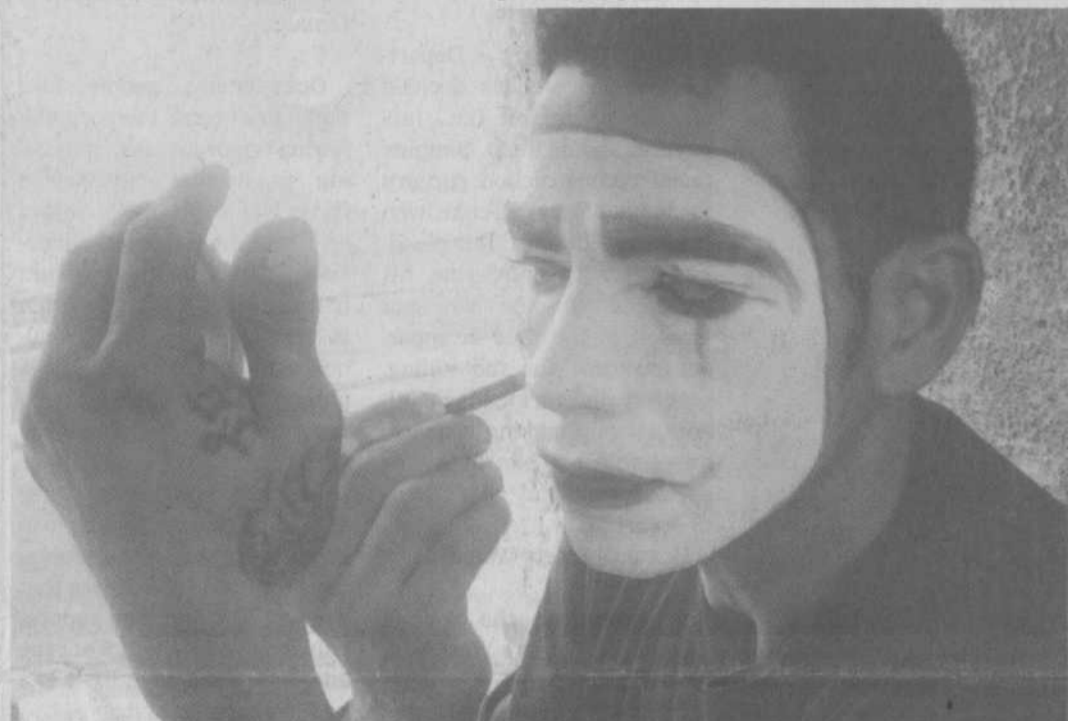
### ■ Parkland hires all-star professor to teach new course

**Merry THOMAS**  
Staff Writer

There will be a new addition to the fall course catalog of 2010. There has been some interest in creating more of a variety in the art program, so in an effort to diversify the

Chevalier was born in 1959 in Montmartre, France. His parents, Marie and Gustav Chevalier, were semi-famous street performers who gained a lot of popularity from the tourists as well as the surrounding French. Chevalier, who adored his parents, aspired to

ing Academy located in Paris. Lefevre offered Chevalier a chance to tour Europe with this program, and though reluctant at first to leave his home, he joined the group in 1982 and had toured with them from that point on until this past March, when he decided that it was



Étienne Chevalier, the latest addition to the Parkland all-star faculty, prepares for a street performance in London.

arts, Parkland has decided to add Miming 101 to the catalog.

Why miming? Miming, which is defined as portraying characters and acting out situations or a narrative by body movements and gestures without speech, is an art form that has been around since the ancient Greeks. In adding this class, Parkland hopes to gain more recognition for this form of acting as well as broaden the experience for students in the acting program and anyone who is interested.

The reason behind the addition of a miming class is specifically because of who is teaching it. Recently, the world-renowned mime, Étienne Chevalier, came to the United States looking to retire from miming. Chevalier, a native Frenchman, has traveled all over Europe to perform and has earned much praise and awards for his performances.

be just like them. Tragically, his parents, while performing their usual act, died in a freak accident involving a runaway streetcar and a tuba. Onlookers said that it was a very messy incident.

Instead of being turned off of street performing, in honor of his parents, Chevalier went in to miming. When he was twenty-one, Chevalier attending the Royal Parisian School of Miming and graduated with high honors. After graduation, he joined a troop of actors called La Fête that performed on street corners as well as in cafes, though preferring to stick to outdoor venues so more people could see them.

As a street performer Chevalier didn't make much money, but one day while performing a reenactment of his parent's death with his troop, he was discovered by Jacque Lefevre, an agent for the Dupont Act-

time for him to stop and come stay with a relative in Urbana.

In coming to Urbana, Chevalier was shocked to find that there was little to no miming in the area, let alone the whole country, where in France there are street performers everywhere. At that moment he decided that the time had come to teach what he knew, and conveniently enough at this time Parkland was looking to broaden the art program. Chevalier wrote to Parkland officials about his want to teach, and Parkland quickly agreed. Chevalier is looking forward to teaching in the fall.

"Or at least I think he's excited," said one Parkland staff member. "he doesn't like to speak while on campus. He just shakes his head and moves his arms a lot when you mention it. He takes his job seriously, I guess."

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## Metered spaces now a sure bet for Parkland

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Parkland faculty and staff voted in favor of metered parking spaces this past Monday with a vote of 962-38. The meters will be installed in all Parkland lots in hopes to aid with the current budget deficit. Meters will be installed beginning the week of April 5th and will be up and running in less than a week. Meter rates will begin at \$2.00 an hour and will increase by \$1.00 every following semester. The meters will only accept dollar coins and top out with a one hour limit.

Mike Snailgroff, director of the project, does not expect the meters to serve as an inconvenience for students. "(Students) pay a thousand bucks for tuition already, a few extra

bucks an hour for parking shouldn't be a problem," he said.

Despite Snailgroff's opinion, Parkland students are concerned about the meters. "I don't even know what a dollar coin is," said student Cherry Crumbley.

In addition to the new meters, a plan to tear up excess concrete throughout the parking lots has been approved as well. The lots will be decreased to approximately one third of their current size. The excess concrete will be sold to raise money for a new five-story public restroom facility which will be built just east of Dodds Park.

"Concrete resell values are at an all-time high," said Jeff Hardhead, who will be working on the project. "We should



You better hope the meter fairy comes, as all Parkland lots will be metered beginning April 12<sup>th</sup>.

Candace BARBOT/Miami Herald (South Florida Sun-Sentinel Out)

sell as much (concrete) as we can, while we can." There has also been talks of tearing up concrete floors throughout the campus, which will be replaced with hardwood flooring by the end of the semester. The project is also not expected to be an inconvenience for students and faculty despite low approval ratings.

Project workers had no comment when asked why lot sizes would be decreased despite rapidly growing enrollment numbers.

Despite losing the trust of Parkland faithful, the college is hoping to get back in the green and serve the community well, public restrooms included.

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# Chuck Shepherd's News of the Weird

**Lead Story**

**But What If the Device Falls Into the Wrong Hands?**  
 A 55-year-old British man whose bowel was ruptured in a nearly catastrophic traffic accident has been fitted with a bionic sphincter that opens and closes with a remote controller. Ged Galvin had originally endured 13 surgeries in a 13-week hospital stay and had grown frustrated with using a colostomy bag until surgeon Norman Williams of the Royal London Hospital proposed the imaginative operation. Dr. Williams, who was interviewed along with Galvin for a November feature in London's Daily Mail, wrapped a muscle transplanted from Galvin's leg around the sphincter and attached electrodes to tighten or loosen the muscle's grip.

**Unreformed Health Care System**

The Wisconsin Department of Corrections decided in October that it (i.e., taxpayers) should fund complex facial reconstruction surgery for inmate Daryl Strenke, who is serving 30 years after pleading guilty to murdering his girlfriend. Strenke had shot himself in the face in apparent remorse for the killing, severely disfiguring his mouth and jaw and making it nearly impossible for him to eat or speak normally.

**Britain's Safety Weenies**

In November, the Solihull Council in Britain's West Midlands county ordered a flooring store to remove the festive balloons it had pinned out front to attract business, calling them hazards. One councillor explained that drivers may be distracted by the colors, and another was concerned that if a balloon came loose, it might possibly float into traffic and lure a child to follow it.

In October, Britain's Association of Chief Police Officers prepared a guidebook of instructions for bicycle-duty officers on how to ride a bike. The book was 93 pages long, containing such assistance as a diagram on how to turn left or right ("Following wide-spread ridicule, the association decided in November not to release it.")

Examiners from Britain's Health and Safety Executive, inspecting bowling alleys for hazards, considered recommendations (according to a November Daily Mail report) that included erecting barriers over the lanes to prevent bowlers from wandering the alleys and perhaps getting caught in pin-setting machines or, feared

one inspector, bowlers injuring themselves trying to knock over pins by hand. The barriers would leave space for the ball to roll under.

**The Science of Sex**

Wake Forest University's Institute of Regenerative Medicine, which has successfully grown human bladders in the lab using only a few extracted cells sprayed onto a chemical frame that mimics the body's tissues, has so far been unsuccessful at regenerating penises because of the organ's complexity. However, it announced in a November journal article a success with rabbit penises. Four of the 12 rabbits with lab-grown phalluses successfully impregnated females, and in an unexpected finding, the new penises appear not to lessen sexual desire, in that all 12 of the rabbits began mating within one minute of meeting females.

Occasionally, people lose their short-term memory following vigorous sex, according to doctors interviewed for a November CNN report on "transient global amnesia." The condition occurs because blood flow to the brain is restricted by the strenuous activity, temporarily disabling the hippocampus from recording new memory. One sufferer, "Alice," recalled her experience, recounting how she initially cracked a joke about being unable to remember how good the sex was that she just had, and then supposedly repeated the joke over and over, each time as if she had just thought of it.

**Common Sense Takes a Vacation**

Three men were convicted in August in Kansas City, Mo., of having convinced "numerous" customers to buy 3-inch-by-4-inch laminated "diplomat" cards that, promoters said, would legally free them from ever having to pay taxes or being arrested for any crime. According to the FBI, customers ponied up fees ranging from \$450 to \$2,000 to get the cards.

Dr. Yehu Azaz, a wealthy, respected physician, gave up his career in 1991 and gave away all of his possessions, coming under the spell of guru Rena Denton's spiritual healing center in Somerset, England. In a 2009 lawsuit to recover his wealth, Azaz said that despite being an educated professional, he did not realize what he had done until 2003 because he had been brainwashed ("unduly influenced") by the aged guru. (A judge tossed out his lawsuit in July.)

# music downloads

Week ending March 30, 2010

**#1 Album**



**My World 2.0**  
Justin Bieber



**She Said**  
Plan B



**Vs. Las ... de la Muerte**  
Delafe y las Flores Azules

**Top tracks**

( ) Last week's ranking in top five

**United States**

<b>Hey, Soul Sister</b> • Train	(3)	1
<b>Break Your Heart</b> • Taio Cruz	(1)	2
<b>Nothin' on You</b> • B.o.B	(2)	3
<b>Telephone</b> • Lady GaGa & Beyonce	(5)	4
<b>Need You Now</b> • Lady Antebellum		5

**United Kingdom**

<b>This Ain't a Love Song</b> • Scouting for Girls		1
<b>Telephone</b> • Lady GaGa & Beyonce	(2)	2
<b>She Said</b> • Plan B		3
<b>Rude Boy</b> • Rihanna	(3)	4
<b>Hot</b> • Inna	(5)	5

**Spain**

<b>Stereo Love</b> • Edward Maya, Vika Jigulina	(4)	1
<b>El Run Run</b> • Estopa	(3)	2
<b>Tik Tok</b> • Ke\$ha	(2)	3
<b>Sick of Love</b> • Robert Ramirez	(1)	4
<b>Meet Me Halfway</b> • Black Eyed Peas	(5)	5

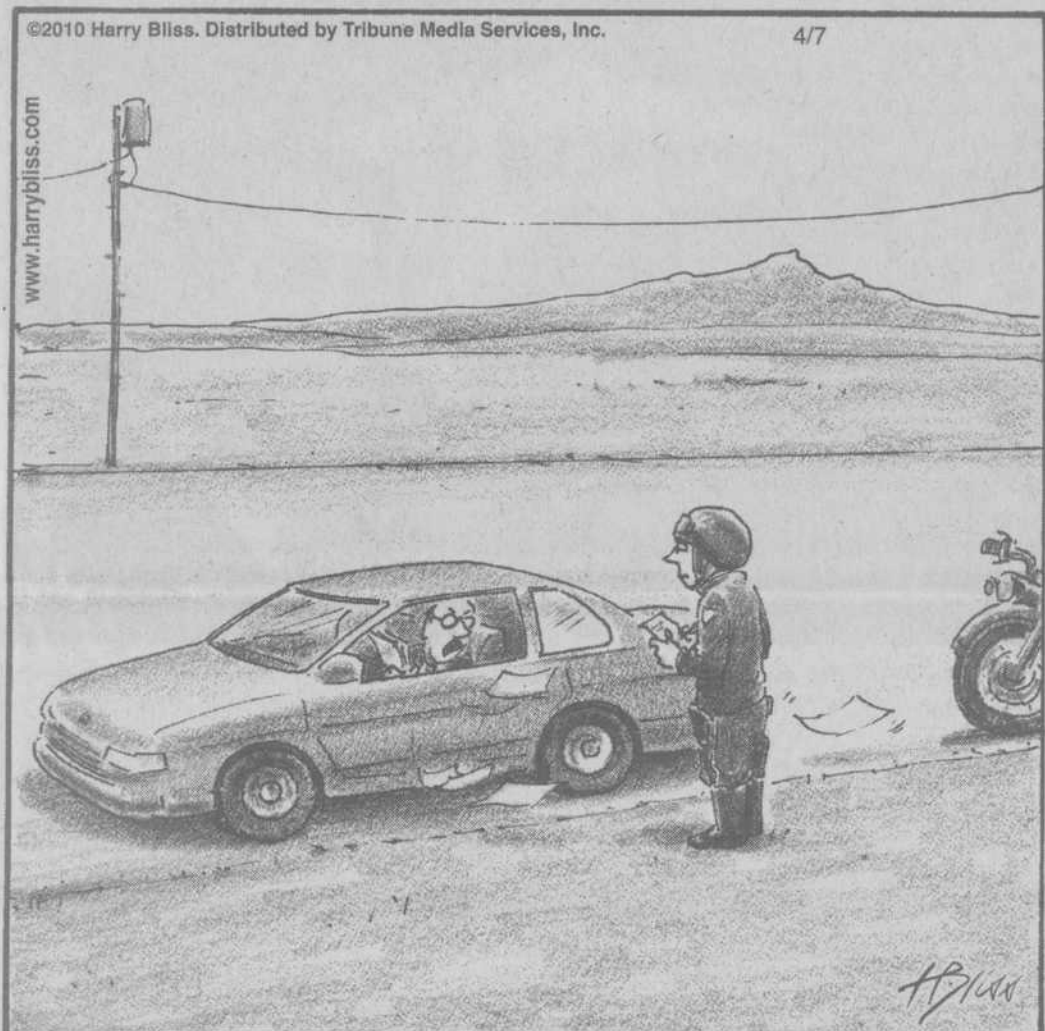
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"For your information, officer, I was not 'texting' – I was reviewing candidate applications for fellowship grants!"

**AQUA**

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he's never see such an anticipated new class.

"It never occurred to me that oceanography would be such a big thing in Illinois," he said. "But it really looks like there are a lot of generally interested students, which means good things for a future aquarium and maybe more classes."

Eby has high hopes for an oceanography program at Parkland College, especially with so much interest generated, all without any kind of press release.

"When you think about it, there's already over 500 people on a waiting list for classes that we haven't (until now) officially announced we're offering. That's definitely a big deal," he said.

Expenses for the aquarium and classes are expected to

total over \$2.5 million, however an increase in student fees will cover the remaining cost left for Parkland.

If you are interested in enrolling in these great new courses being offered at Parkland, make an appointment with a counselor as soon as possible as the classes will be filling up fast.

**MIME**

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The class will cover the traditional French method of miming, not the Ancient Greek style which encompassed some speech. It's completely silent, which means the students, from the moment they walk in the classroom are prohibited from speaking, though they are allowed to write for the first couple of weeks just to get adjusted. The subject mat-

ter will go over the history of miming, which will be done in the beginning of the semester while they're still able to write, and then will progress into all physical activity with no form of communication.

Since the class is new, there's only an intro level available, but if the class becomes popular enough, there is a good chance that there will be higher level classes added in the future.

If you want to learn more about this class and what it involves, be sure to contact the counselors at Parkland. There isn't any information on Parkland Connection yet, but it will be within the next few weeks, so when you register for fall classes keep Miming 101 in mind. This class will be offered Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Fees include a black and white striped shirt, white gloves, black shoes and pants. The espresso and baguette fee is optional.

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# In keeping April showers and May flowers green

**Rachael JOHNS**  
Staff Writer

With Earth Day coming up on Thursday, April 22, it's a fabulous time to make conscientious changes towards a more sustainable "green" lifestyle. The added sunshine and warmer temperatures of spring can energize you to make some eco-friendly decisions.

What it means to be sustainable, as any student of BIO104 knows, involves a balance of environmental, economic and social factors.

Buckminster Fuller, inventor of the geodesic dome and professor believes that, "every time man makes a new experiment, he always learns more. He cannot learn less."

Fuller is a big advocate for efficient dwellings. "There is room enough indoors in New York City for the whole 1963 world's population to enter, with room enough for all hands to dance the twist in average nightclub proximity," said Fuller.

By focusing on the "less is more" mentality of conservation, you can minimize your environmental impact by living in shared spaces.

Better yet, you can be both economically and environmentally sound by following a lifestyle that reflects that of an Ascetic monk or even a "homeless" vagabond. By giving up material superfluous luxuries and living simply, these are the most desirable green lifestyle options.

Fuller spoke of the social aspects of lifestyle. "We must do away with the absolutely specious notion that everybody has to earn a living," he said.

So, it's more than okay to not work and live as a "beach bum"; it's the epitome of a nature-conscious living.

Henry T., a philosophy major, lives just like this. He is what you might call a transcendentalist. "My life is like a stroll upon the beach," he said. "It is a great art to saunter." He said he lives by the ideal of "That man is richest whose pleasures are the cheapest."



Fuller pointed out that "The things to do are: the things that need doing, that you see need to be done, and that no one else seems to see need to be done."

So, in your effort to update to a greener lifestyle, make the choice to not do things. Don't go out— stay in. Don't focus on outside elements such as TV; rather, focus on yourself and your local community by entertaining yourselves on your own.

One necessity of life is sustenance, or food. To make your sustenance green friendly, think about where your food comes from and choose to eat in a more sustainable manner. You can find food, or practice

being a "freegan," eating what is freely available and only buying food when it is nutritious and lower on the food chain so you consume less energy. Salvaged food items, such as those recently expired or willingly discarded are also a great way to eat more thoughtfully.

In support of organic farming practices, you can stop using harmful chemical fertilizers, herbicides and pesticides. "Pesticides are bad," according to R. Carson, student.

Carson also said she has been using nutritional healing in place of pharmaceutical drugs.

"I don't like the idea of putting chemicals into my body

that might do more harm than good," she explained.

Resources to find out more about nutritional healing can be found at the library in references such as Phyllis A. Balch and James F. Balch's Prescription for Nutritional Healing and through local health food stores such as Strawberry Field's and Common Ground Food Co-op.

Clivus Multrum, in business, says "composting human and kitchen wastes are a great way to be green, and save money."

Urinating outdoors, Multrum claims, is "a freeing and exhilarating experience." Water usage is conserved greatly through this practice.

Having done lots of business

with National Parks and areas, Multrum says "fecal matter does not retain a stench if you do not mix it with urine." So, when you're thinking about installing your outhouse, remember to only poop in your outhouse and keep the bladder relieving activities in the bushes.

Now, how about helping out your beautiful garden? The compost from vegetable, fruit and biodegradable kitchen wastes can be a rich, natural fertilizer for gardens. Landfill waste is greatly decreased by this. This means you are saving the planet and greenbacks.

Another great household tip to save water is to shower less, or not at all. Widely accepted

hygienic practices are greatly unnecessary. Detergents are hard on the skin and soul.


According to ranger Richard, an outdoor enthusiast and backcountry guide, the body's oils naturally cleanse the skin after only a few days without showering. Furthermore, he claims that rain showers are as refreshing as conventional showers, and work just as well to remove any dirt and grime you may acquire throughout your weekly activities.



Also, instead of using perfumes and body scents, allow your body to smell like you, naturally. Save money and natural resources by allowing your pheromones to be as natural. You can use a little bit of rubbing alcohol to kill underarm bacteria if the smell is too strong for your liking, but ditch the perfumes and your chemistry will thank you.

Follow these great tips and you are surely on the way to being green.

"The opposite of nature is impossible," according to Fuller. Still, respecting nature is still imperative to human success and fulfillment. Here's a list of ten things you can do to become a greener you:

1. Don't go anywhere.
2. Bathe less and without detergents, or don't bathe—the body cleans itself.
3. Don't shave—save razors and water!
4. Live communally, in communal spaces.
5. Eat what you find—like dandelion soup, mulberries and discarded foodstuffs.
6. Make things with what you have available; avoid dangerous pesticides and chemicals and supporting outsourced child labor and unacceptable human working conditions.
7. Dumpster dive!
8. Use candlelight—make your own candles and fire.
9. Build an outhouse, trench or composting toilet.
10. Reuse, Reduce, Recycle and Retire.



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## The benefits of being illiterate

**Merry THOMAS**  
Staff Writer

When I look around and see my fellow students scrambling with all of their responsibilities I can't help but think how we complicate our lives with unnecessary matters. With work and school, it's hard to remember that we're only human. We all feel a need to progress to a certain stage so we can be considered accomplished—it's been embedded in our heads since grade school. How could it not be with all of the material that we had to study throughout our education?

Why is it so important to have to read things to get to where we want to go? We don't need to read in order to learn—in fact it tends to create more problems in the long run. It has been my experience that reading and writing as well as research for classes have made people more stressed and aggravated than educated. Humans have been doing things this way for centuries, but I say that I've had enough and that it's time to be liberated from the old ways.

I have a simple proposition to make, something that would benefit everyone. If literacy is the reason why people's lives are so complicated, why not get

rid of it all together? By getting rid of literacy, all sorts of complications are taken with it. It seems like a crazy thought, but once the benefits are made clear, Parkland might do well

school has been in session, yet why does it have to be that way? In creating a curriculum that uses oral teaching methods, not only are you engaging the students more, you're

knows who is paying attention and who is not.

Also, when you have oral lessons, students can utilize their memorization skills in order to keep up with class work as

word, it encourages people to be more social as well. In considering these things, it's definitely clear that this would help students rather than hinder them.

In addition, we can be free from another hindrance, books. Students wouldn't be burdened with the books that would normally be required by their instructors, not to mention the financial stress that is associated with textbooks. Without literacy, there's no need to purchase books anymore. Think of the hundreds of dollars you could save and put to good use for things that really matter to a college student, like food or water.

Something else to think about when considering anti-literacy is all of the health problems that comes with being literate. You can hurt your eyes from looking at a computer screen for hours, your hand can have horrible cramps that lead to other troubles, and when you read for long periods of time you don't get the exercise that you need to stay healthy. There's a lot that can affect your health by being literate. By not reading and writing, you save yourself from all sorts of complications that can hurt you later on in life.

Another great perk is that

things are a lot easier to manage on a large scale when people can't read, especially since people aren't questioning every little detail. With an illiterate group of people, there tends to be a need to follow specific leaders, such as Parkland representatives. It's more orderly that way.

Managing the student body would be easier, as well. There would be more one on one time with professors because you can't e-mail them to talk about an issue; they have to help you outright. If you're an instructor, you can look forward the elimination of false stories about how an e-mail went astray that contained a student's homework. There are too many benefits that could come out of this no-literacy business to count, but whether you're a teacher or student there's something for everyone.

What has literacy done for us? Sure it's gotten us to where we are today, but how else can we possibly improve as a society by taking the same route? By throwing out literacy from Parkland's curriculum, the student body can be let free from the bounds of literacy and truly reach their learning potential.



to heed these notions. Here are some advantages to prohibiting literacy for Parkland students.

When it comes to school, everything revolves around reading and writing. It's been done that way for as long as

ensuring that you have their undivided attention. Without a notebook to distract them, the student has no choice but to listen to the teacher rather than doodle or do some other activity that could simulate taking notes. This way the teacher

well as improve articulation. In order to communicate in a society without reading and writing, it's a necessity to speak well, especially when your grade is dependent on that factor. When everything is based on speech rather than written

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# Prospectus Pick: Laser Cats

**Levi NORMAN**  
Photography Editor

Some people say guns are good, while others are against them. Thanks to the war in Iraq, along came a nuclear war. Due to contact with radiation, cats have developed the ability to shoot lasers out of their mouths. Some will use the cats for good, some for evil. Thus, born the dawning of laser cats.

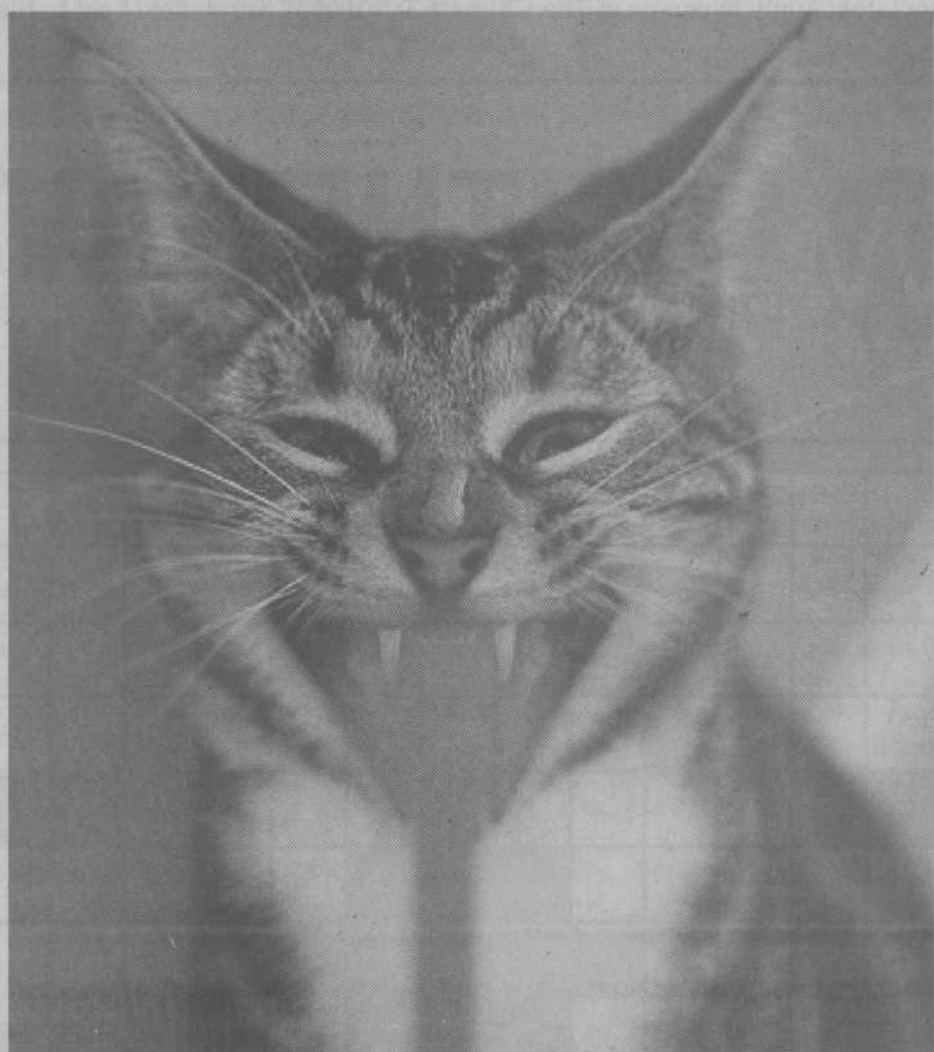
According to opposing views, all laser cats should

be destroyed because of the evil that they spawn. Even though that might be the case for some, they do more good than bad. In the near future, the U.S. Armed Forces are going to replace their standard issued guns in place of laser cats because of the fact that laser cats have an endless supply of laser beams. Which is also the perfect solution for our ever-falling economy, as they will cost a mere fraction to maintain, only having to pay for catnip and kitty litter.

Along with their military use, there is a government conspir-

acy floating around about the laser cats, which are said to be Hulk sized terrorist hunting machines. Every time a story or a picture of the laser cats gets posted on the Internet, however, it somehow disappears instantly, with no trace left behind.

That's why this week's Prospectus Pick is laser cats. They are fun, dangerous, cheap and very sustainable.



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Levi NORMAN/Prospectus

# Chuck Shepherd's News of the Weird

## Lead Story

**But What If the Device Falls Into the Wrong Hands?**  
A 55-year-old British man whose year-old ruptured in a nearly catastrophic traffic accident has been fitted with a bionic sphincter that opens and closes with a remote controller. Ged Galvin had originally endured 13 surgeries in a 13-week hospital stay and had grown frustrated with using a colostomy bag until surgeon Norman Williams of the Royal London Hospital proposed the imaginative operation. Dr. Williams, who was interviewed along with Galvin for a November feature in London's Daily Mail, wrapped a muscle transplanted from Galvin's leg around the sphincter and attached electrodes to tighten or loosen the muscle's grip.

## Unreformed Health Care System

The Wisconsin Department of Corrections in October that it (i.e., taxpayers) should fund complex facial reconstruction surgery for inmate Daryl Strenke, who is serving 30 years after pleading guilty to murdering his girlfriend. Strenke had shot himself in the face in apparent remorse for the killing, severely disfiguring his mouth and jaw and making it nearly impossible for him to eat or speak normally.

## Britain's Safety Weenies

In November, the Solihull Council in Britain's West Midlands county ordered a flooring store to remove the festive balloons it had pinned out front to attract business, calling them hazards. One councilor explained that drivers may be distracted by the colors, and another was concerned that if a balloon came loose, it might possibly float into traffic and lure a child to follow it.

In October, Britain's Association of Chief Police Officers prepared a guidebook of instructions for bicycle-duty officers on how to ride a bike. The book was 93 pages long, containing such assistance as a diagram on how to turn left or right ("deployment into a junction"). (Following widespread ridicule, the association decided in November not to release it.)

Examiners from Britain's Health and Safety Executive, inspecting bowlers for hazards, considered recommendations (according to a November Daily Mail report) that included erecting barriers over the lanes to prevent bowlers from wandering the alleys and perhaps getting caught in pin-setting machines or, feared one inspector, bowlers injuring themselves trying to knock over pins by hand. The barriers would leave space for the ball to roll under.

## The Science of Sex

Wake Forest University's

Institute of Regenerative Medicine, which has successfully grown human bladders in the lab using only a few extracted cells sprayed onto a chemical frame that mimics the body's tissues, has so far been unsuccessful at regenerating penises because of the organ's complexity. However, it announced in a November journal article a success with rabbit penises. Four of the 12 rabbits with lab-grown phalluses successfully impregnated females, and in an unexpected finding, the new penises appear not to lessen sexual desire, in that all 12 of the rabbits began mating within one minute of meeting females.

Occasionally, people lose their short-term memory following vigorous sex, according to doctors interviewed for a November CNN report on "transient global amnesia." The condition occurs because blood flow to the brain is restricted by the strenuous activity, temporarily disabling the hippocampus from recording new memory. One sufferer, "Alice," recalled her experience, recounting how she initially cracked a joke about being unable to remember how good the sex was that she just had, and then supposedly repeated the joke over and over, each time as if she had just thought of it.

## Common Sense Takes a Vacation

Three men were convicted in August in Kansas City, Mo., of having convinced "numerous" customers to buy 3-inch-by-4-inch laminated "diplomat" cards that, promoters said, would legally free them from ever having to pay taxes or being arrested for any crime. According to the FBI, customers ponied up fees ranging from \$450 to \$2,000 to get the cards.

Dr. Yehu Azaz, a wealthy, respected physician, gave up his career in 1991 and gave away all of his possessions, coming under the spell of guru Rena Denton's spiritual healing center in Somerset, England. In a 2009 lawsuit to recover his wealth, Azaz said that despite being an educated professional, he did not realize what he had done until 2003 because he had been brainwashed ("unduly influenced") by the aged guru. (A judge tossed out his lawsuit in July.)

## Must Be Something About Septic Systems

After six years of total obstinacy, Janet and Lowell Carlson finally agreed in October to upgrade their farm's septic system in Camden Township, Minn. Until then, the couple had ignored numerous inspections, sheriff's visits and court orders even though a new system had already been paid for (by escrow funds left by the owner who sold them the farm). The Carlsons' inspiring principle throughout the six years of living with failed plumbing

was to challenge the county for its "inconsistent" enforcement of septic upgrades.

Scottish pig farmer Peter Roy, 72, is embroiled in a long-standing dispute with the Perth and Kinross Council over who has the responsibility for repairing the sewage system on his farm in Craigmuir, but has taken a more hardcore approach than the Carlsons. He has saved his sewage in oil barrels stored on his property (now numbering about 80) to the outrage of neighbors. Roy has also periodically stepped up his protests to include leaving full barrels around town.

## People With Too Much Money

After Nicolas Cage filed a lawsuit against him for mismanaging the actor's money, Cage's former business manager Samuel Levin filed his defense in November, charging Cage with creating his own budget by disregarding Levin's budgetary advice. According to Levin, Cage's 2007 purchases included three cars (including nine Rolls-Royces) and 47 works of art. By 2008, said Levin, Cage owned 15 houses, four yachts, a Gulfstream jet and an island in the Bahamas.

## Least Competent Criminals

Better Planning Needed: Brier Cutlip, 22, and Paul Bragg, 25, who were on parole and prohibited from possessing firearms, were re-arrested in December in Elkins, W.Va., when they showed up for a parole appointment. However, they had just come in from a day of hunting and were still wearing orange vests, alerting the parole officer to the fact that they had been firing guns all day.

Grandville Lindsey, 30, on probation in Beaumont, Texas, after a child-sex conviction and prohibited from visiting any "social" Web sites, was re-arrested in November when he sent a Twitter alert to a woman he had met while in the probation office, asking to include her as an online "friend."

## Things You Thought Didn't Happen

British Museum officials announced in September that the hoard of 7th-century Anglo-Saxon gold and silver treasure discovered on land in Staffordshire (at least 1,500 pieces, including crosses and parts of helmets and daggers) would take a year to evaluate fully but could be worth "many times" the 1 million pounds (\$1.6 million) archaeologists initially estimated. The treasure was discovered by an unemployed 55-year-old man using one of the widely ridiculed, hand-held metal detectors that beachcombers favor to recover loose coins in the sand.

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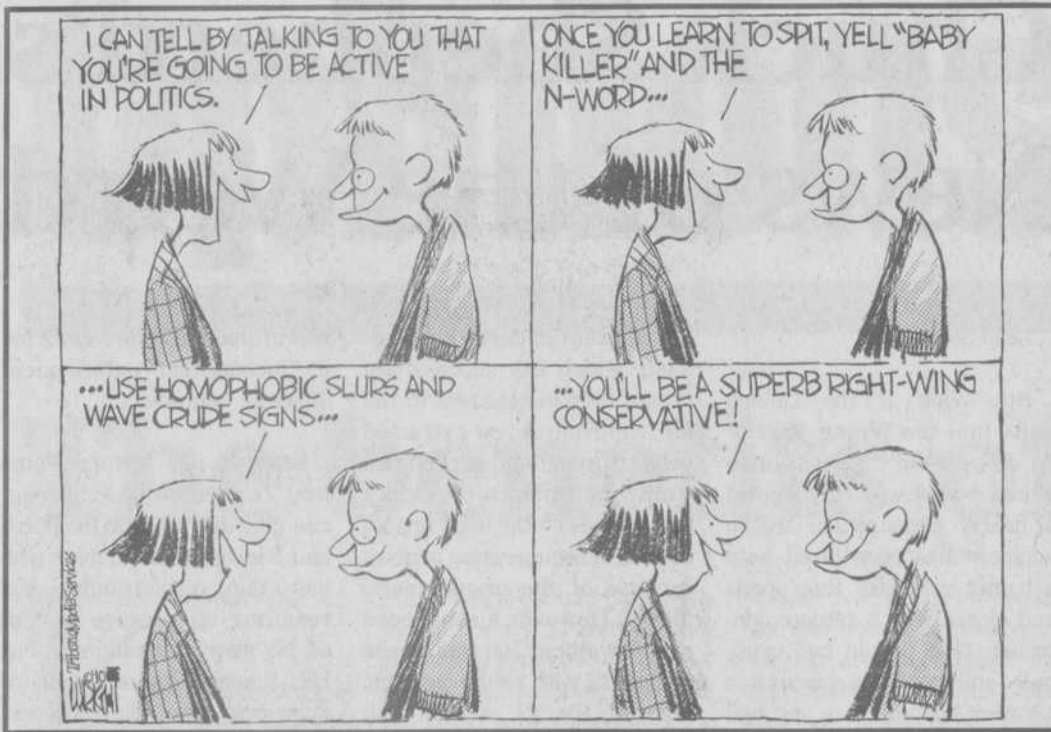
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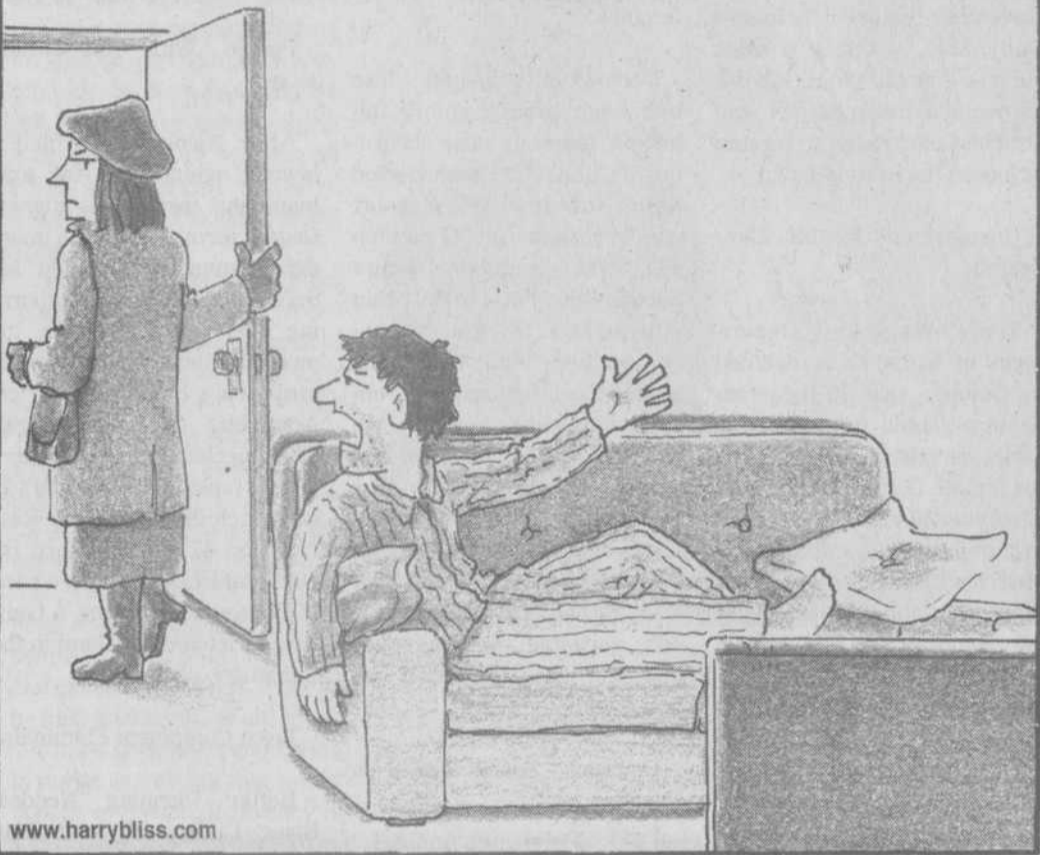
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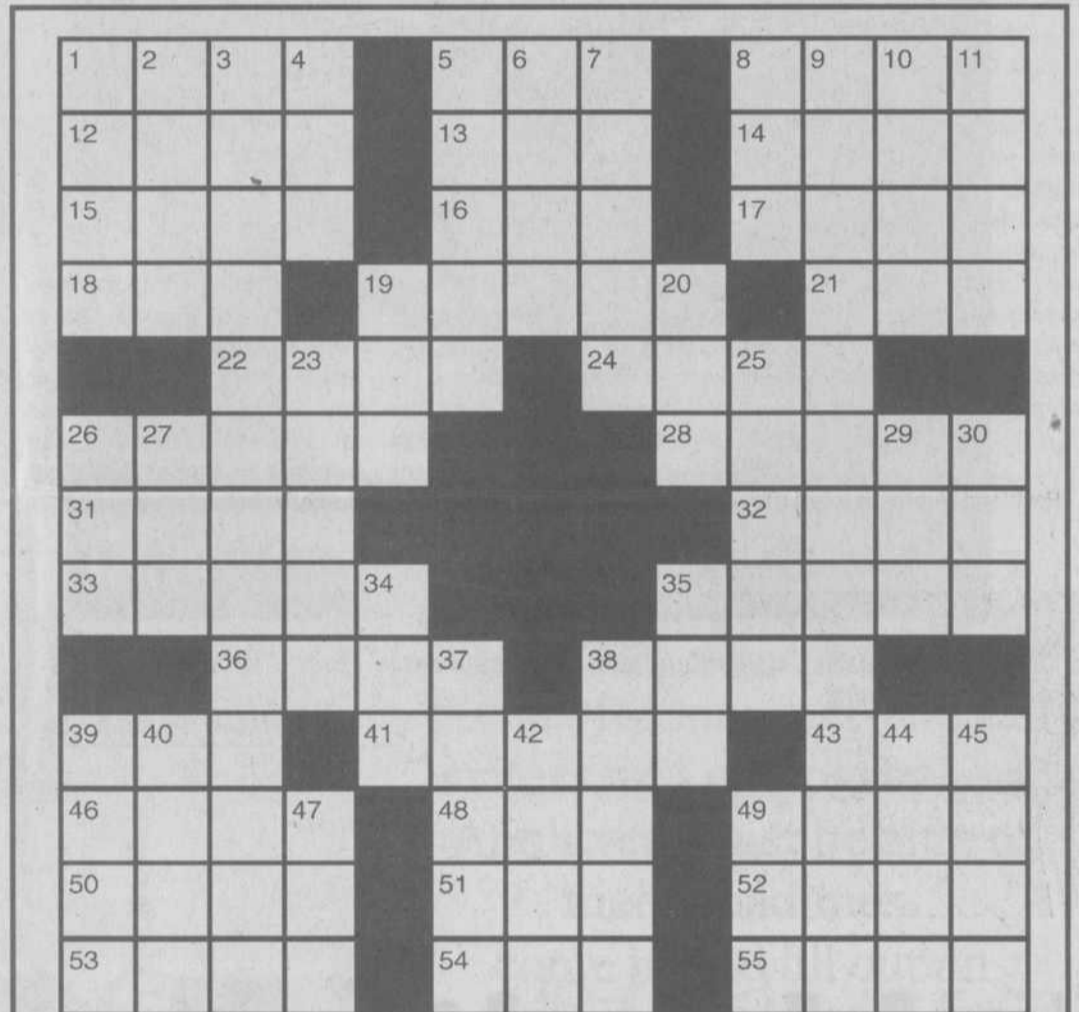


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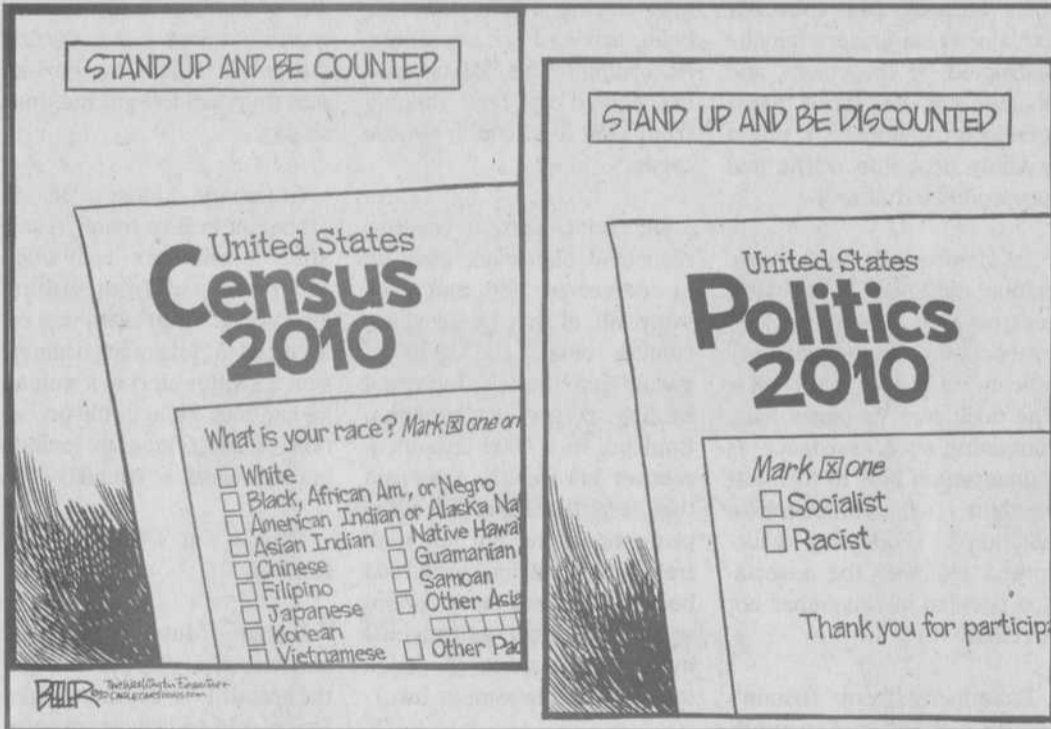
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- 8 Actress Spelling
- 12 Ajar
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- 14 \_\_\_ the kill; there for the best part
- 15 Tracey or Missy
- 16 Actress Thurman
- 17 Tilly and Ryan
- 18 Sullivan and Begley
- 19 Panorama
- 21 Actress \_\_\_ Thompson
- 22 Estrada of "CHiPs"
- 24 \_\_\_ Hatcher
- 26 Actress Dunaway and others
- 28 "Waiting for \_\_\_"; play by Odets
- 31 Egg on
- 32 Close by
- 33 Chutzpah
- 35 "For \_\_\_ sake!"
- 36 Prefix for space or dynamics
- 38 Role on "The Cosby Show"
- 39 "According to \_\_\_"
- 41 Quick
- 43 Scientist's workplace

- 46 "A Farewell to \_\_\_"; Gary Cooper film based on a Hemingway tale
- 48 Street paver's substance
- 49 "No \_\_\_ for Sergeants"
- 50 "How \_\_\_ Your Mother"
- 51 Actress Arden
- 52 "Crossing \_\_\_ with John Edward"
- 53 Phyllis' unseen hubby on "The Mary Tyler Moore Show"
- 54 "\_\_\_ and Stacey"
- 55 \_\_\_ up; confined

**DOWN**

- 1 Theater box
- 2 Like peas in \_\_\_
- 3 Star of "Hank"
- 4 Finish
- 5 Zachary Levi series
- 6 "\_\_\_ Time, Next Year"; Alan Alda/Ellen Burstyn movie
- 7 "All \_\_\_ for Christmas is my..."
- 8 Conway or Allen
- 9 Long-running daytime serial
- 10 Become furious
- 11 "\_\_\_ Wonderful Life"
- 19 Mary-Kate and Ashley
- 20 Snakelike fish
- 23 "Superman" actor Christopher \_\_\_
- 25 Ms. Zellweger
- 26 "\_\_\_ With Dick and Jane"
- 27 "Car 54, Where \_\_\_ You?"
- 29 Edison's monogram
- 30 Calendar periods: abbr.
- 34 Slip up
- 35 Advanced degree, for short
- 37 Like Cheerios
- 38 Exhausted
- 39 Convict's home
- 40 "\_\_\_ la Douce"
- 42 \_\_\_ the way; go ahead of others
- 44 Sherman Hemsley sitcom
- 45 Ernie's pal
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- 49 "America's Next \_\_\_ Model"

**Solution to Last Week's Puzzle**

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# New sports on the way for Parkland

**Shagun PRADHAN**  
Staff Writer

Sports fans everywhere, be on the lookout for the new Cobras track and tennis teams, which will be competing later this spring. Parkland was without a tennis or track team until recently when a bill was passed in the U.S. Senate and the House of Representatives, 61 to 39 in favor of an addition of the sports.

It is a great honor for Parkland to have this bill passed. It seemed impossible that the bill would be approved so quickly due to the ongoing issues such as sustainability, the war in Iraq and other countless issues.

As of now Parkland is undergoing extensive research to find coaches for the two new teams. Since competition has not yet begun, the teams will be able to compete this year

long as they schedule 20 hours of practice time before the first day of competition.

The track will be going under remodeling and construction, which will include painting the track white and yellow. The tennis courts will not be remodeled, however new equipment, including nets, will be purchased for the team.

Ben Chantos and Si Murrey-Inskeep, two committed players on Parkland's tennis team had this to say when they heard the good news, "When I heard that Parkland was going to re-establish their tennis team, I new instantly that I was going to tryout for the team," said Murrey-Inskeep. "It's been a dream to play college tennis and now I can actually do it."

Chantos played tennis in high school with Murrey-Inskeep and will continue to play on at Parkland together. In high

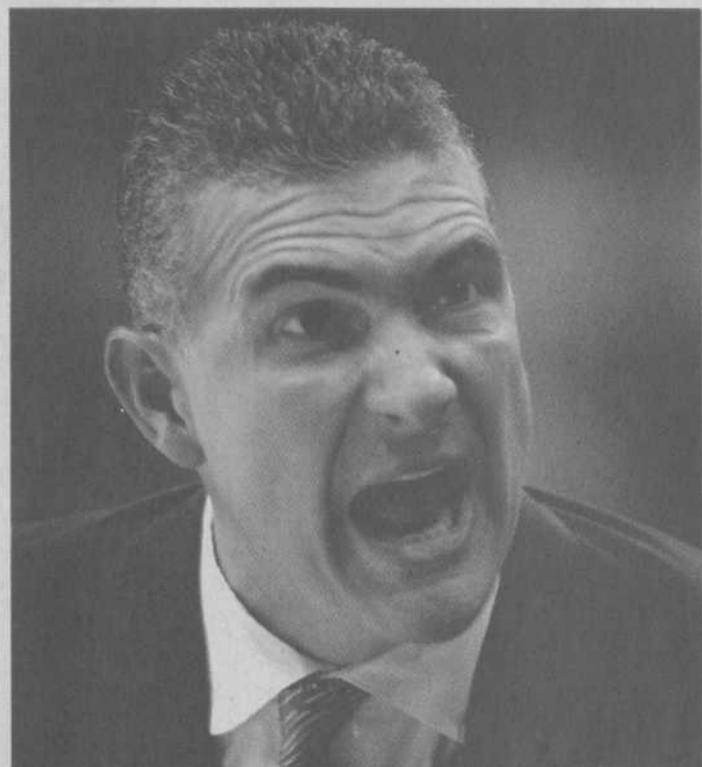
school, the two were almost unstoppable with a winning percentage of .876. "I think what makes Si and I so good is that we have played together for a while so we have chemistry, but also with his speed and serves, we are obviously going to be a dominant doubles team," said Chantos.

As far as track goes, the team is slowly forming together. Pole-vaulter Isaac Michelee, an all-state pole-vaulter, has decided to compete for Parkland this year. "After being away from competitive vaulting for so long, it feels good to finally be on a team again," said Michelee. "He is a great vaulter and almost made the Olympic trials. He will be a great asset to this Parkland track team," said AAU vaulting coach Gary Glass.

Although the teams do not yet have a coach, team mem-

bers are now practicing on their own. "It's tough when you don't have a coach. There is no one there to guide you and tell you what you are doing wrong," Chantos said. "To practice without a coach is like turning on a faucet in your garden to water your plants. There is no hose to guide you and get you to where you need to be," Michelee said. The athletes are keeping their work ethic up, however, and they remain optimistic for the season.

Either way the athletes have to be ready before competition begins. The athletes have to train on their own to get in top shape and sooner or later these athletes will have a coach to train them. Until then, we must cheer on these hard-working athletes and show them our support.



Kansas St. men's basketball head coach Frank Martin is currently the top candidate for the Cobras' tennis team. (Rich Sugg/Kansas City Star/MCT)

# Students and faculty gear up for "unofficial"

**Neff GUILSTERN**  
Staff Writer

Just as local law enforcement officials catch their breath after cleaning up from "unofficial" planning has begun for the next big campus-wide party. The event will be held on Friday April 9<sup>th</sup> at various houses and parks throughout Champaign-Urbana, and is expected to double the number of patrolling officers around town.

Parkland Public Safety Offi-

cer Jon Tongue is not sure what to expect for this year's event. "We are just trying to be as prepared as we can be. We are not quite sure what to expect so we are preparing for the worst and hoping for the best," he said.

What exactly is this "unofficial" event and what is taking place?

"This year's festivities include trash pickups, tree planting, organic farming, bartering tables, a bicycle co-op, plenty of green seminars and a campus-wide garage sale,"

said unofficial Earth day coordinator Moon Unistar. "The event is all-ages and everyone is encouraged to come and help take care of beautiful planet earth."

Planning for the event has been taking place for the past five years as committee members have struggled to maintain focus on the tasks at hand.

Parkland is expected to show a great turnout at the festivities and students and faculty are very excited for the opportunity to help.

"There's so much stuff," said Parkland student Shrub McGillstern. "We need to like do what we can to save our mother earth and unofficial gives us a rad opportunity to do that."

Also included in the festivities will be musical performances from various artists and tribal dances honoring a range of cults from around the world.

When asked if he was excited to perform, rapper Rooster McCook-a-Doodle-Do had this

to say, "yeah, dawg."

"The idea for unofficial earth day actually began in the 60's," said Unistar. "My grandmother Delilah planned the event to worship Mother Egg. However, volunteers quickly forgot about the tree planting and ate copious amounts of the ever so popular 'all-natural' brownies, which are now banned from this year's event."

The event looks to be a great success with a total of fifteen confirmed guests. Hope to see you there!

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## 2010 Staff Excellence Awards

**Patti Arthur**  
Office Assistant  
Counseling & Advising Center  
Parkland Green Award  
Service of 5 or less years

*I try to help in any way I can...All of my life I have been interested and willing to learn all that I can so I can be of use whenever and wherever possible*  
- Patti Arthur

Patti has been an enthusiastic and valuable member of the Counseling and Advising Center since 2007. In that hectic environment, she is consistently calm and courteous and is particularly skilled at maintaining her composure in pressured situations. She simultaneously handles walk-in traffic, answering the phones, and answering questions, as well as handling concerns both inside and out of the department with ease and diplomacy.

Last year, Patti designed and implemented a scheduling system that, according to her colleagues, is the best they've had. Even with a large increase in student traffic, they are saving time, minimizing frustration, and things are running more smoothly than ever for everyone involved. She is also responsible for department training and supervising the department's student workers. To encourage their success, Patti provides daily support and guidance, and has become a mentor both academically and personally.

As the College Social Chair for the past two years, Patti has nearly single-handedly organized our wildly successful holiday parties. She has also served on the Student Services Annual Fall Retreat committee and the PDSS committee.

Congratulations, Patti!

**Kristina Taylor**  
Coordinator of Veterans & Military Personnel Student Services  
Financial Aid & Veterans Services  
Parkland Gold Award  
Service of 6 or more years

*"I am always available for questions from my colleagues. I try to bring humor into situations which may be stressful or unpleasant to aid in having a positive environment."*  
-Kristina Taylor

Since joining Financial Aid in 2000, Kristina has continued to take on more responsibilities and has become a leader in the department. She is committed to creating a positive environment for her colleagues and an efficient and friendly atmosphere for the students she works with.

Kristina has developed a rapport with our veteran students that goes beyond advising on their financial aid and navigating the Federal, state and Parkland rules and regulations. She is the staff advisor for the Student Veterans Association, and is the chair for the Veterans Task Force, groups that work to make veterans feel welcome and comfortable on campus, as well as streamlining processes and procedures for benefits. In addition, Kristina has been a board member, and is now Vice-President of the Association of Veterans Certifying Officials (AVECO), a regional education and training organization for her field.

Also active outside of Financial Aid, Kristina has been an EEO representative since 2001. She has been on the steering committee of the American Association of Women in Community Colleges since 2007, and this year is the President-elect. In addition, she has served on many and varied committees over the years, and in her free time is a Girl Scout Troop Leader.

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# April Fool's Pranks!

## Joke on the water

This buoyant stunt gives new meaning to bathroom humor. We used it here to set up the "Bathroom Bankroll" prank, below, but you can create your own. On a few squares of toilet paper, write a goofy gag line with permanent marker, then float the paper in the toilet for the next visitor to find.

**Tip:** For a longer floating time, allow the paper's edges to touch the sides of the bowl.



**Other prank messages:**  
Who goes there?  
The joke's on pool!

Surprise!



## Bathroom bankroll

After giving a clue of what's to come using the "Joke on the Water" prank idea, above, send your target laughing all the way to her piggy bank.

Conceal a dollar bill inside your toilet paper roll by unwinding it several turns, then wrapping it back up with the bill inside. Rehang the roll flap-side down as shown.

When your target tugs at the tissue, the money will spill out.



April 1 is a day for fooling, so why not make a little mischief this year? Here, we've compiled five ideas for good-humored high jinks that will bring a smile whether you're the trickster or the target.

By Joy Howard, Disney FamilyFun



## Surprise balloon swarm

It's easy to get somebody to walk right into this startlingly funny doorway joke. When he does, balloons will go whirling and blurring all over the room. To plant the prank, blow up three balloons and wind their tails together (don't knot them). Seal the tails in an entryway by placing them over the top of the door and closing it tight.

When your target makes his entrance, the balloons will go flying out in front of him.



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Shhhhhhh!



## Gelled juice

A thirsty family member is the perfect target for this glassful of trickery that's impossible to drink. And since the undrinkable beverage is made by the batch, you'll be able to fool more than one person.

Following the package directions, mix up a box of lemon-flavored gelatin (we added a drop of red food coloring to darken it). Pour the mixture into clear glasses and insert a drinking straw into each. Place the glasses in the refrigerator to set. When they're ready, serve the jiggling juice to the next parched target (or two!) looking for a cool drink.

Gotcha!



## Magic milk bowl

Everyone at the breakfast table will do a double take when they witness this deliciously deceptive ruse. Concocted by reader Linda Ann Daffron of Ramsey, N.J., the trick makes milk change color when it's poured on top of cereal.

To set it up, squeeze several drops of liquid food coloring over the bottom of a bowl, then pour in dry cereal to conceal the droplets.

When a family member sits down to his cereal and adds some milk, he'll think he's entered a Technicolor twilight zone.

