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Spring break not all fun for int'l students

PN Alisha Kirkley
Staff Writer

Many students are making plans to go home or travel this spring break, but what about international students whose homes are up to 6,000 miles away?

Spring break, winter break and summer break each have a different time frame and the possibility for a different type of adventure. With spring break just around the corner, many students are revving up for plans with friends and family.

Since each person is different, everyone has slightly different plans. What job a student has or how long they may have saved money for a trip are just two factors that affect what they may do over break.

Many travel to stay the week with their family. Others go to beaches, parties and vacation spots around the United States. Some even travel to other countries.

According to the Spring Break Ft. Lauderdale's website, "Spring Break started in Fort Lauderdale 57 years ago in 1955. Over the years, Spring Breakers have traveled to Fort Lauderdale by the thousands. In 1989, more than 350,000 students spent their Spring Break in the Fort Lauderdale Area."

A few other areas that are particularly big spring break destinations are Panama City, Florida; South Padre Island, Texas and Fort Myers Beach, Florida. Outside of the United States are many other popular places for break, including the Mexican cities of Cancun, Cabo San Lucas, Acapulco and Mazatlan, and the island of Barbados.

Douglas Andrade, a communication major from Brazil, will be staying in the CU area this year for his break. "I was going to

go back to Brazil to see my family and girlfriend, but now I'm going to stay here and basically do nothing," he said.

He originally planned to come back for school in the fall, but plans changed. "I thought I would come back in August and go to another school, but I decided to go back to Brazil for good after this semester," Andrade explained.

Regardless of where a person is from, it is hard to travel far from family and friends to another country. After paying for tuition and living

expenses, not much is left for the long travel back home for some international students.

This doesn't just apply to international students though. The same goes for some local students whose parents or family may live across the country. Many students in the area, local and international, plan to stay in the CU area and work over spring break or just relax while they can.

Thanh Tran, a Business Administration major from Vietnam, plans to work this year over spring break. Usually, he stays home instead of traveling.

"There is no spring break or anything similar back home," he said.

Unlike the two previous students, Murtaza Basir Dar plans to travel for spring break.

"I am going to New York City to attend a three day media conference," she said. "After that, I will most likely go to some nearby places like St. Louis, Michigan, etc." Dar also mentioned that it is difficult to travel during spring break due to the brief length of time given off from school.

Spring break only lasts a week, whereas winter break is several weeks long and summer break can last several months for students not enrolled in classes. Perhaps because spring break is only seven days long, many students plan to make the most of their week off of school.

Regardless of whether you stay close to home or travel to another country this spring break, be sure to stay safe, travel with a friend or in a group and be sure to drink plenty of water to stay hydrated.



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Most students associate spring break with fun and relaxation. They often use the week for visiting friends and family. However, many international students are unable to afford to travel to their country to visit their friends and family and end up staying in the US.

Parkland Cobras basketball season in review

Spencer Brown
Sports Writer

The Parkland Cobras men's and women's basketball had its share of ups and downs this season. There were times when play was inconsistent and times when both clubs looked like national contenders.

However, national contender status did not become a reality. Both the men's and women's team fell in postseason regional play this past weekend. Those losses did not take away from everything these two teams have accomplished this year, though.

Head coach Karrie Redeker had her eyes set on taking her women's basketball team on a fourth consecutive trip to the national stage. She'd have to do so with a very freshman heavy club.

The youth showed immediately. Redeker's team dropped the first game of the season 80-74 to Olney Central College. Rated as the No. 9 team in the preseason, the ranking would drop but not the team's will to win. They reeled off six consecutive victories, only two coming on their home floor.

Of the two, one was a blowout win on November 9 over then No. 13 ranked Illinois Valley Community College.

"Our kids were excited to play at home and we talked before the game about the importance of trying to develop a reputation of being a 'tough at home' team," Redeker said after that game.

It certainly looked that way against IVCC.

However, a young team does not always for a consistent theme. The same basketball team, who dominated a nationally ranked opponent, dropped back-to-back home games just a few weeks later.

On December 29, the Cobras lost another home game, an 18-point blowout at the hands of Kirkwood College.

"We wanted to go undefeated at home for the season, but since we have lost three home games, we now have set a goal to be undefeated at home in 2012," Redeker said.

That is exactly what they did. They won all eight contests in 2012 by an average of almost 15 points a game. Unfortunately they dropped six of eight road games the rest of the year as the playoffs loomed.

Redeker's club entered

the postseason with a record of 20-10 and John Wood Community College lying in wait. Led by Caitlyn Cody's 11.1 ppg, the Cobras jumped on John Wood early. With 11 minutes remaining in the second half, the Cobras held a 13 point advantage.

They would only manage 7 points the rest of the way, and a 69-64 defeat crushed their title hopes.

Nate Mast's men's basketball team had similar aspirations. With an improving record each season Mast held the helm and the advantage of key players returning, the Cobras were poised to make a run at nationals.

The beginning of the season was not an indicator of this; Mast's team dropped six of its first 10 games.

"I think a big part of our inconsistent play is our strength of schedule. We have a challenge every night we step on the court," Mast said.

"As long as we make strides every day, our team will continue to improve so that we are playing our best basketball towards the end of the year."

The Cobras won eight of their next nine games.

The front line combination

of Jamel Johnson and walk-on Geordy Mulumba played a big part. Johnson was the Cobras force in the paint this year. He was the team's second leading scorer at over 10 points a game and the leader in rebounds, averaging a little over eight per game.

Mulumba was just as impactful.

"He is eager and works hard and has found his way into the starting lineup. He never runs out of energy, which coaches like in their players," Mast said of Mulumba.

However, those two were not enough to overcome the obstacles they faced after that run of eight of nine games won. The Cobras dropped consecutive games to John Wood, Lincoln and Danville on the road.

"I think teams need to go through some tough times to define their character and identity by how they respond to that adversity," Mast said.

His team responded well. The Cobras won six of their last eight games before Region 24 postseason play. The two losses were by a combined four points in back to back heartbreakers against Lincoln and Danville.

Led by Charles Glass' 22 points, the Cobras cruised past John Wood Saturday evening with an 85-75 victory in their first postseason game.

The next game would not yield the same result. While playing catch-up most of the game, and despite shooting only 8-32 from behind the three-point line, the Cobras made it interesting.

Trailing by as many as 14 points, the Cobras managed to tie the game with 6.5 seconds left on a Shaq Lowery three point basket.

Region 24 Player of the Year TeNale Roland responded with an 8-footer with 0.4 seconds remaining. It was the game winner, effectively ending the men's season.

The Cobras have no reason to hang their heads low. Both teams finished the season with winning records. The sophomores will look to advance their career at the next level.

The experience from this season should bode well for the returning players and have a positive effect on the incoming recruits. Parkland basketball is on the rise.

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Molly Malloy
Age: 18

"About \$20 or \$30, just hangout back home with friends, probably go see a movie."



Courtney Richardson
Age: 18

"\$600.00, I'm going to Panama beach"



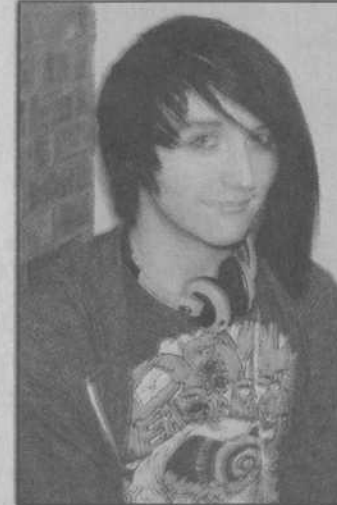
Brittany Moore
Age: 18

"Nothing. I'm going to work and make money!"



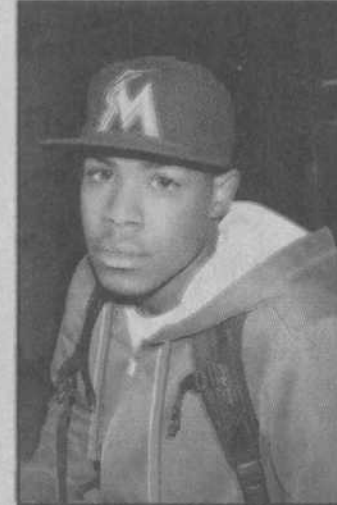
Nick Guth
Age: 20

"\$200 - I'm going to Chicago"



Anthony Cutforth
Age: 18

"Owning noobz with my Pokémon dream team aaah day! Getting my Gengar swag, aw yeah!"



Jay Johnson
Age: 18

"\$600 and I'm going out of town with my family."

Meet the Pros with Jeff Adams

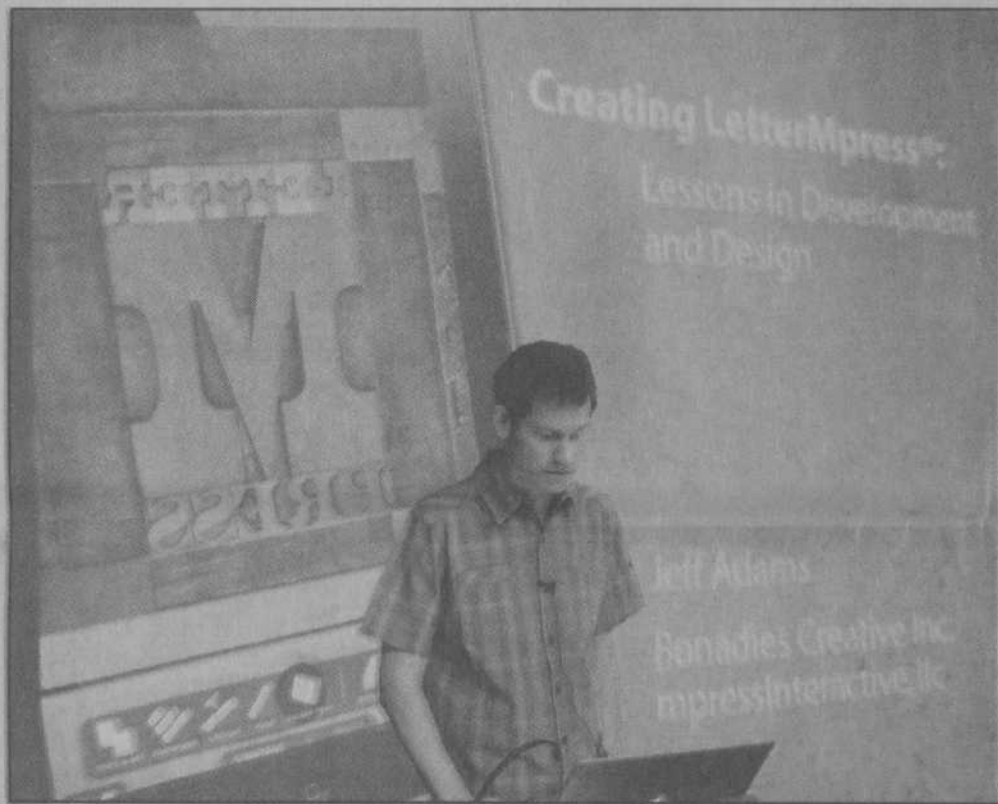


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Jeff Adams spoke to Parkland students and faculty at the fifth event in Parkland's Meet the Pros lecture series held in room C-118 on March 7, 2012. Adams is a software and user interface developer. His work includes the successful and very impressive app for the Mac and iPad called *LetterMpress*. With the app, the user is able to create realistic digital versions of what an antique wood type letter press would have created in the late 1800's. Adams provided an overview of what goes into the creation of a mobile device application. The next event in the Meet the Pros series will be held April 11 and will feature web and user experience designer, Maya Bruck.

'Kony 2012': Two sides to being a digital media sensation

James Rainey
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES - In the voice-over introducing "Kony 2012," Jason Russell tells a world-wide audience, "The game has new rules." The human rights activist's words seem fulfilled by the phenomenal response to his video about the African warlord Joseph Kony.

But the response to the video also confirmed that every digital media sensation also invites a large reaction, with the Kony production provoking hundreds of video retorts, uncounted Tumblr posts, countless journalism critiques and millions of comments on Facebook and Twitter.

The deluge included a dissection of the finances of San Diego-based Invisible Children, the creator of the video.

Russell and his fellow activists said they created the video determined to end the reign of Kony, whose Lord's Resistance Army has abducted thousands of children for exploitation as soldiers and sex slaves. Russell and his companions have employed social media and celebrities including pop stars Bono, Justin Bieber and Rihanna to promote a video that they said helps "the people of the world see each other and ... protect each other."

The fevered, multi-chan-

nel response seemed to flow into two major streams. One credited the video with drawing attention to the people of Uganda and neighboring countries. The second attacked the slickly produced presentation for glossing over complications, overstating the current threat from Kony and diverting attention from.

"It certainly hits at the strength and the weakness of new media," said communications professor Barbie Zelizer, a fellow with the Stanford Center for Advanced Study who studies news images in the world's crisis regions. "They are undeniably faster, but they are also undeniably less reliable. It's great when things go fast and they are correct. It's not great when they go fast and they are not correct."

Last November, an article in *Foreign Affairs* magazine said San Diego-based Invisible Children had "manipulated facts for strategic purposes, exaggerating the scale of LRA abductions and murders and emphasizing the LRA's use of innocent children as soldiers."

Writing for *The Huffington Post*, Michael Deibert, author

of "Democratic Republic of Congo: Between Hope and Despair," also slammed the video makers, saying they had depicted military intervention as a panacea.

Deibert wrote that, after a failed attempt to get Kony not long ago (supported by U.S. advisors), the warlord's army counterattacked against villages in the People's Republic of Congo, resulting in the death of hundreds of people and the kidnapping of 100 children. "What is the system of protection that Invisible Children advocates for communities such as these, put in the line of fire by the military operations the group advocates?" Deibert asked.

Responding on the group's website, the video makers conceded they "sought to explain the conflict in an easily understandable format, focusing on the core attributes of LRA leadership that infringe upon the most basic of human rights. In a 30-minute film, however, many nuances of the 26-year conflict are admittedly lost or overlooked."

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Coffee shops take different approaches with laptop squatters

Jonathan Bullington
Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO - It's about noon on a Tuesday and Nina Simms is 3 1/2 hours into the workday, her eyes shifting from her laptop only long enough to take a sip from her water glass, which sits next to an empty coffee cup. When the 28-year-old Evanston, Ill., graduate student is done, she won't punch out at a time clock; instead, she'll leave her neighborhood coffee shop.

Laptop users like Simms are increasingly soaking up wireless Internet connections and electrical outlets at their local coffee shops, along with their lattes. Their presence creates a delicate challenge for some owners who want to keep a welcoming atmosphere but also maintain the type of customer turnover necessary to run a profitable business.

Some coffee shop owners try to strike a balance by providing free Wi-Fi connections in two-hour windows, requiring patrons to make a purchase to receive the Wi-Fi password. In some high traffic Starbucks locations in New York City, managers have resorted to blocking access to electrical outlets, the idea being that laptop users will pick up and leave when their batteries run dry.

Panera Bread locations around Chicago and the suburbs limit customers to 30 minutes of Wi-Fi access daily during the lunch rush,

employees at several locations said, and have done so for the last couple of years.

Sony is even developing an electrical outlet that can read a user's identity and set limits on electricity use, essentially allowing businesses to charge people for charging their devices.

At Cafe Jumping Bean in Chicago's Pilsen neighborhood, owner Eleazar Delgado blocks Wi-Fi access during peak weekday afternoon hours and all day on weekends.

He started limiting access in late 2007 after receiving complaints from crucial lunch-crowd customers who couldn't find a seat among laptop users. When some people called him "nuts," he worried the decision would kill his 18-year-old business. Instead, the move proved fruitful - revenue increased easily by 30 percent, he said.

"I was amazed," Delgado said. "The weekend policy worked like a charm. ... People were hanging out. Now we have space for people to eat."

In fact, he's mulling eliminating Wi-Fi access.

But John Kim, one of two brothers behind The Brothers K Coffeehouse in Evanston, Ill., a popular cafe for Simms and other laptop squatters, doesn't see the point of charging for or blocking Internet access.

"If it gets to that point of business where you're watching to that minuscule a detail, you're missing the point of a coffeehouse," Kim said. "I

love it, as long as I have space for it, which is generally the case."

In fact, he placed plug multipliers at each electrical outlet, and installed a counter along two windows where laptop users can post up to enjoy the view. He thinks the time may come when he and his brother have to start encouraging laptop users to move along. For now, he plans to upgrade the Wi-Fi system with a faster Internet connection.

"I view this as a place where anyone and everyone can come," he said. "Until we're full a lot, it won't be an issue."

For laptop workers, coffee shops offer a form of social interaction more commonly found in a traditional office environment, and rarely afforded in one's living room or home office.

According to a December 2010 survey of 1,000 people by the nonprofit global human resources association WorldatWork, 34 percent of U.S. respondents said they worked from a cafe or restaurant in the past month, up from 23 percent in 2008.

"We're social animals. We like to have other people around," said Kate Lister, president of Telework Research Network, a research firm that focuses on work conducted outside of the office. Today's coffee shops hark back to the marketplaces of medieval times, she said, where groups of entrepreneurs can gather and make business



Photo by Zbigniew Bzdak/Chicago Tribune/MCT
Cafe Jumping Bean in Pilsen serves coffee and food on March 2, 2012. In 2008 they started to limit use of Wi-Fi network during lunchtime and on weekends. Now, a new technology from Sony could allow those owners to charge people for plugging in devices to electrical outlets.

connections.

"The coffee shop is the next chamber of commerce," she said.

Though one would think of the bustle of a neighborhood coffee shop as a distraction, the occasional grinding noise of coffee beans or the political debate at a nearby table actually allows some laptop users to better concentrate on work.

"I like having activity that is not personally relevant to me," Simms said. "It's not too quiet, but not too distracting."

Simms spends four to five hours every weekday and some weekends working from Brothers K, and typically buys just a latte and a bagel.

"It usually takes three hours to finish a drink and any space constraints usually don't exist then," she said.

Tony Reynoso, 25, works out of coffee shops two or three times a week. As an educational support specialist for a California-based research institute, he'll stay about two hours, and in that time, he'll usually buy two coffees and a

snack.

"I feel I'm taking up space a paying customer could sit," the Humboldt Park resident said last week while working at Filter coffeehouse in Chicago's Wicker Park. "I want to make sure (Filter) stays in business."

His concern is not shared for coffee shop chains.

"I don't feel bad at Starbucks," he said. "I know they're not dependent on my visit."

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Student sets sights on national computer competition

Buster Bytes
Tech Columnist



Having heard of a competition for students with similar interests, Nathan Rowe has decided to try to put together a team to compete.

Rowe, a computer science major, is very interested in network security and acquiring the skills and knowledge needed to succeed in this field.

To that end, Rowe has picked up the mantle of the now defunct group, Parkland College Student Computing Solutions. His ambition is put together a team capable of competing in the National Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition.

The competition, which has come to be known as the CCDC, on its website describes itself by stating, "CCDC is a three day event and the first competition that specifically focuses on the operational aspect of managing and protecting an existing 'commercial' network infrastructure."

Rowe explained the competition by saying, "What you have are students who must maintain both clients and servers on a network and keep essential services running while under attack."

As companies' reliance on computer networking increases, the ability to maintain these connections safely becomes crucial. This puts those with the knowledge and skills to ensure this security in an excellent position.

Competitions such as the CCDC help students to stand out in a very competitive field and build relationships with the very companies looking for employees with these skills.

As the CCDC itself puts it, "CCDC not only benefits the students involved, but will also



Photo by Briana Kay Slodden/Prospectus News
Nathan Rowe, Parkland computer science major, is attempting to put together a team to enter in Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition.

benefit corporations as these graduates will be bringing a more experienced skill set to their jobs upon beginning their employment. CCDC also provides direct feedback for schools to exercise, reinforce, and examine their security and information technology curriculum."

In Illinois, teams have competed from universities such as DePaul University, Southern Illinois University, Illinois State University and University of Illinois at Champaign Urbana.

Parkland would not be the first community college to enter the competition, however, as in past years teams representing both Moraine Valley Community College and Lake Land College have entered.

The competition itself

consists of a number of different teams. Amongst them are the following.

The Gold or Operations Team is comprised of the officials for the competition who manage, run and organize event.

The White Team consists of other officials who observe the competing teams, measuring their performance and adherence to the event rules.

The Red Team plays the role of hackers. Their job is to try to penetrate and gain unauthorized access to the competitors' systems.

The Black Team provides support to competitors. They offer technical and administrative assistance and provide delivery and pick-up of communications.

The Blue Team or Competition Team is the team

made up of an institution's competitors. Each Blue Team will have of a Team Captain, who provides liaison between his team and the White Team and a Team Co-Captain, who acts as back-up for the Captain.

The team is also required to have a Team representative, which will be a faculty or staff member of the team's institution which will serve to liaise between the Blue Team and the competition's officials.

The competition is usually held in April, which would give Rowe and his team a little over a year to prepare. Rowe plans on holding meetings to cover the core topics in small doses over time.

Meetings would focus on topics such as computer networking, cryptography, Linux and Windows systems administration and a host of

network penetration tools such as iNmap, airCrack-ng, Nessus and a variety of malware applications.

Rowe stated, "This should be a learning experience for me too. It should be fun."

The CCDC is the world's largest college-level cyber defense competition. It is held annually at the Center for Infrastructure Assurance and Security at the University of Texas at San Antonio.

Winning the competition carries the level of prestige for computer science students of that of winning the NCAA tournament in basketball or the BCS championship in football.

Rowe has been getting help facilitating the informational meetings from Jonas Dees, Program Director of the Computer Science and

Information Technology.

Rowe now just needs students for the group. If you are interested in joining, you can attend an informational meeting today at noon or 4 p.m. in room B-129.

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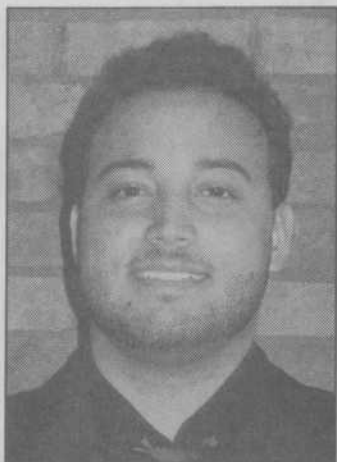
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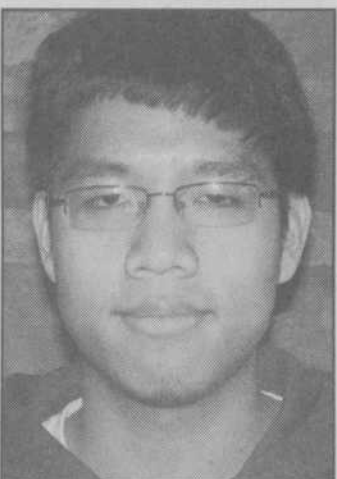


Issa Manasra
Running for President

(The following statement is presented as submitted by the candidate)

Are you for the student's voice being heard? Are you for students having a say in what goes on in our college experience? Well then, I'm your guy. My name is Issa Manasra, pronounced "eessa", and I'm running for student president. Here's a little bit about myself: I am currently enrolled at Parkland College; my GPA is at a steady 3.5, and I am taking twenty credit hours (..and,

boy I'm not doing that again). I come from a family of 11! But enough about me, let's talk about what I am going to try to implement here in Parkland instead. So let's get right to it. One of the main problems I see here at Parkland is that I feel students graduate or transfer from Parkland College without ever really getting a feel of the Parkland culture. I feel like students are bored and want to mingle and get to know new people (I mean that's part of the college experience, right?), but they don't know how to go about doing that. My main goal as your President is to get students mingling. I feel that many students are taking on college alone or just with a couple friends; country music or hip hop, democrat or republican or even libertarian, anything that brings students together for a good time. This includes study groups-this makes studying for a test a lot more fun and effective, believe me! I believe that if we can get students mingling it will lead to a more diverse, productive, and fun environment for us students. So vote for me! :)



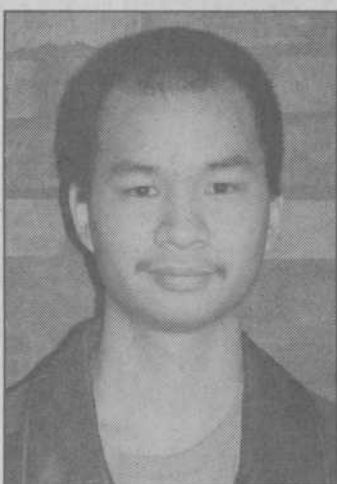
Chao Huang
Running for Student Trustee

(The following statement is presented as submitted by the candidate)

Representing a group of students well requires responsibility, leadership, and courage. It is not a one-time occurrence for someone to acquire all these characteristics, but it takes time and experience for somebody to develop them.

When I was in sixth grade in Taiwan, I campaigned for and was elected the Mayor of the School. I came up with original ideas to change our school policies and went to a meeting representing my school with representatives from other schools. I enjoyed this experience because it helped me build up my confidence and gain leadership skills.

I, Chao Huang, am running for the Student Trustee in the Student Government of Parkland College. This is important for me because it is a great opportunity for me to make an impact and bring a change to Parkland College. As a student trustee I will attend the Board of Trustee Meetings and be the voice of the student, striving to incorporate in ideas and decisions that will benefit the students the most. I believe with my passion to serve and to represent the student body at Parkland College, I will certainly make a positive difference for each one of us.

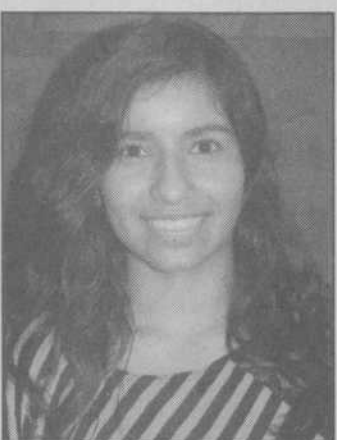


Joseph Tjandra
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(The following statement is presented as submitted by the candidate)

My name is Joesph Tjandra. I am a freshman

from Indonesia, majoring in Mathematics here at Parkland College. I really enjoy organizations such as Student Government to participate in, where I can develop my leadership skills and serve other students in Parkland. Currently, I am the Student Government Treasurer, and being a treasurer since last semester has shaped me into a better leader. Although it is not about the money this time, I want to represent my fellow students, as a senator. I believe that when I am elected senator, I will be able to voice student opinions and concerns in Student Government meetings. I appreciate your vote in the April 2nd-4th elections in the college center. Vote Tjandra and you will not regret it! Thank you.



Sandra Carolina Jimenez
Running for Vice President

(The following statement is presented as submitted by the candidate)

My name is Sandra Jimenez, but some of you may know me as Carolina. I want to represent students as the new vice president in student council. As a Hispanic female, I know what being a minority is. I want to make sure that I listen to the different ideas, for student activities, needs, opinions, and suggestions of many students

throughout Parkland College in order to be able to accurately represent students. I want to also ensure a positive class time experience by improving the communication between students and professors which would enable students to know the material well. The best way to help make all of what is above to occur is running for student council.

I am an organized, responsible, and very driven person. I will continue to work hard towards what I have set out to accomplish. My past experiences as a treasurer, and historian in high school clubs, involvement in the track and soccer team, as well as swim team captain have given me good leadership and communication skills. My ability to fluently speak both Spanish and English as well as basic French allows me to be able to reach various different people. By applying these skills, I can be an asset to student council by filling the vice president position.

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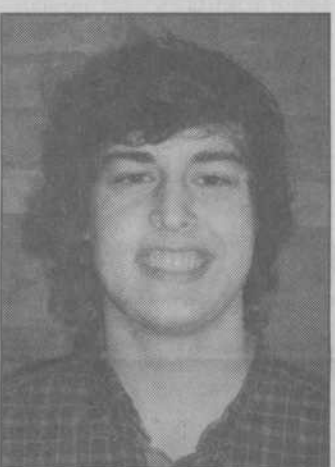
Rosa Maria Juarez
Running for President

(The following statement is presented as submitted by the candidate)

Hello, my name is Rosa Maria Juarez and I want to be your Student Government President. Currently, I am holding the position of Secretary for Parkland's Student Government. Often in

student elections, candidates say things like "I want everyone to get involved!" or "I will fight for you!" If generic campaign promises is what you like then I'm probably not your candidate. I have had a lot of leadership experiences over the past few months as secretary. This year for example I, along with Student Government, increased the student activity fund by a considerable amount, lead to get the food vender here on campus changed (will change after spring break), am working fundraiser for clean water in Kenya, and personally addressed ideas and concerns from students through our "Idea Boxes" in the college center. All those are examples of new ideas and leadership brought by the current Student Government Administration, and that is why I am proud to be endorsed by a member of that team, Vice President

Joey Hackler. Along with Joey I also have the endorsements of Student Trustee Raymond Guttendorf, and Senior Senator Ricardo Galvan. They understand that the changes made this year need to continue next year, and not be interrupted by a President who has no experience and needs job experience. As President I want to continue changing Parkland for the better, but I want to speak as a representative for the average student; I want your voice to be heard. For example, as President I want to take on one of the biggest complaints students have-smoking. I don't want to completely ban it, but I want to enforce not having people smoke by doors that nonsmokers have to go in through on a daily basis. I'd appreciate your vote April 2-4. Thanks!



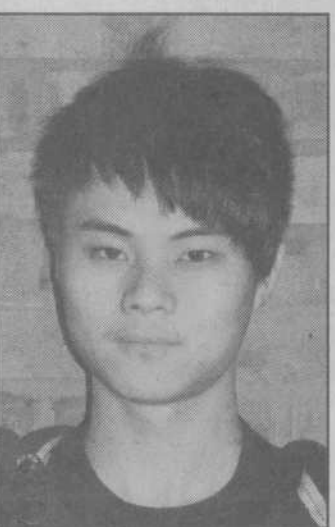
Christian Sheehan
Running for Senator

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The student government is a sovereign institution which is kept established by the same people that it governs, and also the people that uphold it. It is in the interest of an

establishment such as the student government to keep the people and students at Parkland College increasingly pleased with the way the school is governed, and make Parkland College a harbinger of intellectuals and ideas that are in the process of showing the world the talents they display. My interest with the student government is to make these things continue to happen, and also create more new ideas to increase and keep the efficiency of this college to continue. The student government could use me to make Parkland College an organized system because of my leadership skills that I have, and the potential of this leadership to become even greater. Being a part of a diverse school from 2004 to 2007, I was a part of the National Junior Honor Society and was in the first

group inducted into the school. Being much younger than I am, I showed leadership skills at a young age. I also showed my ability to work together with others to help make an institution a better place. With the contribution of my skills and effort put forth into Parkland College, I believe that I can make a better place of it. I specifically want to help students become more focused on school, and help them become who they want to be. Making Parkland College a much more facilitated, organized, institution and making others feel that it has changed in these ways will mean that I have accomplished my job in the time spent. Given the opportunity and the contribution of myself with the student government, Parkland College will become a greater college.



Joshua Yu
Running for Senator

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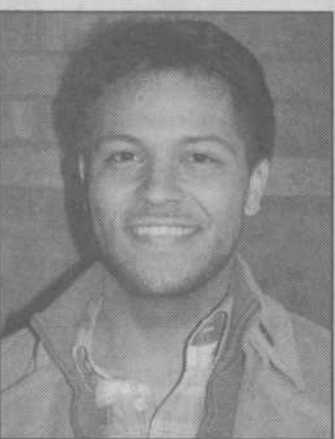
My name is Joshua Yu. I

am from China and came to Parkland College to study business management. I am interested in business management because I am very organized and am a leadership oriented person. The focus of this major is not about business, but about management. I believe business management is not simply about running companies and firms, but it's about one's ability to make good use of the resources and opportunities given to him. Therefore, every institution in our society needs to be well managed in order for it to function best and thus benefit the people.

I personally view myself as a strong leader. I was elected the president of the roller-skating club in my university in China.

It wasn't just a small club with some people who roller-skate once in a while for leisure but it was actually a engaged and highly-competitive sports team where we participated in roller-skating contests and went on field trips. With my organization skills and my plans for the club, we won several awards and our club funding kept increasing.

As a person running for the Senator in the Student Government at Parkland College, I sincerely want to make good use of the talents and skills I have to serve the students at Parkland with passion. I will strive to make good decisions and change school policies that will benefit and protect the welfare of all the students here at Parkland College!



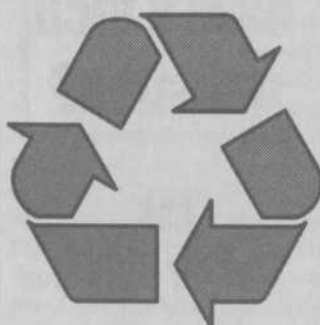
Mohammad M. Manasra
Running for Student Trustee

(The following statement is presented as submitted by the candidate)

Hello everybody. My name is Mohammad Manasra. I am a regular student at Parkland College taking 16 hours and have a 4.0 GPA. I am running for

the position of student trustee which is a position I will take very seriously. I am currently a member of Business club and Latino club, the vice-president of Entrepreneurs' Club. I am also a member of the Speech team here at Parkland College and had the privilege of going to the State tournament and winning the State trophy for Parkland College. The job of the student trustee is to be a representative for the student body to the Board of trustees. As an extremely active student, I can get to see firsthand what problems students and clubs have to go through. One issue that really gets me is club funding. As vice-president of Entrepreneurs' Club, one of my main jobs is to work together with other clubs in the designing and planning of events. One of the main

obstacles I found that clubs continually face is insufficient funding. With more funding, these clubs could pull through with many more events which will really add to the Parkland atmosphere for students and in the end, that is what I am all about; doing what I can to better the Parkland atmosphere, so that fellow students can really get a taste of the fun culture of Parkland. I feel that most students believe that there is little culture to Parkland or that Parkland is boring which are totally untrue. I believe that this is due to the lack of publicity of the clubs and events at Parkland and as a student trustee, I will do everything I can to make events really influence the Parkland student's experience in a positive way, so vote for me!



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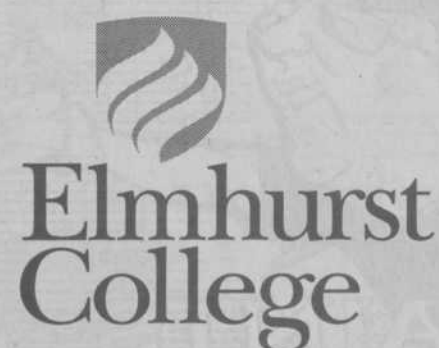
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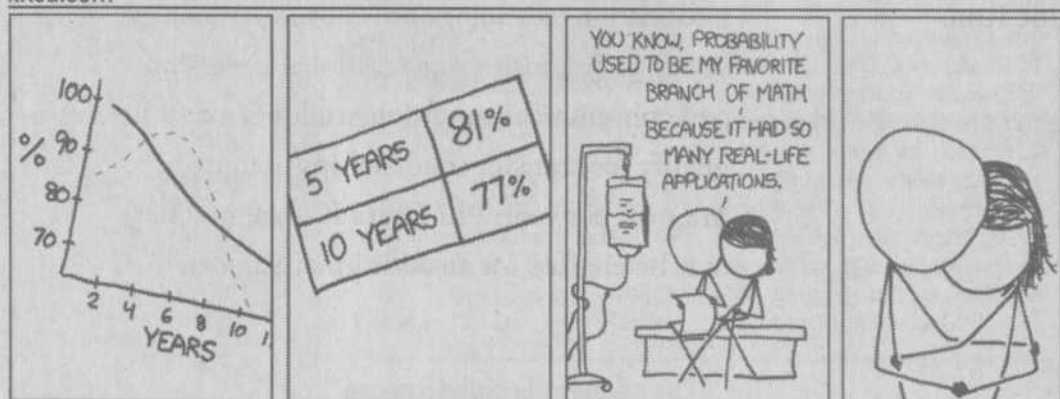
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- In the distance
- Reddish corrosion that forms on iron
- "Say Yes to the _"
- Frog of "Sesame Street"
- McShane and McKellen
- "Cold _"
- "Spider-_"
- Flavor enhancer, for short
- Racer A. J. _
- "_ the Explorer"
- Sitcom in which Sherman Hemsley stars as a deacon
- White of "The Golden Girls"
- "_ Like Us"; sitcom for Chris Hardwick
- Series for Alan Alda and Loretta Swit
- "Meet the _"
- Unpleasant
- "_ Improvement"
- Scarcity
- "_ About You"

- "_ Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs"; blockbuster animated film
- Every
- Farm unit
- Ted of "The Mary Tyler Moore Show"
- "Touched by an _"
- Short-tailed weasel
- Creative thought
- Mean Amin of Uganda
- Prepares Easter eggs

DOWN

- Skater Lipinski and others
- "Rules _"
- Church service
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- Confident
- Suffix for journal or tour
- Role on "NCIS"
- Begin
- Indistinct; hard to make out
- Actress Panabaker
- Swindles; cheats
- Negative vote
- Family of Tina of "30 Rock"
- Piece of classroom furniture
- Think deeply
- "Welcome _ Kotter"
- "The Great Lakes State": abbr.
- Fraternity letter
- Hudson and others
- Actress Christine _
- "Sister _"; film for Whoopi Goldberg
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Behind the scenes with Parkland Athletic Director Rod Lovett

Mark Roughton
Sports writer

A successful athletics program requires more than just great coaches and athletes. The athletic director holds the keys, which guide the present and future of the department.

Current Parkland Athletic Director Rod Lovett has been the catalyst behind the ever-increasing popularity and success of Parkland Athletics. He didn't start out as athletic director, though; he had to work his way up to it.

A local resident, Lovett attended the University of Illinois where he earned both a bachelor's and master's degree in sports management. He got his start as a track and field assistant at Illinois and filled the role of the non-revenue sports recruiting coordinator, which put him in charge of recruitment for every sport but football and men's basketball.

However, in the spring of 1989, the athletic department at Illinois underwent some changes. The department eliminated a few sports and administrative positions, one of which happened to be Lovett's.

Looking for a job, Lovett turned to Parkland after hearing about some openings for part-time teachers. "In all honesty, I thought I'd be at Parkland for about three months," Lovett said.

He has now been associated with the Cobras for 22 years. His previous high school level baseball coaching experience allowed for him to receive an assistant coaching job at



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Rod Lovett shared his experiences over the last 22 years as Parkland Athletic Director.

Parkland in 1990.

After a rough season, former Athletic Director Jim Reed decided to let go of the current head coach mid-season, who was replaced by Lovett.

"I had really not planned on being a college baseball coach," Lovett said. "Then we started having some success, and you know, we just kept going with it."

Lovett went on to win 501 games and four region 24 titles in his 12 years as head coach.

In 2000, he was appointed athletic director by a departing Reed, and served as both head baseball coach and athletic director from 2000-2002.

After the 2002 season, he retired from coaching to assume full time athletic director duties.

"That was kind of the agreement that at some point in time early in my career that I was going to have to give up the baseball and do the AD. That was fine, I was ready for

that," Lovett explained. "That's probably the best way to go because you can be effective with all sports."

He has been the full time athletic director since the fall of 2002. The Cobras have won two baseball national titles during his run as director and have had success in other sports as well. Many of its sports teams have reached the national tournament regularly.

Despite his own accomplishments with the Cobras, his current focus is solely on making all athletic teams the best they can be.

He performs myriad tasks daily. "Every day is different," he said. "Some days you're dealing with eligibility issues, other days it's junior college or conference things, other days it's actual game day activities."

He also takes care of hiring and paying officials for sporting events and coordinating all of the intramural activities that Parkland has to offer.

"I'm not stuck behind the desk all day. I'm not the suit and tie guy," Lovett stated. "It's nice to be able to go out to a softball game or a soccer game during the day. I really enjoy that."

Lovett has the additional duty of approving any facility upgrades such as the new fitness center, and approving future plans for the department as well.

Much of the time spent in his office involves answering email from players and coaches and organizing many different meetings for

functions regarding Parkland athletics.

In addition to his duties related to Parkland, Lovett also deals with many other things involving the other schools around the area.

Seven years ago he was appointed as Men's Region 24 director. In this position, he oversees all other schools in the region and deals with any questions or things they need. This makes him the National Division II Baseball Chairman, as well.

He runs the Division II World Series every year in Enid, Oklahoma. Lovett's also coordinates all Region 24 postseason events.

"I keep myself busy with a lot of those types of activities," he said. "March, May, and November are my busiest months of the year."

He kept his fingerprint on baseball for a few years after retiring from coaching by being the Director of Baseball Operations. In that role, he dealt with scheduling, travel, budget and other administrative issues while the head coach at that time, Dave Seifert, was not a full time employee at Parkland.

Now, with the last two head coaches being employees, those duties have diminished a little, but he still keeps close tabs on the sport he once coached. "Much less responsibility now than it was," Lovett said about those duties.

Aside from his daily tasks, he is always there to provide

support for any struggling athlete or coach. He employs an open door policy and encourages athletes and coaches to speak with him if something is not going the way they hoped.

"Just being able to rely on my experience helps," Lovett pointed out. There haven't been an abundance of troubled athletes who have come through his door, but when they do he attempts to get them back on track.

"You try to give them the best advice you can give them," he said. "They want to get that advice from somebody that's not their coach." He credits great morale as the driving force behind the success that all Cobras student athletes have enjoyed.

An important aspect of his job is creating that positive image of Parkland athletics and enhancing the brand. "The branding part has been something I'm really happy about," Lovett stated. "You do see Parkland stuff now much, much more."

Not only has he helped to put Parkland sports on the map, but he has overseen a program that has become one of the finest, most diverse junior college programs in the Midwest.

"We're really proud that we have a well rounded athletic department," he said, referring to the appearances at national tournaments for Cobras teams ranging from volleyball and softball to baseball and women's basketball.

Parkland's record as an outstanding academic school certainly isn't hurt by Lovett's athletic department, as is the case in some other schools.

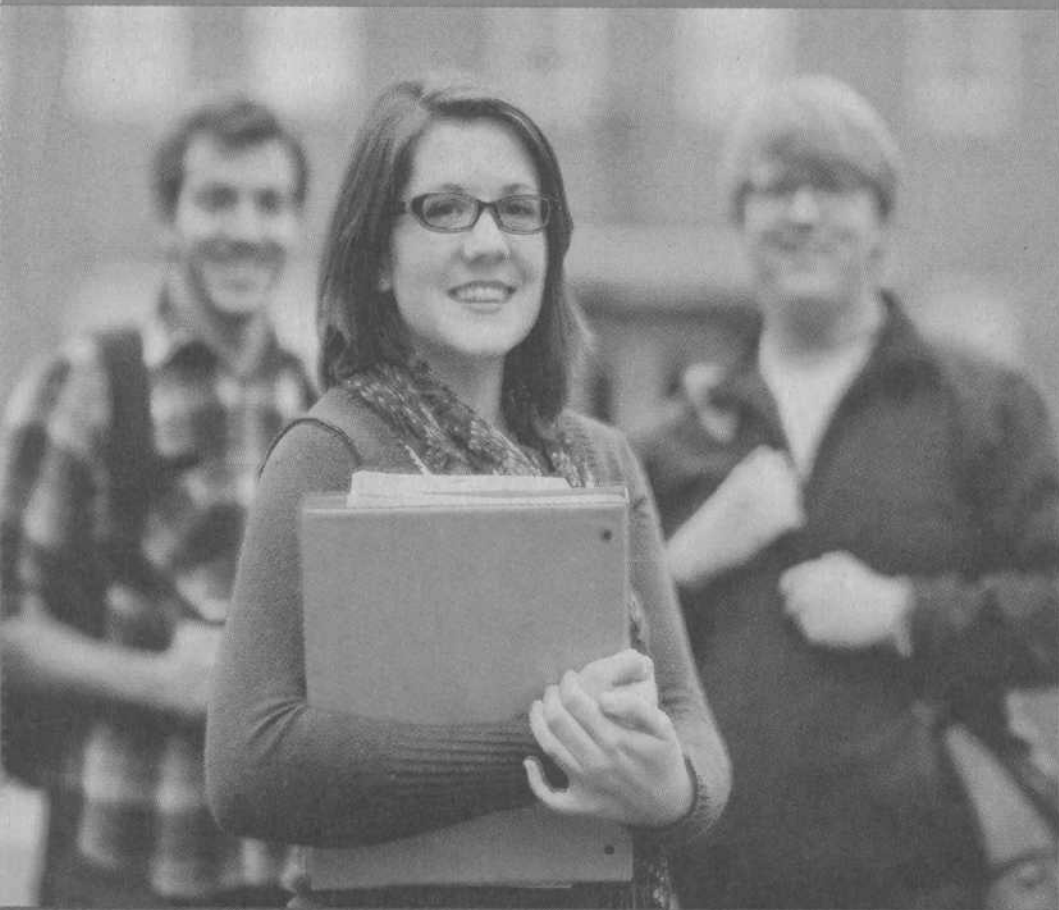
"Our grades have really taken off in the last six to seven years," he explained. "Give me a competitive team that represents us well and has good grades."

The right balance of academics and performance are what Lovett prides his department on. He is equally emphatic about hearing back from his former athletes after they had moved on.

"It's very rewarding to see them move on," he stated. "It's probably one of the most rewarding parts when you do hear back from somebody."

Lovett's role in the athletic department certainly cannot be overvalued. His impact on coaches and players has turned a good athletics program into a great one. From the many tasks he performs daily to the national ties he has cultivated, Parkland has only benefited from his presence in the athletic office.

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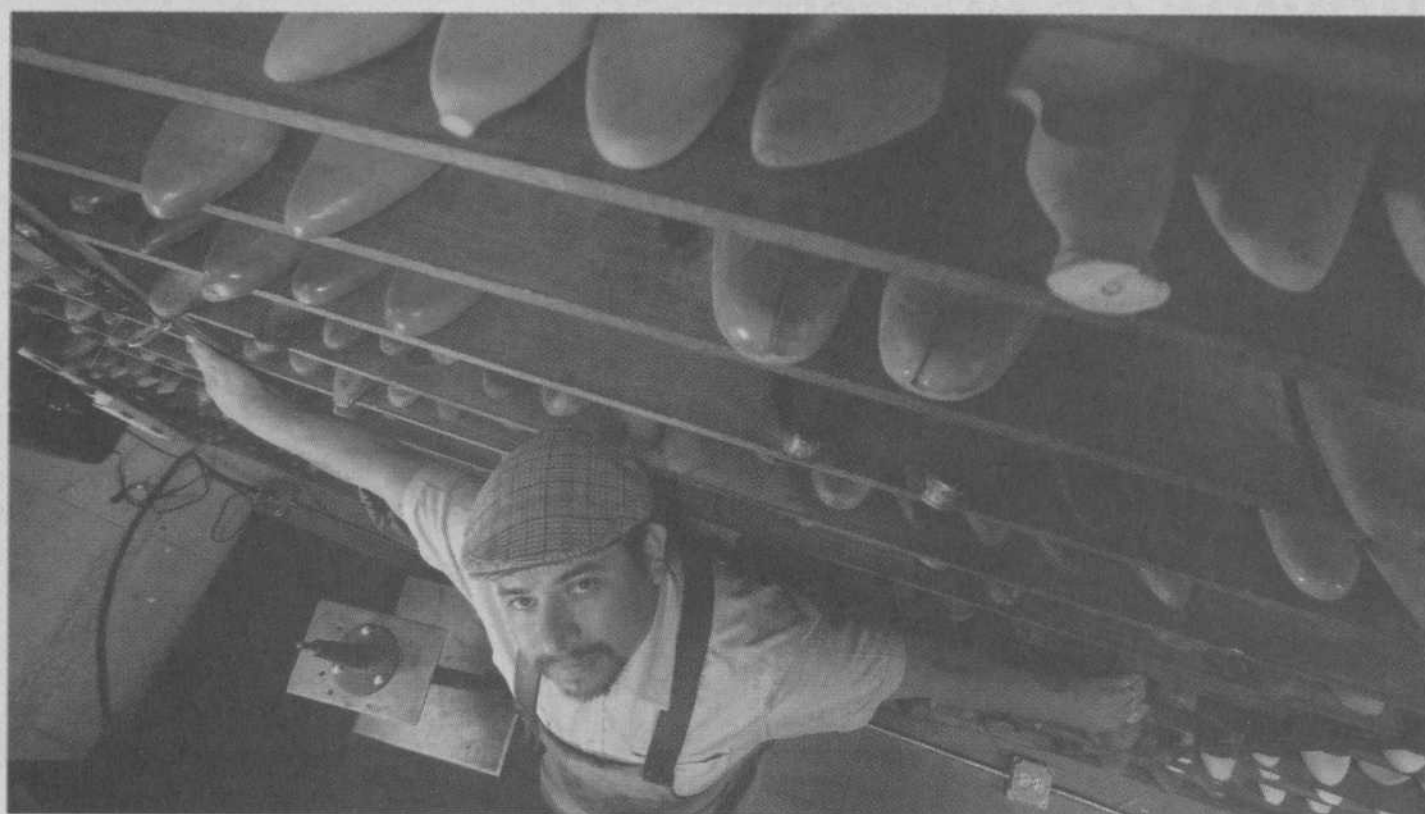
LOS ANGELES - For a recent episode of the TV series "Modern Family," Raul Ojeda crafted a pair of shoes covered in red sequins for actor Jesse Tyler Ferguson. His character, Mitchell, shows off the shoes for a "Wizard of Oz"-themed birthday party he throws for his partner, Cam.

A decade ago, Raul Ojeda was working as a shoe shiner. Now the 29-year-old is leaving his own footprint in Hollywood, supplying custom-made shoes to stars such as Steve Carell and Sally Field.

Ojeda is the owner of Los Angeles-based Willie's Shoe Service, a shoe repair shop that has been providing footwear to the entertainment industry since 1956, when Wilbaldo "Willie" Rivera opened a small business across from Paramount Pictures on Melrose Avenue. The operation quickly became a staple for made-to-order shoes for the film and TV industry.

Rivera created the sandals worn by Charlton Heston in Cecil B. DeMille's 1956 classic film "The Ten Commandments" and the boots worn by the Starship Enterprise crew in the 1979 movie "Star Trek: The Motion Picture" (to this day, Trekkies place orders to purchase them), as well as several pairs of bright red clown shoes for Ronald McDonald.

Ojeda, Rivera's apprentice for nearly three years, bought the business in 2007 and has



Raul Ojeda owns Don Ville shoe store and Willie's Shoe Service in Los Angeles, California. Willie's Shoe Service, under its original owner and now Ojeda, has been creating, repairing and refining shoes for regular customers and Hollywood movie and television productions from "The Ten Commandments" to "Mad Men."

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carried on the old-fashioned handmade methods he learned from his former boss, while also introducing new styles and launching an offshoot called Don Ville on La Brea Avenue that makes custom shoes.

The companies together employ a staff of eight and generate nearly \$500,000 a year in revenue, with about one-third of the business coming from Hollywood sales. Ojeda's recent clients include the

TV shows "Mad Men," "Modern Family" and "Glee," as well as such upcoming films as "The Incredible Burt Wonderstone" and Steven Spielberg's "Lincoln."

He charges \$1,800 to \$3,400, depending on whether a client wants to refurbish a shoe or create a new one from scratch.

Ojeda, a native of Mexico who was raised in L.A., began his career in 2000 as a shoe shiner, working at several stations before joining Rivera as

an apprentice. Without any formal business education or even a high school diploma, Ojeda still leapt at the opportunity to fulfill his longtime dream: owning a custom shoe service and repair company, especially one that played such a vital role in the movie industry.

"For me, it is so rewarding to know that we are part of the magic of theater, television and motion pictures," Ojeda said. "It is a way to immortal-

ize the craft of shoemaking with the satisfaction that my grandchildren will tell stories about Willie's working for certain movies that one day will become classics."

When creating a pair of shoes for the costume designer of a film or television show, Ojeda frequently will have only the designer's oral description to go by - he rarely sees an image. Most often, costume designers approach Ojeda to refurbish shoes rather than make them

from scratch, bringing their own fabric or shoe to meet their description.

"I always compare my work to cooking - you can either get the bean, clean it up, boil it, marinate it and serve it, or you can just open a can of beans and pour," Ojeda said. "That's one of the things that makes us different."

For the upcoming December release "Lincoln," Ojeda spent three weeks creating the boots and the slippers to be worn by Sally Field's character, Mary Todd Lincoln. The film's costume designer, Joanna Johnston, provided the horsehide leather to be used for the boots and had an extensive discussion with Ojeda on how she wanted the shoes to look.

He also fashioned a pair of red velvet boots covered in rhinestones worn by Steve Carell in the forthcoming comedy "The Incredible Burt Wonderstone."

Allison Leach, assistant costume designer for "Mad Men" and "Glee," turned to Ojeda and his team when she needed help crafting a pointy Mexican cowboy boot made out of snakeskin. The boot was worn by Cory Monteith's character, Finn, in a recent episode of "Glee."

"Whether it's 1960s or snakeskins, the quality of the workmanship is always great and they always meet their deadlines, and that is indispensable in the film industry," Leach said.

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