

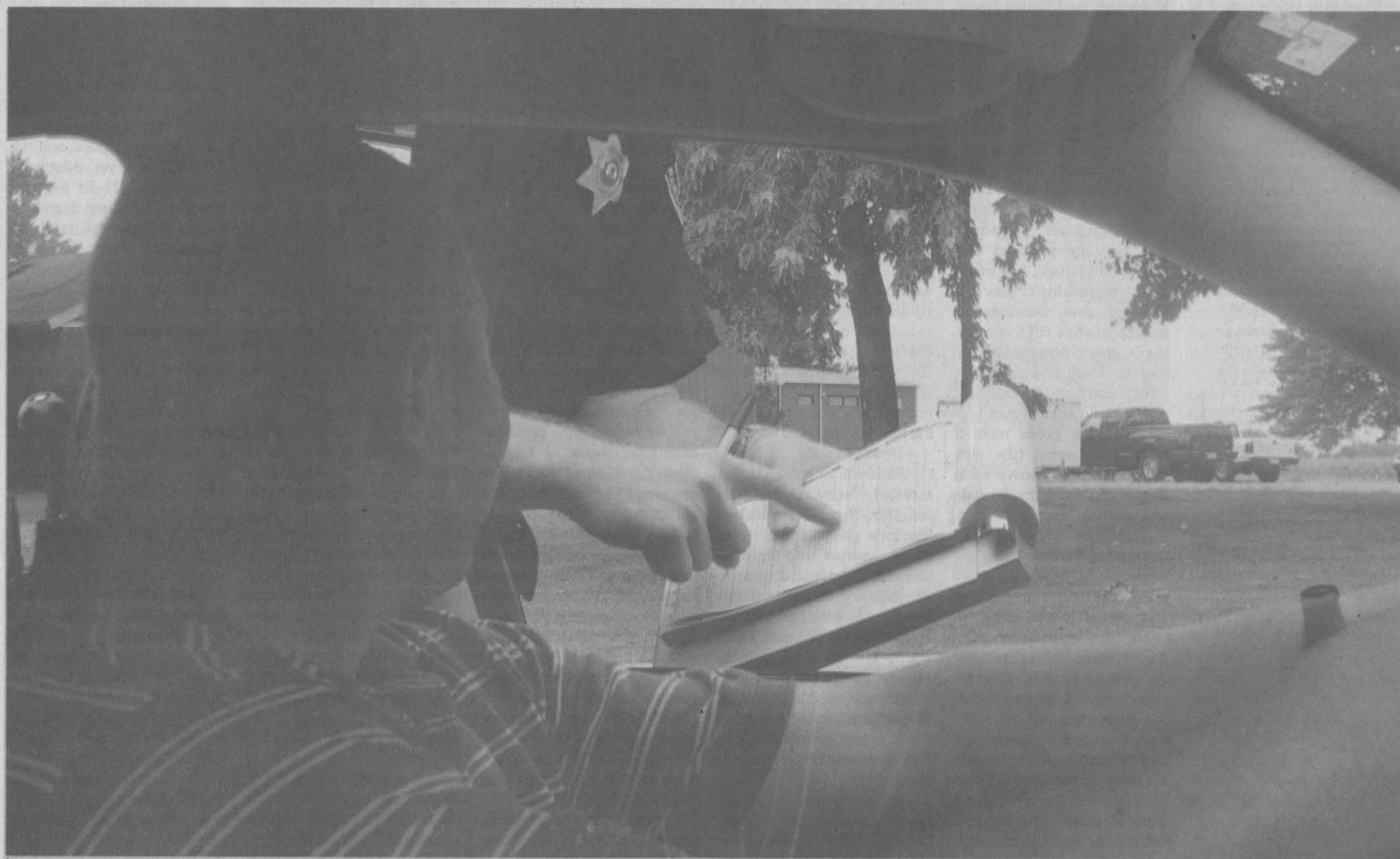


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Parkland College's Public Safety officers not only give tickets, but they provide a variety of services for students, such as jump-starting dead batteries, escorting students to their vehicles or outlying buildings, and helping people to navigate Parkland's labyrinthian hallways. They also work with such heavy-handed tasks like bomb threats, assaults, drugs, and theft.

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## Public Safety reports show little change in crime

By **PATRICK WOOD**  
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School is now back into full swing at Parkland College and campus safety wants to make sure that students are taking the proper precautions to ensure the safety of themselves and their property.

Crime statistics are not yet available for the 2008 school year, but records posted on the Public Safety homepage (<http://parkland.edu/publicsafety/>) show that between July 2005 and December 2007, crime at Parkland College had been minimal and handled very efficiently by Parkland's Public Safety staff. In an almost three year time span, there were only 10 incidents of battery, 11 arrests made, and a combination of eight drug and liquor law violations. There were no aggravated assaults, motor vehicle

thefts, or any kind of sexual offenses reported according to the available records.

Theft, however, is a reoccurring problem every school year. Numbers show that in the same time period, totals for theft of items worth under \$300 dollars have been added up to 98, while theft for items exceeding \$300 dollars has topped off at 40. In comparison to the amount of students that routinely attend Parkland, these numbers are relatively low, but Public Safety officer Bernard Caillouet says that most thefts can easily be prevented.

"One thing that is always a challenge is thefts of opportunity. For example, kids around test time are studying and they sit their books down to go to the bathroom, then they come back and they're gone. The main thing about something like that

is that we have to educate people to not leave the opportunity for others to take advantage of," Caillouet said.

"We work hard on letting students know that you can't leave your belongings unattended; you can't put items in a locker if you don't put a lock on it, and then just walk away. Unfortunately we don't live in a perfect world," he said.

Officer Caillouet also said that although theft is a reoccurring crime on Parkland's campus, it doesn't seem to be on the rise. He stresses understanding how things are stolen and also reporting any suspicious behavior that students may see.

"Theft doesn't seem to be getting dramatically worse, but we live in the real world. It's going to happen no matter what we do. Also, safety is everyone's responsibility.

Parkland does have a limited amount of officers, meaning that there are undoubtedly more students than officers, so students are more likely to see something than we are. So if a student sees something that makes the hair on the back of their neck stand up, or something that just doesn't look right, they have to let us know right away."

No major crimes have been committed at Parkland in recent years, but there have been some expensive thefts as well as scares. Several overhead projectors have been stolen from classrooms and rumors of an armed hold-up on campus circulated last year, but were ultimately discredited through video footage. The most serious happening was in the spring of 2008 when Parkland received a bomb threat. Threats like these and events

such as the NIU and Virginia Tech school shootings have Campus Safety taking steps to make sure they are ready if such an occurrence were to take place at Parkland.

"The biggest thing that we've dealt with has been the bomb threat. We want to make sure that we can get information out as quickly as possible. We've implemented IRIS, which is the Immediate Response Information System, and the point of that is to quickly disseminate information as quickly as possible. In the case of a bomb threat, or anything worse, we want to be able to alert students to stay away from campus. You can go to Parkland's website and sign up. It gives you a tutorial and you can be notified by your cell phone, landlines, computers, or faxes. It's a very good tool," said Caillouet.

Officer Caillouet has been on staff at Parkland since 2002. At any one time there can be up to 15 sworn officers, 3 sergeants, 1 chief, and an assistant director working on campus and one of the benefits of such small school is the mobility of those officers. Because of Parkland's size, they can quickly respond to any disturbance within minutes. Ultimately though, Caillouet just wants everyone to be able to leave safely at the end of the day.

"As the Parkland community, safety is all of our responsibility, and yes, it's our job, but we all want to go home, and we all want to be safe here, so we all have to work together. Students have more eyes than we do, so don't hesitate to tell us if something seems out of place."

## Student Life: a spring preview

By **JESSE WOODRUM**  
Staff Writer

Make the most of your college experience. No, it's not the slogan of a local bar; it's the motto of the Office of Student Life at Parkland College. The Student Life Office doesn't just issue you your student ID card. It coordinates the campus newspaper Prospectus News, Student Government and sundry other student organizations funded by the student fees that accompany tuition payments.

Student life has more than thirty registered student organizations currently active. New organizations form and some die off as students move on and cultural interests change. The newest is the Japan Cul-

ture Club. Interestingly, both the College Democrats and College Republicans are listed as inactive on the Student Life Web page. They are still on record however, waiting for some ambitious student to revive one or the other.

Many RSOs are related to academics and can help students with a class or in the pursuit of a degree. The Veterinary Technician's Association or French Club could help students find a study partner, or just provide them with an opportunity to meet other students with similar interests.

Several RSOs are intended to explore and celebrate various lifestyles, hobbies and ethnic identities. Chess club, Club Latino, African Student Organization, Muslim Student Organization and Equine Riding club are just a few. If one of these

organizations seems appealing you can see the Student Life Office to find out who runs the group and contact them about joining. Contact information for most of the RSOs is available on the Campus Life section of the Parkland Web page.

John Eby coordinates the Office of Student Life and can help you establish a new student organization if you think you see a hole in the RSO roster and have the energy to fill it. Groups that want to register with Student Life must have an advisor from the Parkland faculty. Registering student groups with Student Life provides students the opportunity to take advantage of the resources Student Life has available to make your organization more marketable and better funded. They can give your group a mailbox and a

## Planetarium to reveal Messier 101 Galaxy

By **NADA YOUSSEF**  
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"A long time ago in a galaxy far, far away..." Although we think of galaxies as something of a sci-fi/fantasy experience that can only be played out in movies such as Star Wars, the Parkland Planetarium offers that experience and more linking reality to a fantastical universe. The planetarium holds night shows of different planets and galaxies almost every night giving the viewer an enticing as well as relaxing dip into what seems like the surreal.

On February 17 from 4:30 to 6:30pm, the Parkland Planetarium will be revealing the never-before-seen Messier 101 galaxy on a 3-foot by 6-foot print taken by three different high-

tech telescopes. Each telescope offers a different view as well as different lights of this galaxy. The Spitzer Space Telescope is the infrared telescope which shows the cool gases that are involved in this galaxy. Then there is the X-Ray telescope, otherwise known as the Chandra Space Telescope showing the heat coming out of the Messier 101. Lastly, the Hubble telescope contributed to the portfolio, taking wide-field pictures of the galaxy.

A galaxy is a massive system consisting of stars, planets, dark matter, and different gases.

"The Messier 101 is located 27 light years away near the Big Dipper," said David Leake, professor of Physics and Astronomy, as well as a planning coordinator for the planetarium. This fall will mark his

20th year at Parkland.

The Parkland planetarium is one of 100 planetariums to receive these amazing prints of the Messier 101 galaxy. February 17 marks the formal unveiling of the prints. Before then, all is confidential. Miss Kathy Bruce, the Department Chair of the Natural Sciences department is to make a speech during the event. Dr. Leake may also be making a speech at the event.

The unveiling is linked to the International Year of Astronomy (IYA), celebrating the 400th anniversary of Galileo's first telescopic observations of the sky. The unveiling is just two days before Galileo's birthday, making it an even more exciting event.

This year's International Year of Astronomy's theme is

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# Chuck Shepherd's News of the Weird

## LEAD STORY

"Genetic modification" sounds like frighteningly complicated lab work, but amateurs are routinely doing it in garages and dining rooms across the country, according to a December Associated Press report. Hobbyists (some terming themselves "biohackers") are busy creating new life forms and someday, observers say, may turn up a cure for cancer or an accidental environmental catastrophe. The community lab DIYbio in Cambridge, Mass., has patrons who typically work on vaccines and biofuels, but might also whimsically create tattoos that glow. One amateur bought jellyfish DNA containing a green fluorescent protein (for about \$100), and built a DNA analyzer (less than \$25) so she could alter yogurt bacteria to glow green when it detects melamine (the substance recently discovered in deadly Chinese baby formula and pet food).

## Compelling Explanations

—As the British government was poised in November to re-classify lap-dancing clubs from "entertainment" to "sexual encounter establishments" (thus imposing tougher licensing standards), the industry's trade association insisted to a Parliamentary committee that the clubs are not sexual. "(T)he entertainment may be in the form of nude ... performers, but it's not sexually stimulating," said the chairman of the Lap Dancing Association. That would be "contrary to our business plan."

—Not My Fault: (1) Bruce George, 20, admitted to police that he had molested a 6-year-old girl in Anchorage, Alaska, in October but said he needed to do it to acquire the courage to kill himself. He said he needed motivation for suicide

by doing something that totally disgusted him. (2) In October, a man unnamed in news reports filed a lawsuit in Selkirk, Manitoba, against the woman who supposedly caused him mental distress by suing for child support. The man said he had been sound asleep during that 2006 encounter, but awoke to discover the woman having sex with him. He ordered her to "cease and desist," he said, and she complied (but nonetheless, a pregnancy resulted).

## Ironies

—Karma: A few animals were rescued from an early morning fire at a Humane Society shelter in Oshawa, Ontario, in December, but cats suffered heavy casualties, with nearly 100 perishing. The Fire Marshal's office said the blaze was probably started by mice chewing through electrical wires.

—Drunk-Driving News: (1) Kathleen Cherry, 53, was arrested for DUI in Carson City, Nev., in December. She is a phlebotomist working on contract with the sheriff's office and was driving to the jailhouse to administer a blood test to a DUI suspect. (2) Stephen Foster, 28, was jailed briefly in June in Edmonton, Alberta, when he showed up in court drunk for his DUI trial. The driving charge was postponed until December, and at that time a court found him not guilty.

—In December, Lorraine Henderson, the port director for the federal Customs and Border Protection agency's southern New England area, was charged with hiring illegal immigrants to clean her home and instructing them how to avoid detection by her agency. According to court documents, she told one worker, "You have to be careful, 'cause they (meaning, her agency) will deport you."

## The Litigious Society

—Elizabeth Shelton, 21, filed a lawsuit in Houston in December against the truck driver that she accidentally rear-ended in a 2007 crash, while she was intoxicated, and in which her boyfriend was killed. Though she was convicted of manslaughter, she is now suing for \$20,000 damage to her Lexus SUV and for "pain and suffering," basing her claim on the fact that the blameless driver she hit was uninsured. In all, her lawsuit names 16 defendants, including insurance companies and banks. Shelton is the daughter of a state court judge.

—In November, Michigan state circuit court judge Robert Colombo Jr. almost single-handedly quashed thousands of apparently bogus lawsuits for asbestos-related injuries by exposing the principal examining doctor as unqualified. Dr. Michael Kelly had diagnosed injuries on 7,323 patients' x-rays over 15 years (earning \$500 per screening), which in one sampling was 58 times the abnormality-detection rate of independent radiologists. Judge Colombo found that Kelly is neither a radiologist nor a pulmonologist, had failed the certification test for reading x-rays, and performed lung-function tests improperly 90 percent of the time. On the day Judge Colombo commenced the investigation of Dr. Kelly, plaintiffs' attorneys, realizing they had been busted, promptly withdrew all of their lawsuits except one.

—Poor Babies! (1) Two customers who lined up for the 5 a.m. November "Black Friday" opening at the Long Island, N.Y., Wal-Mart (in which a worker was crushed to death) filed lawsuits against the store because of the crowd's unruliness. Fritz Mesadieu, 51, and son Jonathan, 19, said they got neck and back pain from

the surge of customers and that their medical and legal expenses amounted to at least \$2 million. (2) More than 130 lawsuits were filed in November and December by inmates at a state prison in Beaumont, Texas, who claimed to suffer psychological trauma because prison officials failed to prepare them well for Hurricane Ike, which hit the city in September.

## Least Competent Criminals

—Questionable M.O.s: (1) Jessica Cohen, 20, was re-arrested in Cincinnati in December. She had gone to the local Public Defender's Office seeking a lawyer to represent her on a theft charge, and while there, according to police, stole an employee's cell phone. (However, she had already filled out paperwork with her name and address.) (2) Robert Dendy, 59, was detained by police in Tonawanda, N.Y., in November after he dropped by police headquarters to give them a holiday wreath as a token of his gratitude for their service. One of the officers happened to notice that the wreath was the same one that had just been stolen from a market next door to the station, and after investigating, found more suspicious missing goods at Dendy's home.

## Recurring Themes

Poor at Multitasking: (1) In Britain's Manchester Crown Court in December, Imran Hussain, 32, was sentenced to eight years in prison for his DUI-related crash that killed two people in August. (Hussain was also masturbating at the time.) (2) Louise Light, 21, was not hurt when she crashed into guideposts in Woodstock, Ontario, in November, but she did get milk all over her because she was eating cereal from a bowl while driving.

## The Joys of Air Travel

(1) In December, a Flybe Airline flight from Cardiff, Wales, was preparing to land as scheduled at Charles de Gaulle airport in Paris when the pilot announced that they had to return to Cardiff because, he said, "Unfortunately, I'm not qualified to land the plane in Paris." Because of the heavy fog, the plane would have to be instrument-landed, and the pilot had not yet completed certification. (2) In September, after a Chinese Shandong airline flight landed safely in Zhengzhou, the engine died, and the airline was forced to enlist some of the 69 passengers to help employees push the plane to the gate.

## A News of the Weird Classic (July 2005)

Willie Windsor, 54, of Phoenix has for several years lived as a full-time baby, wearing frilly dresses, diapers and bonnets, sucking on a pacifier, eating Gerber cuisine and habitually clutching a rag doll, in a home filled with oversized baby furniture. According to a long Phoenix New Times profile in June, the diaper is not just a prop. Windsor said he worked hard to learn to become incontinent, even chaining the commode shut to avoid temptation, and the reporter admitted feeling "disconcert(ed)" that Windsor might be relieving himself at the very moment he was describing his un-toilet training. Apparently, Windsor's brother, ex-wife, girlfriend and a neighbor tolerate his lifestyle (though no girlfriend has yet been willing to change his diapers). Windsor is a semi-retired singer-actor and said he's been celibate for nine years.

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## STULIFE

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phone number. Some groups even have their own little corner of the Parkland Web page to promote their message. Student Life also has a handful of minibuses to help clubs and organizations coordinate off-campus events.

Aside from coordinating RSOs the Student Life Office also holds events in either of the student lounges and elsewhere on campus. It will host the school's celebration of Black History Month in February. Then in March it will hold a trivia style game in the student lounge called Thinkfast.

Perhaps the most notable event hosted by Student Life on a regular basis is the Culture Fair held this semester, in April. International students from dozens of countries assemble in the student lounge and display artifacts from their native cultures. Past features of the event include music and temporary tattoos as well as the one attraction known by

people all over the world to draw a crowd—free food. In an increasingly homogenized world, the culture fair celebrates the varied and diverse expressions of human culture. If you are an international student and want to participate see John Eby in his office at X-161 to find out how.

If you don't have a student ID Student Life can issue you one at X-161. While you're there you may check out the student posting board where you can find a roommate, a job, or a used calculator for sale. Post an ad yourself if you want to unload a calculator, a job, or a roommate.

Currently Student Life does not have a formal, comprehensive calendar immediately accessible to students either online or posted at the office. However, the Prospectus will keep the student body updated on these events as they approach so you don't forget to sign up for Thinkfast or miss the Culture Fair...although it's hard to miss.

Student Life lists many of

their services online under the "Campus Life" link on the Parkland homepage. Also see future issues of the Prospectus for regular updates on activities around campus and the activities of Parkland's Student Government.



## GALAXY

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"The Universe, Yours to Discover," creating an emphasis on how astronomy has helped society by form of education. The International Year of Astronomy seeks to provide awareness of the astronomical phenomena and to support astronomical education in schools, both nationally as well as internationally. The International Year of Astronomy will have different park tours with telescopes beginning in March to September of 2009. The schedule can be found at [parkland.edu/planetarium/IYA.html](http://parkland.edu/planetarium/IYA.html).

The IYA will also have a special on PBS called "400 Years of the Telescope," on April 7 and 14. Don't forget to tune in!

The planetarium has planet shows, sky shows, kid's shows, and light shows that feature different music bands. This

will be going on from now until the end of the year. To get more information about these shows, pick up a spring show schedule from the planetarium or go to [www.parkland.edu/planetarium](http://www.parkland.edu/planetarium).

A new show will be open from now until the end of the year called "The Planets." This show is more for teenagers and grown ups as opposed to the usual kid's planet shows like the "Solar System Safari" and "Rusty Rocket's Last Blast." If you want to do something fun this weekend or even during the week, there will be a showing on Friday and Saturday at 9:30 pm, and Sunday at 8 pm. Make sure to check this show out, you may find it relaxing and very interesting.

As a Jedi Knight might say, "May the force be with you" as you enter into this new Messier 101 galaxy. Hopefully, you will find it as mesmerizing and educational as it sounds.

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# Obama's inaugural address deemed 'entirely appropriate to the time'

By FRANK DAVIES  
MCT

WASHINGTON—Looking out at a two-mile-long block party reveling in history, Barack Obama took the reins of power as the 44th president with a somber, purposeful speech that blended stern warnings with a promise of action.

"Today I say to you that the challenges we face are real, they are serious, and they are many," Obama said. "They will not be met easily or in a short span of time. But know this, America: They will be met."

Obama's 18-minute inaugural address stressed pragmatism and sacrifice in overcoming deep economic crises, as well as "a new era of responsibility" and national service, and it marked a clean break with the George W. Bush presidency.

Obama listed a litany of problems, from lost jobs to failed schools, and said the nation's "badly weakened economy" was the result of "greed and irresponsibility on the part of some, but also our collective failure to make hard choices and prepare the nation for a new age."

The new president, who made ending the war in Iraq a major part of his campaign, also said: "To the Muslim world, we seek a new way forward, based on mutual interest and mutual respect."

The simple, powerful reality that Obama—the son of a white woman from Kansas and a black man from Kenya—became the first African-American president was not a major theme of his speech. It did not have to be.

Everyone was aware of it. Obama's only reference to the issue was to marvel at how "a man whose father less than 60 years ago might not have



President Barack Obama dances with his wife, First Lady Michelle Obama, at the Commander-In-Chief Ball held at the National Building Museum in Washington, D.C., Tuesday, January 20, 2009.

David Stephenson/Lexington Herald-Leader/MCT

been served at a local restaurant can now stand before you to take a most sacred oath."

Obama took the oath on a Bible used by Abraham Lincoln in 1861.

Lincoln's oath was administered by Chief Justice Roger Taney, who wrote the Supreme Court decision upholding slavery in the Dred Scott case.

This history was not lost on Leslie Minor, a 49-year-old automotive manager from Long Beach, Calif., who is also biracial. Watching Obama take the oath "was overwhelming, hard to describe—it shows a lot of growth in the country," she said.

Minor said Obama's speech was "sober and serious," a quick assessment that mirrored the analysis of historians and politicians.

Some analysts said it lacked the soaring oratory of Obama's campaign speeches but reflected a down-to-earth approach to the nation's dire economic problems.

Larry Berman, a University of California-Davis professor who studies the presidency, said he was struck by Obama's "somber reminder that we have deep economic problems, but they are not insoluble."

He delivered a forceful speech, designed to allay the fears of Americans about the future," Berman said. The speech was not as inspirational as other Obama orations, but "was entirely appropriate to the time."

Several analysts detected a touch of Franklin Roosevelt in the way Obama melded harsh warnings about the economy

with a confidence that he—and the nation's citizens—were ready to tackle big problems with big plans.

"He challenged Americans to make hard choices and sacrifices with a message of tough times ahead and a more buoyant message of promise and economic possibility," said Matt Dallek, a former speechwriter and historian teaching at the University of California Washington Center.

Obama used simple language and a direct approach to frame his admonitions: "Starting today, we must pick ourselves up, dust ourselves off and begin anew the work of remaking America."

But Obama's speech was not programmatic and did not spell out any detailed solutions. He did make a tech-friendly

pledge of building "the electric grids and digital lines that feed our commerce and bind us together," and he said "we will harness the sun and the winds and the soil to fuel our cars and run our factories."

Obama's campaign mobilized a new generation of voters, and the turnout of 2 million or so in Washington was a testament to his wide appeal. The new 47-year-old president claimed a mandate for bold action, despite the doubts of many.

"What the cynics fail to understand is that the ground has shifted beneath them, that the stale political arguments that have consumed us for so long no longer apply," he said.

Morley Winograd, author of "Millennial Makeover" with Michael Hais, said Obama

"was elaborating on the theme of generational change, that we are getting past ideological division, that we need government action and to rebuild our image abroad."

That theme resonated with Nika Korniyenko, 27, an illustrator from Berkeley, Calif., who emigrated from Russia: "We have been so disappointed in the past, but we have a sense now that America will re-establish itself in the world."

Obama took the oath on a cold, crystalline day before a crowd full of celebrities on the west steps of the Capitol. Denzel Washington embraced Smokey Robinson, Don King gave interviews, and senators behaved like star-struck tourists, snapping photos of the big day.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger attended, as did his wife Maria Shriver, who was beaming. "This is a great day for our country, the world, and I'm so glad our four children are here today," she said.

The day also put a spotlight on Sen. Dianne Feinstein, the California Democrat who chaired the congressional inaugural committee and acted as the inauguration's master of ceremonies.

Feinstein noted the long civil rights struggle that preceded the first African-American president, and helped set the tone for the day: "Future generations will look back and remember that this was the moment when the dream that once echoed across history from the steps of the Lincoln Memorial finally reached the walls of the White House."

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# Israel possibly used phosphorus on civilians

By SHASHANK BENGALI  
MCT

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip—The Israeli military is investigating whether its soldiers fighting in the densely populated Gaza Strip improperly fired shells with white phosphorus, a powerful chemical munition that can cause serious and sometimes fatal burns, officials said Wednesday.

It's the first time that Israel has acknowledged using the controversial weapon during the 22-day war in Gaza, although doctors, United Nations officials and independent human-rights groups have accused Israeli forces of firing phosphorus in civilian areas, a possible violation of U.N. conventions on warfare.

White phosphorus is legal under international law if it's used as a smoke screen to obscure troop movements or other military operations, but it's highly dangerous if it's deployed in heavily populated areas, because it can set skin on fire and burn all the way to the bone. Israel has said repeatedly that it used weapons consistent with international laws during its war against the militant Islamic group Hamas.

However, doctors interviewed Wednesday in Gaza said that so many patients had sustained burns consistent with white phosphorus that it appeared that Israeli forces used the chemical in highly populated areas.

At Shifa, the main hospital in Gaza City, doctors said that scores of patients had arrived with unusual burns, dark, foul-



Fifteen-year-old Hamdan Kishko is treated for a burn that doctors said was caused by an Israeli phosphorus bomb that struck near his home in Gaza City. Kishko's injury by white phosphorus, a controversial weapon whose use Israel said it would investigate.

Shashank Bengali/MCT

smelling splotches that grew deeper and blacker despite being washed with water and saline solution. The burns were so toxic in some patients that even those with relatively minor wounds, which ought to have been treated, grew ill and died, the doctors said.

"We have never seen this type of injury or the number of such injuries," said Dr. Nafez Abu Shaaban, the head of the burns unit at Shifa. "These were not usual burns."

Patients told medics that they'd come into contact with smoking, spongelike wafers of phosphorus, and in some cases, doctors said, victims reached hospitals with wounds still smoking. White phosphorus

burns as long as it's exposed to oxygen, and it can reach temperatures well over 1,000 degrees.

The injuries baffled Gaza's medical staff, adding to the enormous strain that the war placed on a bare-bones health system. Gaza health officials say that more than 1,300 Palestinians were killed in the fighting, two-fifths of them children and women. Thirteen Israelis died, 10 of them soldiers.

"Patients were asking me, 'What's the complication?'" said the British-trained Abu Shaaban, one of the most senior burn surgeons in Gaza. "I didn't have the answer."

In a Spartan room in the reconstructive-surgery wing

town of Beit Lahiya.

Her 10-year-old son, Zayed, screamed, "Mom, Mom, fire!" He perished in the flames, along with her husband and three other children, including a 15-month-old girl. Her clothes ablaze, Sabha Abu Halimah rolled on the ground for several minutes until most of the flames were extinguished, but when relatives brought her to the hospital several hours later, her burns were still smoking, doctors said.

Capt. Elie Isaacson, an Israeli military spokesman, said that an investigative team would probe the force's use of phosphorus "due to the number of claims that have come in from the press and from other sources."

Donatella Rovera, an Amnesty International researcher, charged that Israel had used the weapon in "a completely unlawful manner, in places it should never be used under any circumstances."

The doctors also accused Israel of using another controversial weapon, known as dense inert metal explosives. These are compact munitions packed with bits of tungsten that explode on contact, spraying the tungsten like molten metal vapor over a small area. Some researchers have found

that vaporized tungsten can cause cancer in mice.

Experts say that DIMEs are designed to minimize collateral damage, but they cause horrific damage at the impact point. Erik Fosse, a Norwegian doctor who has more than two decades of experience in several patients at Shifa saw several patients at Shifa who had virtually no injuries to their upper bodies but had lost most of their lower bodies—often requiring both legs to be amputated—suggesting that DIMEs had struck them.

Isaacson, the military spokesman, said that he'd look into the charges but repeated the assertion that Israeli weapons were used in accordance with international laws.

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# Cobra's Hall of Fame Class of 2008

## ■ Legendary athletes to be honored February 28

By SEAN HERMANN  
Staff Writer

Whether you are familiar with their names or not, these Parkland greats have provided Cobra athletics with not only great knowledge and skill in their respected sports and disciplines, but also went on to be successful after their Parkland days. Six individuals and one team will be honored for their achievements on February 28 by being inducted into the Parkland College Athletic Hall of Fame.

The Parkland College Athletic Hall of Fame class of 2008 will be introduced at halftime during the Men's basketball game and will be honored at the Tony Noel Center immediately following the game. Nominations were received from former Cobra coaches and administrators, and finalists were voted in by a Hall of Fame committee.

The following inductees have shown what it means to be dedicated and to take pride in something they love.

Student-athlete Wayne Angel, now the current University of Illinois Men's head

Wayne Angel - Current Illini head track and field coach and Rantoul native was a two-time NJCAA All-American, two-time Big 10 Champion, and Olympic Trials participant.

Kenny Banks - A two-time All-American in the High Jump, Banks holds both Parkland indoor and outdoor records. He left Parkland as the top-ranked collegiate high jumper and finished 4th at U.S. championships in 1986 and 1988.

Chris Cuchra - Holds Parkland records for home runs

track and field coach, fell nothing short of greatness in his Parkland days. Hailing from Rantoul, Angel served as a two-time NJCAA All-American, two-time Big 10 Champion, Olympic Trials participant and has raised the bar for Cobra's Track and Field.

Student-athlete Kenny Banks, presently a Cobra track and field legend, received two-time All-American honors in the high jump. He is the Parkland record holder in high jump for Indoor at (7'2") and Outdoor at (7'6 1/2"). Banks left

(13) and runs batted in (78) for a season. He helped lead the Cobras to a 96-21 record during two seasons.

Ken Pritchett - The first Parkland men's basketball coach, Pritchett led the Cobras from 1968-78, before the college offered scholarships or had its own gym. His teams won over 150 games, going 24-5 in 1977-78.

Lynette Trout - Trout started women's athletic programs at Parkland in 1975-76. Her basketball team went a perfect

Parkland as the top-ranked collegiate high jumper and went on to compete internationally. He also finished 4th at the U.S. Championships in '86 '88.

Student-athlete Chris Cuchra, who currently holds Cobra single season records for home runs (13) and runs batted in (78). He also sits in the top 5 in batting average (.435), doubles (20), and top 10 in hits (84). Cuchra helped lead the Cobras to a 96-21 record during his two seasons at Parkland.

Men's basketball coach Ken Pritchett was the first Parkland

19-0 and advanced to nationals.

Roger Herbsleb - Roger Herbsleb kept the scorebook for the basketball and volleyball teams for nearly 30 years, from 1973-2002.

2002 Men's Baseball team (National Champions): The third team at Parkland to win the NJCAA championship title, they hold the school record for wins (55) and winning percentage (.859) and going 55-9 en route to the title.

Women's basketball, softball, and volleyball coach, Lynette Trout was the founder of Women's Athletic Programs at Parkland in 1975-76. She held the position of head coach for four years for volleyball and basketball, and three years for softball. The basketball team, under her guidance, was undefeated (19-0) during the '76-'77 regular season and advanced to the nationals. Trout was a 30-year Parkland employee as a Physical Education and Math professor and has definitely left her mark here at Parkland.

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Parkland scorekeeper Roger Herbsleb kept the scorebook for men's and women's basketball, and volleyball for nearly 30 years from 1973-2002. He was a 20-year Parkland employee as the Supervisor of the Print Shop before retiring in 1993. Herbsleb has shown his commitment and dedication to Parkland athletics and definitely deserves to be honored.

The 2002 men's baseball team, who went on to win the National Championship will also be honored. The 2002 team is the third team at PC to win NJCAA National title. The team holds school records for wins (55) and winning percent-

age (.859), going 55-9 en route to the title game. The team, led by two First Team All-American's in pitcher Derek Drage and infielder Dan Grant, showed the nation how high Parkland's potential could reach, and exceeded it, building a base for future Cobra teams with high prestige. Drage went on to play for SW Missouri State and was drafted by the Pittsburgh Pirates and played for three years in the minors. Grant went on to play for Northern Iowa University.

If you would like to celebrate and honor these Parkland greats, make sure to make it to the men's basketball game on February 28, and the Tony Noel Center immediately following the game. These individuals have shown why Parkland College is a great place to reach your potential and will inspire many others to make their way to the Parkland College Athletic Hall of Fame.



# An unbroken sea of humanity witnesses Obama taking oath

By DAVID LIGHTMAN  
MCT

WASHINGTON—As Barack Obama took the oath of office to become the nation's 44th president, the mood throughout the nation's capital on Tuesday was both electric and serene.

Electric because looking west from the inauguration platform on Capitol Hill, the view was one of an unbroken sea of humanity stretching the mile and a half down the National Mall to the Washington monument, and beyond.

When people on the Mall got excited, they waved little American flags in unison—notably when Obama and first lady Michelle Obama waved to the crowd shortly after noon—transforming the Mall into a red, white and blue wave.

The mood was also one of peace, contentment, patience and cooperation. The logistics sometimes proved stifling—lines stretched for blocks outside the suburban Maryland New Carrollton subway station, and spectators needed up to an hour to clear security at the Capitol—but people made new friends and rarely got angry.

At the L'Enfant Plaza subway station downtown, a major gateway to the Mall, thousands emerged chanting: "Keep it moving, yes we can." Crowds built so quickly there and elsewhere that Metro officials gave up trying to collect fares and let everyone through the turnstiles free.

Outside Harriet's Restaurant on 11th Street Northwest, crowds bunched as close as they could to the tall metal barriers standing between them and the parade route. They cheered when Obama appeared on television and erupted in applause when he took the oath of office.

Not everyone was willing to let outgoing President George W. Bush leave quietly.

"Arrest Bush," read a sign held by Geraldine Miles, from Mechanicsville, Md. "I think they should arrest him," she said, citing his decision to invade Iraq nearly six years ago. "Lock him up and throw away the key."

Most folks, though, were mellow, particularly black spectators—many of whom were



President Barack Obama kisses his wife, Michelle, with daughters Sasha and Malia at his side, after being sworn in as the country's 44th President by Chief Justice John Roberts, left, at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C., Tuesday, January 20, 2009.

awed by the idea that an African-American was being inaugurated president.

One, James Bradford, a government affairs manager for a paper company, recalled seeing his father shot during a 1965 civil rights protest in his hometown, Jonesboro, La.

Terdema Ussery, the chief executive of the HDNet cable network, took his seat in front of the Capitol at 6 a.m., six hours before the swearing-in.

"We just want to experience this," to sit and soak in the history and the mood, he said.

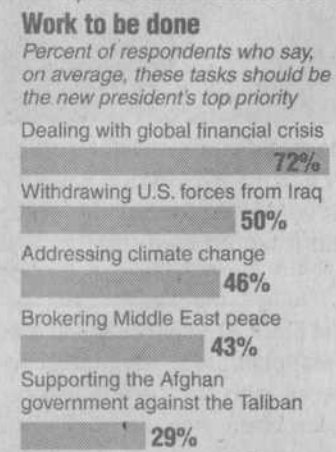
Vivian Loseth, wearing a chocolate brown sable tailcoat, had her picture taken with friends in front of a banner reading: "We have overcome."

"There were many people who did not believe he was going to win," the Chicago social worker said.

In keeping with Obama's desire to put aside partisan rancor, the crowd was polite even to those it didn't want to embrace. Bush got virtually no response; Saddleback Church Pastor Rick Warren got scattered applause, though the choice was criticized in many Democratic quarters because of the California clergyman's

## Great expectations

A new poll suggests worldwide optimism that President Barack Obama will improve relations between the U.S. and the rest of the world.

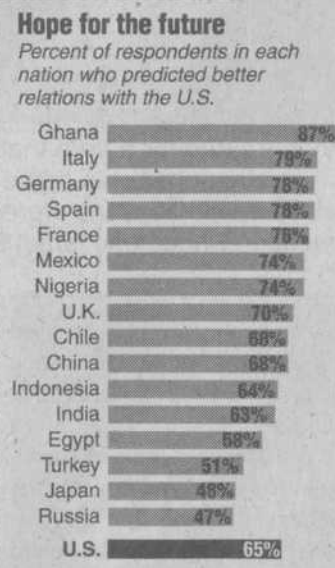


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support of the state's Proposition 8, which bars gay marriage. Voters narrowly passed the measure in November.

Even Obama himself didn't draw loud cheers. His biggest applause lines were warnings to terrorists, vows to remake America and references to America overcoming racism. When he was done, though, he got a loud standing ovation.

"I didn't think we were ready



for this," said Thelma Ervin, a Chicago church administrator.

Even Gena Quarantello, of Westlake Village, Calif., who voted for Republican presidential candidate John McCain, liked what she saw Tuesday.

She came, she said, because she wanted to be a part of history. Looking out at the spectacle, at the country coming together, Quarantello beamed.

"I'm really glad Obama won,"

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she said. By the time Obama spoke, the day already had been extraordinarily long—starting well before dawn, as people began heading downtown by subway, bike, bus, cab or foot.

As early as 3:30 a.m., lines had formed in suburban parking lots for the Metro subway system. Metro started running trains at 4 a.m., and even the first ones were packed.

On a bicycle trail that winds along the Potomac River from suburban Maryland to downtown Washington, scores of bicyclists rode in the darkness—many without lights.

By 6 a.m., downtown streets were blocked off, with checkpoints rimming the Mall and Capitol. Thousands of National Guard members, police and other security workers managed checkpoints and street corners. Vendors sold everything including Obama T-shirts and Obama water, as well as hand and foot warmers.

By 7 a.m., at one checkpoint near the Labor Department in Northwest Washington, nearly 5,000 people waited for clearance. They were young and old, black and white. Some were dressed in their finest, while

most were bundled up in parkas or other heavy coats.

By 9 a.m.—still three hours before the swearing-in—alerts went out that Mall was full east of the Washington Monument, and that people still working their way downtown should aim farther west.

By 10:50, President George W. Bush and President-Elect Obama were on their way, traveling in a massive motorcade up Pennsylvania Avenue toward the Capitol, where Hollywood stars such as Denzel Washington and Dustin Hoffman awaited the ceremony alongside their fans.

Michael Fields, 24, of Catlett, Va., said he left the inaugural ceremony feeling appreciative of and inspired by Obama's emphasis on restoring the nation's confidence in the midst of an economic crisis. Fields, an African-American who teaches elementary school, said he felt a renewed sense of purpose that he hoped would boost what he called "a national self-esteem problem."

"I can't even describe it," Fields said of the feelings that welled up after the speech. Obama "just has a way of saying what needs to be said, not because it sounds good but because it needs to be said. I feel like I could fly to the moon right now."

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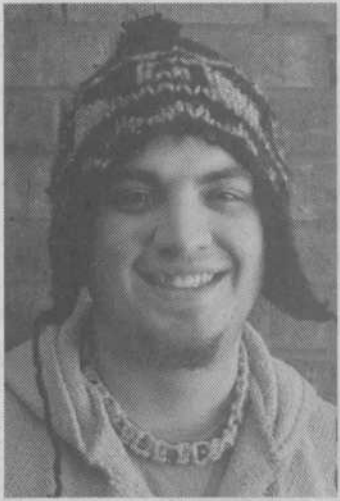
## Obama's cabinet

A demographic look at the nominees; 14 Cabinet members\* and 4 Cabinet-level officials:

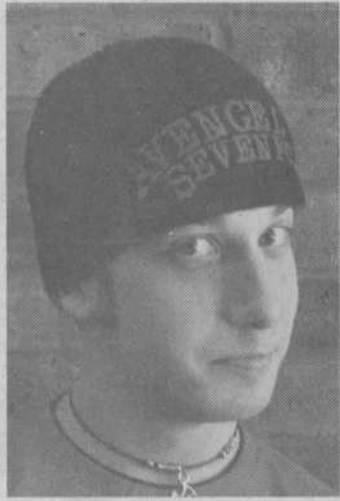


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# How have you been adjusting to the new semester?



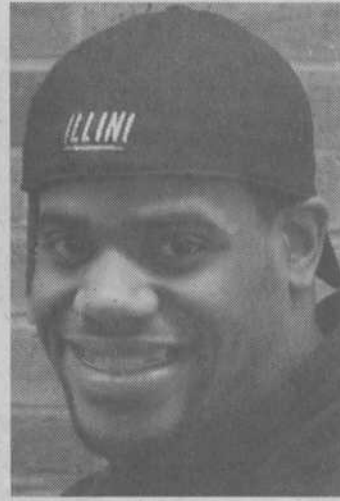
**John Schall**  
Major: Transfer Student  
I feel pretty good since I have been away for a semester and a half.



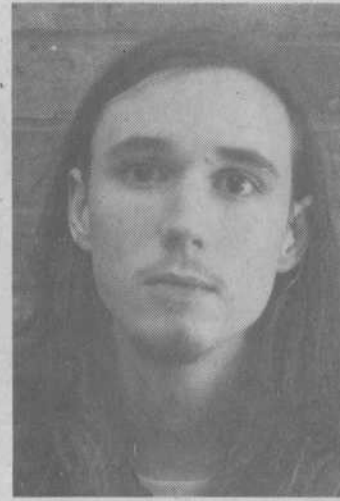
**Clay Fair**  
Major: Transfer Student  
Adjusting okay, just a little stressed out.



**Abriel Shipley**  
Major: Transfer Student  
I was really stressed out at first, but now it's better.



**Reed Jordan**  
Major: Psychology  
I have been adjusting pretty well.



**Grant Mast**  
Major: Special Education  
I have been pretty well, except for the first night because I was so worried not getting up. So I didn't sleep.



**Shauna Miller**  
Major: Secondary Education  
So far I have been stressed because of the five classes that I have been taking along with a part time job.

## American Idol returns—Parkland style!

By: **CASSANDRA CUNNINGHAM**  
Staff Writer

Everyone knows how the story goes. Millions of people around the country who know, and in some cases, think that they have the best singing voice in America gather in hundreds of locations around the United States and show them off to three judges: the laid back Randy Jackson, the overly emotional Paula Abdul, and the famously blunt Simon Cowell. From Kelly Clarkson to Carrie Underwood to Jennifer Hudson, American Idol has discovered some of the most popular singers in today's pop culture.

Now it's coming back—Parkland-style.

That's right! It's back again! PC's spin-off of the famous show American Idol sponsored by Club ACCESS is back for another round. On Wednesday, January 28, students get their chance to show off their talents to the student body.

Last year's show rounded up around two-hundred spectators and featured sixteen students who performed everything from their own pieces to classic songs. Just like the real show, Parkland Idol features its own versions of Paula Abdul, Randy Jackson and even Ryan Seacrest. It cuts back, however, on the crude remarks of

the infamous Simon Cowell. Parkland Idol offers students a chance to flaunt their talents while being encouraged by their peers.

Last year's winner was Erica Smith, a vocal power house that made it to the second try-out round on the real American Idol. She blew judges and spectators away with her own rendition of Etta James 'At Last'. First place prize was a \$50.00 gift certificate to Marketplace Mall. Other prizes included a \$20.00 gift certificate to the Parkland College Bookstore.

While most contestants showed off their vocal cords and rhyming skills last year, Parkland Idol is not limited to

those with vocal talents. Any performing art can be showcased by participants. It's not limited to students either. Staff and faculty are also encouraged to participate.

Activities Program Director John Eby gave a little bit of history on Parkland Idol: "This is its second year. Club ACCESS conceived of the project in 2007 and the first competition was in January 2008. Office of student life has been co-sponsor both years."

Eby thinks Parkland Idol is a great way to kick off the semester. "[It's put on to] generate awareness about Club ACCESS, student organizations, and to give the beginning

of the semester a lift," he said.

Eby recollected the history of the program. "In 2008 it was mostly singers. A couple of people rapped and one person tried to do this Pseudo-stand-up comedy thing," he said.

As far as prizes for the competition go, there will be some great things to compete for. First place will once again receive a \$50.00 gift card. Whoever shows off their talent and snags second place will win a \$35.00 gift card. And last but not least, the person who receives third place in the competition will get a \$25.00 gift card. So with prizes included, everyone with some type of talent should come out and show off

what they've got!

The show will be held Wednesday, January 28, 2009 in the college center from 11am to 1pm. Participants can pre-register, and contestants will be accepted until all of the spaces are filled.

Prizes will be awarded by Student Life.

Students may register at the Office for Student Life (Room X153), by contacting a Club ACCESS member, or by contacting Academic Development Specialist Evelyn Brown at 217- 351-2587 or ebrown@parkland.edu.

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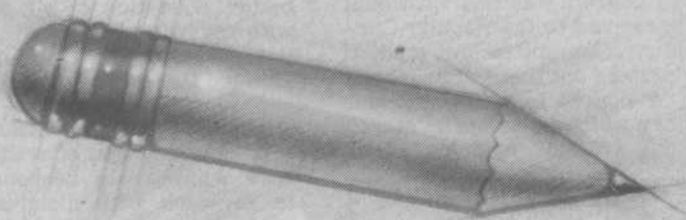
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# PROSPECTUS

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### BSA Gets New Dean

by CLARENCE DAVIDSON  
A new black dean and Black Studies Program is in the works for Parkland College. These two actions were taken after the Black Student Association submitted an eight-part proposal to Parkland President William Staerkel last Monday. The proposal included:  
--black dean  
--Black Studies program  
--non-competitive student loans  
--solution of black curriculum problems  
--BSA usage of facilities  
--black newspaper  
--permanent black representation in student government  
--recruitment program for black students  
--reinstatement of black athletes on the basketball team

President Staerkel responded to the proposal for a black dean by noting that the college already had a dean of students and asked why another one was needed.

The BSA members explained the function of the black dean would be to act as immediate communicator between black students and the administration. He would also act as a counselor, and would direct the proposed programs, such as the Black Studies Program and the recruitment project. Other reasons given by the BSA for a black dean were that there is a great amount of distrust, from past experiences, with the white man. The dean would have to be someone who is respected and trusted by the black student in order for these programs to work, said the BSA members.

The BSA said that there would be no problem in finding a black person for this position, since there are two black faculty members and one black administrator presently at Parkland.

The President said after more discussion of this issue that Parkland would get a black dean. He said he would let the BSA know in about three or four weeks who the dean would be.

The president's response to the Black Studies Program was that he agreed it was a good suggestion and would work on it.

On the recruitment program, Dr. Staerkel said BSA members should set up something with Dean of Students Donald Swank to come out with some sort of recruitment campaign as soon as possible.

President Staerkel said that the BSA had the right to use the equipment in the Student Government office. He also asked the BSA to elaborate on the need for a budget. BSA members said that the budget would be for supplies such as stamps, stationery and finances for the recruitment project.

Dean Donald Swank pointed out on financial aid that there were loans or scholarships available that did not require a specific GPA.

Dr. Staerkel said he would have to look into the proposals for the black newspaper and permanent student government representative.

He also noted that he would look into the problem of black students who wanted to transfer taking non-transferable courses.

The meeting of BSA members



PARKLAND PRESIDENT WILLIAM STAERKEL (CENTER) CONFERS WITH MEMBERS OF BLACK STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

and Dr. Staerkel was set up after the BSA students interrupted a faculty meeting a week ago

Tuesday, asking about these problems and the status of the black athletes.

See story on page 7 for information about reinstatement of the black athletes.

### BLACK RAP

Clarence Davidson  
It seems as though when President Staerkel made the promise that the five athletes would be reinstated during the confrontation on February 3rd with the Black Student Association he forgot to inform coach Pritchett of the promise. The black athletes are still not on the team. What's the problem?  
February 4th the retired black athletes came to practice under the impression that they would be reinstated on that day only to find later that Pritchett didn't need them. The athletes said that Pritchett said that he was not sure if he needed them now, and that the team had learned some new plays that would take some time for them to learn. Now if you ask me this sounds like a lecture of discouragement on behalf of coach Pritchett. Being honest and admitting that I am no expert in the field of athletics, it seems to me that all basketball plays are basically the same, and it

wouldn't take over one night to learn the new plays, given the experience of the players in question. Could it be a question of taking white players out of play?  
Black Rap would now like to get on to the case of President Staerkel vs. the BSA.  
Concerning the BSA proposal that Student Senate have guaranteed black representation, President Staerkel made a statement that I would consider very ambiguous, saying in his reply to the proposal submitted by the BSA that all student government representatives are elected on their ability to function at that post. The student government election is based entirely on popularity, after all, that's the democratic way.  
Also, it seems that in his reply that he was giving Parkland the credit for starting the Afro-American history course, when in reality Parkland was pressured into this.

### BSA Demands Are Answered By Staerkel

by CHERYL CRAMER and CLARENCE DAVIDSON

"The BSA has a number of legitimate concerns," states Parkland College President William M. Staerkel. "The Black Students at Parkland do have particular needs which the college should meet, and I'm in sympathy with the BSA desire that the needs be met and so is the Board of Trustees."  
At a meeting February 11 with the BSA, Staerkel cleared up what he termed, "A misunderstanding" during the last meeting he had with BSA members. He said that he did not actually "say" that Parkland would get a Black Dean.

But in his reply to the list of demands, he said "PC has a dean of students who is expected to be aware and sensitive to the needs of all students. Therefore, it is appropriated that PC students continue to be served by one dean of students."

His reply to the student loans was mainly that "we shall publicize the availability of such help, so that needy students will be aware of the opportunities available to them."

His remark to the curriculum demand was "we shall strengthen our efforts to eliminate misunderstandings, and assume that all students of their particular programs are aware of the purpose of the program."  
In response to the report for a list of Black Students enrolled in PC and information of career and grades records, he said, "We can develop in the future a list of black students enrolled at PC, but we cannot provide information as to what courses they're taking or their grades in these courses."

His response to the Black Studies Program was that "it would be presented to the Faculty Curriculum Committee for study." He pointed out that PC presently has a course in Afro-American history which he called a "start" in the area of studying Black

Culture on a formal basis.  
In a written reply to the BSA Staerkel pointed out, "At Parkland College we are working to build a college community where in all students regardless of color or belief are united, unsegregated, and judged solely by their worth as individual human beings."  
The BSA submitted a memorandum to the President of PC in response to his reply to their demands of BSA and supported the student conduct code as is, strongly agreeing that the educational process at Parkland should not be interrupted. The BSA stated they felt that Staerkel is sincere in his efforts to gear the educational program to their needs.

The BSA also stated their belief that Staerkel will be further responsive in the selection of a Coordinator of Programs for the Disadvantaged. They requested a briefing regarding the job description and person selected for the job.

CONTINUOUS CONCERN  
The concern for students at Parkland has been a continuous process. At a meeting on Sept. 10, 1968, the board adopted a program regarding this concern. The specific points of this program include:

1. The incorporation into the curriculum courses on Negro and American History.
2. Recognition at Parkland of the importance of the role of the Negro in developing the country.
3. Expansion from specific courses in social sciences to include in the subject matter various courses which examine the Negro as an important minority group in America. The board desires that Parkland College make a systematic effort toward better education of all students with regard to Negroes.
4. Active participation in the Upward Bound Program.
5. A continued effort to employ qualified Negroes on the staff.
6. Employment of staff members whose sole responsibility is to work with disadvantaged students attending Parkland College and to work with programs for the disadvantaged.
7. Provision for a strong placement service at Parkland so career program graduates can find places of employment.
8. Development of a college preparation program specifically aimed toward disadvantaged students.

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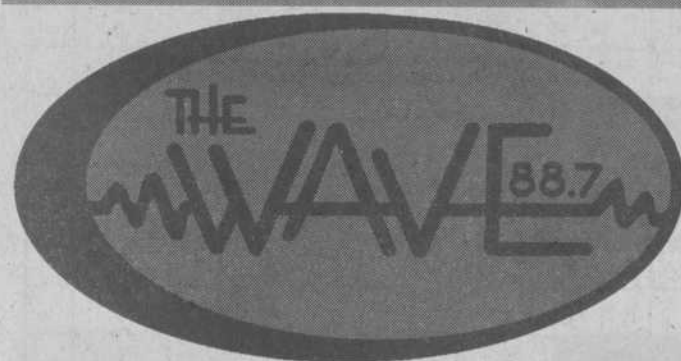
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## Federal judge overturns Illinois 'moment of silence' law for schools

By **MONIQUE GARCIA AND TARA MALONE**  
MCT

A federal judge Wednesday overturned a state law requiring students to observe a moment of silence at the start of each day, ruling it amounted to an unconstitutional endorsement of religion aimed at introducing prayer in public schools.

The decision by U.S. District Judge Robert Gettleman

makes permanent a ban he put in place in May after a legal challenge by Dawn Sherman, a student at Buffalo Grove High School, and her atheist activist father, Rob Sherman.

"This has just brought closure for everyone, for all the districts in the state of Illinois," said Venetia Miles, spokeswoman for Township High School District 214, based in Arlington Heights.

From the outset, schools struggled with the practicali-

ties of the law, which stated that the time should be used as "an opportunity for silent prayer or reflection on the anticipated activities."

Districts were left to interpret how long a moment was and when to pause during a morning routine of announcements and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Gettleman also said the law discriminated against religions that do not pray silently.

Atty. Gen. Lisa Madigan's

office, which defended the law, is reviewing an appeal.

Chicago Tribune reporter Ashley Rueff contributed to this report.

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## Inaugural poets and the impossible task

By **THE PROSPECTUS**

Award-winning poet and professor Elizabeth Alexander was faced with the daunting task of writing the inaugural poem for President Barack Obama. It has been widely speculated that all inaugural poets face an impossible obstacle when commissioned to compose a poem for such a grand occasion. Do you think Alexander lived up to the challenge?

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Each day we go about our business, walking past each other, catching each others' eyes or not, about to speak or speaking. All about us is noise. All about us is noise and bramble, thorn and din, each one of our ancestors on our tongues. Someone is stitching up a hem, darning a hole in a uniform, patching a tire, repairing the things in need of repair.

Someone is trying to make music somewhere with a pair of wooden spoons on an oil drum with cello, boom box, harmonica, voice.

A woman and her son wait for the bus. A farmer and his son wait for the bus. A teacher says, "Take out your pencils. Begin."

We encounter each other in words, Words spiny or smooth, whispered or declaimed; Words to consider, reconsider.

We cross dirt roads and highways that mark the will of someone and then others who said, "I need to see what's on the other side; I know there's something better down the road."

We need to find a place where we are safe; We walk into that which we cannot yet see.

Say it plain, that many have died for this day. Sing the names of the dead who brought us here, who laid the train

tracks, raised the bridges, picked the cotton and the lettuce, built brick by brick the glittering edifices they would then keep clean and work inside of. Praise song for struggle; praise song for the day. Praise song for every hand-lettered sign; The figuring it out at kitchen tables.

Some live by "Love thy neighbor as thy self."

Others by first do no harm, or take no more than you need.

What if the mightiest word is love, love beyond marital, filial, national. Love that casts a widening pool of light. Love with no need to preempt grievance.

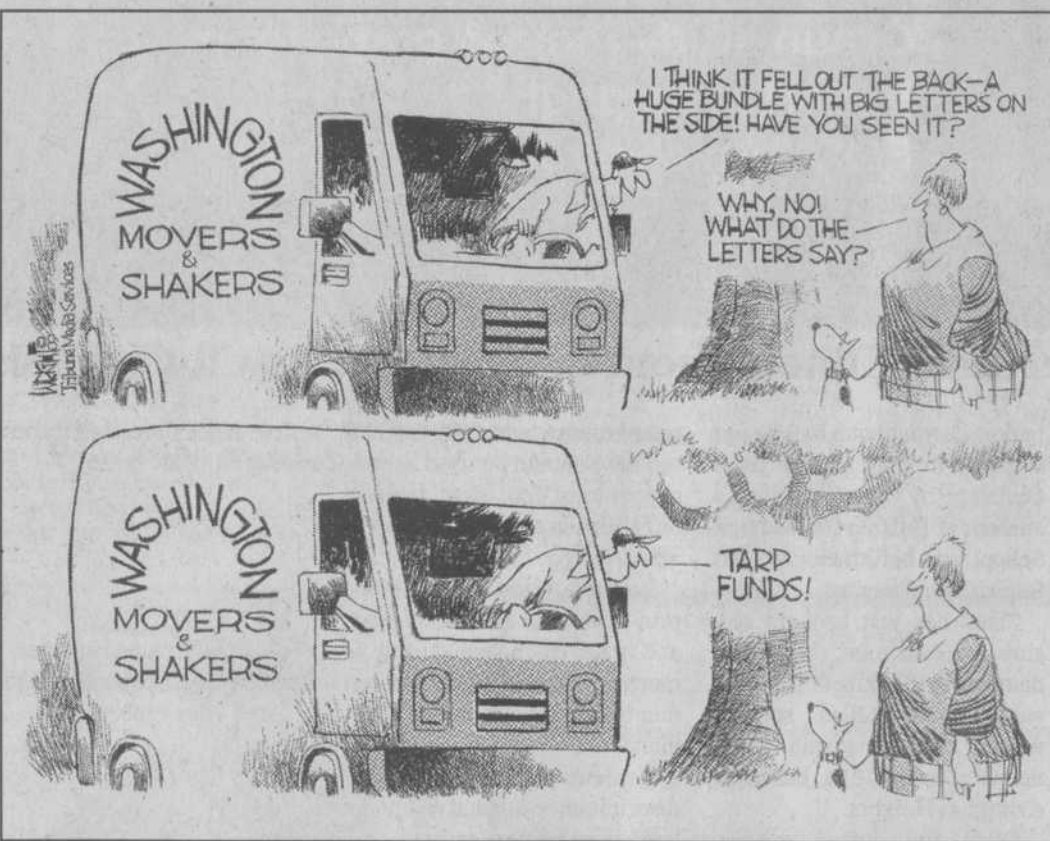
In today's sharp sparkle, this winter air, anything can be made, any sentence begun.

On the brink, on the brim, on the cusp —

praise song for walking forward in that light.



"Don't be a hero!"



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## Weather Forecast

**Wednesday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 31.  
**Wednesday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 22.  
**Thursday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 41.  
**Thursday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 25.  
**Friday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 32.  
**Friday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 13.  
**Saturday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 21.  
**Saturday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 8.  
**Sunday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 24.  
**Sunday Night:** A chance of snow. Partly cloudy, with a low around 21.  
**Monday:** A chance of rain and snow showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 35.

## CrimeStoppers seeks assistance

Champaign Police investigators are asking for information regarding an incident involving criminal damage to property and reckless conduct. On Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, at approximately 1:11 a.m., officers were called to the location of Market Street and Bradley Avenue in Champaign. Officers were advised that a group of four or five black male subjects were seen standing on the southwest corner of the intersection. As three LEX buses approached the intersection, one of the black males was observed throwing a paving brick, completely shattering the windshield of one bus. Another paving brick was thrown, which shattered two full-size passenger windows of another bus. Some of the passengers were sprayed with shattered glass and suffered minor cuts. One passenger was struck by a brick and suffered minor facial injuries. The young black male subjects were described as being 14 to 16 years of age. One of the subjects seen throwing a brick was wearing a white shirt. Investigators are seeking any information you might have regarding this incident.



Unattended Motor Vehicle

Lately the weather has been bitterly cold and warming up your vehicle is certainly appropriate. However, if you warm up your vehicle, you need to remain with your car while it is running. According to the Illinois vehicle code (625 ILCS 5/11-1401) it is against the law to leave your vehicle running without you being present. The law states: "No person driving or in charge of a motor vehicle shall permit it to stand unattended without first stopping the engine, locking the ignition, removing the key from the ignition, effectively setting the brake thereon and, when standing upon any perceptible grade, turning the front wheels to the curb or side of the highway." So please do not leave your vehicle unattended while running. This is a just friendly reminder—and please drive safely.

## Crossword

- ACROSS**
- Light wood
  - English bloke
  - Fortas and Lincoln
  - Fictional ID
  - Top-drawer
  - Anthracite, e.g.
  - Frolics
  - Mooring place
  - Schlep
  - Nautically nauseous
  - Brought into harmony
  - D.C. VIP
  - Gets more profound
  - Oscar-winning Italian director
  - European eagle
  - Actress Falco
  - Blast letters
  - Tension
  - Move slyly
  - Long period
  - Inasmuch as
  - Hussein of Iraq
  - Director Craven
  - Fine, black stuff
  - Viscous liquid
  - Certifies under oath
  - Lie back
  - Pekoe, e.g.
  - Edmond and Conan
  - Renowned
  - Spirit
  - Stiff collar
  - Dike
  - 500-mile race
  - Antisocial
  - Wipe out
  - Sense organs
  - Risked getting a ticket
  - Things to avoid

- DOWN**
- Obstacles
  - Soap additive
  - Succotash bean
  - Drains
  - Italian pilgrimage site
  - Second half of a golf course
  - Australian joey
  - Cross a border
  - Rocks on the edge
  - Throw a scene
  - American frontiersman
  - Rusted through
  - Toboggans
  - Smallest change
  - Camping equipment
  - \_\_ up (admit)
  - "Giant" writer Ferber
  - Made stuff up
  - Star part
  - Pull behind
  - Flap up
  - Adam's grandson
  - Highlander
  - Collectors' groups
  - Couric of TV
  - Made tidy
  - Good behavior
  - Pipe part

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 52 Followed  
 53 Comic/actress O'Donnell  
 54 Black  
 55 Rough  
 56 Tomlin and Pons  
 60 Notorious fiddler  
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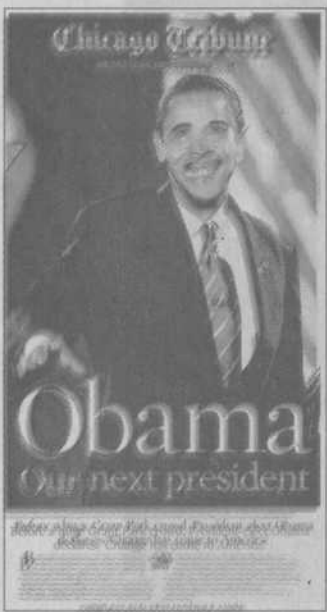
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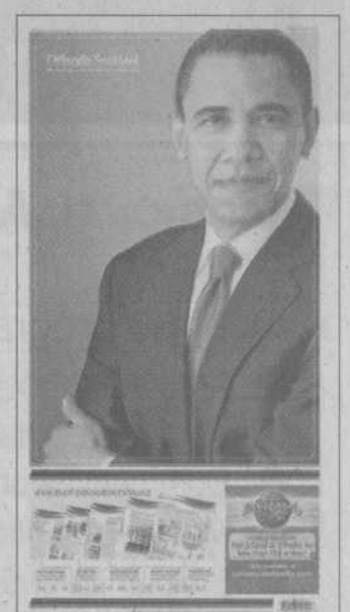
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