

Cartoon issue resolved

By EVA D. STI
PROSPECTUS STAFF WRITER

Last week's edition of the *Prospectus* had been on the stands around the College for just over an hour when one administrator decided to pull it from circulation to "give the editors a time-out."

Alice Pfeffer, vice president, Student Administration, said when she opened the Mar. 30 issue of the newspaper, she saw the cartoon on Page 4 and knew she was going to receive calls.

"Shortly after I saw the cartoon, I received between seven and ten calls, probably less than ten though, and I made the decision to pull the paper off the stands to give the editorial board an opportunity what to review the cartoon," said Pfeffer.

David F. Jackson, the *Prospectus*' editor-in-chief, said, "When Dr. Pfeffer made the decision to pull the papers from the rack without approval from the editors, she violated the First Amendment, as well as several federal court rulings and federal laws."

Jackson said when an administrator removes

newspapers from circulation, according to the definition of federal laws, censorship has been applied. "I never intended to censor the newspaper," Pfeffer explained. "I was trying to do what I thought was most appropriate at the time," she said.

Pfeffer said she received a call about an hour after she had the papers removed informing her that a "decision had been made to reprint the paper."

Jackson said he made the decision to reprint the paper, without the cartoon. "It was a judgment call that had to be made. None of the other editors were around, and last Monday morning saw a state of confusion in the office," he said.

"When I had first been informed about the papers being pulled from the stands," Jackson said, "I was told Doris (Barr, the newspaper's faculty adviser) had made the decision." Jackson said he argued the editors should have made the decision to pull the papers from the racks, if that is what they wanted to do.

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David F. Jackson, editor-in-chief, staff, and faculty concerning the and Doris Barr, adviser, listen to cartoon in last week's paper. comments from Parkland students, PHOTO BY MATTHEW W. WALTSGOTT

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StuGo candidates announce platforms

By DAVID F. JACKSON
PROSPECTUS EDITOR

Student Government elections are being held today and tomorrow in the College Center.

Madonna Kirk, currently serving as StuGo president, will be graduating in May, as will be Lori Schaeffer, StuGo vice president.

Today's elections will bring in a new STuGo president, vice president, treasurer, as well as new senators.

Elections are being held at various hours today and tomorrow.

Polls will be open from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 5 to 7 p.m. both days.

Election results will be published in next week's *Prospectus*.

Phil Carter



My name is Phil Carter. It is this candidate's hope that if given the opportunity to serve on the Student Government as its president, that I would have the chance to help direct this body to effectively channel the monies and voting power to see that all Parkland students are equally and fairly represented in all issues.

After having been allowed the privilege to serve as senator for Student Government and currently holding the treasurer's position, I've been able to see the

important role the president has, as well as the Student Government, in helping to make life for all Parkland students a pleasant and educationally profitable experience.

There can be no reward that could equal the honor of serving and assisting one's peers. I look forward to serving you.

John Cummings



Hi! My name is John Cummins. You've probably seen me around school or town for quite a while. I've attended Parkland part-time since 1987. Many things have changed since then. Some changes still need to be instituted.

Physically challenged and learning disabled students need a strong voice in Student Government. I am dyslexic. That means that I have had to fight hard for every single academic gain I've ever made. As a senator, I will continue to fight for myself and everyone else who wants and needs educational opportunities, but can't get them because of physical obstacles or a lack of assistance with tutoring, note taking, and needs evaluation.

On April 6 and 7, do something different for yourself, your friends, your school, and your community. Vote for a change.

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Workshop tackles group awareness

By ADRIENNE EMMERING
PROSPECTUS STAFF WRITER

"Valuing Diversity," a Parkland workshop, focused on prejudice, reduction of prejudice, and awareness of group identity.

Dick Justice and Lenita Epinger, professors, University of Illinois, and Cypress Hughes, Parkland in-

structor, spoke to those in attendance about awareness of other groups, not as readily identifiable as racial minorities, such as homosexuals and single parents.

Another part of the workshop focused on how to minimize prejudice and increase awareness of how prejudice affects relationships.

StuGo debates appropriateness of cartoon; IOC banquet slated

By JOHN HOFFMEISTER
PROSPECTUS CAMPUS EDITOR

Should the *Prospectus* have run a controversial cartoon in the March 30 edition? The question was raised at the April 2 Student Government (StuGo) meeting.

Carol Steinman, director, Student Support Services, and StuGo advisor, said it was in the best interests of the editorial staff to have reviewed the cartoon. She said if something is potentially offensive it would be wise for the staff to discuss it before (the paper) goes to print, "like they have done in the past, and hopefully will continue to do so."

Madonna Kirk, StuGo president, said more effort is needed to educate students about censorship and "where to draw the line. Maybe that fine line is there and consideration needs to be taken." Kirk said more responsibility needs to be taken by the editors, and the administration made the right decision to pull the first edition of the paper from the racks.

Kirk defended her position, saying the second edition drew more attention to the first because of the explanations that had been inserted into the second edition. But, she added, the caption on the cartoon was stereotypical.

Rashaad Wade, StuGo senator, found the caricature offensive. "We (blacks) have been stereotyped

for years," he said.

Making reference to the wording of the cartoon, Wade said, "To put in a paper that this is the way I talk is offensive to me. I don't talk that way."

But Phil Carter, StuGo treasurer, said that some people do talk the "Rastafarian" way. "Rastafarian" is a loose term for Jamaican culture and talk. Carter added, "Maybe we should ask ourselves what this guy (Akers) means."

In StuGo action, the 23rd Annual Awards and Recognition Banquet has been scheduled for Thurs., April 23, at the Chancellor Hotel. Kirk said the banquet will honor members of StuGo, as well as officers and members of campus organizations.

Also being honored will be students who have been actively involved with game tournaments and the *Prospectus*.

Advisors and club members are encouraged to attend. Guests are limited to two, and a \$12 fee will be charged. Club officers attend free. Reservations for guests are recommended.

A StuGo pizza sale raised \$37, according to Carter. He said the money raised will be used for StuGo activities.

Kirk said StuGo raises money just like any other StuGo-sponsored club. Clubs conduct fund raisers to have money for their own use, she said.

U.S. House approves student direct-loan program for 1994

Sets aside \$500 million for program

By MARSHA WOODS
PROSPECTUS ASSISTANT EDITOR

Some college students will soon be seeing the effects of legislation which will change the way student loans are distributed.

The House of Representatives passed legislation creating a \$500 million direct-loan program.

Currently, when students take out a loan, they have to borrow from a bank, savings and loan institution, or a credit union.

The loan process, according to Jack Lyons, director, Financial Aid and Veterans Affairs office, becomes very complicated for the

institutions lending the money, as well as for the colleges.

The result makes it hard for the colleges to administer the loans effectively to students. The direct-loan program will allow students to borrow money directly from the federal government.

Lyons, said the "attractive points of the program is it will help students, the college will be able to draw the funds directly from the federal government instead of having to go through the lending institutions."

Lyons said the College will be able to generate the promissory notes and issue the checks for the

loans as a result of the authorized direct loan program.

The current repayment plan for student loans begins when the student is graduated from college. This often regulates which field the student chooses because of the salary they will be make in a given job.

If the salary is small, the student will not be able to make the monthly loan repayments.

The repayment plan under the direct-loan program would also be monthly, but it would be based on the salary the student earns af-

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... StuGo campaign platforms

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Elect me to Student Senate.

Charlotte T. Finck



I am running for the position of senator at Parkland Community College. As an appointed senator at Parkland Community College. As an appointed senator at Parkland Community College.

When I am elected, I will be of assistance to my fellow students in anyway that is possible.

I look forward to achieving new and old idea. Thank you for taking your time to read my position as a candidate and for your time to vote for me on April 6 and 7, 1992.

Dana Garlick



Hello! My name is Dana Garlick, a returning adult student, who would like your vote on April 6 and 7, in the elections for Student Government, as a senator.

I am presently involved in Student Government as a senator, and value the contact it has given me to fellow students and staff. Several issues have been prominent in my semester as a senator—financial aid, daycare, and smoking. These issues are very important to all of us, and should not be taken lightly. However, the upcoming daycare seems promising, and financial aid counselors seem more than happy to help. These will be followed up closely.

My personal stand on the smoking issues is that the smoking lounge should remain for students and staff smokers. Although, lounge maintenance needs to be addressed. These issues have come to my attention through students wishing to be represented

on these matters.

Please feel free to bring your views, concerns, and your questions to the Student Government office in X-159 so you can be represented properly. Vote for Dana Garlick for senator ... let your vote be heard!

Bryan L. Henson



Hi, I'm Bryan L. Henson. I have been attending Parkland College for two years and am majoring in Mass Communications Broadcasting (Performance). I would really enjoy being a Student Government senator because I enjoy being in worthwhile activities and meeting people. I am responsible and willing to listen to the student body of Parkland College, and I will relay any of your comments to Student Government.

Some of the activities that I have been involved with include the Black Student Association fashion show in Fall, 1990. I also became active involved in working with PCTV (Parkland College Television) last semester. This semester I have become involved in Student Government by assisting them with the talent show and videotaping it. I have also helped the Madrigals by producing an audition videotape for them.

If elected, I promise to work toward getting the Child Development majors involved in the running of the day care center. I would also work to keep tuition as low as possible, and to help solve the parking problem until the new lot is built. I will also work to get more students involved in Parkland activities.

Please remember to vote for Bryan L. Henson for senator April 6 and 7.

Brenda Langley

My name is Brenda Langley. I was a single parent returning to school after 15 years in the work place. Now's I'm re-married and



Anne Marriott

the mother of 6 children—the youngest is two-months-old.

I'm running for senator in StuGo. I'm interested in single parents returning to school, returning adults and disabled students. This past year I've served as a senator and have been on Parkland's Daycare Committee as a student representative. I've also served as Parkland's representative on the Illinois Community College Board's student advisory committee bringing back information on the College budget from the Board of Higher Education and other items: campus accessibility for disabled students and non-western culture classes, etc. I want to serve all students here and am interested in bringing some fun things to students too.

Bill Ludwig



My name is Bill Ludwig and I'll be a sophomore here next year. I am running for the position of vice-president of Student Government. Currently, I am senator and co-director of the inter-Organizational Council, as well as a member of the Student Publications Board. I try to get involved in many different areas to learn new ways to represent you better.

As vice-president I would be able to serve you and hear your ideas with even better skill than I can now because I am always gaining experience and because I have the desire to do the best job I can. I respect everyone's differences and their views as well.

I hope to continue working on the smoking issue with your input, and to bring more interesting activities to all students such as Fulflicks.

Please feel free to stop by and see me in X-159. I am here to represent you.



Katrina Smith

My name is Katrina Smith and I am serving as senator on Student Government this semester. I am asking for your vote to be re-elected to my senator position for next year.

As a senator, I hear different concerns and views from many different people, and I take them all seriously. If you have a question or concern, come see me in X159 and I will help you to the best of my ability. I am working on display cases and other ways to get information to the student body. I also helped with the smoking surveys you might have seen, and I believe that the smoking lounge should remain open for student and staff use.

Please vote for me on April 6 and 7 in the college center. All you need is your Parkland I.D./Library card. Thanks.

I am running for Student Gov-

ernment for the 92-93 school year because there is a gap between students and faculty. Students at Parkland need someone who's not scared to jump in and take control. I have the requirements to be in student government and I need your support. I was the Vice President of my High School class, Vice President of the Black Student Association, and currently in Student Government.

Two other StuGo candidates who missed deadline

The following two students did not have a platform for election submitted by the *Prospectus'* deadline. Because of that, only their pictures are being printed. Their names will appear on the ballot in the StuGo election being held today and tomorrow. Students may ask the candidates questions in the StuGo office, Room X-159.



Rishaad Wade



Dawn Stohr

House approves student direct-loan program

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ter graduation. The less a student earns, the less they will have to pay per month, said Lyons.

"The major opponents to the direct-lending plan are, of course, the lenders," said Lyons. "Sixteen banks handle maybe 60 percent of all loans."

By Fall, 1994, the direct-loan program will be in a demonstration stage. The federal government will be accept applications from schools in Spring, 1994.

At that point, the \$500 million which has been set aside will be used for the demonstration stage, which will last for four years and give the institutions an opportunity to work out all of the kinks.

Colleges that participate in the demonstration stage will not be allowed under federal law to continue with the current loan program.

"My initial reaction was I want Parkland to participate in the demonstration stage," said Lyons. "I think we have a good chance because of our size."

"Nationally, we are known as a good community college and the (U.S.) Department of Education has no problem with authorizing us to participate in the program, according to Lyons.

Another proposal financial aid administrators are dealing with is to eliminate all Colleges from participating in Title 4, most financial aid, excluding scholarships and Monetary Award Programs (MAP), if they have a loan default rate of 25 percent or more, said Lyons.

Parkland's current loan default rate is 15.1 percent. Default rates can be between 10 and 30 percent. The current default average for community colleges is 20 percent.

Demographics also play a large role in the schools with higher default rates. Open-door community colleges usually have a higher default rate.

'Gender boxes' may be negative influence for individual's growth and development

BY ADRIENNE EMMERING
PROSPECTUS STAFF WRITER

Political coalitions, community advocacy, and awareness, not government bureaucracy, are most effective in eliminating "gay bashing" and official harassment, Andrew Winters, area coordinator, U. of I. Housing Division, said at a Women's Center form on "Homophobia" last week.

A member of the gay community, he related experiences of dis-

crimination and said he was fired from a position when his sexual orientation became known.

Winters said U.S. gays are two to six times more inclined to attempt suicide, and 30 percent of all teen suicides are gay.

Enemies of the gay community often choose to "demonize" gays verbally and adopt an attitude of moral superiority, he said, adding that they look upon gays as a threat to their concept of well adjusted society.

Pauline Kayes, instructor in English and Women's Studies, said "gender boxes," which she defined as cultural expectations of male and female behavior adopted as part of personal belief systems, are continually reinforced by social experiences.

Girls, she said, are encouraged to be nurturant, passive, and weak, while boys are often conditioned to be strong and dominant whether they are inclined to be or not.

Kayes said one often "achieves one's gender" through conditioned thinking and by striving to live up to some learned ideal or imagine of masculinity or femininity.

Self-limiting role expectations can hamper the ability to relate effectively to members of the other sex, Kayes said.

She suggested tearing down the inhibiting "gender boxes" to avoid their destructive entrapment.

After graduation

Average job search almost one year; Parkland grads may find jobs faster

BY MARSHA WOODS
PROSPECTUS ASSISTANT EDITOR

In today's depressed economy, it is becoming increasingly harder to find a job. The unemployment rates on the state level were 8.9 percent for February, down from 9.1 percent in January.

Illinois is slightly higher than the national average which was up to 8.1 percent in February from 8 percent in January.

Gerry Hough, director, Career Planning and Placement Center, said the University of Illinois graduate school enrollment rate is up because those students who are graduating with bachelor degrees are finding it harder to get a job.

Hough said Parkland students are not re-

ceiving as much impact from this problem because many specialties in fields such as health and data processing which are remaining fairly unaffected by the recession. He said, "The job market is still there. Seekers just have to expand their looking time."

New Horizons, a program of the Illinois Occupational Information Coordinating Committee (IOICC) said, "It's estimated that an 18-year-old today has a 90 percent chance of being laid off at some point during his or her career before retirement."

IOICC also reported that women today earn 74 cents to every \$1 a man earns, and women with college degrees earn 86 cents to every \$1.

Lyla Watts, owner, The Personnel Center, a personnel consultant firm, said most of the jobs available now are not entry-level jobs, but

most businesses are looking for employees with experience. She said employers' requests for help have declined in the past year.

Amy Pierce, research economist, Department of Employment Security, said, "Thirteen percent of our job service applicants have an education of a bachelor's degree or higher." Not all 13 percent of these job seekers are unemployed, but they do represent a large number of those with college degrees searching for new jobs.

Elaine Gottlieb a freelance writer in the Boston area, reported in the *Chicago Tribune* on April 2 that the average job search is taking six months to a year.

Gottlieb added, "Hopefully, when we're all back at work again, we'll be grateful for what we learned during this time."

Cartoon raises questions on campus

By JOHN HOFFMEISTER
Prospectus Campus Editor

"I could care less about free speech when it comes to African-Americans," said Sharon Matthews, secretary, Parkland College and Community Relations, voicing concern over a controversial cartoon pulled from the *Prospectus*.

The cartoon depicts a black man screaming, "AGHHHHHH!" The caption reads, "Jimmy da spiritual counselor say jus' do dis after every class, mon, and everyting be O.K.."

Matthews said "tolerance and consideration" should be used when making a decision to run controversial material.

Alice Pfeffer, vice president, Student Administration, said she was responsible for pulling the first edition of the *Mon.*, March 30 paper. "I found the cartoon offensive," she said. Pfeffer said censorship was not the issue, but she wanted the *Prospectus* editorial staff to take a "time out" to evaluate the depiction.

Pfeffer added that "not everyone (*Prospectus* editors) had an opportunity to view it." She said that pulling the edition was the result of concern over negative reaction that may have resulted if the paper reached the street.

The *Prospectus* editorial staff, in a 4-3 vote, decided not to redistribute the cartoon after weighing arguments from students and staff.

The Rev. Ben E. Cox, Parkland Cooperative Education Job Developer, and 60's Freedom Rider, read a brief statement to start the meeting. He said the cartoon expressed too many negative things about blacks. "If the majority of the masses don't agree to its publication, then don't do it. We don't need anything to bring racial tension."

Cox pointed his next statement toward Todd Akers, freshman, Visual Arts, the artist who drew the cartoon. Cox said he learned to use "people power" during his years as a Freedom Rider in the 1960s. Cox said he rejects today's black power movement, saying it has replaced many ideas over handling racial injustice. "I don't support it."

But Akers defended the cartoon. "If you don't like the art work, walk away from it." Akers said the drawing was a depiction of a friend, Jimmy Helmick. After



Todd Akers, cartoonist, explains to the audience at last week's *Prospectus* staff meeting what his cartoon was intended to mean. Akers said the cartoon was a caricature of a friend of his, a former Parkland student who will probably be returning next semester, and had nothin to do with any form of racial conflict or strife. Akers defended his cartoon by telling the audience that it is his right to draw what he wants to draw, and if anyone was offended, they should have looked the other way. Akers said no one offered any ideas on how he could avoid upsetting anyone in the future. PROSPECTUS PHOTO BY MATTHEW W. WALTSGOTT

drawing the cartoon, Akers said, he showed Helmick and other friends, black and white, and got the approval he needed to submit it to the *Prospectus*, he said.

Akers said he is sensitive to feelings, but he "won't back down for the things he depicts." "You're (students) telling me that I can't make depictions of friends of different races?" The cartoon was put in for laughter, he said. "It's a classic case of censorship." Akers said, "Everyone wants to relieve stress."

David Jackson, *Prospectus* editor-in-chief, said he made the decision to pull the cartoon and print a second edition. Jackson spoke with 65 black students at Parkland and has found none who have taken offense he said. "We did not say (in the second edition) that we made a mistake," he said.

But that was not the reaction of Jimmy Chatman, student. He said

"big things add up and eventually it is too much." Chatman emphasized that consideration, concern, and feelings be taken into consideration. "As a black person, you have to understand our point of view."

Doris Barr, *Prospectus* adviser, said she did not see the cartoon until Monday morning after the first edition was distributed throughout the College. She said she normally reviews copy, pictures, and illustrations before they are printed in the *Prospectus*. She said she feels "the cartoon should have been voted on before the paper went to press."

Although the first edition was pulled from news racks throughout the College, some issues were circulated among students.

Leon Bryson, student, said that the cartoon is a typical stereotype, and that redistributing it would produce greater tension. "It seems

we are reverting to practices used two decades ago." Bryson suggested getting a general consensus on the issue.

Ronald Anderson, a friend of Akers, defended Akers position. "Do black people not have the right to be offended?" He added that people can judge for themselves. "We can't keep living by these bounds," he said.

Mike Hodson, student, said "Individual opinion should not matter." He said students should have made the decision to print the cartoon or not. "We all should have the right to look at it."

Helmick didn't agree with the decision reached by the editorial board. "It's not fair. You have to be behind freedom of speech 100 percent." They (students and faculty against the cartoon) are reaching for something to talk about, he said.

Helmick said Akers drew the

picture with him in mind. "If I was at the meeting," Helmick said, "those people slamming the depiction would have stereotyped me as a 'house nigger.'" Helmick described himself as a "progressive" thinker.

Marsha Woods, *Prospectus* assistant editor, said after seeing the controversy cause by the cartoon, she opposed redistributing the paper. "I wouldn't want to step into something I couldn't step out of."

Matt Waltscott, *Prospectus* photo editor, said a decision had to be made. "If we ran it as planned, it would have been more non-productive than productive."

Tuija Aalto, *Prospectus* features editor, wanted students to see the caption. "Some were offended, but the majority didn't have the chance to form an opinion. The caption," Aalto said, "was of a person Akers knew, and it wasn't meant to be stereotypical."

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"The papers should not have been pulled from circulation before the editors had the opportunity to make their decision," said Jackson.

Pfeffer said she had planned on attending a luncheon on Tuesday, but the *Prospectus* was having its staff meeting at noon, and she felt she should attend. She said she knew the Rev. Ben Cox was going to make a statement about the

cartoon, and felt she should be at the meeting instead.

"David and I spoke on Wednesday, and I, as well as a lot of other people, have learned what censorship is," said Pfeffer.

Jackson said the topic of a lawsuit was brought up first by the media, and later conversations by others blew everything out of proportion. "People were talking about lawsuits after we had almost everything settled," he said.

Gun-control legislation gets voted on tonight

By MARSHA WOODS
PROSPECTUS ASSISTANT EDITOR

The Urbana City Council will be vote on a new ordinance tonight which will regulate the possession of assault weapons in Urbana.

On April 1, members of the Illini Shooting Sports Club and others met in Loomis Lab on the University of Illinois campus to voice their opposition to the new ordinance.

Paul Vallandigham, Urbana, was the first to speak out against the ordinance. "Some of these council people are avidly anti-gun and their minds are sealed shut," said Vallandigham, an Urbana attorney. He added, "Nobody believes this will control or prevent any crime."

Vallandigham, a member of the National Rifle Association, said anti-gun movements provide opportunities for criminals to take advantage of those without the means to protect themselves. He called for the people in attendance to "tell legislators disarming victims means making us more likely to be victims and is not going to win my vote."

The Fraternal Order of Police (FOP), Urbana Lodge 70, held a news conference at noon on April 1 and stated they are opposed to gun control.

Michael R. Miller, president, FOP Lodge 70 said, "The members of the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 70 would like to let the citizens of Urbana

know that their police officers do not wish to see their legal right to own firearms restricted."

Miller encourages any citizen opposed the ordinance to contact their councilperson.

Eric Sizemore, sophomore in Liberal Arts who attended the meeting, said he was a "Parkland student paranoid about government getting too snoopy."

Sizemore said "I don't own any guns. I don't plan to own any guns, but it doesn't matter." He said he felt the City Council was challenging his Constitutional rights and it was important to do his part to stop the ordinance.

The City Council further finds that the function of this type of weapon is such that any use as a recreational weapon is far out weighed by the potential threat that the weapon will cause injury and death to human beings."

Joan Barr (D-Ward 1) said she is in favor of the ordinance being approved

Charles Smyth (D-Ward 2) has said he also supports the ordinance. He said, "I think I represent a majority view in my ward."

Bonnie Tarr (D-Ward 7), said she also supports the ordinance. "Considering the number of deaths that occur from assault weapons and guns, I think it is a step in the right direction," she said.

The Council meeting is set for 7:30 tonight.

How they voted about the cartoon		
	Yes	No
David F. Jackson editor-in-chief	✓	
Marsha Woods assistant editor		✓
John Hoffmeister campus editor		✓
Matthew W. Waltscott photo editor		✓
Tuija Aalto features editor	✓	
Lou Babiarz sports editor		✓
Liz Campbell production manager Administration	✓	

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Checkerboard Man can teach a lesson

Last week's experiences concerning publication of a cartoon on this page drew attention to the importance of free and responsible expression, especially when the setting is a college campus on which there are students of many diverse backgrounds.

The *Prospectus* did not intend to insult anyone. If we did so, we apologize. The College has always been a place where people of varying backgrounds and opinions could and can meet to learn and work for the common benefit. The *Prospectus* tries to report these efforts as completely and as fairly as we possibly can. We try to give each person and group the attention and still stay within our space limitations. We will continue to do our best to report accurately, objectively, and fairly the issues which arise so that readers may make intelligent decisions in their roles as students, faculty, staff, and community residents.

The cartoon this week is of "Checkerboard Man," who pokes fun at his unique color combination. The *Prospectus* editors approved it because they think it is a good attempt to get the viewer to look upon him, as he apparently does himself, with good humor and appreciation of anyone's skin color. No one can accuse him of being biased. Can we all say the same thing?

The events of the past week were a long way from anything pleasant for any of us. But then, neither are mid-terms, finals, term papers, or any of these other academic situations that test us. However, we learn from them. Let us hope we have all learned from this experience a memorable lesson in what freedom of the press and respect for other people really is all about.

—David F. Jackson, editor-in-chief



JUST

To the editor:

It is unfortunate that due to the opinions of a few in influential places, the editorial cartoon "Jimmy Da Spritual Counselor" was not presented in the *Prospectus*.

Many things offend many people. I was under the impression that this was part of living under a free-speech system. If it offend you, look away.

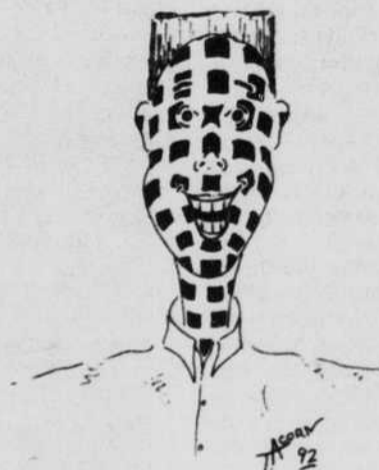
I have not seen the cartoon, not am I likely to. But I believe I know more about what is offensive to me than Sharon V. Matthews, whoever she is. From the apologies in the paper, it seems as though a small clique of overly sensitive bureaucrats at Parkland have created a censorship issue. This is just not right, and it sets a dangerous precedent for the *Prospectus* in the future.

David Dennis
Sophomore, LAS

Letters about cartoon

Other letters received at the *Prospectus* concerning this issue will be published in future issues, all in the order they were received in the newspaper office. —David F. Jackson, editor

CHECKERBOARD MAN SAYS :
BLACK, WHITE
WE CARTOONS ARE
ALL THE SAME;



'CEPT THE SUNDAY COMICS—
THEY GET COLOR!

Tracking down latest on political scandals

MIKE ROYKO How I see the world

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"Governor, I have another question about your admitted use of marijuana in the past."

"I thought we had put that behind us. As I explained, I tried it once many years ago. Took two puffs, didn't inhale, didn't like it, and haven't tried it since."

"Yes, Governor, but there are still some points that should be cleared up to satisfy the public's right to know what the New York media believe they have a right to know."

"Such as?"

"Do you know if the marijuana was Maui Wowee?"

"I have no idea where it came from."

"So you cannot deny it was Maui Wowee?"

"No, but I can't confirm it, either."

"In other words, it could have been Maui Wowee."

"I suppose so. It could also have been oregano, for all I know."

"Are you now changing your position and claiming that you did not smoke marijuana, but only oregano?"

"No, I don't know if it was oregano."

"Could it have been Acapulco Gold?"

"As I said, I don't know."

"I am not ruling that out or in."

"Governor, were there any seeds in the reefer you claim to have taken only two puffs from?"

"I have no idea."

"Well, when you took the two puffs, did you hear and snap, crackle, or popping noise that would indicate the presence of seeds?"

"I have not heard any snap, crackle, or popping noises since I consumed Rice Krispies."

"You say you consumed Rice Krispies? Was this as a result of having the munchies at the gathering where you smoked marijuana?"

"No, I had Rice Krispies as a child."

"How old were you when you had Rice Krispies?"

"About 7 or 8. Maybe 9."

"Can you be more specific than that?"

"No, I can't."

"Then, Governor, don't you think it is inconsistent that you can remember taking only two puffs of marijuana, but you can't remember how old you were when you ate Rice Krispies?"

"Well, I..."

"Governor, has your wife's law firm ever represented the Rice Krispies company?"

"To the best of my knowledge, no."

"But if the law firm had represented them, Governor, would not your having eaten Rice Krispies be considered a conflict of interest?"

"No, because I ate the Rice Krispies before I met my wife."

"Governor, to get back to your claim that you took only two puffs, do you recall using the phrase, 'Oh, wow, groovy, man?'"

"No, I don't remember saying, 'Oh, wow, groovy,

man."

"You say you don't remember. Does that mean you could have said, 'Oh, wow, groovy, man?'"

"No, I definitely did not say that. It is not the kind of phrase I would use."

"Then you deny it?"

"Absolutely."

"What about the word 'wow?'"

"What about it?"

"Could you have used the word 'wow,' without the 'groovy man?'"

"You mean, just plain 'wow?'"

"That's right, Governor."

"Well, I supposed there have been times when I have used the word 'wow.'"

"Then can you say for certain that you did not use the word 'wow' the evening you say you took only two puffs from a marijuana cigarette and did not inhale them?"

"I don't remember using the word 'wow,' but no, I can't flatly say I did not use it."

"So it is possible that you did say 'wow' that evening."

"I suppose it is possible. I might have also said 'golly.' I use 'golly' more than I use 'wow.'"

"But if you did say 'wow,' Governor, could it have been while you were staring at a flickering candle in a darkened room, marveling at the strange and wondrous color formations?"

"No, I did not stare blankly at any flickering candles."

"How about light bulbs?"

"No, I did not stare at any light bulbs, either."

"Governor, do you recall giggling that evening?"

"I am not inclined to giggle."

"Are you saying you never giggle? Is that what you are telling the New York press, Governor, that you never giggle?"

"Well, I supposed there have been times when I have used the word 'wow.'"

"Then it is possible that after taking those two puffs which you now claim were the only puffs you ever took, you might have grinned foolishly? While at the same time saying 'wow?'"

"If I grinned, somebody might have thought it to be a foolish grin, but that foolishness would be in the eyes of the beholder."

"So you don't deny the possibility that you grinned foolishly while saying 'wow?'"

"I can't deny it because, as I told you, I don't remember."

"Then, Governor, explain this. If you took only two puffs from that reefer, and you did not inhale them, how is it possible that those two puffs could have made you grin foolishly and say 'wow,' which you do not deny is possible that you said?"

"Wow, that is some question."

"Governor, you just said 'wow.'"

"Yes, I guess I did."

"Yet, Governor, a few moments ago, you said you seldom said 'wow,' that you were more likely to say 'golly.' Have you changed your position on that?"

"Golly, no."

"No you have said, 'golly,' Governor. Isn't that an indication that you are opportunistic?"

"Gosh, I don't think so."

"You've changed positions, again, Governor. What does that say about your electability?"

"I don't think it says anything."

"Then explain this, Governor: Why did you prefer Rice Krispies to Wheaties?"

"I liked them both."

"Sorry, we're out of tape."

"Crazy ladies" act as crossing guards

By Sue Petty
Prospectus Staff Writer

It's a stormy, windy, Wednesday afternoon. A cold rain is falling, cars are double parked along Park and James Streets, and traffic is backed up for half a block.

Two "crazy ladies" in the intersection are trying to get children across the street, keep cars moving, and get them out of the way as children board school buses leaving to take them home.

Aline Strater and I, the two "crazies," are volunteer (as in not being paid for this sometimes thankless job) crossing guards at Dr. Howard School in Champaign. Laurie Hedin and Helen Strater also volunteer to stand in the rain, sleet, snow, and sometimes get drenched when a car hits the puddle on the corner — all to see that the children cross the street safely.

Susan Zola, principal of Dr. Howard, says, "Our crossing guards do an excellent job, on a daily basis, of getting the children to and from school safely."

Eight years ago Patti Swim became Dr. Howard's first volunteer crossing guard.

"I just went out there one day because traffic was backed up and started getting kids across the street," Swim said.

She spent the next six and a

half years helping children to cross the street at the corner of Park and James.

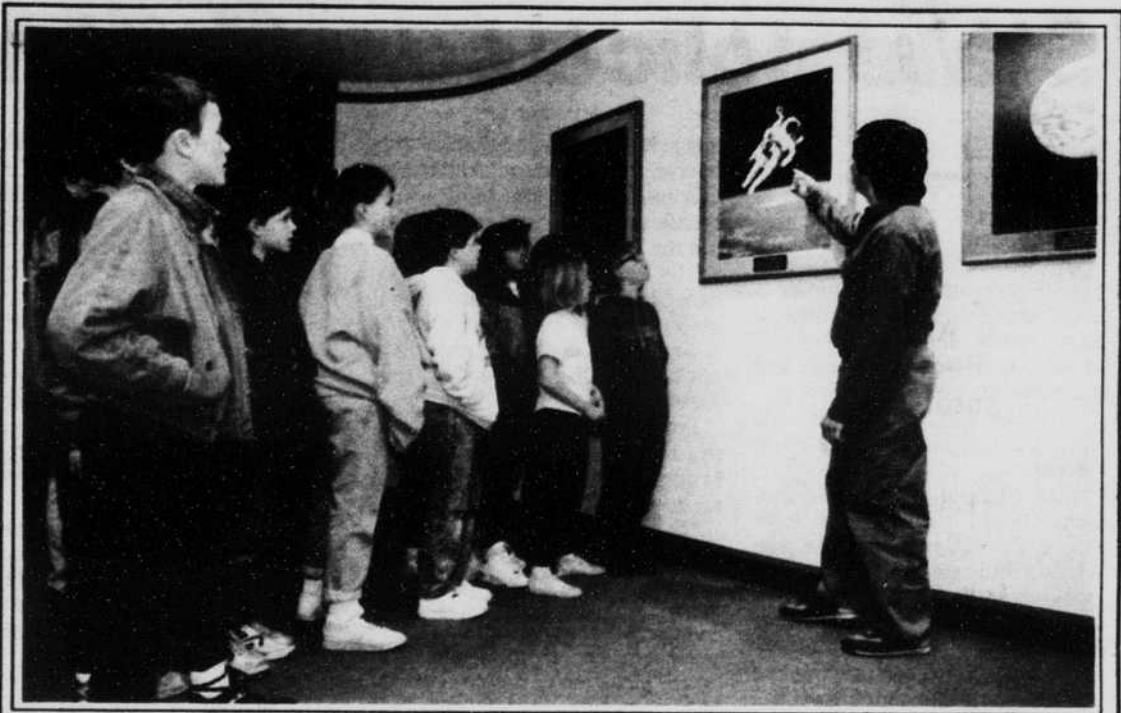
For the past four years, approximately eight volunteers have stood on the corner, in rain, snow, and good weather to help children cross safely.

Laurie Hedin, who is the Monday morning crossing guard, said she agreed to do it because her second-grade son was scared to walk to school. "He was afraid to cross the street when there wasn't an adult there," Hedin said.

A typical morning scene at the corner of Park and James: 100 students and up to 164 vehicles are converging at the same intersection within a 30-minute time span. Drivers are in a hurry to get to work, or school, or back to another cup of coffee and housework. School buses are loading and unloading students.

In this situation, a kindergarten or first grader can find crossing the street confusing and frightening.

Aline Strater has been a volunteer for four years. "Once you see how bad the situation is, you can't turn your back," she said. There are many days when you don't want to be there, especially when the wind-chill is below zero and it's snowing, Strater added.



Fourth and fifth graders from Prairie Elementary School, Urbana paid a visit to Parkland's Staerker Planetarium last Thursday. Chuck Greenwood, planetarium production director gave them a tour.
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Salvation Army providing help to families, others

By MARSHA WOODS
PROSPECTUS ASSISTANT EDITOR

In 1865, William Booth, a Methodist minister in London, opened the first Salvation Army church.

In 1880, the Salvation Army came to the United States. Since its creation, the numerous volunteers and employees have tried to assist as many people as they possibly could, said Gary Freymiller, director, Salvation Army Stepping Stone shelter, located at 119 W. University, Champaign.

The local emergency shelter in Champaign was originally a night men's shelter until Nov. 7, 1991, Freymiller said.

On Nov. 9, he said, it was opened during the daytime to both men and women.

The shelter can house up to 70 people a day but averages 33 on most days, Freymiller says. This is a place where people can come to get away from their daily lives. "Mothers with children can go there to sit and relax while the children play in the day care room, he said.

The shelter has a full-time social worker available to those who use the facility.

There is one family unit that can house two families, Freymiller said. The two families share one large living room, but

have their own separate bedrooms. Currently, according to Freymiller, they have one couple with four children in one bedroom and in the other room a single mother with five children.

The families living in these units must show they are taking steps to get back into mainstream society, said Freymiller, or they will not be allowed to stay at the shelter. Each family lives in the facility for an average of six weeks, which is usually enough time to find a job, save some money, and get back on their feet, he said.

Freymiller said, "We (the shelter staff) hope in the future to provide recreational and educational programs" for the children of the families.

The shelter has two full-time live-in staff members who work from 11 p.m. until 7 a.m. and are responsible for running the night men's shelter. They are compensated with the use of a furnished two-bedroom apartment at the shelter, Freymiller said. He added that the Salvation Army would like to add one more staff member to the shift.

The night dorm can hold 30 men. The only women allowed into the shelter are those with children, according to Freymiller.

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State police consider move to Chanute

By JOHN STOFFEL
PROSPECTUS STAFF WRITER

At a recent news conference, Terrance Gainer, director of the Illinois State Police, announced that he is considering condensing groups of State Police districts in several areas to save the state money and put more troopers on the streets.

Chanute AFB has been suggested as one of the sites for the relocation.

Rich Nichols, Public Information officer for the Illinois State Police Chicago area, says the plan would eliminate buildings, office equipment, personnel, and utilities, and would free personnel for road patrol.

However, signs for keeping the local districts are hanging on the walls of businesses in the Ashkum area, and *The Daily Leader*, a newspaper published in Pontiac, ran a double-page ad stating, "We support District 6 Illinois State Police. Their home is Livingston County."

At the bottom of the ad, readers

are asked to "Please display this in your front window." And the ad can be seen in the windows of businesses and homes throughout the community.

The Pontiac State Prison is located in a south side residential area of this Livingston County town, and it seems to give residents a feeling of security that they fear will be lost.

Pontiac residents often refer to the 1978 riot at the prison which brought in over 300 troopers from all over the state.

"If this were to happen again, what would we do without the local state police?" asks one resident.

Area residents are not the only ones concerned about the proposed changes in police districting.

Sixty percent of the troopers interviewed also showed concerns for the plan's feasibility and for their own safety.

The districts affected in the East Central Illinois area are District 10 in Pesotum, District 21 in Ashkum and District 6 in Pontiac.

These three districts along cover the 15 counties of Livingston, McLean, Dewitt, Kankakee, Iroquois, Ford, Edgar, Vermilion, Champaign, Douglas, Coles, Shelby, Moultrie, Piatt, and Macon.

Two-way radios used by the State Police to communicate from car to car, car to base, and base to car, have a limited effective range. The combined area of these three affected districts is approximately 110 miles north to south by 95 miles east to west.

Troopers fear that when they are at the far corners of the newly proposed district, they will not be within radio range of their headquarters to call for needed assistance.

"There are times that District 6 troopers have trouble contacting the radio communications center in Pontiac while they are in Dwight. I want to know how they think in Springfield that the system can be improved to have radios working 65 miles away when they don't work at 17 miles" said Warren Wil-

kenson, mayor of the north western Livingston County town of Dwight.

Some troopers also argue that rural areas of the new district will actually receive less protection under the new plan than they receive at the present time.

Illinois state troopers are assigned to a squad car which they take home after their shift ends, unlike local and county police officers who leave the squad car at the stations for the next shift to use.

In reality, troopers work out of their homes. They start and end their shifts out of their driveways.

As districts are set up now, most troopers live fairly close to their headquarters. However, if the new

headquarters for all three districts is located in Rantoul as proposed, troopers who once drove a few miles to work could be driving as far as 100 plus miles from the far corner of Shelby County.

Several troopers admitted the change would probably cause them to drive more on the interstate highways instead of county roads, which would give the rural areas less protection than now.

Gainer's plan calls for the three districts to be consolidated into the building that now houses the Security Police Department at Chanute Air Force Base when the base closes in 1993.

The building, with its lockups, offices and communications center, would require little renovating.

White man offers his views on racial justice, equality

By TULIA AALTO
PROSPECTUS FEATURES EDITOR

"Stop the denial," advised Joe Agne, program director for racial justice, National Council of Churches, at a recent Brown Bag Lunch Forum entitled, "A White Male Perspective on Racism and Sexism."

He said, "Our first response to accusations of racism often is 'Prove it.' It takes a lot of energy to deny racism when we could use that energy in discovering the ways to stop it."

Agne said it is clear to him that, as a white man, he lives in a system that gives him benefit and privilege.

A white man in the audience challenged the generalization by saying he's never earned more than \$7 per hour, and the sweater he was wearing was bought from the Salvation Army for \$1.

He said he knows well what it is like to experience prejudice by class. "I'm not trying to confuse the issue," he said, and added that he has a lot of sympathy for people who struggle.

Agne said he appreciated the comment and noted that the society tends to categorize whites and minorities and play them against each other even if they have similar problems.

"The union movement in a lot of places is a racist movement," Agne said.

Agne said whites have an obsession for power and control. He said it seems like it a sin for a white man

not to be in control. The way to change that, he said, would be "To learn to define who we are as a gift and not as what we've obtained."

Agne caricatured the affirmative action by saying, "We accept that there should be some women and some blacks in the organizations, but the power has to stay in our hands."

Instead of foolhardily gripping that power, he said, whites should let go and, instead, try to find their own humanity. He said there is a lot to be learned about what being white is by studying the history of Europe.

A white woman in the audience wanted comments whether it was racist of her to define her own humanity as partly Native American and African-American as influenced by the people she grew up with, loved and respected.

Agne recommended she explore her white identity. A black woman said when whites take aspects of black culture, such as blues and rock'n roll, it becomes white culture.

Approximately 50 people took part at the forum. One audience member counted seven white males.

She said is was typical of Parkland (events) that those to whom the message is directed are not present.

Norm Lambert, assistant director, Student Support Services, said the Brown Bag Lunch Forums are becoming "like a club, with the same people talking to ourselves."

Top high school students in area compete in quiz

The area's top high school students will compete in the annual Parkland College High School Quiz Bowl beginning Thursday in the Parkland Theatre.

Teams of four students from 14 schools will be tested on their instant recall of academic and popular culture material.

The first round of the single-elimination tournament is Monticello vs Rantoul, at 3 p.m. and Heritage vs. Schlarman at 4 p.m. Thursday; Blue Ridge vs. Prairie Central at 3 p.m. and St. Joseph vs. Unity at 4 p.m. on Friday; Cissna Park vs. Villa Grove at 3 p.m. and Mahomet vs. an opponent to be named at 4 p.m. Monday; Bement vs. Oakwood at 3 p.m., and Champaign Central vs. an opponent to be named at 4 p.m. April 14.

The final round is scheduled for 5 p.m. April 15.

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 Men's Baseball vs. Lincoln Land Community College • 1 p.m. • Parkland Baseball Field • 217/351-2226
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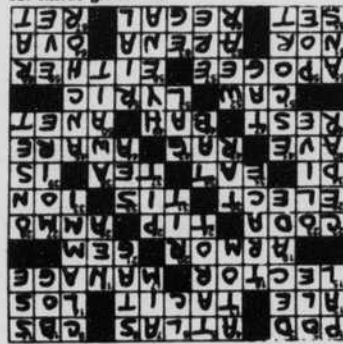
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SPORTS

Baseball 7-game win puts Cobras at 19-4-1

By LOU BABIARZ
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After dropping the first game of a twinbill to Lincoln on March 29, Parkland's baseball team ran off a seven-game winning streak, improving its record 19-4-1.

Included in the streak were a pair of shutouts, four one-run victories, and two late-inning comeback wins. Last minute rallies have become a standard practice for the Cobras, who have found themselves trailing in the vast majority of their games this season.

The Cobras latest comeback was in the opening game of a doubleheader sweep of Lake Land on Thursday. In the opener, Mark Wohadlo doubled with two outs in the first inning, and came around to score on Brad Moore's single.

The Lakers answered with four runs in the top of the fifth on Cary Fenton's three-run homer and an RBI-double by Shawn Smithson.

Brian Wojtun led off the bottom half of the fifth with a homer, cutting Lake Land's lead to 4-2. Tom Kamienski drew a walk, took second on a passed ball and scored on a single by Kerry Cheely.

Wojtun slugged another homer to leadoff the seventh, tying the game. Kamienski followed with a single, and was moved over to second on a sacrifice by Pete Pedersen.

Kerry Cheely's infield single and a walk by Wohadlo loaded the bases, but Moore grounded to the

shortstop, whose throw home forced out Kamienski. Brad Cosgrove singled to right, scoring Cheely, and giving the Cobras a 5-4 victory.

In the first inning of the nightcap, Wohadlo was hit by a pitch, Cheely walked, and Cosgrove moved the runners to second and third with a sacrifice.

Ken Crawford's double drove in both runners, putting Parkland ahead 2-0.

With one out in the third, Cheely reached on an error, and one out later, scored on Crawford's two-run homer.

The Lakers tied the game with four unearned runs in the fourth, but Parkland took the lead for good on Mario Haifa's two-run single to left.

Lake Land did mount a threat in the seventh. Fenton reached on an error, but Kyle Matherly struck out the next two batters.

Smithson and Steve Gadlidge followed with a pair of singles, driving in the run and putting runners on first and third.

A walk loaded the bases, but Matherly struck out Travis Foreman, sealing the Cobras' 6-5 win.

Parkland also came from behind to beat Millikin's junior varsity team Tuesday.

The Cobras trailed 4-1 entering the bottom of the fifth, but rallied for four runs, with Haifa scoring the game-winner on a double-steal. In the nightcap, Jamie Sailors and Craig Henderson combined for a one-hitter as the



Parkland's Jamie Sailors takes a lead off first base in the opening game of the Cobra's doubleheader sweep of Millikin's junior varsity team last Tuesday. Parkland has won its last seven games. Lincoln Land has dealt Parkland its only

look during the week, a 9-3 win for Lincoln, but the Cobras came back strong, winning the second game 9-2.

PROSPECTUS PHOTO BY MATTHEW W. WALTSGOTT

Cobras routed the Big Blue 13-0.

On Monday, Juan Acevedo and Matherly combined for a three-hit shutout as Parkland defeated St. Francis 4-0.

In the second game, the Cobras scored eight runs in the bottom of the seventh, their biggest rally of the year, for a 12-11 victory.

Pedersen's grand slam capped the comeback.

Lincoln handed Parkland its only loss during the week, a 9-3 win in the opening game of a doubleheader March 29.

The Cobras bounced back for a 9-2 win in the second game.

Crawford slugged a pair of homers in the game. Crawford

had reached base eight straight times and was 11 for his last 18 entering the Lake Land doubleheader.

The Cobras' bats have carried them through much of the winning streak, but pitching has been the team's strength all year.

Cobra pitchers have a prominent place in the Region 24 leaders.

As of March 29, Matherly was tied for the Region 24 lead in saves with three, was third in the Region with a 0.93 earned run average, and seventh in strikeouts with 23.

Acevedo led the Region in strikeouts with 34, was fourth in innings pitched with 28.3, and

sixth in ERA at 1.59.

Acevedo, Matherly and Steve Ekhoft were tied for fourth in wins with three.

Offensively, the only Cobras among the leaders were on the home run list, with Jason Scarpelli tied for third with four, and Wojtun, who was tied for eighth with three.

As a team, Parkland was hitting .285 entering the Lake Land doubleheader, while holding their opponents to a .188 average.

The staff's ERA was 2.19. Nearly half the runs scored against Parkland this year have been unearned.

Omer's no-hitter opener gives softball 4-3 record

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Parkland pitcher Jennifer Omer threw a no-hitter in the opening game of the Rend Lake Tournament March 28, and went the distance as the Cobras defeated Three Rivers of Poplar Bluffs, Mo. 4-3 for the tournament title. Chantel Mennenga and Shanna Mullins both had RBI-singles in the 2-0 win over Rend Lake. Omer did allow three runners to reach third base in the game, but was able to extricate herself from all three jams. She issued five walks and had no strikeouts. Parkland scored two runs in the bottom of the sixth for a 4-3 comeback win over Three Rivers in the championship game. The Cobras were able to win despite committing six errors.

For their performances, Omer, Mennenga and Mullins were named to the All-Tournament team.

The Cobras, who had gotten off to an 0-4 start, were swept by Shawnee March 29, but in between a pair of postponed doubleheaders, split with Wabash Valley on Tuesday, running their record to 3-7.

In the first game, Tammie Obermeier's bases-loaded double in the top of the seventh gave the Warriors a 7-3 lead. Obermeier went 2 for 4 with 4 RBI in the game. Parkland rallied for three runs in the bottom half of

the inning, but the tying run was stranded at third when Mullins grounded to the third baseman.

Diane Rogers led the Parkland attack, going 3 for 5, including a triple and a home run, and drove in three runs. Mullins was also 3 for 5 with an RBI.

In the nightcap, Wabash Valley took an early lead with two runs in the top of the first, but the Cobras came back with six unanswered runs and held on for a 6-5 victory in the rain-shortened game.

"I think they're used to playing a high-school schedule, where most of the games carry importance because they're league games," coach Argie Johnson said. "Here there are no league games, so only tournament games carry that kind of importance. Maybe that means we'll be a better tournament team than regular-season team."

The Cobras, whose roster was down to only ten players, have been bolstered by the addition of Kelly Matthews, who Johnson plans to use as a utility player, and possibly as a third pitcher. Johnson also expects outfielder Jodi Borchers to join the team sometime this week.

Additional players will provide Johnson, who has had to juggle the lineup with some team members suffering nagging injuries, with some added flexibility. Rogers has taken over at shortstop with Nikki Patton has been moving to right field.

Kidd, Blanton take first, second at Washington U.

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Sarah Kidd and Candace Blanton took first and second in the shot put as Parkland returned to the track March 27 for the Washington University Twilight Open at St. Louis, the opening meet of the 1992 outdoor season.

In addition to winning the shot with a throw of 39-6 1/4, Kidd was third in the discus at 32.34 meters. Blanton, whose toss of 38-4 was good for second place in the shot, also took fourth in the javelin with a throw of 87-10. Parkland's Lana Taylor placed third in the javelin at 113-4, and was fourth in the discus at 31.68 meters.

In the sprints Samantha Daniels, who was also the starting center on the Parkland basketball team, is still trying to get in the groove. Daniels took fifth place in her heats of both the 100 and 200 meters, finishing the 100 in 13.6 and the 200 in 27.7.

Grace Eadie led a strong finish by Parkland's middle-distance runners. Eadie took fourth in the 800 meters, and sixth in both the 1,500 and the 3,000. Kim Savely was fifth, ninth and ninth in the three events, and Jo-El Lacy took eighth in the 1,500 and 3,000.

The men's performance was blemished somewhat by the fact two runners pulled muscles and would not be available for the Cobras' next meet at Southeast

Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau April 4-5.

Tom Whitney pulled a tendon while running the third leg of the 4 x 100 meter relay. Jay Ashford pulled his hamstring, which has troubled the sophomore sprinter since high school.

In the sprints, Landell Long and Darnell Jordan placed second in the 100 and 200 heats respectively. Dexter Epting was third in both events.

In the 400 Parkland's leading freshmen, Dee Burch and Byron Robinson, finished third and fourth. Burch in a time of 49.2, Robinson in 49.5.

Parkland ran two relays at the meet, the 4 x 100 and the 4 x 100 and 4 x 400. The Cobras had two entries in the 4 x 400, with the "A" team finishing first in 3:26.3, and the "B" team taking second in a time of 3:36.6.

Four former Cobras also competed at the meet, led by Joseph Styles, who won both the 100 and 200 meters.

Styles and Derrick Reynolds ran as members of the Parkland Track Club.

Styles ran a 10.4 in the 100, edging out Lagrant Suggs of East St. Louis by one-tenth of a second. Reynolds, a freshman at Parkland, placed third in his heat of the 110 high hurdles in a time of 16.3.

In the discus, former Cobra weightman Joel Wood placed second with a throw of 42.53 meters.

Cobra tennis record now 1-3

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Parkland's men's tennis team had a rough time Thursday, dropping an 8-1 decision to Harper College of Chicago and falling 6-

1 to John Logan in a meet at Parkland.

Geoff Miller was the Cobras' only winner in the Harper meet, defeating Jason Eggstaff 6-4, 6-3 in a number-four singles match. Parkland's Devon Wear beat

Brian Piper of John Logan 6-2, 6-1 in a number-three singles match. The final two doubles matches of the meet with John Logan were not played because of darkness. The losses dropped Parkland's season record to 1-3.