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Republicans sweep '94 election

by Jeff Simpson
Assistant Editor

Not since the days of Ike and roses have the Republicans ruled both Congressional houses — but, to borrow a phrase, the times, they are a-changing.

In what could be deemed a political coup on the part of American voters, the Nov. 8 midterm election rocketed the GOP'ers to the throne of legislative rule and sent shockwaves through Democrats nationwide.

For the first time in 40 years, the Republican party will hold the majority of seats in both the House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate.

Dr. Allen Hartter, professor of political science at Parkland, said he was surprised at the extent of the Republicans' victory.

"I figured they would take over the Senate," he said, "but I thought the Democrats had a chance of holding onto the House."

Political "smearing" was highly publicized this election year, but even though the media made some campaigns out to be mudslinging wars Hartter insisted that campaigns this time around were no more or less marring than in any

other election.

He was also quick to point out that nationally there were no Republican incumbents ousted from their posts. Hartter assured, however, that Democrats need not live in

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fear.

"The president and the Democrats are going to have to assess (the election) in terms of a major defeat," Hartter said. "But I think there are some areas where the two can converge. Still, Democrats are going to

have to roll up their sleeves in the next few years."

Hartter also noted that only about 33 percent of voters turned out for the election, and that even though that's a small percentage it represents a roughly accurate sample of what a greater turnout may have yielded.

In addition, the turnover of Congressional power, Hartter said, may also have been due to the public's assessment of President Clinton's performance and rating during his first two years in office. This could have persuaded some voters to punch a Republican ticket, he said.

"Clinton was elected because people thought he cared more about this country than George Bush," Hartter said, noting that Bush directed much of his attention to foreign issues rather than to domestic issues.

"We may see (Clinton) do more foreign policy stuff, but I think that would be a mistake," he continued. "I think he has to come out and be more aggressive right here (in the U.S.)."

But now political power is in the hands of a Republican majority, and Democrats will have to work very hard to get it back—or the Republi-



cans will have to err tremendously while they have it, Hartter said.

While power is often seen as a negative thing in terms of politics, Hartter said he doesn't think it has to be seen that way here, but "unfortunately it lends itself to abuse in our society."

Much of that abuse, he added, could be curbed if more people would get to the polls and cast their votes.

"Only about one third of the American people vote," he lamented, "and a lot of them are not students."

He encourages the vote in this country for other reasons beside the obvious. In England, for example, "they come and register you" and in Australia "you are fined if you do not vote."

PC discusses retention issue

by Tina Henderson
Editor-in-Chief

Declining enrollment and the concerns that students meet their educational goals, has brought the issue of retention and attrition to the forefront of colleges today, and Parkland is no exception.

At a Brown Bag forum last week, Alan Seidman, Parkland associate vice president of Student Services, spoke on the problem and examined what action Parkland could take to encourage students to remain in school.

According to Seidman, some colleges that were previously difficult to gain entrance to are now accommodating students in order to protect the institutions' rev-

enues.

Full enrollment at Parkland was down 4.6 percent compared to the 1993 fall semester. Other local community colleges also experienced a drop in students in 1994.

In 1993, nearly 2.4 million students entered higher education for the first time. Nearly 1.1 million will leave without ever earning either a two or four-year degree. It is estimated that of those students who enrolled in colleges in 1993, only 54.2 percent will earn any kind of degree while 45.8 percent will depart the educational system altogether.

According to a 1992 ACT survey, 28.3 percent of students entering a four-year public col-

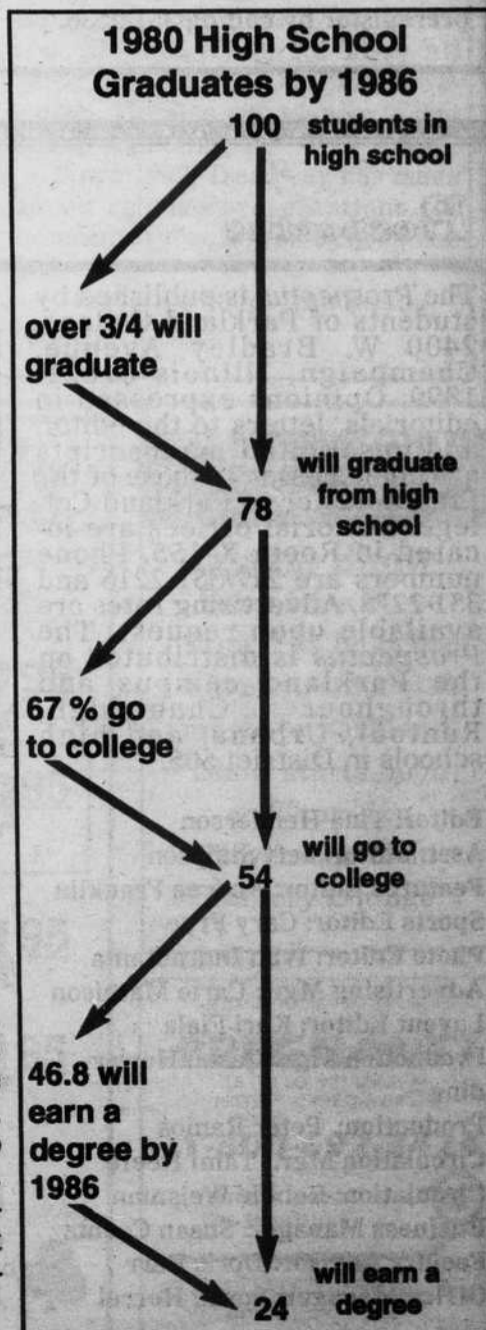
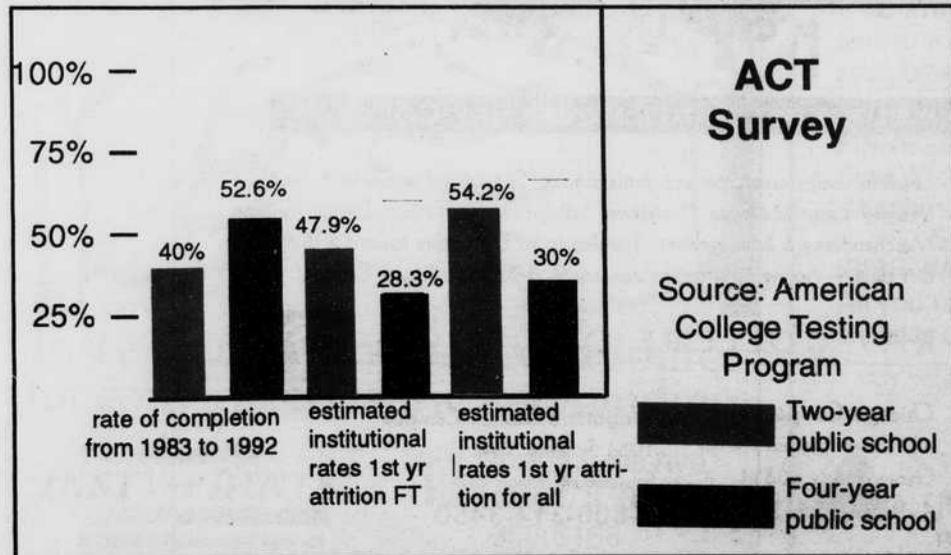
lege in 1990 as full-time students will leave the first year. On the two-year public level, 47.9 percent of entering full-time students will not finish their first year of school.

The estimated rate of first year attrition for all entering students is 30 percent for a four-year public institution and 54.2 percent for a two-year public college.

According to Seidman, a survey tracking 1980 high school graduates through 1986 shows that only 24 out of 100 students will earn a degree. Using a base of 100 students, three-fourth will graduate from high school and 67 percent will attend college and 46.8 percent of those will finish with a degree.

Students leave school for a variety of social and academic reasons. Seidman stresses that communication with the student is a key to keeping them in school.

"Research studies have shown that the more contact students have with faculty outside of the classroom and administration, the more likely they are to remain in college," Seidman says. "Parkland is concerned with student growth and development and is always facilitating communication with our students."



News Briefs

Planetarium talk

"Your Future in Space" will be the focus of the next "World of Science" lecture on Fri., Dec. 2 at 7 p.m. at Staerkel Planetarium.

President of Illini Space Development Society Josh Hopkins will discuss aspects of the space program that will affect the average American: hotels in space, exploration of Mars, and the harvesting of solar power. Call 351-2446 for tickets today.

Planetarium shows return

"Rites of the Season," the annual feature celebrating the traditions of winter, will return to Staerkel Planetarium Nov. 25 to Dec. 17.

The show will celebrate the rituals and traditions of the winter solstice. After an in-depth look at the beauty of the winter sky over Champaign-Urbana, the Presentation will look at how many of our seasonal traditions relate to the annual cycle of the sun. Christmas trees, menorahs, the Hannukah festival of lights, the Star of Bethlehem, and even Santa Claus will be discussed during this holiday treat.

Also, the most popular light show, "Dark Side of the Moon" will also return this winter.

The music of rock giant Pink Floyd will be played loudly as lighting effects flash and surround the audience with dazzling images. The light show, which is not recommended for young children, is shown on Friday and Saturday nights at 9:30.

For more information call 351-2446.

Rantoul Career Seminar

Parkland College will offer a Career Planning Seminar on Wednesday, November 30, at 6 p.m. at Myna Thompson School in Rantoul.

The seminar is designed to assist prospective and current students and other community residents in developing a career plan. Participants will explore the career development process as well as their interests, abilities, values, and goals. Available career development resources will also be discussed.

The seminar is free, but participants are asked to preregister by calling 351-2536.

Spring '95 registration to begin

Open registration for the Spring 1995 semester begins Nov. 28.

January 13 will be the last day to register in person without a late fee, and classes begin Jan. 17. Early registration is encouraged for the best course selection.

Admissions office hours are Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon for those who wish to

register in person.

Mail registrations will be accepted through Jan. 3. A mail registration form and instructions are provided in the Spring 1995 Class Schedule.

Current and prospective students can now call "Your Parkland Connection," the College's telephone voice response system, at 373-3700 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. seven days a week to get up-

to-the-minute information on the availability of courses.

Callers will need the phone codes located in the class schedule for the courses they wish to check.

For more registration information, contact the Office of Admissions, Records and Recruitment at 351-2208, or consult the class schedule, which will be mailed to all households in Community College District 505.

Ewen gets mathematics award

Dale Ewen, vice president for Academic and Student Services, has been named the 1994 recipient of the American Mathematical Association of Two-Year Colleges (AMATYC) award for Mathematics Excellence.

The award was presented on Nov. 5 during the AMATYC annual conference in Tulsa.

The Mathematics Excellence Award is given

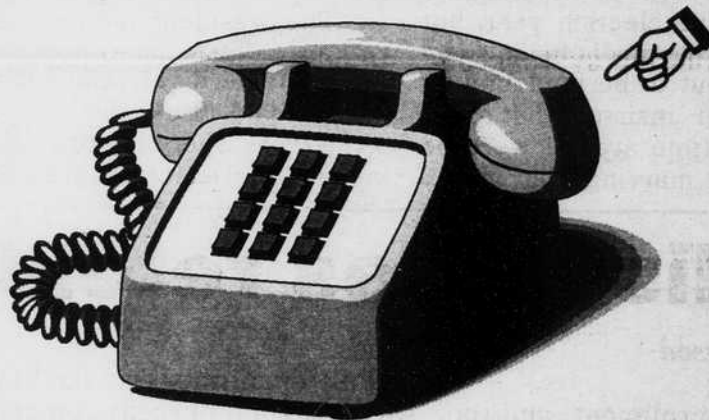
every two years to an educator who has made outstanding contributions to the two-year college mathematics profession.

Ewen taught mathematics at Parkland from 1967 until 1987 and served as mathematics coordinator from 1975 to 1987.

He has served as president of AMATYC, has served as a member of the Mathematics Science Edu-

cation Board and the Conference Board of the Mathematical Sciences Education Board and the Conference Board of the Mathematical Sciences, has chaired or been a member of several National Science Foundation workshops and panels, and has written nine mathematics textbooks.

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Parkland Profiles

Criminal Justice field changing

by Andrea Franklin
Prospectus Staff Writer

In 1971, when Director of Criminal Justice Jim Whetstone first came to Parkland he said the program consisted mainly of white, male officers, no female officers and few minorities.

Today he is proud of the fact that 38 percent of students in the program are females and 29 percent are minorities. Many of the students are training to be officers rather than just keeping up their skills.

He said "This indicates another area of society that is becoming an open field."

Whetstone says the program is designed for police officers. First, they take Introduction to Criminal Justice which introduces them to the criminal justice system: police, courts, and corrections. Then they will take more courses: Police Management and Operation, Criminal Law, and Criminal Investigation.

Whetstone says he is proud of the many officers that have come out of the program. From one 1983 class, there are six city police officers, two county deputies, two state troopers, and one Parkland officer.

He said that in their C239 class, they have a bulletin

board displaying 60 police patches from different departments throughout the U.S. where many of their former students have gone. Included are badges from Miami, New York, and Los Angeles, as well as Champaign, Piatt and Douglas counties.



Jim Whetstone

Whetstone says he was introduced to the criminal justice system while in the military for two years.

In 1959 he became a law enforcement officer. He is a former deputy sheriff and state trooper.

As a teacher and professor, he says he enjoys the relationship with the students. He shares many of his experiences with his students.

Police officers, he says, tend to be people-oriented.

Whetstone is happy and proud of his three children -- John, 28; Jim, 25; and Jenna, 25-- who have all graduated from college and are all former Parkland students.

He married his wife Betty in 1961. He also enjoys antiques and refinishing old furniture. He even has his own workshop, he says.

Whetstone said, "I've enjoyed my years at Parkland, my job, and my students."

He may be found in C240 or by ext. 368.

'Teaching keeps you young'

After reading *From Cell to Test Tube* in the eighth grade, William Treadway, professor of biochemistry, knew he wanted to be a biochemist. He said it "fascinated him."

By the time he was in high school he had received two outstanding awards in Ill. State Science Fair, held at the University of Illinois.

He came to Parkland in 1981 because he "had a burning desire to teach." He left Bowman Gray School of Medicine, North Carolina, where he was the assistant professor, to become a chemistry/biochemistry instructor, accepting a drop in pay and rank.

Treadway said, "It's the best thing I ever did besides marrying my wife." To him coming to Parkland was a success.

Since 1981, Treadway says the biochemistry field has changed tremendously, and he is excited about the new direction its taking which he gives Dr. Zelma Harris credit for. He says she has created a new climate encouraging the faculty to teach new tactics, making learning exciting for the students and teachers. Originally, biochemistry was for nurses, now it's reaching out to all fields.

With the new technology, he is looking forward to possibly working with the distant learning program which he says biochemistry is perfect for because there is "no lab involved, just lectures." However, Treadway is currently working on promoting video disk labs

which allow students to create molecules and to see them in three-dimensions and having the capability of rotating and enlarging them. In a recent study he conducted on the video disk labs, 95 percent of students liked them and it improved their grade point average by 18 percent.

Treadway received his bachelors in Liberal Arts and Sciences, majoring in microbiology at the U of I, and he received his doctorate at Loyola University, Chicago. During those years he completed two major researches in temperature sensitive mutant bacteria and chynotriypsin (digestive enzymes).

Treadway said, "It's hard work for instructors and professors to

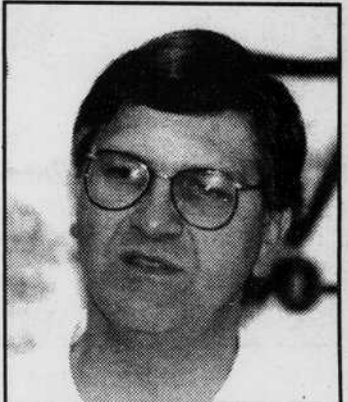
keep topics alive and stimulating for students, but it's well worth it having students from Parkland succeed and come back to say how much they appreciated what we did for them.

"I'm proud to have been a part of Parkland for over 10 years and I'm glad my family and I moved back to the Champaign area, it's been beneficial to us.

Treadway met his wife while studying at the U of I. They have three children: Corrie, 16, Christen, 15, and Kyle, 13. They all enjoy traveling to Carolina for vacation. He also enjoys sports and stamp collecting.

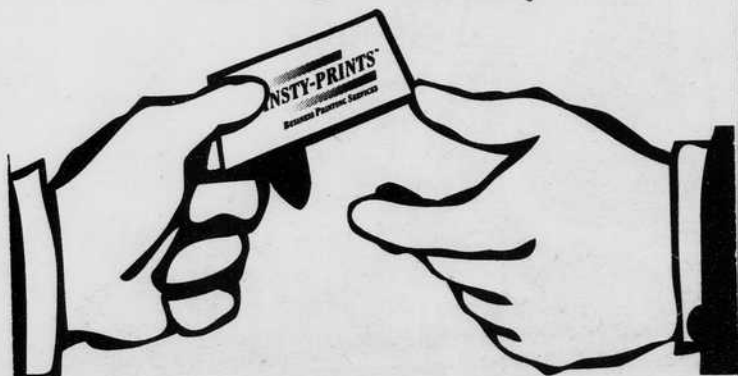
Since 1992, Treadway has made seven science presentations for community colleges across the U.S.

"Teaching keeps you young," he says.



Bill Treadway

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Stevens knows how to pick a winner

by Tiffany Grunert
Prospectus Staff Writer

Although there is no fool-proof way to predict the winner of a horse race, Pat Stevens tries to help her readers beat the odds and win.

Stevens a columnist for the *News-Gazette*, believes it is that unpredictability of horse racing that gives it beauty. "Any horse can step up and win on any given day," she said.

Stevens knows this from her experience at the track. Attending races since childhood, she grew to love the sport.

Several years ago, she convinced the *News-Gazette* that it needed a racing column — and she should be the one to write it.

Although her knowledge of racing was enough for the Parkland graduate to do the job, she believes her persistence helped her get the job.

But as much as she loves it, her job is not always fun. During the Breeder's Cup, Stevens must be at the track at 6 a.m. Seeking information on the horses competing in the race, Stevens spends the morning with jockeys, trainers, owners, and their horses.

The columnist then watches the races from 11 a.m. until 5:30 or 6 p.m. From there, she must hurry

and change into her ball gown for formal affairs.

"Thank goodness it (the Breeders Cup party) only happens once a year," she said.

Stevens says she must pay attention to detail as a writer. She never misses a deadline.

Stevens does a lot of preparation in picking a winner for her readers. She constantly reads up on the horses and studies the jockeys and past races in articles in magazines such as, *The Horse Player*, and *The Thoroughbred*.

According to Stevens, it is the

horses who know who will win. "A horse knows it when it is out-classed," she said. Stevens said horses are raised to race and want to win. So when a horse feels it is going to be beaten, it often shows it by profuse sweating.

Horse betting has shown a decline since the opening of riverboat gambling.

According to Stevens, a possible solution would be to offer casino-type games at the races to help the tracks compete with riverboat gambling.



Photo by Ivan Indrautama

Pat Stevens in the Classroom

Former Parkland student Pat Stevens spoke to the Newswriting I class last week about her experiences as a horse racing columnist for the 'News-Gazette.'

4th Annual Talent Show Results:

1st prize: Noah Brown
"Every Thing Must Change"

2nd prize: Ed Greene
"My, My, My"

3rd prize: Anna Nerat
"Waterfalls"

4th prize: Scott Wright
"A Writer's Love Song"

5th prize: Trisha Dowler
"Someone Who Cares"

History Trivia Question of the Week

Name the two ex-Presidents who died on July 4, 1826.

Answer on page 7



Visiting professor of music Colin Miller playing music from South Africa

International



Students model costumes from El Salvador during the fashion demonstration

Parkland Community Band to perform for the holidays

From traditional marches to show tunes to holiday favorites, the music of the Parkland College Community Band will be featured during three holiday concerts in the coming weeks.

The band, under the direction of Erwin Hoffman, will join two choral groups—the Parkland Choral Union, conducted by Barbara Zachow, and the Parkland Chamber Choir, conducted by Sandra Chabot—on Thur. Dec. 1 at 7:30 p.m. at Twin City Bible Church in Urbana. The combined ensembles will per-

form the Alfred Burt carols.

The Parkland College Community Band will also perform two free concerts: Sat., Dec. 10 at 3 p.m. at Market Place Mall in Champaign; and Sat., Dec. 17 at 3 p.m. at Lincoln Square Mall in Urbana. On Dec. 17, the Community Band are *The Glory of the Yankee Navy* by John Phillip Sousa; *The Music Man* by Meredith Wilson; *Perpetual Motion*, featuring the clarinet section; and holiday tunes such as *Sleigh Ride*, *White Christmas* and *March of the Little Leaden Soldiers*.

Theatre to present holiday comedy

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever, a holiday comedy for people of all ages, will be presented Dec. 2, 3, 8, 9, and 10 at 8 p.m. and Dec. 4, 10 and 11 at 3 p.m. in the Parkland College Theatre.

The comedy by Barbara Robinson spotlights the efforts of a woman and her husband to put on the

annual church pageant, despite having to cast the Herdman kids—probably the meanest, nastiest, most inventively awful kids in the history of the world.

Directed by Anne Shapland Kearns, *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* features a cast of adults and children.

Campus Club Notes

Breakfast Sale

Every Wednesday in Nov. the French Club will have a breakfast sale from 7:30 – 10 a.m. in the Gallery Lounge. Items that will be sold include filled croissants, chocolate eclairs, and assorted muffins.

Boccia exhibit in Gallery

by Andrea Franklin
Prospectus Staff Writer

Walking into the art exhibit from now until Dec. 15, viewers will be challenged by the hidden messages in the art exhibition by Edward Boccia.

Boccia was reared in the Roman Catholic religion, and although he claims he is not pious, many of his paintings have Biblical symbols.

Boccia's oil paintings are filled with vibrant colors, contrasting light and dark. He uses many complimentary colors to create his neutral tones.

His subjects seem to be in distress, yet somewhere a touch of life—flowers, a cat, a fish—and brightness seems to be illuminating from the background.

Boccia said, "My themes are metaphors for the darker side of life although something of a humorous element sometimes evokes itself. I am not surreal, but elements of it show up. I believe strongly in firm drawing and in geometric forms underlying nature."

Boccia has been painting for more than 20 years. His paintings are dramatic and emotional, inspired by the consciousness, he says.

His symbols, classical and Christian oriented, he says, play a key role in his art. Many of his works of art are inspired by his personal experiences, transposing

images in a dream-like vision.

Boccia says his subject matter is the human figure; his tonal range runs from light to dark; his bright colors derive from the intensity of his emotions.

He says his light comes from within the model as well as from without.

Boccia was born in Newark, N. J. He received

his bachelors and masters from the School of Fine Arts, Washington University, St. Louis, Mo.

He now lives in Webster Groves, Missouri.

Boccia said, "Anyone can create art."

He believes realistic art, picture perfect, is empty. His art comes from his emotions, he says.

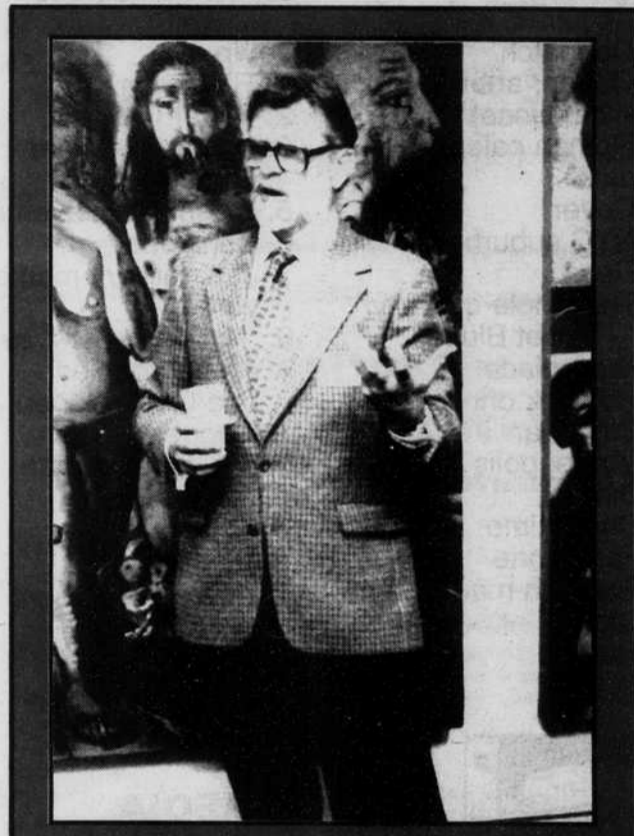


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Art Exhibit

Artist Edward Boccia speaks during the reception for the opening of his exhibit in the Parkland Art Gallery.

Day at Parkland



History instructor Martha Palit looking at the items displayed from Indonesia



Barry Simorankir, International Student chairman, taking a shot at the pinata

Crossword Puzzle

Across

- 1. Stagger
- 5. Mountain road
- 9. "— Street Blues"
- 14. Columnist Bombeck
- 15. Resound
- 16. Additional
- 17. Gypsy dances
- 19. Caravansary
- 20. Distinguish
- 20. Came to
- 21. Acquires, in Dogpatch
- 23. Ocean: abbr.
- 24. — as (since)
- 26. Roman calendar date
- 27. Cover
- 29. NYC suburb
- 31. Rep.
- 32. The whole quantity
- 33. "— Street Blues"
- 36. Busy place
- 38. Hot milk drinks
- 40. City near Minneapolis
- 41. Dine
- 42. One — time
- 43. Funny one
- 46. Swedish man's name
- 47. Loch —
- 50. Flood

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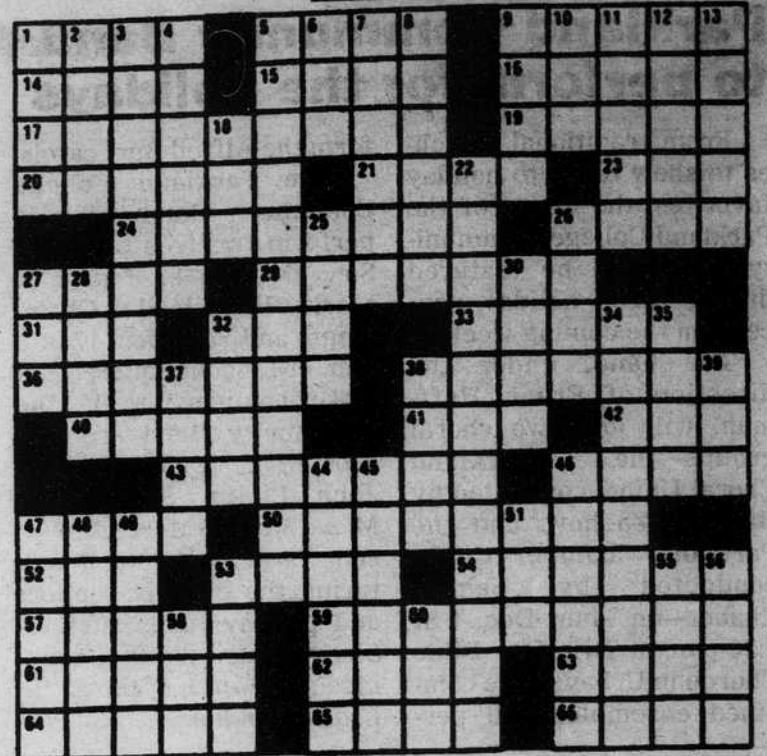
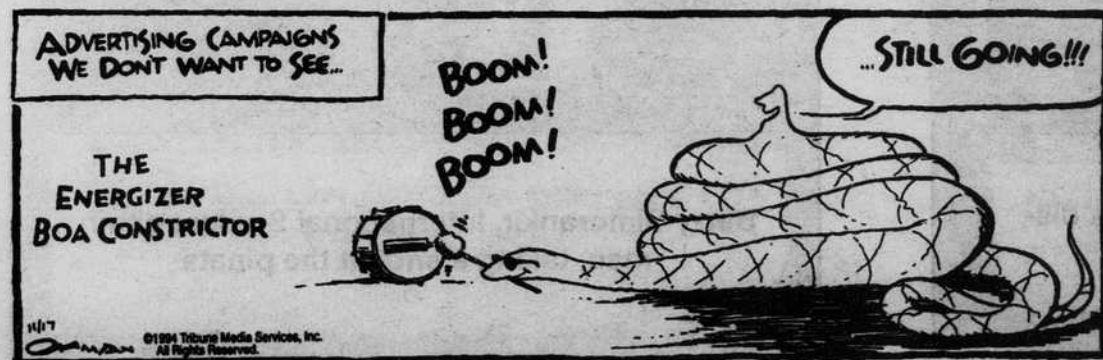
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- 53. Mournful cry
- 54. Arm joints
- 57. Guam city
- 59. Kind of boots
- 61. Inn
- 62. Organic compound
- 63. Big cat
- 64. Building material
- 65. Give off smoke
- 66. Mob or lob end

- 26. Handsome — hand-some does
- 27. Vehicle
- 28. Curved molding
- 30. Remainder
- 32. Jap. native
- 34. Omits
- 35. Small: suff.
- 37. Rose fruits
- 38. Hammer part
- 39. Jose or Juan
- 44. Sharpshooter
- 45. New Orleans university
- 46. Family branch
- 47. Beery and Webster
- 48. Cereal disease
- 49. Aver
- 51. Skill
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ANSWERS



MIXED MEDIA
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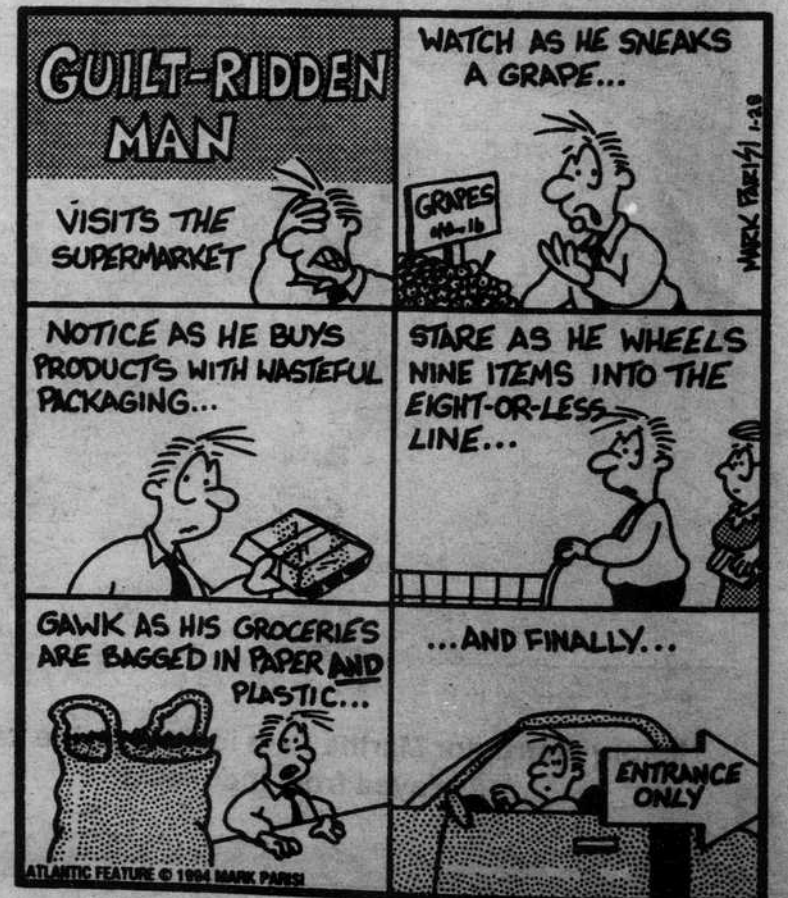
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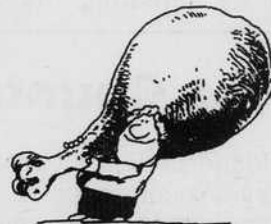
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Are athletes given preferential treatment in colleges?



Tonia Salahuddin

"I believe that some athletes are given preferential treatment. I think some coaches put more emphasis on athletics than they do on scholastics. I do believe that there are many excellent coaches though that build their athletes both scholastically and athletically."



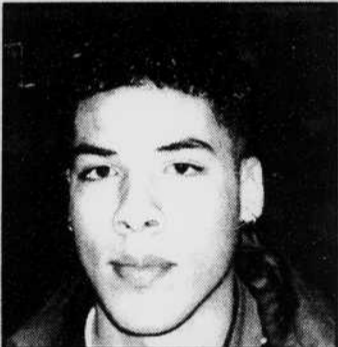
Jeremy Holmes

"Yes, especially in universities. Athletes whose grades aren't up to par are allowed to slip by. Also, there is the occasional monetary incentive to join a certain college."



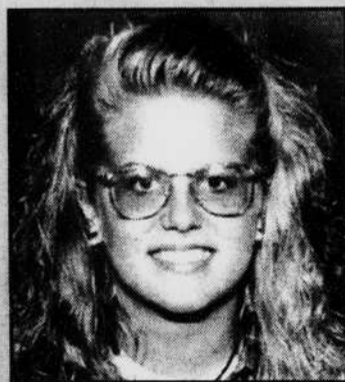
Aaron Jones

"Yes, from what I have seen, the way athletes are portrayed in college sports through television and so forth, they are looked at more for their athletic talent than scholastic."



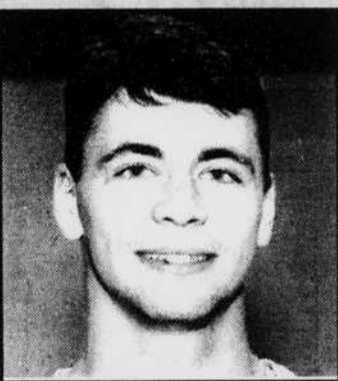
Kory Lambert

"No because athletes work a lot harder than people give them credit, it takes a lot of work to juggle a schedule of practices, games and homework."



Amy Cekander

"I don't think they are treated any differently than others."

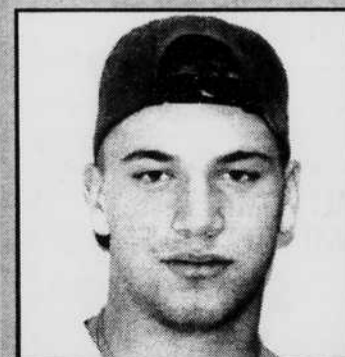


James McCool

"Maybe other athletes do but I haven't."



Maria Aguas
"I don't care."



Mark Lorenzo
"No!"

Sports

Cobra cagers start season 3-0

by Cary Frye
Sports Editor

The 1994-95 men's basketball team is on pace to mirror the success of last year's squad, and several players are sharing the high-scorers' spotlight.

First-year head coach Al Nudo, armed with only five returners from last year's squad, guided the Cobras a three-victory season-opener in the Lake County Tournament Saturday at Grayslake.

The cagers opened the tournament by defeating Truman 121-93. In game two, the Cobras bested host Lake County 111-84, then completed the hat-trick by defeating Judson

College junior varsity 114-70.

In the Truman game, the Cobras were led by freshman Dewayne Jones, with 25 points, and sophomore Tony Batchelor, who netted 17 points, snagged 9 rebounds and blocked three shots.

Sophomore starter Wayman Upshaw scored 14 points and had seven steals against Truman.

Other top scorers included William Bailey (17) and Mike Beal (10).

Upshaw led the Cobras' downing of Lake County with 22 points.

Kahisha Brewer led the charge against Judson in the finale with 19 points,

followed by Upshaw and William Bailey with 15 points apiece.

The 3-0 Cobras averaged 115 points per game in the tourney and allowed only 82. Last season, the Cobra offense averaged nearly 94 points per game and allowed 85.

Even though it's still very early in the season, the Cobra offense appears to be on track. The men's team next competes this Friday and Saturday at the I.C.C. tournament in East Peoria.

Parkland's Lady Cobras open their season Nov. 19 against John A. Logan at Carterville.

Cross Country teams finish in New York

Parkland College's Cross-country season ended Nov. 12 on a cool, 40-degree day in Alfred, New York.

Cobras competing in the NJCAA National Finals just missed placing in the top 15.

Corey Rayburn, the Co-

bras lone female runner, just missed being named All-American, finishing 19th in the race. She needed a 15th place or better to garner All-American status.

In the men's division, the Cobras top finisher was

Aaron Culbertson, who finished 31st with a time of 30:37.

Runners from Danville Community College took home the NJCAA National Title.

Cobra Basketball Schedule, Nov.-Dec. 1994

Women

Saturday, 11-19, vs. John A. Logan, at Carterville
Tuesday, 11-22, Lakeland
Tuesday, 11-29, Lincoln Land
Thursday, 12-1, Wabash
Saturday-Sunday, 12-3/4, Christie Clinic Shootout
Tuesday, 12-6, Lincoln
Thursday, 12-8, Illinois Valley, at Ogelsby
Saturday, 12-10, Lewis & Clark, at Godfrey
Tuesday, 12-13, John A. Logan

Men

(11-11/12, Lake County Tournament results: PC-121, Truman -93; PC-111, Lake County-84; PC-114, Judson College J.V.-70)
Friday-Saturday, 11-18/19, Illinois Central College Tournament, at East Peoria
Tuesday, 11-22, Lake Land
Tuesday, 11-29, Lincoln Land
Saturday-Sunday, 12-3/4, Christie Clinic Shootout
Thursday, 12-8, Illinois Valley, at Ogelsby
Wednesday, 12-14, Eureka J.V.

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