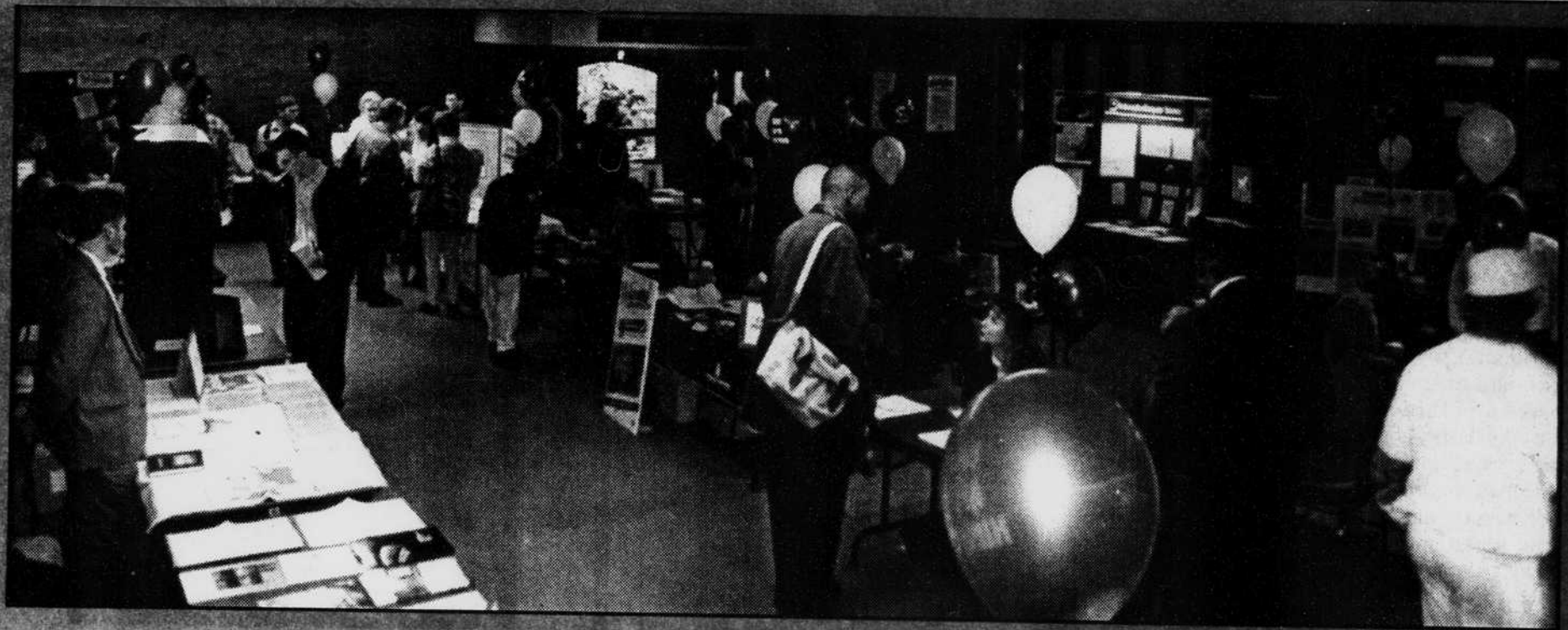


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## All's 'fair' in love, war and the job market

Photo by Mark Kho

More than 70 area employers were on hand Mar. 29 for the annual Job/Career Fair at Parkland. The event gave students the opportunity to meet with representatives from area businesses and research career possibilities. Many employers' tables featured "We Are Hiring" balloons.

## Don't worry; they're only tax forms

by Josh Powell  
Prospectus Staff Writer

Tax time is here again, and along with it comes the terribly confusing language of the W-2 and 1040 forms.

How much do you get to keep? How much do you pay?

Tax forms are indeed confusing, but understanding a few key words can help bring the whole ordeal into sharper focus.

The first of these key words is *exemption*.

If you have dependents, such as yourself, a spouse and/or children, you can claim one exemption per person.

For apartment-dwellers not being claimed by their parents, one exemption can be claimed, but if you are being claimed as a dependent, you don't get to claim an exemption.

The idea is to claim as many exemptions as you can so the government can't take as much of your money.

*Deductible* is another key word in understanding tax forms

Deductible income cannot be taxed. The first

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## Hundreds attend PC Job Fair

by Tricia Murphy  
Melissa Vaughn  
Prospectus Staff Writers

A record number of job hunters and "better jobbers" talked with more than 70 local employers at the Parkland Job and Career Fair last week, March 29.

Major employers including banks, hospitals, packing companies, news media, food producers and retail stores were represented at the fair.

A '94 PC graduate in the L.P.N. program was hired on the spot by Carle Clinic.

She was one of many who got jobs from representatives.

Blue and white balloons on tables advertised the intention to hire.

A representative of a local food pantry was looking for a manager.

A local television station was hunting for interns in the sales and news writing departments.

A representative of a precision machine products company was look-

ing for a person with engineering and computer skills.

The Champaign Park District was offering paid, volunteer, and intern positions in a variety of areas.

Some employer representatives informed job seekers that they also have jobs in other nearby areas such as Mattoon, Paxton and Decatur.

Many "better jobbers" who were looking for better employment opportunities and higher pay, presented their resumes during the Fair. Some were given appointments for interviews, and some were interviewed on the spot.

Many who expect to graduate in May were circulating among the employer representatives for jobs in their career fields.

Other PC students were looking for summer job opportunities.

One student said, "I'm looking for a job that will keep enough money in my pocket so I won't starve and I can keep gas in my tank."

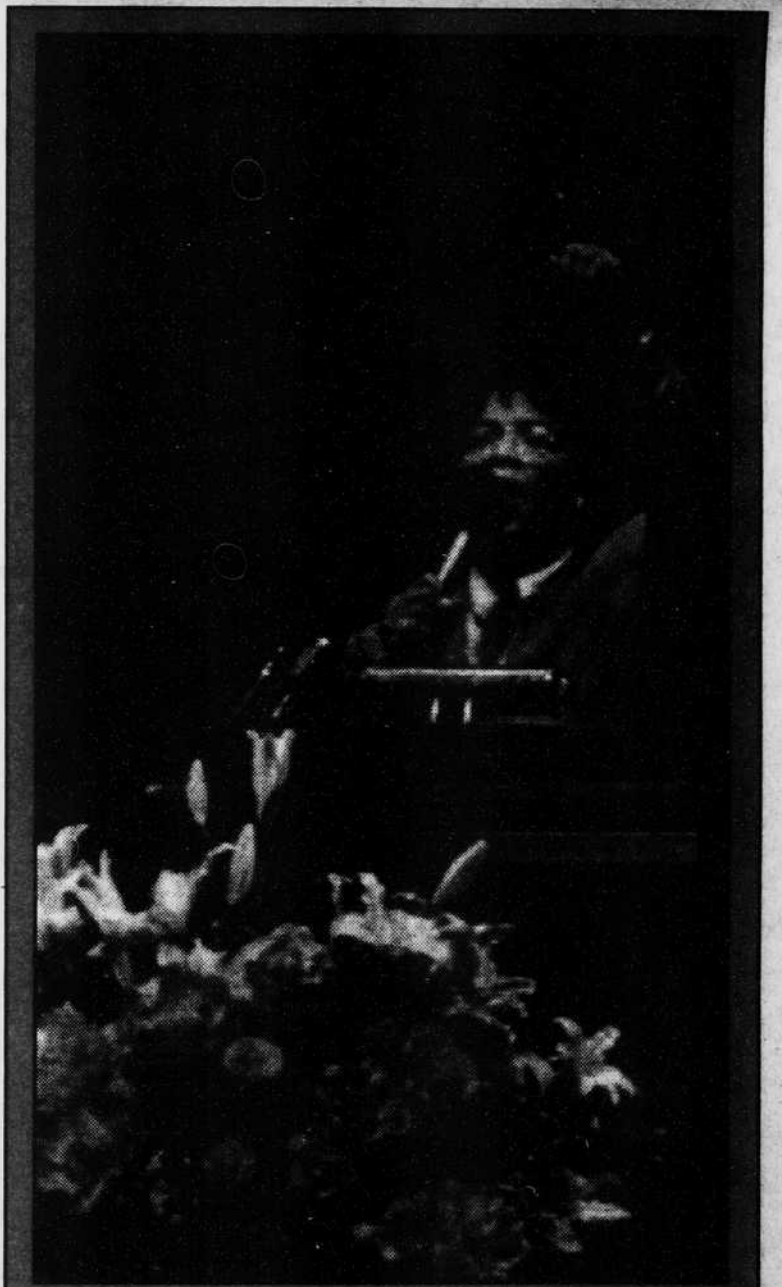


Photo by Le Shaundra Brownlee

Oprah Winfrey speaks at the Krannert Center for the Performing Arts. Story on page 2

**Oprah Winfrey:  
'Some people get it; some don't'**

by Le Shaundra Brownlee  
Prospectus Staff Writer

"There are some people in the world who get it (the purpose of living), and some that don't," Oprah Winfrey told a packed house at Krannert Center on the U of I campus Apr. 3.

Individual purpose was the topic of choice for the nation's number-one talk show hostess.

"If you can, put your life on purpose. Find out the real reason you are here," Winfrey said, "You strip away the (material things) and work toward it, so when you leave, people have joyous and wonderful things to say about you—and mean them."

She said through television she is trying to raise public consciousness.

Oprah began her "talking" career at the age of three when she orated an Easter saying in church. From then on, throughout her dysfunctional childhood, she said, "I used words as a way out."

At 40, Winfrey says she finally found her purpose.

She said she can't believe the things the

tabloids print, such as pictures of her bathroom, living room and bedroom. But she said she accepts it as part of living in the public eye.

Dressed in a green pants-suit, Winfrey said she was "much bigger" this week than last week,

*"Television is bad for kids. Viewers should get together and write to the stations saying 'Hey, we don't want this.'"*

when she had to fit herself into a special dress for the Grammy awards.

She also spoke of how one of her (now former) producers suggested that she get married on her show.

"Everybody wants to

get married but me," Winfrey said.

She also talked shared her views regarding television's effect on children.

"Television is bad for kids," she said. "Viewers should get together and write to the stations saying 'Hey, we don't want this.'"

The news media was also a source of discontent for Winfrey.

"The media should be ashamed. In the past, the press named its sources, but now it credits 'unnamed sources.'"

In answering a career question from a psychology major, Winfrey said he had a better chance of getting a job "than these 411 journalists in this audience."

Some in the audience laughed, but no one applauded.

Winfrey's appearance at the University raised \$5,000 for local shelters A Woman's Place and Matthew House.

She appeared as a guest of the College of Communications Professional Speakers in Journalism series.

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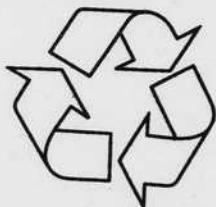
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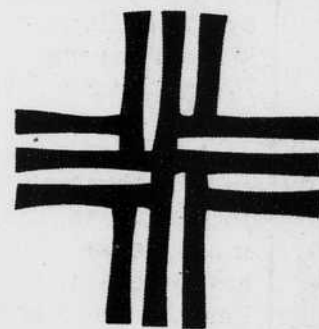
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## Letter to the Editor

### 'It is first a human issue'

### Sexual assault does not discriminate

Letter to the Editor, Prospectus,

Men, in general, seem to be of the opinion that the issue of sexual assault doesn't concern them or is a decidedly women's issue. Aside from the fact that men are assaulted as well, thinking sexual assault is exclusively a "women's issue" is completely in error, even when only looking at attacks on women.

I would say to this: "Who do you think these women are that can be raped and beaten? Do you think it will always be someone you don't know? It can be your mother. It can be your sister. It could be your girlfriend. It could be your own daughter who is raped. Does this not affect you? Does the rape of your loved one not concern you?"

Women, in general, have a greater fear of attack. More and more women now carry mace or some form of personal defense, yet men, in general, have no such personal safety concerns.

As illustration, I walk alone sometimes late at night around campus. I was discussing this with a female friend who said she wouldn't attempt such an excursion unless she was with a group. I was astounded and began to ask other female friends for their feelings on this. They all agreed. Though some allowed for short walks, not one of them would walk out alone at night for any length of time.

This again betrays the involvement of both sexes. Are we to assume that these women are afraid of other women? Are not men a relatively essential ingredient to this problem? Yes, and they are a required ingredient to the solution as well.

Possibly the most tragic aspect of any incident of sexual assault is when a brave victim does decide to come forward to seek justice, he or she faces the social ostracism by the public and the media, coupled with a justice system that is anything but victim-

sensitive.

Besides the anguish of informing friends and relatives, in many cases, these victims, who have already experienced the physical trauma of assault, must undergo a second "mental rape" by the defense attorney trying to discredit them in front of a jury. Most people are quick to condemn a victim when they do not press charges. Before you condemn a victim for not coming forward, ask yourself: Would you want your loved one to endure this, or would you yourself endure it as a victim?

If this paints a bleak picture, I can claim no responsibility nor make any apology; the situation speaks for itself. Sexual assault is a multi-faceted problem that is not a "gender issue" because it is first a "human issue." When viewed honestly, it can be seen to effect both sexes equally.

Jonathan C. Harris

## Who do you think is the most despicable person in the world today?



**Geanine Mihael**  
"Rush Limbaugh. He is such an opinionated person with not much reason to be so critical—obviously he's never looked in the mirror."



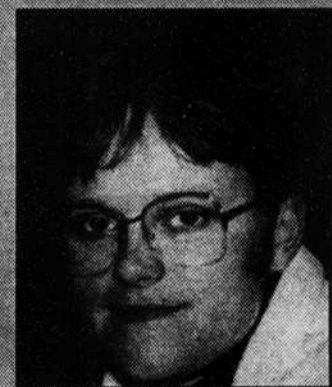
**Sadirah Zadaan Ar. Raheem**  
"Newt Gingrich because of his racist attitude towards African-Americans and other people of color."



**Franklin Townsend**  
"Susan Smith, the woman who drove her kids in the lake."



**Gwen Washington**  
"Easy-E. He degraded women. He could never call them any name other than bitches, etc. He thought of them as being nothing but something to have sex with."



**Katie Mahon**  
"Sadaam Hussein. He has a powerful position and uses his power to a corrupt end to keep people enslaved and perpetuate his oppressive philosophies."



**Clarence Carter**  
"U. S. Government for f—ing over its people for so many years."



**Jeremy Jones**  
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**Peggy Miller**  
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# The family that works together...



by Tammy K. Mahaffey  
Prospectus Staff Writer

Spouses who both work at Parkland say even though such an arrangement provides them with a common group of friends and experiences, they don't see each other on campus very often.

Reading instructor Marilyn Newman says she recognizes husband (and speech professor) Chuck's footsteps every time he walks by her office.

"Working together is a perfectly lovely arrangement," she said, "because we have a whole pool of common colleagues, and we are able to understand each other's work. We have the feeling of working together on the same team."

Chuck Newman agrees: "We are part of the Parkland team even though we are not a teaching team."

Other benefits of sharing a working environment, according to Fine and Applied Arts Department Chair Dr. David Jones, are that "It gives us a common base for conversation, and by having shared friends, it's easier for us to make plans for trips and vacations."

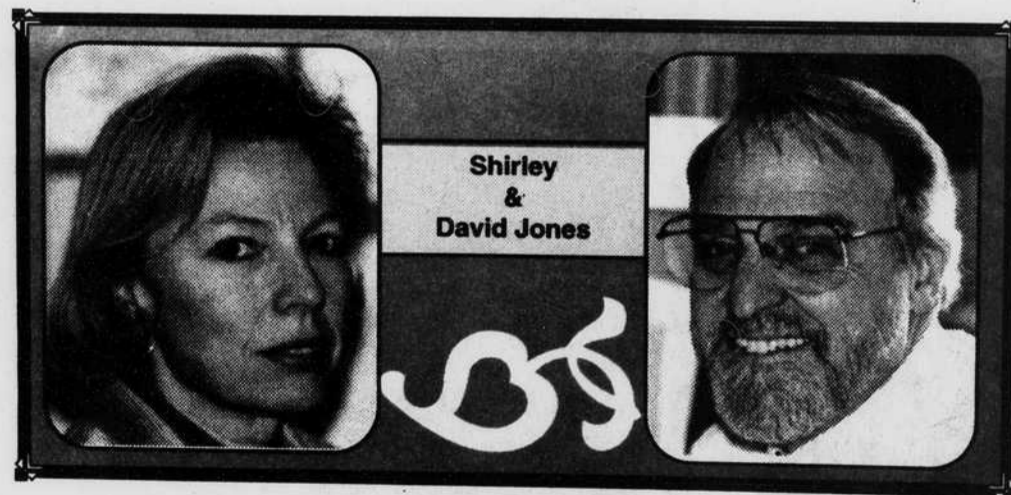
Jones's wife, Shirley, works as an Information Systems and Services Department secretary.

Other couples employed at Parkland include Bruce Suttle and Judy Campbell, Dennis and Terrie Polzin, and Russell and Carol Lake.

Jones said he and his wife first met in the College.

"Approximately five years ago," Jones ex-

plains, "I was eating lunch in the C-wing conference room when a woman I didn't know came in looking for someone. She talked to my secretary, Pat Crook, and Delores Mayfield, the Humanities secretary. I asked them to help me get acquainted. They worked it out, and I asked her out to dinner. She agreed to go.



Shirley & David Jones

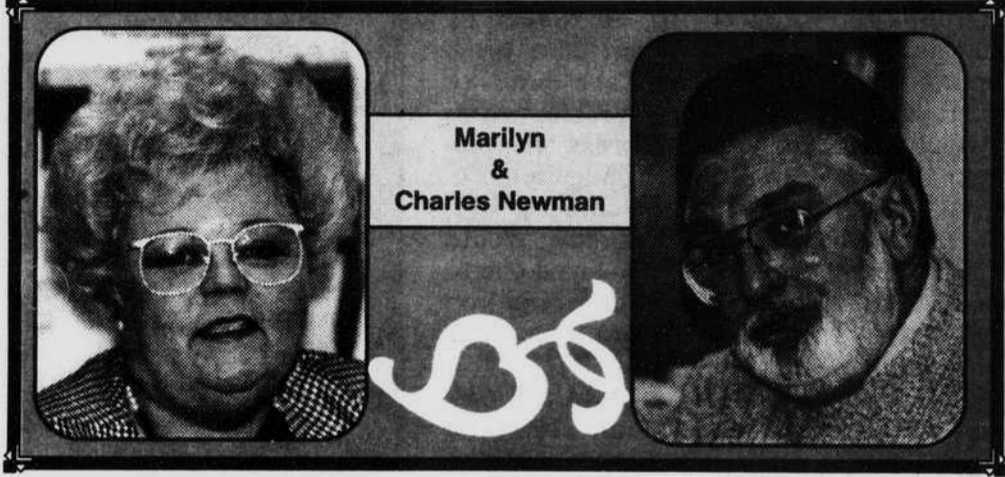
"I took her to Katsinas for dinner on our first date. Then we went to the Intermezzo at Krannert for dessert and the Bermuda Onion for after-dinner drinks, then back to Katsinas. I persuaded the manager to stay open so we could spend more time together."

They were married six months after their first meeting, according to Shirley, who says the two manage to make contact during the

workday even though they're based in separate departments.

"Since we live in Philo, we ride to work together, which allows us to spend more time together," she says. "We also try to touch base during the day by running over and borrowing Coke money from each other."

David Jones adds that they try to have lunch together two to three times a week and



Marilyn & Charles Newman

that this is a convenient arrangement, since it enables both partners to use the other as a source of information.

The only limitations or down side David sees to their arrangement is that neither is able to bring in a new group of people or a new set of professional experiences.

When not involved in the many professional appearances he must make as a department head, Jones says the couple spends time with their three children: Bethany Parker, 22; Michael Jones also 22, and Lisa Parker, 19, and a student at Parkland.

Dr. Jones is also involved in researching and writing books on leadership and Department Chair training.

Veterinary Technology Professor Dennis Polzin and his wife, Terrie, a part-time dental hygiene instructor, not only work in the same place, but also in the same department.

The couple met at a Parkland bowling event, explained Dennis, and they see each other frequently on campus and occasionally have lunch together.

"(A spouse) understands the daily stresses and strains you deal with," said Dennis

He said they try to take some "decompression" time each evening to discuss the happenings of the day and anything else to do with Parkland then their attention turns to their daughters, Rhonda, 11, and Krista, 9.

Bruce Suttle, professor in the Humanities department, agrees that it's easier to understand the trials and tribulations the other partner goes through since he and his wife, Social Sciences and Human Services professor Judy Campbell, share a workplace.

Early in 1968, Suttle was teaching in Rantoul when the distance education program there was transferred to Parkland's jurisdiction. He was asked if he would like to continue in essentially the same position only for Parkland instead of for the University of Illinois.

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When not involved in Parkland activities they enjoy attending cultural events and good movies together. They have also been working on refurbishing their home.

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Campbell also began her employment here more than 20 years ago, and both completed their doctorates in 1980.

"I had joined the Oratorical Society at the University of Illinois," Suttle explained. (Campbell was also a member.) "One Thursday night we were released from rehearsal early, and I asked Judy for a ride since we both lived in Urbana. I then suggested we stop for a drink on the way home. At first she refused, but eventually I succeeded in talking her into stopping at Jumer's Castle Lodge for a drink. We each had a glass of wine, began to talk, and the rest is history, you might say.

"For selfish reasons we both decided to keep our last names when we married," he continued. "We had each built a professional reputation in our own names, and neither wanted to give up that identity."

Suttle feels they are both very competitive with each other and adds that he would not want to find himself on the opposite side

of a committee from her.

"I think it is hard to not take professional disagreements with your soul mate personally," he explained.

Suttle says they have to make it a point to seek each other out during the day, as they are both very busy with individual projects during working hours.

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learned very early on not to fraternize during working hours. In fact, says Marilyn, the two have only had lunch together three times in

the 10 years they have both been employed here.

Since they both value their home life, says Marilyn, they try very hard to leave work at work. She says if they feel a need to discuss things, then they use the time commuting to and from the College for that. They try to ride together as often as possible, she adds.

Chuck Newman has been employed here since 1972, and Marilyn started nearly ten years ago.

Explains Marilyn, "I came to Parkland not because Chuck was here but because I loved the idea of the community college, the people's college."

Over the years the Newmans have learned that it prevents many snafus if they warn their students that there is another Newman with a mailbox in the same place, but outside of such things, Marilyn says she makes it a policy

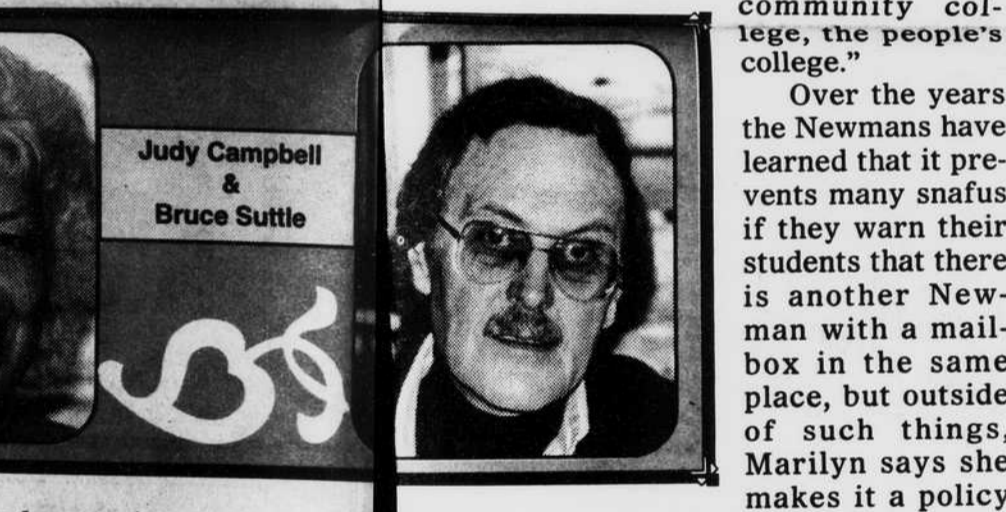
not to talk about Chuck in class.

When away from the College the Newmans enjoy traveling. They went to France last year and are planning a trip to Italy this year. They also enjoy collecting antiques and entertaining.

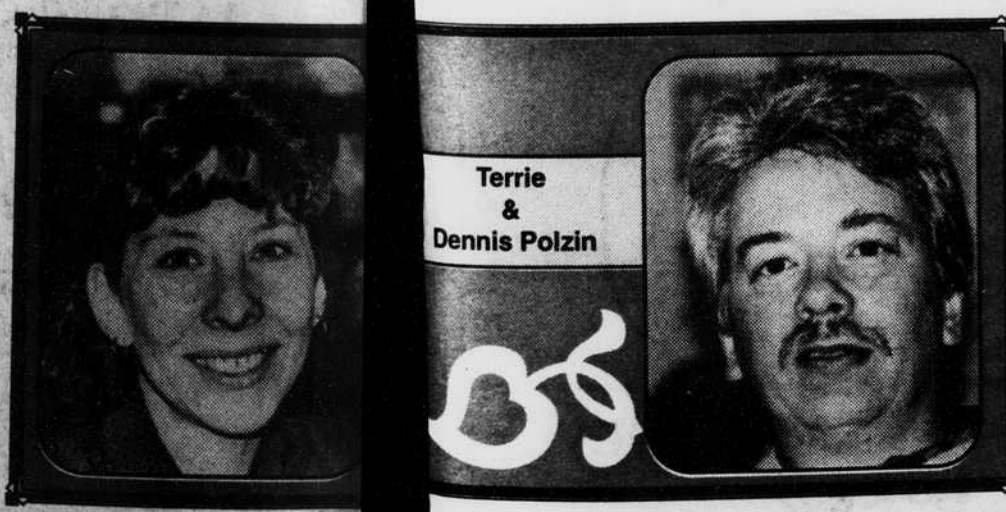
Russell Lake, an associate professor of computer programming, agrees that is nice to be able to touch base and take breaks with his wife, Carol, who works as a secretary to the Department of Nursing.



Carol & Russell Lake



Judy Campbell & Bruce Suttle



Terrie & Dennis Polzin

contact between them and, thus, very little in common as far as work goes.

All these couples and several others in the College seem to agree that the main advantages to their working together are the commonality of their work experiences and the ability to touch base when needed.

On the other side, though, the severest

limitation is the inability of either partner to bring a different circle of friends and experiences into the couple's life.

Parkland employs approximately 20 married couples and has a policy which states that "no party should be in a supervisory or administrative position over a family member."

## Parkland students: a family affair

by Nadine Robertson  
Prospectus Staff Writer

Deborah Kakoma, an Art and Design student at Parkland, says her initial reaction was "shock" when she learned of her mother's plan to attend Parkland too.

Although she was happy for her mother, Deborah admits the situation was unusual.

"I was going to school with my mother and then going home with my mother," Deborah said.

Elizabeth Kakoma, Deborah's mother, says she had no apprehension about attending the same college

as her daughter. She saw their commutes to and from Parkland as an opportunity to spend more time with her daughter.

Elizabeth, an enrollee in the Nursing program, admitted her concerns were more about returning to school.

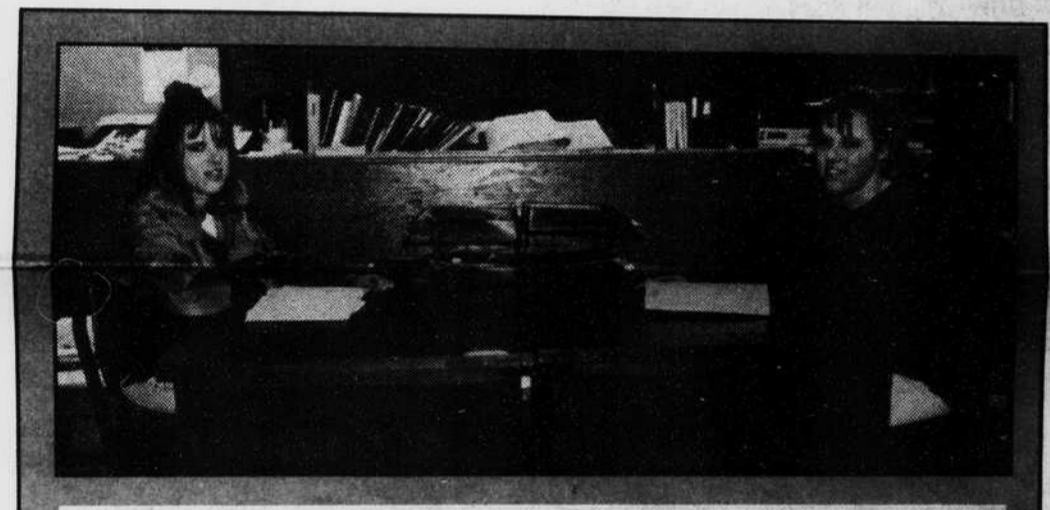
Deborah was a continuing student when Elizabeth enrolled, so she was able to assist her mother with admissions and registration information. Deborah also helped her mother with admissions and registration information as well as with Parkland's services such as the counseling center and computer labs.

Mother and daughter agree that attending Parkland together has affected

their relationship. Attending college has not only enriched her relationship with Deborah, Elizabeth said, but it has enabled her to relate better to all her children.

Deborah smiled when asked if their sharing similar experiences as students

As freshmen, the sisters were required to take many of the same 100 level courses and intentionally registered for the same ones. "That way, if we didn't know anyone else in the class, at least we would know each other," said Ramona.



Two of a Kind  
Rebecca and Ramona Benschneider are students together at Parkland, live together, and are co-directors of intramurals.

has brought her and her mother closer together. "She is just like a really good friend," said Deborah.

Attending the same school is not a new experience for Rebecca and Ra-

Taking classes together, however, doesn't mean the sisters study together. "Sometimes I find it easier to study on my own," Rebecca said.

Although the twins show similar interests, they try not to compete with one another because, according to Rebecca, it would affect their "sister togetherness."

The sisters, who admit they sometimes have their disagreements, apparently aren't tired of each other just yet. Not only are they presently living together and working at Parkland as co-directors of intramurals, the Benschneider twins have been accepted, and are planning to attend Illinois State this Fall.

**Elizabeth and Deborah Kakoma—Mother and daughter working toward an education**

mona Benschneider, who have been attending school together since kindergarten.

Ramona an Elementary Education student, and Rebecca, a Physical Education student, found attending college together an easy and enjoyable transition.



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Fri	4/7	2:00	*Olney Home
Sat	4/8	1:00	Illinois Central Home
Mon	4/10	4:00	Millikin JV at Decatur
Tues	4/11	1:00	*Belleville at Belleville
Softball			
Wed	4/5	3:30	Illinois Central Home
Thur	4/6	3:00	Lincoln Land at Springfield
Fri	4/7	TBA	Tourney at Godfrey
Sat	4/8	TBA	Tourney at Godfrey
Mon	4/10	3:00	Lincoln Trail Home
Tues	4/11	3:00	Spoon River at Canton
Tennis			
Thurs	4/6	4:00	John A Logan at Carterville
Sat	4/8	1:00	Lewis & Clark at Godfrey
Tues	4/11	3:00	Olney at Olney
Track			
Sat	4/8	TBA	Eastern Illinois Invit. at Charleston

\* Conference game

# Sports

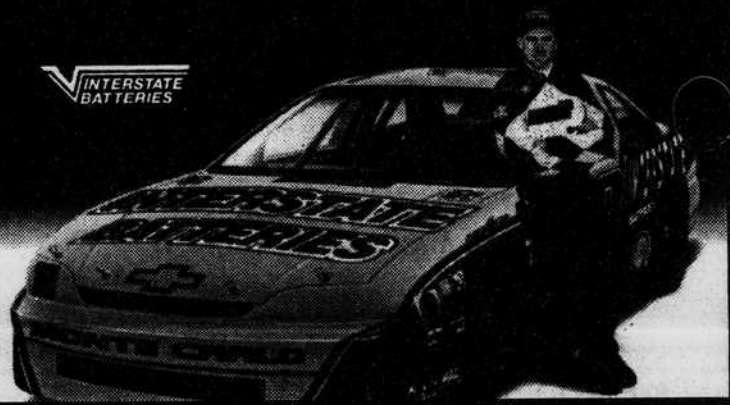


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## She slides, she scores!

Sophomore outfielder Kim Streiker scores one for the Lady Cobras Softball team Mar. 31. Streiker's slide forced the ball from the Millikin J.V. catcher's glove and helped the Cobras roll to a 13-3 victory at home.

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- Open Volleyball 8-10 p.m. Mon.

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