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The President visits Illinois

Clinton tackles education cuts

by Carlarta Ratchford
Prospectus Staff Writer

President Clinton tackled the issue of Republican cut-backs during his Sept. 11 visit to Southern Illinois University-Carbondale.

"Today, at the dawn of the new century, we are in the midst of another period of historic change," Clinton told the crowd of college students and faculty from SIU-C as well as neighboring communities and states. "The issue today is...whether we can preserve the American Dream."

Flanked by Illinois Democrats Dick Durbin and Jerry Castillo and Senators Carol Moseley Braun and Paul Simon, Clinton spoke of the American Dream and "the need to to better educate our people," lest we get "left behind in the global economy of the 21st Century."

He said his goal as president has been to prepare the economy for the 21st Century and that he wants to create more jobs and raise both the incomes and the stability of American families.

"The only way this is possible," he said, "is to continue to increase the number of Americans of all ages in community colleges and graduate schools."

Clinton told the crowd that, in 1980, "A worker with a college education earned 36 percent more than a worker with only a high school degree," whereas "Today that gap has grown to 74 percent."

He praised the effect of such programs as the G.I. Bill and the National Defense Education Laws for making the U.S. the strongest economic power in the world., which he said helped "a whole new generation of Americans receive a chance to go to college and broaden their horizons."

In 1993, Clinton said his

administration passed an economic program that reduced the deficit from \$290 billion to \$160 billion a year and made 90 percent of small businesses eligible for lower taxes as well as increases in the

number of homeowners and jobs. However, he said, these increases did not raise the average American income.

The President emphasized that he's all for balancing the budget, but he

stressed that cutting student federal aid programs is not the way.

"Balancing the budget creates less American taxes being spent on debt and more on the environment and the elderly," he

said. "This, in turn, will create more jobs."

In the past two years, Clinton said he has worked to increase programs such as Pell to deserving students.

AmeriCorps, he said, is a program that aids students to save money for college while serving their communities. "It's making America stronger," he said.

Clinton said he is the first member of his family if he hadn't received financial aid, there might be someone else in the White House today.

"I had scholarships and loans while attending college without these loans I would not have had the opportunity to get to where I am today."

The President shared the microphone with his Illinois congressional Democratic supporters.

Durbin said Medicaid programs are critical and could be negatively affected by tax cuts.

He also said Gingrich and the Republican Congress want to "stop federal aid for students and spend that money on 20 B-2 bombers," which go for \$2.2 billion apiece.

"Our President is here today to ensure that our future will be bright and full of opportunity," Durbin said.

Castillo echoed Durbin's sentiments, as did Moseley Braun. "The Republican Congress has proposed to cut education by \$3.9 billion — almost 16 percent. The interest subsidy is \$10 billion," she said. "The Pentagon also has been given \$8 billion more than they asked for."

Simon, who will be retiring from the Senate after this term, is considered by many to be the father of direct student lending. Forty percent of schools now have direct lending, a program in which all students are eligible for aid.



President Clinton at SIU-C

President Bill Clinton spoke at the Carbondale campus of Southern Illinois University Monday against proposed funding cuts in Education.

Students find meeting the President to be tough work

Thousands of people crowded at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale to hear the President of the United States speak, catch a glimpse of his face, and maybe even touch his hand.

Parents packed picnic lunches, students took to the treetops, and fans traveled from out of state just on the off chance of getting close to President Clinton.

But getting close to a president is not as easy as traveling to Carbondale and waiting hours in line. Spectators found that once the gates were opened they had to first work their way through metal detectors, then have their purses checked, empty their

pockets, and pass the metal wand sweep.

A multitude of Secret Service men and security positioned themselves between the crowd and the President. Police scanned the crowd from atop the buildings, assuring the safety of those speaking.

Once inside, the fight for viewing positions began. Some spectators pushed and shoved their way to front, getting elbowed and kned; some just rode the wave as people began to shift forward toward the podium. Others realized the futility of the situation and just sat on the grass close to the speakers and listened.

For the brave, a bird's-

eye view meant taking to the high ground by standing on their friends' shoulders, climbing the nearest tree, or standing on a building's window ledge.

The noon heat and lack of oxygen became too much for some who became ill and had to relinquish their coveted spots. The victors in the spectators' arena won the right to say they saw the President of the United States in person; the really lucky ones in front were rewarded with a warm smile and soft handshake from Mr. Clinton.

But those who could not get inside the gate, well, they can say they were there.

1995-96 Student Government Candidates

Vice President



Stephanie Lange

Hello fellow students. My name is Stephanie Lange and I am running for the position of vice president in the Parkland Student Government. I am a sophomore studying Elementary Education. Presently, I am a Student Ambassador and serve on the Services and Activities Board. Last year I served as a senator in the Student Government and worked in the Student Life office.

One primary objective I have if voted to be vice president, is to be visible in the student body and strive to inform students they have a voice at Parkland College. As a student Government representative, I would represent Parkland students as a whole and not limit my representation to a few select groups. An issue that is deep pertinent to many students at Parkland is the Child Development Center Scholarship. If selected as vice president, I will vote for the approval of the scholarships.

I hope that you will support me in my goal of being your voice at Parkland. I look forward to meeting you. Please feel free to address me with your concerns. Thank you and good luck to you this year.

Senator



Elham Barakat

Hi, my name is Elham Barakat, I am a freshman at Parkland College. I am majoring in U.S. History, and if everything goes according to plan I would like to teach History in the High School level.

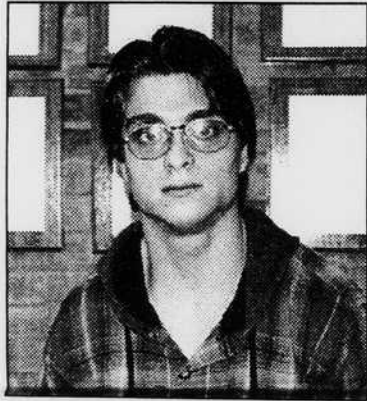
I main reason for running for Senator is because I believe that Students should be involved in their school.

Curtis James Samson

I'm Curtis Samson, candidate for Vice-President. I've previously been class Vice-President at Monticello High School. I've also served on Student Council and a member of Lifesavers also at Monticello.

For the past few years I have been an entire member of my racing club, CCMRA. If elected, I'd like to keep things the way they are. The campus is very relaxed, smokers have a place to smoke, and non-smokers have a smoke-free environment. The campus is equally balanced and I'd like to keep it that way.

Senator



Rory Nolan

My name is Rory Nolan and I am running for the position for Senator for Parkland College. I know I am up against a lot of other students for the same position. My job is to tell you the students why I am the best person for the job.

I have been involved with Student Government for a long time. I have worked with the Unit 4 District on multicultural issues. I have Cerebral Palsy. I know what it is like to face a challenge. I was a member of a wheelchair basketball league when I was seven; I was a Centennial Highschool wrestler my sophomore and junior year; I was a gymnast for Irish Gymnastics in Savoy.

I have always faced a challenge because I enjoy beating the odds. I will represent the students to the best of my ability I employ you to trust me with the responsibilities of Senator.

I am very strong in my voice. I believe that I can lead Parkland into greatness among all the other small colleges. I enjoy helping students achieve their goals. I believe a student government should help and work amongst the students and not dictate to them.

Treasurer



Regina K. Gardner

My name is Regina Gardner and I am a sophomore pursuing a major in Information Processing. I am currently an active member in Phi Beta Lambda (Business Club) and this summer I was appointed as a summer senator for Student Government. I am running for the position of Treasurer and would appreciate your vote on Sept. 18, 19, and 20.

I believe it is important for Parkland students to have a voice in college issues. If elected, one of my goals will be to make students aware of Student Government. I hope this will promote more input which is vital for Student Government to serve its primary purpose, which is to serve Parkland students.

Another goal is to help students with the cost of the child day care at Parkland. I want to pursue the issue of scholarships for students who need help with day care costs.

I would appreciate your vote for the position of Treasurer for Student Government. I will fulfill all obligations to help students at Parkland College. Thank you.

Senator



Jennifer C. Jewell

I am Jennifer C. Jewell and I am pursuing the position of Parkland Student Government Senator. The various offices I have held and the organizations in which I have participated that make me the most qualified candidate for this position is as follows:

- State Officer for FHA-HERO.
- Regional Officer for FHA-HERO.
- H.S. Student Government.

- National finalist and State winner in Parliamentary Procedure and Public Speaking for FBLA.

- National Finalist and State Winner in Public Speaking, Job Interview, Impromptu Speaking, and a representative at Nationals as a State Officer for FHA-HERO.

- National Honor Society member.

- Illinois State Scholar.

- Iroquois County Operation Snowball Committee planner and initiator.

- EIEC Creative Writing and Speaking Competition winner.

- Committee member and organizer for numerous H.S. functions and events.

- Participated in various organizations and sports activities including - FBLA, FHA-HERO, French Club, Yearbook staff, School Newspaper, Speech Team, Theater, Cheerleading, Basketball, and Volleyball.

These accomplishments have given me extensive experience and knowledge in regards to leadership and teamwork. I am a team player that strives to achieve a common goal and take initiative and leadership when necessary. I plan to use and contribute my knowledge and experience to pursue issues for the betterment of the student body and Parkland. While serving my term as Senator, the items and issues I intend to accomplish are:

- To continue to search out ways to stream line admissions, financial aid, advising, the graduation process, and other administrative activities.

- To strive to enhance outreach programs that promote the image of Parkland.

- To pursue the wishes and ideas of the student body.

- To increase student participation in academic activities.

- To contribute to the improvement of programs geared toward enlightening students to the requirements of associate, occupational, and transfer programs.

I look to you, the students, to choose me as the representative of your voices and ideas while serving as your Senator. I will serve you with respect and represent you with dignity. I am anxious to get started immediately in the business of this semester at Parkland. Don't forget to vote, Jennifer Jewell as Senator. THANK YOU!

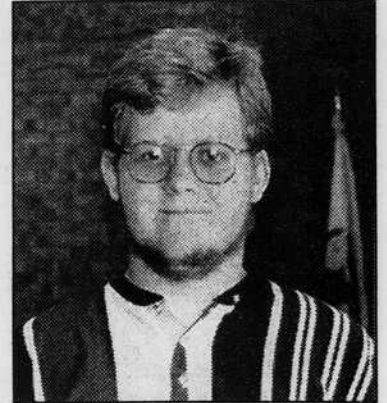
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Mon. Sept. 18

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Wed. Sept. 20

Senator



Jassen Godwin

I'm running for student senator because I think I have a lot to offer the students of Parkland. I have held leadership positions a few times in High School. Such as Vice-president & president in junior achievement. I also have a great personality.

My goal as senator is to be a voice of the student body. And to address the issues that concern the students. Thank you.

Senator



Angelica Naguib

Hello. My name is Angelica Naguib. I'm a sophomore here at Parkland College and am running for Student Senator because students should be treated like customers.

I come from a multicultural background with experiences in training which make me highly qualified, but more than that I am CONCERNED.

Three areas where I will strive to see improvements made are Gullivers, financial aid, and student life. My goal is to work with Gullivers and the student body to better the quality, selection and prices charged at our only food service here at Parkland. My second goal is to improve student awareness of procedures of financial aid for the present and future. Because of the ever-changing procedures in financial aid, if elected, I will work vigorously to make sure the students are informed. My third goal is to work for the enhancement of quality of student life which includes concerns for student participation at athletic events, concerns for smokers, and to increase students knowledge and involvement of social events, just to name a few. If elected, my priority is to make sure Parkland students are treated like customers.

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News

College funding cut, tuition up

by Terry Caldwell
Prospectus Staff Writer

The House of Representatives has passed an education appropriation bill, H.R. 2127, which if passed in its present form would deny Pell Grants to 13,900 students in Illinois alone.

Costs of student loans also would be raised by \$10 million, which could cause college tuition to go up as much as \$2,111 for each of 209,000 Illinois college students.

The Senate has yet to make any decisions about H.R. 2127 but is expected to mark up its version in September.

Kevin Northrup, vice-president for Fiscal Services/Government Relations, said, "Lack of a quality education is the primary reason for society's ills. I believe providing access to a higher quality education is a solution to most of our societal problems."

For the 1994-95 school year Parkland received \$7.05 million in federal dollars. One thousand eight hundred eighty-three students received state scholarship awards made with State Student Incentive Grants (SSIG) that totaled \$1.375 million. Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG) funds totaled \$138,725.

Parkland could lose almost \$70,000 from the proposed 18 percent reduction in Perkins Vocational Education Grants. This figure doesn't include the money lost from cuts in Pell and Map Grants. Cuts that are directed primarily at part-time students.

According to Northrup, students who rely on these grants in order to go to school will not get them, meaning a number of students will not be able to return to school.

H.R. 2127 is also attempting to limit access to

subsidized student loans and to use a school's ability to subsidize in the student loan program to determine Pell Grant eligibility. The bill includes a request for funding to the Perkins Loan program to be halted. Parkland totaled 1,367 loan recipients who received \$2.38 million in subsidized loans for 94-95.

A cut in the Perkins Vocational Education Basic State Grant of \$172 million and the elimination of the State Student Incentive Grants are also part of H.R. 2127.

"On issues like these, legislators are interested in what students have to say," said Northrup. He encourages students and faculty to write their representatives about concerns they may have with H.R. 2127.

Northrup says "Legislators do pay attention to their constituents."

Hispanic folklore kept alive by dance troupe

by Andrew Rodgers
Prospectus Staff Writer

Students and faculty danced along with Latin-American Dance group Los Ochos Amigos, Sept. 7 in the Gallery Lounge.

Spectators watched and participated as the troupe, under the instruction of Champaign resident Eliana Manero, performed a variety of traditional Latin-American dances.

The dancers began by teaching willing participants how to do basic Merengue moves, while those who preferred to stay off the dance floor were treated to salsa and chips as they watched the performers demonstrate various dance steps.

The main purpose for the troupe, Manero said,

is "to keep the Latin-American folklore tradition alive."

Los Ochos Amigos (The Eight Friends) formed three years ago when Manero united a group of students from Parkland and the University of Illinois and is composed of people of various ages, cultures and backgrounds.

The willingness to learn and have fun is the only requirement for membership, said Manero.

Parkland student Fonaci Obkulio joined the group after meeting them at the Illini Union eight months ago.

"If you don't have fun dancing, there's no point," said Clara Gonzalez, a U of I graduate student.

Goal exceeded: forty-eight PC students donate blood

by Tricia Murphy
Prospectus Staff Writer

Students were given an opportunity to donate blood Sept. 6 in the Gallery Lounge, and more turned out than expected.

Although 20 people had signed up the day before to donate, 48 of the 58 people who had finally signed up actually donated.

JoAnne Allison, Donor Relations Coordinator for Community Blood Services of Illinois' Urbana office, said the organization's goal for the drive was 40 donors.

Blood drawn during the drive will be distributed first between Champaign and Coles counties, then, if there is any left over, other areas may receive some, according to Allison.

Blood types O+, O-, and A+ are especially needed, Allison said.

With O- blood being universal and so rare, she said, it is the blood type that is most needed. However, she added, all blood types are welcomed.

Donors are required to fill out a questionnaire consisting of questions regarding the individual's medical history.

Donors also can not be sick at the time of nor have been sick over the few days prior to donation.

Allison said, "Your support of the community blood supply really makes a difference to patients who depend on volunteer blood donors. Many lives are saved thanks to the groups such as Parkland College."

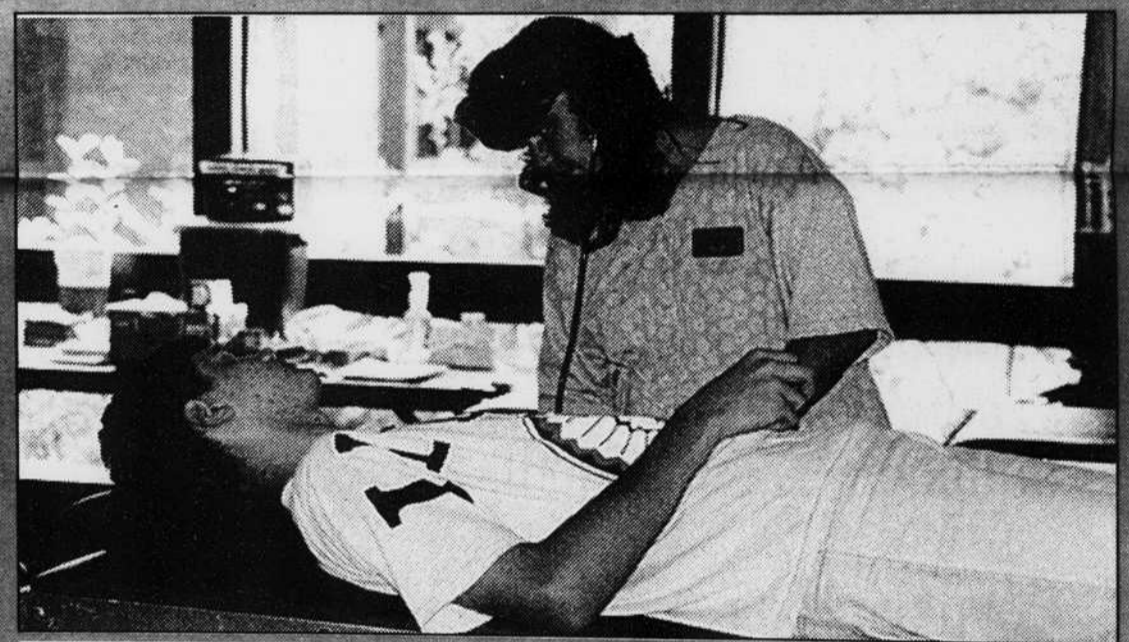


Photo by Tracy Wieland

Giving blood

PC student George Dobbins is donating blood in the Gallery Lounge during the Blood Drive Wednesday, Sept. 6. Forty-eight PC students gave blood, 58 donors registered, and 7 people donated for the first time. Donors were given a quick examination before giving blood and were given refreshments after they gave blood.



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Letters to the Editor

To The Editor:

As the 104th Congress resumes its work this month, the budget balancing initiative will continue, with H.R. 2127 moving to the Senate for consideration.

According to an analysis by the Association of Community College Trustees, H.R. 2127, if passed in its present form, would result in the following:

- Education Funding will be cut by \$4 billion;
- Perkins Vocational Funding to community colleges will be cut by 18 percent;
- PELL Grants will be cut by \$500 million — 208,000 recipients will be eliminated from PELL eligibility, including 70,000 community college students;
- State Student Incentive

Grants will be eliminated, diminishing educational opportunities for approximately 50,000 community college students;

- Title III Funding for 130 community colleges will be lost;
- Funding levels for the Department of Labor job training programs would be cut by 25 percent, and
- \$10 billion would be cut from student loan program, targeted at the in-school interest subsidy.

I would suggest that the most common thread running through the fabric of the myriad of out societal problems — crime, prison overcrowding, welfare, drug abuse, underemployment, etc. — is the lack of a quality education or job training for those "at-risk" groups.

Access to quality educational opportunities and job training is absolutely essential to these high risk groups if they are to be able to achieve a satisfactory life experience. I would hope our legislators at both the state and federal levels would recognize this and make educational funding a top priority.

H.R. 2127, however, seems to treat education support as a problem, rather than the most effective solution. Passage of this bill in its present form will make our societal problems worse, not better.

I realize the need and support the concept of a balanced budget. Achieving that balance by reducing educational opportunities to our poorest and highest risk citizens, however, in my

opinion, will produce future problems even greater than those we face today.

For those who agree with me on this issue, I would hope they would act on their beliefs by writing or calling their congressman. Contacts from students, I believe, are especially effective.

Very truly yours,
Kevin L. Northrup
Vice President/
Fiscal Services/
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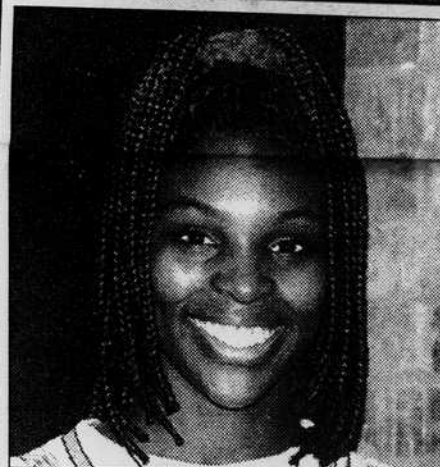
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"How do you feel about having chain gangs in Illinois?"



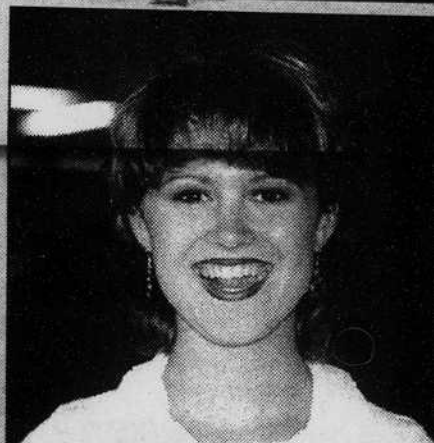
LaVonya Gaines

"I feel that a chain gang is not a good idea because if a prisoner agrees to it he gets time off his sentence and sometimes the people that commit serious crimes will get away with shortened sentences."



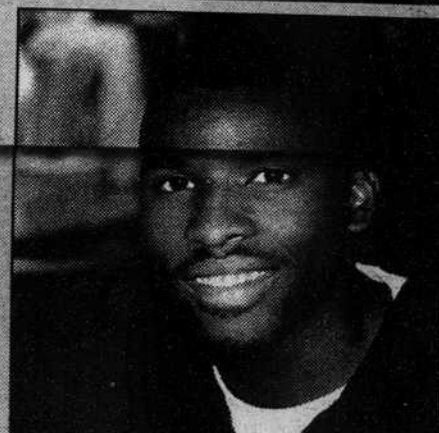
Jeremy Rusher

"It wouldn't matter to me if Illinois had chain gangs, just as long as the state can guarantee safety to the public."



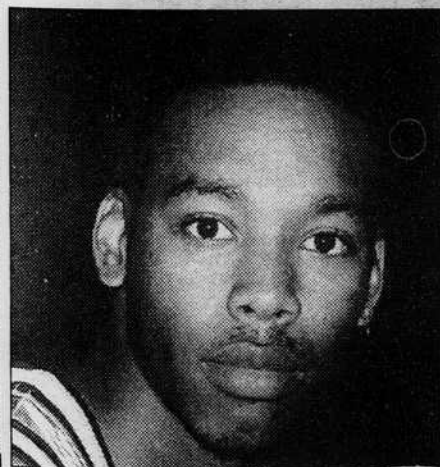
Marlene Mahon

"I feel that they should because they are in prison because they did something wrong, and they shouldn't get treated differently than in any other state."



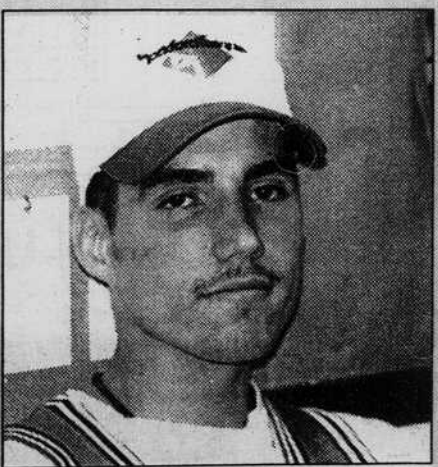
Daniel Kelly

"I disagree with chain gangs simply by the fact that citizens everywhere are entitled to an oppression-free society."



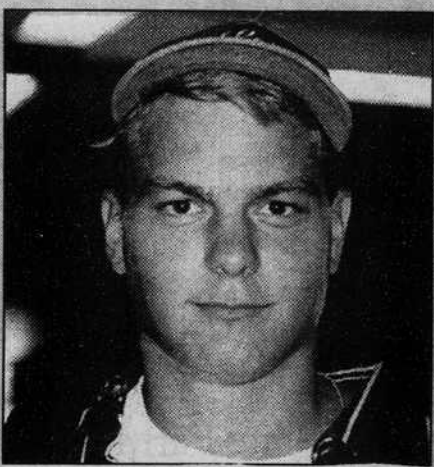
Tony Jones

"I think that a chain gang in Illinois will be good for Illinois' landscaping problem and maybe lower the state's tax problem with free labor. On the other hand, it might make it worse by putting others out of work."



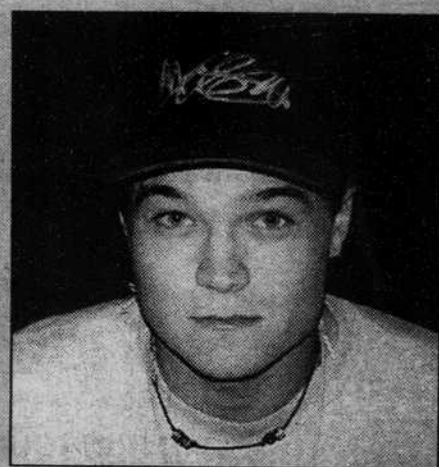
Chad Pickering

"I think it's good. It teaches the inmates good responsibility."



James Boles

"I agree — they should have it."



David J. Eubanks

"I feel it is against the prisoners' human rights to force them to do physical labor. Are they not already in prison?"

Crossword Puzzle

Across

1. Farmer's harvest
5. Parts of locks
10. Route to follow
14. Volcanic output
15. Black magic
16. Mixture
17. Lab gel
18. Chop finely
19. Short news bit
20. Held up
22. Serial section
24. Legendary knowledge
25. Garden tool
26. Follows in secret
29. Mixing
34. Put through a strainer
35. Duos
36. Neither's mate
37. Adam's son
38. Was concerned
39. Grotto
40. Knockout count
41. Flaxen cloth
42. Recipient
43. Rubbed-out spots
45. Thaw again

46. Circle section

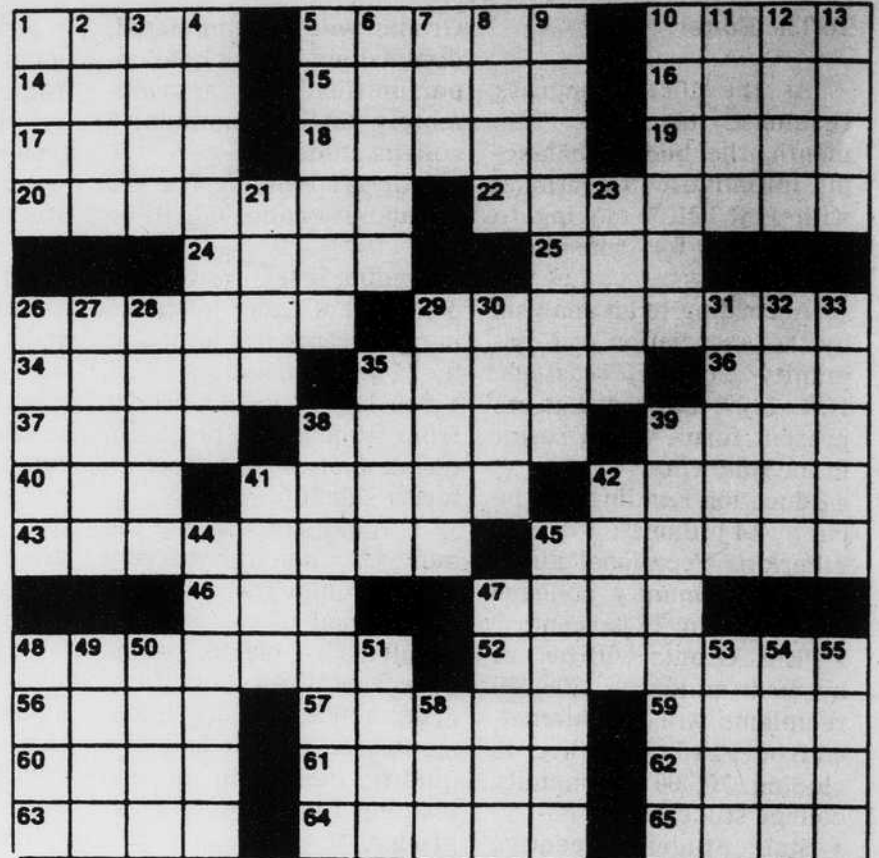
47. Welt
48. Unskilled actor
52. Covered in sections
56. Manage
57. Pertaining to the moon
59. World's longest river
60. Otherwise
61. Venerate
62. Social visit
63. Observed
64. Marry a second time
65. Gaelic

Down

1. Attired
2. Craze
3. Like an ellipse
4. Running alongside
5. Slugger's output
6. Put up with
7. Japanese coin
8. Speed
9. Pastoral worker
10. Set to act
11. Choir voice
12. Knotted

13. Domicile

21. Oxen harness
23. Electrified particles
26. Sudden outpouring
27. Potato, e.g.
28. Sports stadium
29. Reveals
30. Claim against property
31. Silly
32. New
33. Welcome
35. Window glass
38. Round
39. Begin
41. Entice
42. College VIP
44. Shiny cotton
45. Raised
47. Extra item
48. High cards
49. Burrowing animal
50. Cathedral section
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53. Fibber
54. Building wings
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58. Today



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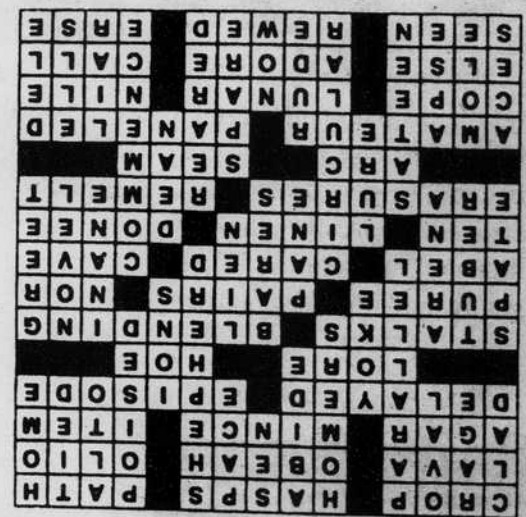
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Sports

Spikers prove strong in home tourney

by Andy Howey
Prospectus Staff Writer

The Lady Cobras showed their fangs during the Parkland Invitational the weekend of Sept. 8-9.

Parkland began the weekend event by defeating the Saints of St. Francis, followed by the Joliet Wolves.

And they were just getting warmed up.

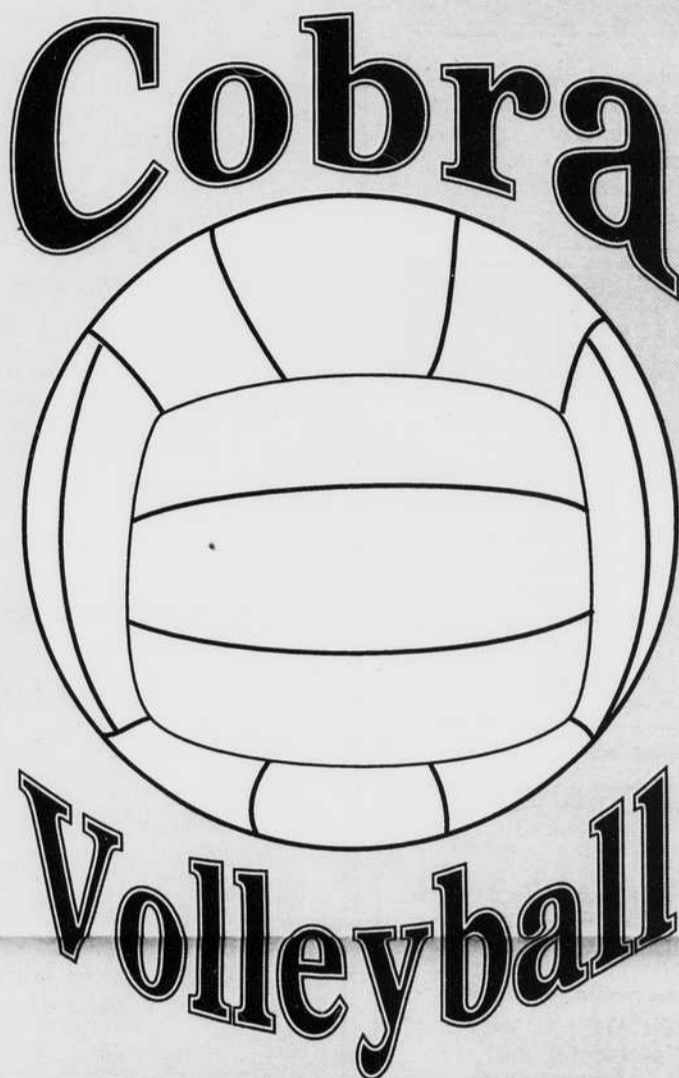
When the team resumed play the next day, they showed they were ready to win — and win big — by ace-ing and backing the visiting Kougars of Kishwaukee, Wisconsin, right back across the border.

St. Francis was reputedly supposed to give the Cobras the most trouble, but Parkland's jump to an 11-1 lead quickly dispelled such an idea.

The teams traded points and side-outs until Cobra Shannon Alspaugh finished the game with a pair of aces, rendering the final score 15-7.

Showing no signs of fatigue, the Lady Cobras' second game looked like the fist, beginning with the spikers springing to a 8-2 lead.

Everything started going wrong for the Co-



bras — after a big block by Kari Koenning — and everything started going right for the Saints.

St. Francis scored 5 straight times before Cobras Coach Brenda

Winkeler, decided it was time to re-group.

The pep-talk was in vain, however, as the Saints served up 4 straight aces.

Parkland only scored

once more before suffering their first loss of the season, 15-9.

In third game of the match, the Saints scrambled for three late scores, but the Cobras bit back with a vicious kill from Kari Koenning, earning Parkland's spikers match point with a final score of 15-8.

This brought the Cobras' record to 9-0 in matches and 20-1 on the season.

With only a 10-minute respite, the second match for Parkland took place, pitting the Cobras against a fresh Joliet Lady Bulls team.

The Cobras needed just 30 minutes to finish them off.

The first game started with a kill from Cobra Leslie Burnside, and the Bulls were in trouble.

Hitting balls under the net, not being able to control serves and not being able to serve the ball over the net were the major forces in the downfall of the Bulls.

Jennifer Harris delivered two aces, and four Cobras followed with 5 straight kills.

The contest ended on a kill from Koenning that overpowered the Bulls once and for all.

Golfers have good outing in tourney

by Ryan Pea
Prospectus Staff Writer

At the Parkland golf invitational Sept. 7th, the host Cobras first team took third, while the second team took 11th overall in the tournament of 22 teams.

Leading the Cobras' strike was Bruce McNarry, who shot a 71 over the 18 holes.

McNarry ended the round tied for first, but later lost a playoff and had to settle for second individually.

Other standouts for the Cobras included JP Powles, who shot a 73; Eric Frese, who finished with a 78, and Benji Easter, Matt Curl and Cory Golden, who each finished with 79.

Todd Durflinger, Chad Gessner, Cory Judge and Brian Williams all also had good days, with rounds in the low-to-mid 80's.

Head Coach Greg Thom was happy with his team's showing.

"I was pleased with the way both of our team's performed," he said. "They had a good outing."

Up next for the Cobras are three back-to-back meetings at Danville Area Community College Sept. 12, 15 and 16.

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Lovett: baseball team shaping up

by Andy Howey
Prospectus Staff Writer

Rod Lovett has built a consistent winner out of the Parkland Cobra baseball team. The success, however isn't the only thing Coach Lovett loves about his job

"I enjoy working with young people fresh out of high school and leading them into a four-year and/or-beyond-school in both the sports and education aspects of the junior college," he said.

The baseball team, which is now in full swing, is basically spring training without having to go to Florida. It is to show the coaches the kind of talent they have to work with and what they need to work on before the spring season starts in March.

The Cobras had a 48-17 record last year — almost good enough to get them

into the NJCAA world series — but this year's fall team is a very young team packed with potential, assures Lovett.

This year's pitching staff includes standouts such as sophomore Kevin Lachey, of Crystal Lake, Illinois, who was 7-0 with one save last year and a very low ERA of 1.42.

Freshmen recruits Joe Brazas, out of Westville High School, and Ryan Bucaro, a right-

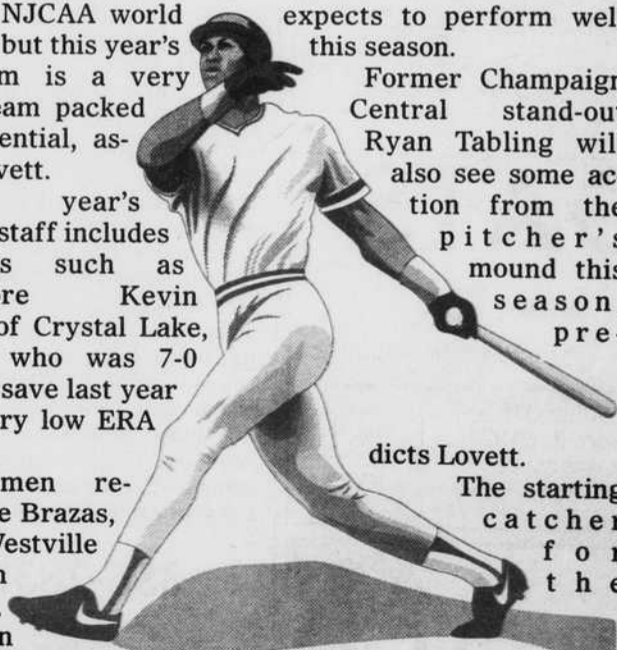
hander from Mchenry, Illinois, are designated hitters, and Mick Handy, from Bishop McNamera in Kankakee, and Wes Milburn, of Lakota High School in Cincinnati, are among the players Lovett says he

expects to perform well this season.

Former Champaign Central stand-out Ryan Tabling will also see some action from the pitcher's mound this season, pre-

dicts Lovett.

The starting catcher for the



pitchers will be sophomore Jason Wildman, from Sullivan High School, who hit .333 last season in 9 games and only struck out once.

Starting at first will be Mike Cunningham, who last year hit three home

runs and played in 60 of the team's 65 games as a freshman.

The team's only second baseman at this point is Mike Blevins, from New Lenox, Illinois, who hit .344 last year third on the team.

Lovett cashed some frequent-flyer miles this year to pick up starting short-stop Ty Miller, a junior college transfer from Texas.

Possibly the Cobras top prospect this year, however, is the *News-Gazette* 1995 player of the year, Quinn Moller, a third-baseman from Champaign Centennial.

The outfield to this point is still not definite, Lovett said. Frank Caputo, a sophomore from Addison, Illinois, will work left field, and sophomore Mike Alley, from Racine, Wash. and Jeff Pratt (right field) are currently Lovett's defensive starters.

