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African Celebration

Photo by Tracy Wieland

Students in the 4- and 5-year-old class at Parkland's Child Development Center perform 'Rafiki, Ngoma for family and friends on Thursday. The presentation included songs, hand-clapping games, drumming and dancing, and a play.

PC, local leaders join forces

by Andrea Franklin Co-Editor -in-Chief

Today's college graduates can expect a life of constant adjustment and change — including more training in college - Futures Conference speakers said recently.

Local employment needs, educational-business partnerships, and more programs and services for the growing sebankers, business repre- be found to lessen the

members, and Parkland faculty and staff.

Dale Ewen, vice president of Academic and Student Services, said 85 percent of all jobs by the year 2,000 will require work bevond the high school level.

"We need to better asses students and help prepare students who are not ready for college-level work," said Ewen.

James Hall, mathematnior population were dis- ics instructor and chair of other schools not just teach cussed at the conference the Academic Assessment subject matter but also attended by local mayors, Committee, said ways must

sentatives, school board number of students who must take remedial cours-

> Ability to work on a team, help to resolve conflict, and keep up with technological changes are vital for employment today, employers said. They also stressed the need for good communication and job skills, said

Hall said area leaders asked that Parkland and

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Another computer theft

HVAC computer now on 'hot' list

by Jeff Simpson Co-Editor-in-Chief

It's nothing new for the weather outside the College to go from one extreme to the other this time of year. but it is something new when it happens inside the

According to Department of Public Safety director Paul Sarantakes, the computer that regulates the College's heating and cooling systems was stolen last week from the X-wing basement.

The police report put the time of the theft at between 5 p.m. Feb. 22 and 7:50 a.m. Feb. 23.

Sarantakos said there were four officers on duty until midnight on Feb. 22 (three sworn, one nonsworn) and three nonsworn officers after mid-

Sarantakos said his department has no leads yet as to who may have taken the computer, a Compaq 486/DX/250, and that the incident doesn't seem to be related to last semester's rash of campus computer thefts.

The machine's primary software, from Johnson

Controls, Champaign, was written specifically for the HVAC system at Parkland, Sarantakos said, and would therefore be of no use to anyone outside the College.

However, he said, like any software, the HVAC program can be easily removed from the machine's hard drive, the result of which would render it as Physical Plant direct Denny Elimon, whose department maintains the College's HVAC systems, said both the machine and the software will be probably be replaced by around Mar. 8.

Although the theft of the machine "caused a temporary disruption of system control," Elimon said, the effects on the conditions of the College's interior were minimal.

"The majority of the (HVAC) system is decentralized," he said, "which allowed the building to remain operable."

Elimon said the Physical Plant is putting up a \$200 reward for "information leading to the apprehension and conviction of the person or persons responsible" for the theft.

Possible C-U library merger?

Urbana mayor discusses business, library's future

by Michael Sherwood Prospectus Staff Writer

Possibly merging Champaign and Urbana's public libraries is only one idea being examined by the library services task force, Urbana Mayor Tod Satterthwaite said last week.

"We asked the task force to look at the entire landscape," Satterthwaite told Parkland's Community Newswriting students.

He said the task force will examine the governmental structure pertaining to library services as well.

Currently, both Urbana and Champaign operate under the municipal library system. The property tax funds the library system, and revenue is collected from properties within the city limits.

If the task force recommends implementing a li-

brary services district, it would mean the addition of another taxing district to Champaign County.

Satterthwaite said a new unit of government represented by a library board would be elected by the people within the library district. They would be able to set their own budget and their own taxing rate. He said a benefit would be that the library district boundaries would

be those of the school district, not the city limits.

"The school district is 25 percent larger than the area encompassed by the city limits," said Satterthwaite, "so it would increase the tax base for the library without increasing taxes."

Satterthwaite said the task force is looking at a number of scenarios.

Besides the merger of libraries, keeping the present system with its two separate library facilities is one possibility; a single library with various branches is another.

The task force is scheduled to report its findings within 6-8 months.

Satterthwaite said Illinois has more taxing districts than any other state in the union and that the addition of another would bring the total to 12 in

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News Forces...

Program about Korean Woman

News Briefs

Parkland College's Office of Women's Programs and Services will present a panel discussion titled "A Day in the Life of a Korean Woman" on Wed., March 27, at noon in the X200 Lounge.

A diverse panel of local Korean and Korean-American women will discuss the roles, status and daily life of women in contemporary Korea and the U.S. The panel will emphasize the impact of economic development and modernization on women's lives.

There is no fee.

For more information, call the Office of Women's Programs and Services at 217/351-2541.

Job and Career Fair Mar. 27

More than 80 employers, recruiters and hiring representatives will be on hand to answer questions and give advice during Parkland College's Job and Career Fair Wed., Mar. 27. from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Parkland Gymnasium.

Those who attend can meet with representatives from a variety of career fields, including business, technology, communications, health care, criminal justice, manufacturing, retailing, education, hospitality industry, automotive and agri-business.

Participants can also receive information on the current job market, career rewards and requirements, and interviewing do's and don'ts. Those seeking employment can maximize their visibility in just one day, by filling out job applications, giving their resume to employers who are hiring, and making contacts for career prospects.

The event is free and co-sponsored by the News Gazette.

For more information, call: 217/351-2446.

Glass Working Workshops

Parkland College will sponsor a seven-session workshop on glass workings from Mar. 22 to May 11, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the University of Illinois

Instructor Jon Wolfe will teach a variety of hot glass working processes, including glass blowing and casting, as well as other traditional and contemporary techniques such as etching, cutting, grinding and polishing.

There is a fee.

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For more information, call: 217/351-2508.

A.C.T. Preparation Workshop

High school students who want to prepare for the Enhanced A.C.T. are invited to attend a two-part workshop on Sat., Mar. 23 and 30, from 9 a.m. to noon at Parkland College.

Participants will learn test-taking strategies, the A.C.T. format, and how to increase their scores. The fee for the two sessions, which include six hours of instruction, materials, and refreshments, is \$50. For more information, call: 217/351-2545.

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pendability and punctuali-

"No one person or organization can do it by itself," Hall said.

Developing an educational partnership would involve businesses, K-12 schools, and Parkland, said Ewen. The partnership concept would include developing new kinds of programs, including business training and would help offset government cutsaid.

Hall said the leaders stressed that "Our aging population is a tremendous resource." They are a large part of the population that doesn't commit crime, are well-off economically, have a wealth of experience and background, and play a big part of our civic and church groups which makes them great mentors," he said.

Area leaders agreed

work ethics such as de- backs in education, Ewen that this population often is taken granted and better ways must be found to serve them, Hall said.

> Ewen said ideas expressed at the Conference will be used by Parkland's Planning Committee to develop a strategic plan for 1997-20. In a few weeks, the plan will undergo a review, then be brought to the Parkland College Association Senate before being submitted to the Board of Trustees for final approval.

in spring by Christine Wing News Editor Parkland may have an

automatic teller machine on campus by the end of the semester, one Student Government member stated last Thursday. The installment would require that students/faculty make a total of 2,000 transactions per month. Officers suggested that until the goal was met, the machine might be partially subsidized in some way.

In other business, StuGo President Metreck Hudson announced that any student wishing to travel to the capital with StuGo members for Student Lobby Day in Springfield (April 18) should sign up in the StuGo office (X159) by March 29.

StuGo also announced plans to provide the food for Spring Fling, the annual student/faculty appreciation luncheon to be held May 1.

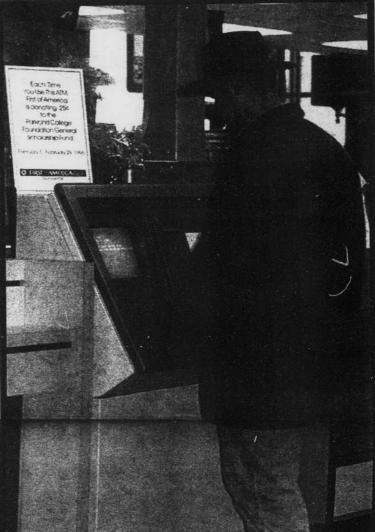


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Food service has room for improvement

To the editors:

Here at Parkland College, I have found some extreme problems concerning the food service at Gulliver's.

First, for a college food service the prices are way out of sight. Second, the employees are by far the rudest people around, and third, they are too lazy to rotate their stock, which means drinking fresh drinks warm or choosing from cold drinks that are to make some major

there ran their business the way I see Gulliver's run they would be out of business.

Back in 1982 Hardee's had the food service here at Parkland, which was much better and more friendly than what is offered today.

I feel that changes are most needed now for everyone, and I would support a boycott against Gulliver's until they are ready changes in customer ser-

If any other person vice, lower pricing and a better selection.

I hope this letter will catch everybody's eyes and (they will) realize that we need to voice our opinions on this matter to the (Prospectus) editors, the student government and the Parkland College Board of Trustees.

I hope that this letter will be the start of a new beginning for the food service at Parkland College.

Bruce Tincher

Story on Black Churches incorrect

To the editors:

Please place in the upcoming edition a correction from the presentation on Black Churches I lectured on 2/28/96. I did not say at any time that "Some black churches changed AME from (African Methodist Episcopal

Methodist Episcopal) to include all races." I know my content was the change of name of the Christian Methodist Episcopal. Before 1954, it was called Colored Methodist Episcopal Church and the name was changed for progressive

Church) to CME (Christian outlook in racial inclusion. Knowing the history of the black church and a good friend of the pastor of the AME Church in Champaign, I would not have made such a gross mistake.

Rev. Roland Brown

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Beyond Help

"Beyond Therapy," a comedy about two people who meet each other through the personal ads after following advice of their therapists, is this year's annual student production at Parkland College. The play written by Christopher Durang and directed by Parkland student Mikel L. Matthews, Jr., of Mahomet will be performed in the Parkland College Theatre on March 22, 23, 28, 29 and 30 at 8 p. m. and on March 24

Featured in the play are Christian Aden of Royal as Bruce (right); Kara Hart of Mahomet as Prudence; Joel Vickers of Des Plaines as Bob; Keith J. Andreys of Champaign as Stuart; Scott Goldstein of Chicago as Andrew; and Heather L. Ronkoske of

Antioch as Charlotte (left). Tickets are \$8 for general admission, \$5 for students and seniors, and will be sold "two for the price of one" for the March 28 performance. For reservations, call the Parkland College Theatre Box Office at 217/351-2528.

Student Voices

If you were given \$1,000 to go anywhere you wanted for Spring Break where would you go? What would you do?



Diana Cabra "I would go cliff-jumping and mountain climbing in Wyoming, then I'd go shopping!"



Donavyn Seay "Las Vegas."



Jeff Garber "I would go to Las Vegas and put the whole thing on #2 Black.'



Kara Hart "I would go to Disney-World. I would stalk all of the walking Mickey Mouses, take the heads and hold them for ransom."

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Choral group to perform Brahms' 'A German Requiem'

by Ira Liebowitz Prospectus Staff Writer

Parkland's choral department will engage in its most ambitious effort ever, a collaboration with a 60-piece, Danville-based orchestra on a major classical work by Johannes Brahms on Mar. 30 and 31.

The Parkland Chamber Choir and the Choral Union will perform A German Requiem with guest conductor Keith Pedersen and the Vermilion Festival Chorus and Orchestra at 7 p.m. in the St. James United Methodist Church in Danville.

The next day, Palm Sunday, at 4 p.m., they will perform at the Wesley United Methodist Church in Urbana.

Parkland music director Sandra Chabot will co-

conduct the work with Pedersen, a Doctor of Musical Arts candidate at the U. of I, and Barbara Zachow, conductor of the Parkland Choral Union.

A German Requiem, written in 1868, is second in world renown only to Handel's Messiah, said Chabot. Requiem was inspired by the deaths of Brahms' mother and his composer friend, Robert Schumann.

"This will be the biggest work that we have prepared," said Chabot, who has directed Parkland's music department since 1980.

Ironically, A German Requiem "bombed" during its premiere, but the work "caught on and it preserved to become a worldwide hit," Chabot said. "It



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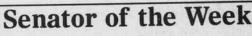
Sandra Chabot (right) conducts the Parkland Chamber Choir, who, along with the Choral Union, will be performing Brahms' 'A German Requiem' in Danville on Mar. 30 and Urbana on Mar. 31.

meaning of life and death. In simplest terms, what this profound genius is saying in his music is that holds a deeply humanistic life is worth it and (that)

after death, it's going to be okay."

Soloists scheduled are soprano Veronica Murua and bass Andrew Bawden,

both of whom have extensive professional backgrounds, according to



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Marrow donors needed for national registry

by Carlarta Ratchford Features Editor

Twenty-seven people, ranging from ages 18-55, signed up to have their names placed in the national bone marrow registry last week.

The Community Blood Services of Illinois came to Parkland Feb. 29 to give students and faculty the chance to have their names placed in the national reg-

"About a year ago, a Parkland student was a match for a patient in southern California," said Sharon Cemashko," donor relations director of the Community Blood Services of Illinois.

Jan Thom, Parkland's Health and Safety Specialist said, "More people need to know about donating bone marrow, especially African-Americans and Asian-Americans."

Fame baseball player and their health history re-

seven-time batting champion who played for the Twins and the Angels, is in need of a donor for his 18year-old daughter who is dying from acute nonlymphocytic leukemia.

She needs a donor who matches her parents' heritage of Black-West India (father) and Russian-Jew (mother).

"People don't realize how important it is to increase the amount of people in the registry," Thom

She added, "If more people are registered, there's an increased chance for a patient to find a match."

She explained the process for donating bone marrow: "First, the donor has to register as a marrowdonor. The potential donor then has to read the informational materials in the bone marrow packet, complete the participation Rod Carew, the Hall of form of consent and have

viewed."

Next, the blood is tested to determine its human leukocyte antigen (HLA) type. This information is kept on a computer, she said.

"If the computerized registry indicates that the marrow type may match any of the patient's, the person will be informed by their donor center coordinator," said Cemashko.

She added that further testing will be done to be sure that the person's HLAtype is compatible with the patient's HLA type.

"If a person is selected as a preliminary match for a specific patient, additional blood samples will be drawn for more detailed marrow information," said

If a person is found to be a suitable match for the patient, she/he will undergo a physical exam by a physician to confirm good health, she said.



<u>Here's a shot in the arm</u>

Phlebotomist and lab coordinator Lynn Gould (1) screens potential donor Angela Williams.

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Champaign County. Each district has its own board of directors and the authority to set its own taxing rate.

Taxing districts currently include those for the county, city, park district, school district, public health, sanitary, forest preserve, mental health, mass transit, Parkland, and the township.

Satterthwaite said because of the number of taxing districts, citizens should realize that the mayor and city council are not responsible for everything that happens in the city.

"Sometimes it's confusing, though," he said.

Satterthwaite said Urbana has a council -mayor government in contrast to Champaign's city manager type of government. In Champaign, the mayor is a voting member of the council. In Urbana, the mayor doesn't vote on the ordinances but has the right to veto. The council needs a super majority of five out of seven members to override the veto.

The city manager is the chief executive officer of Champaign, Satterthwaite said, and the mayor is the chief executive officer in Urbana.

"I use those corporate terms because we are in fact a corporate entity," said Satterthwaite. "We're a municipal corporation."

He said it is the responsibility of the mayor and his staff to provide ordinances that are well written and well researched.



Satterthwaite

Satterthwaite said, "My biggest responsibility is communicating to the council the details of any ordinance or any particular program that we as an administration would like to see take place."

Satterthwaite said he feels challenged by the recent explosion in retail development on North Prospect. As far as Urbana is concerned, he said, sales tax is a large part of rev-

"Urbana citizens are shopping in Champaign," said Satterthwaite, "and so our sales tax dollars are going to Champaign and not Urbana."

His administration has worked hard to keep Urbana's shopping dollars within the city limits, he said. Although the construction of the Meijer store on Philo Road has stalled, Satterthwaite lists as his successes: Herberger's in Lincoln Square, Shelby's in Urbana, Hamp-

ton Inn on University Ave. and Holiday Inn on N. Lincoin, and Schnuck's in Urbana.

Each of these businesses came as a result of a development agreement with the

Said Satterthwaite, "We try to target the types of development that will create more than one type of tax dollar for us." In addition to the property tax, the city collects revenue from sales taxes, motel taxes, and utility fees for these businesses.

Satterthwaite said construction of the Meijer superstore may be on hold, but it was that commercial development which was "a trigger for a residential development in Southeast Ur-

Of the original 110 acres purchased by the Clint Atkins Group, 30 were sold to Meijer; another 20 will be commercial, and 60 acres are to be strictly residential.

Satterthwaite reported that the Atkins Group has purchased an additional 250 acres in close proximity to the Meijer tract. This additional acreage also is slated to be mostly residen-

The Clint Atkins Group was responsible for the extensive development of the North Prospect area. Satterthwaite said Atkins "has the experience and the resources" that Urbana needs.

"We're happy to have a developer involved in whom we have a lot of confidence," he said.

PCTV, channel nine, operates new system

By Terry Caldwell

A new automated system which can broadcast 12 hours of programming at one time, has been set up to handle the airing of tapes on PCTV, Channel 9, Parkland's cable channel on Time Warner.

PCTV airs telecourses during the day and community programming, which is produced at Parkland by professional staff in conjunction with students at night.

Darrin L. Cheney, Coordinator of Instructional Technology and Distance Education, said "Parkland has full control over the channel at this moment and can do live shows if it wishes."

Cheney is hoping eventually to link the school's studio to the system.

Parkland has also completed its new Instructional Television fixed Services (ITFS) system which will allow Parkland to transmit televised classes to rural cable sta-

Mike Miller, dean of will increase access to telecourses and help develop other instructional programming services."

Currently, there are 14 telecourses being aired over the cable channel and 11 on the Instructional TeleClass (ITC) system with plans to expand.

Cheney said "Depending on funding from Springfield we hope to have links to Monticello and Gibson City soon."

As of last fall, there were 277 students on ITC and 343 in telecourses with the numbers to rise. Cheney says that Parkland may also be offering Internet based courses as soon as this fall.

Miller is expecting to expand the current system this summer if the

funding goes through.

Parkland is also planning on forming a link with Mattoon which is the junction for the Prairie Consortium, and hopes to form a link with Eastern Illinois University.



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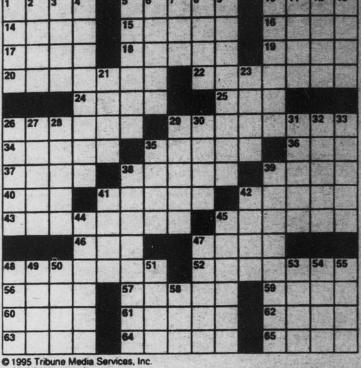
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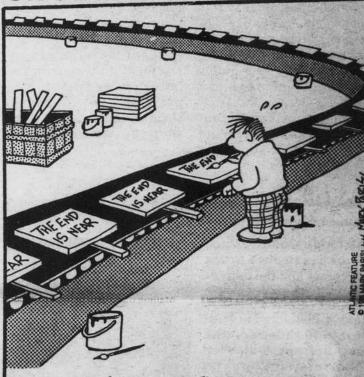
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by Mark Parisi

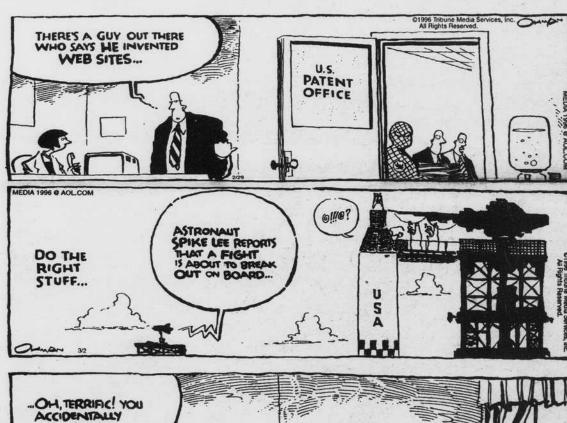


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Parkland signs three recruits for fall season

Parkland College's men's Golf coach Greg Thom has announced the signing of three golfers, including two local players for the 1996-97 school year.

Golfers David Holzner of Mahomet-Seymour and Chad Martin of Watseka will join the Cobras next season.

Holzner finished in a tie for 10th at the Class A state tournament after finishing fourth and 11th in the regional and sectional tournaments, respectively.

Martin finished in a tie for 16th at state following a

Parkland College's 6th-place sectional perforen's Golf coach Greg mance.

The final recruit is Quincy product John Kelly,

who will join another former Blue Devil star, Eric Frese, at Parkland in the

Kelly had several top-five finishes at tournaments last fall and helped his team to a 2nd-place finish at the Class AA state tournament.

The three will team with current Cobra J.T. Towles, a national qualifier this year as a freshman to form the nucleus of next season's team.

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Runner wins athlete of the month honor

Cross-Country and track athlete Caleb Unzicker was recently named the Parkland College Athlete of the Month for January.

The 1994 Judah Christian graduate was recognized for his outstanding achievement in the classroom as well as his athletic performance.

After three semesters, the sophomore physical education major has a perfect 4.0 GPA and hopes to transfer to the University of Illinois and pursue a degree in athletic training.

Unzicker will be nominated later this spring as an NJCAA distinguished Academic All-American.

Inexperienced club starts season

by Brandon Lewis Sports Editor

Parkland baseball coach Rod Lovett will have to remain very patient with his young club this season; this year's Cobra squad will consist of 20 freshmen and only six sophomores — and no returning starting pitchers.

Lovett says he's well aware that, despite his team's high level of talent, it will take time for his team time to gel.

"The talent level on the team is very good," he said. "It's just that they haven't played together before. I expect us to struggle the first half of the season."

In Lovett's six seasons at Parkland, he has produced six straight winning seasons: two Region 24 runners-up and one region 24 champion.

He also currently has 16 players in professional baseball including three, Juan Acevedo and Kevin Roberson of the Mets and Mike Grzanich of the Houston Astros, who are on their respective teams' 40-man rosters.

As if having a extremely young team wasn't enough, the Cobras are currently facing a long season-opening road trip that started Mar. 2 with a 5-3 loss to SE Illinois, followed by 9-5 loss to Wabash Valley Mar. 3. The trip will continue until the Cobras home opener Mar. 26 against Lincoln.

Several key players from the championship

team of '95 will be sorely missed this season.

Shane Heams, last year's team leader in batting average, home runs and RBI's, signed with the Seattle Mariners shortly after the end of last season.

for the Cobras. Lovett feels Moler will help the team greatly with his bat but will need to improve his defense at third base. Another expected offensive leader will be Cory Mcleod, who started off the season well in the two



Hearns could have played one more season with the Cobras.

Brian Passini and Brad Wagers, who were the last season's top pitchers, both graduated, with Passini going to Miami of Ohio and Wagers to the U of I.

Only two players returning this season saw significant action last year: second baseman Mike Blevins, who had been slowed by mononucleosis early this year, and outfielder Frank Caputo.

Of the incoming freshmen, Lovett has several he feels he can rely on to step up for his team. News Gazette player of the year and Centennial High grad Quinn Moler will bat third in the order and play third

games over the weekend, going 3 for 8 and scoring a pair of runs.

On the mound, freshmen Joe Brazas, a former News Gazette All-Area player, and St Louis product Rocky Christisen, will be to frontline pitchers for the Cobras.

Lovett also expects pitching help from Wes Milburn, from baseball factory Cincinnati, who is probably the hardest thrower on the team.

While this year's squad is very deep in talent, their lack of experience will certainly be a problem for Lovett. His impressive record of 255-92-2 during his career at Parkland will certainly be tested during this sure-to-be-interesting season.

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