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Learned value of hard work early
Harris influenced by African-American authors

By Jacob Livengood PROSPECTUS NEWS EDITOR
"I have always had this drive and love for learning," says Dr. Zelema Harris; president of Parkland College, "I've had so much support."

Harris, who came from a southern background in Texas, learned the values of hard work early.
"Living in the South, I knew I could do anything as long as I set my mind to it and worked hard at it," said Harris in an interview last week. "I went to a segregated high school in the South, and they instilled in me a confidence that if problems occur, I could overcome them by working really hard."

And she has.
In her seven-year tenure at the college, Harris has implemented the Child Development Center, the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, the international educational program, the Multicultural Education Center, and the Business Training Center.
"While I don't take credit for ownership of these (programs), I do take credit for the leadership," said Harris, "The people have made it happen. It's not just me."

Dr. Harris' motivation has stemmed from a variety of people.
"There have been so many people that have influenced my life," said Harris. "I think I need everybody. My parents were probably the most influential in my life. Also those teachers that taught me in the segregated fa-


## President Zelema Harris

cilities. I saw that they could overcome many obstacles."
Harris said she was not as influenced by famous national leaders as she was influenced by the people she could hear, touch, and interact with on a daily basis.
"I've been influenced by people rve read," said Harris. "Malcolm X's biography, Ralph Ellison's The Invisible Man. I've probably read every major African-American writerthat is before the proliferation of books. They've each had some kind.of influence on me. Now I try to read as much as I can.'

Harris says being in charge of a college that serves more than 7,000 students requires her to communicate a direction for the College.
"We must respond to so many external and internal forces. It's very hard to communicate sometimes," said Harris. "People sometimes tend to think you just do things - just pull them out of a hat."

Seven years ago, Harris was given a set of cards that included many staff cuts that had occurred and little reserve in the bank.
"They were looking for someone with a human touch," said Harris.
"The most enjoyable part of my job is talking with people. I really enjoy helping to solve problems too."

As for the future, Harris is certainly optimistic.
"Everything we're doing, we're going to do it better - we're going to do it smarter. We're going to utilize technology better. Our faculty are trying to assess student learning with more faculty doing research on student learning. That's a real priority of ours. We're certainly going to increase our number of internet courses. I hope to see an increase in distance education.
"I think you're going to see us partner more with community organizations. We want to use our resources to develop people more."

Harris says she has seen collective leadership take place at the college.
"I really see people leading in their own spheres," said Harris. "People are moving out of their own areas and looking at the College as a whole. I'm really proud of the collegial atmosphere.
"This community college should be so proud because the people are out there saying, 'you're doing a wonderful job."'

She added: "This place is fertile ground for a lot of things to happen."

## Job Fair '97 scheduled for March 19

Parkland and the NewsGazette will sponsor Job Fair ' 97 on March 19 in the Parkland gymnasium.

Some 80 full and parttime employers and approximately 2,000 job seekers are expected to attend the event.

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Job seekers are advised to bring a resume with them because some employers prefer to interview on the spot.

Gerry Hough, director/ Career Planning and Employment Services, says his office will include the resumes of qualified career students in a bound resume booklet distributed to employers.

## Students attend conference

Three students attended the Third Annual Board and Leadership Conference sponsored by the United Way at the College of Law on the UI campus on Feb. 15.

They are: Sadaf Avam, Champaign; Robin Barrow, Urbana, and Dorrie Phelps, Rantoul.

## Ag students take first prize

Parkland College Agriculture students won first place in several categories in the Illinois Post-Secondary Agricultural Student Organization Annual Conference in Peoria, Feb. 7,8.

Students receiving prizes were: (bottom row, $l$ to r) Sara Dueringer, Christy Justus, Anna Pikalova-Hulting, Michelle Short, (second row, $l$ to r) Mark Juodis, Jeremy Enos, Staci Spencer, (top row, $l$ to $r$ ) Tom Pring, Dawn Dietz, Jason Little, and Tim Dawson.

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## $2 / 15$

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| Mathematics | $4.0 \%$ | $\$ 32,055$ |
| Physics | $4.0 \%$ | $\$ 31,972$ |
| Geology | $4.0 \%$ | $\$ 31,606$ |
| Chemistry | $4.0 \%$ | $\$ 31,261$ |
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## Parkland professor of Arts Earns Award

Lake receives award for teaching excellence

Don Lake, a professor of art at Parkland College, has been honored as Parkland's 1997 recipient of the NISOD (National Institute for Staff and Or ganizational Development) Award for excellence in teaching.

As Parkland's recipi
ent of the award, Mr. Lake will receive $\$ 1,000$ from the college and will travel to Austin, TX, for the 1997 NISOD International Conference on Teaching Excellence in May. Mr. Lake and faculty chosen from other community colleges will receive a commemorative medallion at a special ceremony during the conference:

To qualify for the award, a faculty member is required to have five years or more teaching experience at Parkland,
consistently high student evaluations, and a nomi nation by a colleague or department chair, and must submit letters of recommendation and a portfolio supporting teaching excellence.

Mr. Lake has bachelor and master of fine art degrees from Wichita State University in Kansas. He has been a member of the Parkland Art and Design faculty since 1970 and has also maintained a career as a studio artist best known for realist watercolors


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## Parkland Ag students bring home prizes

Students attend annual ag conference<br>by Alice Lawrence Fink STAFF WRITER

Parkland Agriculture students took home first place in several categories in the Illinois Post-Secondary Agricultural Student Organization Annual Conference in Peoria, Feb. 7, 8.

Twenty community colleges with agriculture programs competed.

Dawn Dietz took first place in
the impromptu Speech category Future of Global Position Satellite Technology for Farmers?"
Anna Pikalova-Hulting won first place in the Prepared Speech category by speaking on "Ukrainian Agriculture."

Sara Dueringer, Mark Juodis, Christy Justus, and John Mueller won first place in the Career Planning contest which is open only to first-year students. Each student is interviewed about his/her career goals and must determine what skills and knowledge are needed to meet those goals.

Staci Spencer and Noah Freeman took first place in Career Progress contest, which is open to second-year students from the previous year's Career Planning contest. Their goals must be updated, and they meet with judges to talk
about their progress and any changes made since last year. They have to write a paper on how they would solve a problem in their potential career position.

The work in the computer contest is done as individuals. The top three scores of the five indintified as the team becomes the team score. Parkland was the first place team. Jeremy Enos won first; Christy Justus, second; Jason Little, fourth, and Greg Bradley, ninth. The students must take a written exam and complete a hands-on assignment in word processing and a spreadsheet problem.

Parkland took first in College Bowl. Team members Jason Little, and Tim Dawson won first and fourth places, respectively, in individual judging. Agriculture questions can be from any agricultural category including animal sceince,
crop science, ag mechanics, and ag economics. The Parkland team will go to the national contest
The Agriculture Discussion meet is similar to a debate contest. Tim Dawson, Jason Little, and Christy Justus participated, discussing the topic, "Effects of a Moratorium on Illinois Agriculture Hog Facilities." The contest is judged as individuals. Dawson took first place, Justus sixth, and Little tenth.

Noah Freeman, Parkland sophomore, was elected state reporter, and Carrie Wernz was elected as a representative to the Illinois PAS.

Gordon Ropp, former Illinois Department of Agriculture director, spoke at the conference.

Coaches for the Parkland participants are Bruce Henrikson, Kyle Wittler, and Larry Thurow.


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## Track team coming on strong

On Saturday, Feb. 15, the 200 meter dash in Parkland's track team produced strong performances at the Southern Illinois

University Saluki/USA Open Indoor Invitational

## Carbondale.

Larry Newsome Jr. led the way with a fourth place finish in the 400 meter dash in 50.98 sec onds. Newsome added a 12th place finish in the long jump with a distance of 21-1/2 and 15 th place in
23.60 seconds.

Miguel Martinez produced a solid double as he came in Sth in the 1000 meter run in $2: 42.96$ and then finished the one mile run in $4: 37.03$ good for 14th place.

Josiah Kelly continued to improve his times as he set a personal record in the 600 meter run with a seventh place finish in 1:29.38.

Other Parkland men
performances were Carlos Castro 13th in the 600 in $1: 35.43$ and 25 th in the 200 in 25.14. James Howell was 11 th in the 400 in 52.21 and 16th in the 200 in 23.75.
"The team is really coming around as we are getting ourselves ready for the regional," Head Coach Jeff Bovee said. "Everyone showed improvement which is encouraging."


Photo by Stephanie Hodge

## What Form!

Point guard Yvonne Tarr shoots a jumper vs. Lake Land. The Cobras pulled out the victory 47-46 Thursday.


Jump, Jump
Parkland's Donald Knox shoots a jumper in a game vs. Lake Land College on Thursday.


## Sign here

Parkland track \& field signee Jesse Rhoades will compete for Jeff Bovee's squad next year. (top row from $l$ to $r$ ) Assistant Coach Pharaoh Gay, Head Coach Jeff Bovee (front row from $l$ to $r$ ) Mr. Steve Rhoades and signee Jesse Rhoades.

## Rhoades signs with Parkland track \& field

Jesse Rhoades of Monticello High School signed a letter of intent to compete in track \& field at Parkland.

Rhoades entered his junior year on a high note as he placed fourth in the Illinois Class A State Championships in the shot put
with a school record 54-1.
Rhoades also was a state qualifier in the discus and his personal best of $162-10$ ranked fifth on the final Class A state honor roll.
"I think Jesse will come in and have a great shot of being an AllAmerican next year," said Jeff

Bovee, head coach of Parkland's track team. "His size, work ethic, and natural ability will take him far."

Rhoades will also add two other throwing events to his agenda next year: the indoor 35 pound weight toss and the javelin.
"I chose Parkland because I could stay close to home and Parkland has a nice campus and good facilities," Rhoades said.
"Jesse is not only a great ath lete in track, but he also has impressive credentials in football and wrestling," said Bovee.


Liftoff
Parkland's Matt Van Note goes up for two against Lake Land on Thursday. The Cobras lost to Lake Land, but rebounded to beat Lincoln Saturday.

Winning streak snapped at seven Lady Cobras split with Lakeland

## Lady Cobras 15-10 for the season after Lakeland split

By Nicholas Traxler Prospectus Sports Writer

Riding high on their six game undefeated string, Parkland played host to Lakeland's Lady Lakers Thursday evening.

The Lady Lakers came out lethargic and our squad sprinted out to a 23-17 halftime lead.

The second half saw seven lead changes and each time Lakeland made a run the Lady Cobras responded.

The final outcome was 47-46 as center Carrie Wernz hit the front
end of a 1 and 1 with 20 seconds left to seal the victory.

The Lakeland squad had a chance to win but their three-point attempt with five seconds left on the clock was an airball. The Lady Cobras squeaked to the victory and improved to $15-10$ on the season.

No Lady Cobra scored in double figures. Stephanie Poshard led with 8 points and Toshia Smith pulled down a team high 10 rebounds. Sophomores Ruth Hawthorne, Dane Anne Massey, Stephanie Poshard, Toshia Smith, and Beth Winter would play their last regular season home game on Saturday and they saw their winning streak halted after an impressive seven game run.

Lincoln's Lady Lynx invaded Parkland's Cobra Den and snatched away a 62-56 victory. Irǫnically
this club was the last to defeat the Lady Cobras prior to their run.

Yvonne Tarr connect ed on three 3 pointers and scored a team high 18 points in a losing effort

Lincoln, led by Racheal Peterson's 25 points and 10 rebounds pounded the ball inside for easy layups and foulline opportunities.

The Lady Lynx out pointed the Lady Cobras 16-3 from the free throw line and held an 8 rebound advantage on the boards.

Contributing players for the Lady Cobras included:

- Toshia Smith- 5 pts.
- Dane Anne Massey- 8 pts.
Beth Winter- 8-pts
- Jamie Todd- 11 pts.
- Stephanie Poshard- 2 pts.
Carrie Wernz- 2 pts,
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