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Parkland celebrates women's history



left to right: Emelia Ehrhart, Margret Sanger, Maud Flanders, Sojourner Truth

March 8th was International Women's Day. The United Nations began acknowledging International Women's Day during International Women's Year in 1975. It was during this time that Women's History Month became institutionalized.

Prior to the recognition of March as Women's History month, women celebrated Women's History Week. This week always revolved around the 8th of March because of the historical importance of that day. On March 8th, 1957, one of the first women's organizations went on strike protesting low wages, long hours, and inhumane working conditions in New York City.

This was not the first time women in America had stood up to be counted as equal. The Women's Trade Union League was set up in 1903 to help organize working women. The first Women's Day in America organized in 1908, was on the last Sunday in February. The event called for political and economic rights for women, including the right to vote. In 1909 2,000 people attended the rally in Manhattan. National and International history is full of stories of women making a stand for their civil, political and economic rights.

March 8th was the date of the Office

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Parkland grad successful food broker in Champaign-Urbana

By Stephanie Kirby
Guest Writer

Jeff Hettler is a successful area businessman and Parkland alumnus who still has strong ties to Parkland College.

Hettler graduated from Champaign Central High School and went straight to Parkland where he received an Associate's degree in Business Administration. He then completed his undergraduate degree in marketing at SIU in Carbondale.

Since finishing college and returning to Champaign, Hettler has worked his way up in the food broker business—from Retail Representative to Area Director then to Account Executive and finally to Area Business Manager. Food brokers function as middlemen, representing foods for companies that don't have their own sales representatives and making commissioned profit on sales. Only about 60% of food manufacturer employ food brokers because big corporations such as Proctor & Gamble and Kraft have their own representatives. Hettler says independent food brokers are decreasing in number because of business mergers higher up the food broker chain.

Hettler currently works for Sales

Force Companies Inc. which handles accounts such as International Home Foods, producers of such foods as Brunch & Munch, Chef Boyardee, and Pam cooking spray. The largest of Hettler's 13 accounts is McCormick Spices, a company that produces about 500 different formulations. His company oversees the displays and monitors the products of the companies it represents in 5 grocery chains—Super Value, JM Jones, IGA, County Market and Cub Foods—within a five state region.

Hettler has only positive things to say about Parkland and how his time here helped him get where he is today. He says humbly that he was not a valedictorian or straight A student, but was very "average." He is single and the youngest of 6 children. He remembers his family going on motor home rallies when he was a child—traveling to places such as Florida, New York and Colorado in caravans of motor homes.

He collected coins when he was younger and now collects matchbooks. He guesses he may have 1,000 that he has accumulated over approximately 20 years. He also owns rental houses and enjoys playing golf in his free time as well as listening to music from his extensive CD collection.

Hettler says he wasn't sure what he wanted to do when he got out of high school and that he thought at first he might like to be an accountant. However, he chose the Business Administration program at Parkland and stayed with it.

He feels that more people are needed to work with kids in high school and to direct them towards Parkland. He also thinks most kids should take a year after high school to work or attend a community college like Parkland to figure out what they want to do. He says he doesn't see Parkland doing anything but growing, pointing out that it has an especially good location for doing so.

Hettler is a friend of Parkland College; his business contributes to the Kirby Foods/IGA Scholarship Program, and he is vice president of the Parkland College Alumni



Jeff Hettler

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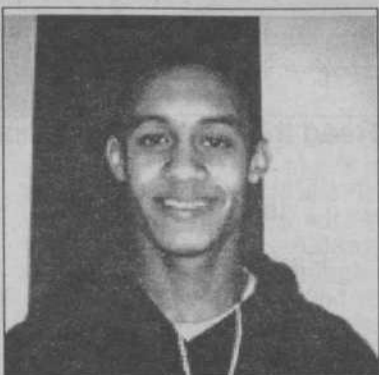
Association, which has approximately 2,000 members.

What would you do if you won a million dollars?

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Chris Harris
Finish getting my car fixed and give the rest to my mom.



Joe Burgess
I would pay for college, buy a couple of new cars, and live in luxury with my very sweet girlfriend.



Tom McDonald
I would buy a house and move to Florida.



Aleria McCray-Truss
I would buy a shelter for crack addicted babies!



Marissa Miller
Give back to my high school for athletics and take care of my Grandparents so they wouldn't have to work.

Campus Calendar

Wednesday, March 22

Cap and Gown measurements will be taken in room X-150 from 9am to 4pm.

The Life Long Learning Institute is hosting a program called The Arts at Parkland in the theatre from 12:00noon to 2:30pm. There is an admission charge.

For more information contact Marilyn Whittaker at (217) 351-2544
Phi Theta Kappa will be meeting in room X-150 from 5 to 6pm. Refreshments will be served. For more information call Umeeta at (217) 373-3868

Thursday, March 23

Cap and Gown measurements will be taken in room X-150 from 9am to 7pm.

Friday, March 24

Cap and Gown measurements will be taken in room X-150 from 9am to 4pm.

Saturday, March 25

The Social Sciences Department is hosting the Young Learner Educational Conference in the theatre from 7:45am to 5:00pm. There is an admission charge.

For more information contact Nancy Gaumer at (217) 351-2447

The Region 4 Science Fair will take place in the Gallery Lounge area starting at 7:30am. For more information contact Rich Blazier at (217) 351-2280.

Sunday, March 26

Parkland's Cheerleaders are holding a silent auction to raise the money needed to attend a national competition. The auction will take place in the Flag lounge from 1 to 3pm. All items for sale have been donated by area businesses. For more information call Jeremy at (217) 353-2347.

Monday, March 27

Parkland will offer the lecture "How to Create a Safety Plan for your Business" from 8am to 5pm at the Business Development Center. For more information call (217) 351-2235.

Tuesday, March 28

Parkland will offer information to adult learners who want to go back to school. Topics addressed will include "feeling old", career options and busy schedules. A campus tour is included. For more information call (217) 351-2482

Wednesday, March 30

The Business Development Center will have workshop titled, "Performance Nutrition for Teen Athletes" from 8:30am to 12noon sponsored by Health Professions Institute. For more information call (217) 351-2235.

SCHOLARSHIPS LIKE "WHOA"

By Trinita Winston
Guest writer

There are four scholarships available through the Student Life Office at Parkland College. These scholarships are available to students at Parkland College who meet the basic requirements and apply. Often times these scholarships are just not applied for.

According to Tom from the Student Life Office, most students do not apply because of their aversion to writing. Tom suggests students utilize the resources available to them here on Campus. "There's nothing against the rules about going to the Writing Center and saying, 'hey-I'm working on this and need some help.'" The Richard D. Norris Scholarship pays 50 cents per word for your writing. Tom's philosophy is, "Why work all those jobs when your tuition could be paid for. We want to give the money away!" The following scholarships are available through Student Life in X-153.

The Richard D. Norris Scholarship: 2- \$500 Scholarships are available for the

upcoming year. The criteria include:

- A minimum G.P.A of 3.0 based on a minimum of 8 hours of college credit at Parkland College.
- A 1,000-word essay on "Why Extracurricular Activities are important to a College Education". (Typed and double-spaced.)
- Previous participation in a school club or organization and current involvement in a school club or organization (intercollegiate activities/sports are excluded).

Student Activities Scholarship: Scholarship will cover in-district tuition for two semesters for up to 12 hours per semester. The criteria include:

- A minimum G.P.A. of 2.5-based on 12 or more cumulative hours earned at Parkland.
- Current enrollment in 8 or more hours.
- A Letter of recommendation from a faculty or staff advisor.
- A 500-1000 word summary

A Journalism Scholarship Award is also available. Requirements for this award will be announced in the next

issue of the Prospectus. For more information and applications, go to the Student Life Office in X-153. All scholarships require financial aid paperwork be filed with the Financial Aid Office.

There are a number of both Private and Parkland scholarships posted outside the Financial Aid Office. There is also information on the Parkland College Financial Aid web page <http://www.parkland.cc.il.us/ss/financial/mainmen1.htm>, which can also be accessed through Parkland's home page.



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Tom from Student Life

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of Women's Programs and Services' Women's History Month Reception this year. The Reception took place in the Gallery Lounge at Parkland College.



Prospectus file photo

The Great American Cowgirl

According to Mary Lee Sargent, director of Women's Programs and Services, one of the most significant reasons for the reception is the celebration of the value of women and the history of their struggles. Sargent believes the institutionalization of Women's History Month has led to more widespread education of Women's History. Institutions such as Parkland College, PBS and WILL increase awareness when they do presentations in recognition of Women's

History.

The presentation at Parkland began with Sargent's introduction to Women's History Month and the reception specifically. Several important historical women were on hand to tell their stories. Florence Nightingale told her story of not only battling sexual stereotypes and boundaries, but socio-economic ones as well. Annie Oakley could not make an appearance because of her conviction to keep her guns, but a representation of the Great American Cowgirl did make an appearance to tell the story of women fighting stereotypes in the "Old West." Dorothy Parker presented a view of her contribution to society. Dorothy was not only a drama critic for Vanity Fair and The New Yorker in the early 1900's, but an author and poet as well. She read 6 of her short and wonderfully satirical poems, each a view of her perception of the male dominated world in which she lived. Sojourner Truth was also in attendance as well as other historical women. These women are just a few who shaped our world today with their courage and dedication. Sargent reminded us that all women are able to change the world. For every woman who makes it into the history books, there are 1000's of women who changed the world but did not make it into the books.

The event was not only a time to celebrate the uniqueness, power, and capabilities of women but also, as Lena Lewis stated in 1910, "a day for anticipating all the struggles to come." Esther Patt, the keynote speaker at the

event is currently an Urbana City Council Member, and has been active in the community for many years taking part in numerous projects. Patt gave a motivational speech urging women to get involved in their communities and in politics. She stated very clearly that women do make a difference. Patt urges women to "make your voice heard" because "our lives depend upon it."

Patt spoke passionately on the issue of welfare reform saying that those currently in power do not understand how important the state aid is for so many single mothers. Patt explained that here in America women who are married are scolded for not staying at home while unmarried women are frowned at for staying home with their small children. Patt also touched on the troubling issue of quality affordable day care. The demand far outweighs the supply.

According to Patt there are some key things you can do to influence your community and the world.

- Be registered to vote at your current address.
- Show up to vote. If you don't state your position at the polls, nobody is going to come and ask you personally what you want.
- Be an informed voter. Go to the debates. Call local organizations active in areas of interest to you and find out whom they endorse. Call the campaign head quarters of the candidates. Make smart votes.
- Spread the word. Talk to others and encourage them to be active. Networking (word of mouth) is the best advertisement going. Get out there and let others know they can make a difference. Writing letters to the editors of newspapers is also a good way to let a lot of people know where you stand.
- Tell your congressman where you stand on important issues. Those who represent us in Congress need to know how we feel to better serve our interests.

There are countless ways to get involved. The best thing to do is get out there and get the information. Network with other women, and women's rights groups. Don't let someone else decide your future.



Dorothy Parker

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Town Officials Upset Over Prospect Of Exotic Dancing At Bar Near U Of I

by TMS Campus

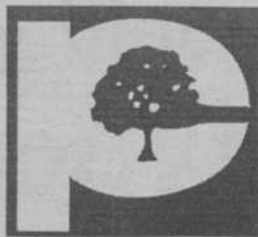
CHAMPAIGN (TMS) -- A downtown bar near the University of Illinois that's planning to offer exotic dancing has some students excited, and city officials scrambling to stop the stripping before it starts.

News of the nude dancing at a bar named "Mabel's" has upset business owners and city officials, who have worked for years to upgrade and revitalize portions of the downtown area. They fear the adult entertainment will drive away family-friendly businesses and pose safety risks. Some business owners are already rescheduling their staffs to ensure men are on duty at night when the bar offers strip shows.

"Right in the heart of what we're trying to do is a strip-tease place," Champaign Mayor Jerry Schweighart told the Daily Illini. "(Bar owners) are going to do whatever the hell they can to make a buck."

If they're not successful in thwarting the exotic dancing altogether, city officials say they're determined to regulate the heck out of it. City council members are considering proposed legislation that would bar alcohol consumption during performances and would require dancers to maintain a certain distance from patrons.

The shows are scheduled to start March 24.



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Wednesday, March 22

WWF comes to Assembly Hall
The World Wrestling Federation will be at the Assembly Hall. The event will start at 7:30pm. For ticket information call (217) 333-5000.

Thursday, March 23

Beats by Otter

Brass Rail 15 E. University Ave. Champaign. For more information call 352-7512.

Friday, March 24

Symphony

The University of Illinois Wind Symphonic Band will perform at Krannert Center at 8pm. For Ticket information call (217) 333-6280

Fish Fry

Saint Patrick's Church will have a fish fry from 5:30 to 7pm. Proceeds go to the Father Charles Martell Scholarship program of Urbana Knights of Columbus.

Saturday, March 25

Fish Fry & Mountain Oysters
VFW Post 5520 at 609 Edgebrook in Champaign will have an "All You Can Eat" from noon to 4pm. Cost is \$4 per person.

Broadway Spectacular

The Champaign-Urbana Symphony with the Parkland Chorus and Chorale will be performing at Krannert starting at 8pm. For ticket information call (217) 333-6280.

Railroad Show

The Annual Urbana Model Railroad Show starts at 10am on Saturday and 11am on Sunday at Lincoln Square Shopping Center. The event closes at 6pm on Saturday and 5pm on Sunday. Call (217) 367-4092 for more information.

Monday, March 27

Volunteer Orientation
The Center for Women in Transition is having their Spring/Summer volunteer orientation from 6:30 to 9:30pm. Prospective volunteers will learn about current volunteer opportunities, the history and mission of the center, tour our houses and meet the staff. For more information or to reserve a spot call Belinda at (217) 352-7151 or email bemeyn@soltec.net.

Victor Victoria

Victor Victoria will be at the Assembly Hall with the performance beginning at 7:30pm.

Tuesday, March 28

Comedy

The Have Nots, comedy improv, will be in the lobby at Krannert at 12noon. The performance is free. Call (217) 333-2860 for more information.

Thursday, March 30

Public Lecture

Anne Burkus-Chasson, University of Illinois School of Art and Design, Fellow at the Center for Advanced Study, 1998-99, will give a lecture entitled Visual Hermeneutics and the Art of Turning the Page: Liu Yuan's Lingyan'ge and Chinese Illustrated Fiction of the Late Seventeenth Century. The lecture will be given in the Presentation Room, 912 W. Illinois St. in Urbana at 12 noon. For more information call (217) 333-6729 for on-line at <http://www.cas.uiuc.edu>.

Bashing the Gay-Bashers

by Renee Lee
Auburn University

So, I'm sitting in a waiting room ready for the nurse to proclaim her verdict on the cause of my state of illness. After a thorough, 15-second inspection of my fingernails, I decided to peruse the room's limited reading options.

My first choice of the stack of "Little Golden Books" didn't take very long to zip through, and being sick and tired, I just didn't have the intellectual stamina for "Time." Thus, I was left with my third and final option, 'the pamphlets.'

I sifted through several titles, including "Ten Questions You Are Too Embarrassed To Ask!" After reading the first three, I decided I wasn't whom the writers were trying to reach, so I moved past "Examining Your Prostate" to a bright turquoise little number which read, "Respecting Others: What You Can Do To Stop Gay Bashing."

The contents were about as lame as I expected, obviously having been dumbed down to the level of their target audience: those who can breathe only with their mouths open and who actually have to be told in plain English that beating up gay people is wrong. The pamphlet even offered helpful definitions of terms such as "gay" and "lesbian" for those who might be unfamiliar with all the newfangled "queer lingo."

For the most part, I got very little from the literature (if you can call it that), but it did remind me of the severity of the problems homosexuals face throughout the world and yes, even in our own communities. Because hating an individual on the basis of his or her sexual preference doesn't even enter my mind, I occasionally forget there are individuals out there who do. When I'm hanging out with both my gay and straight friends, thoughts of with whom or what they've had sex recently doesn't even enter into my realm of thinking. So, I forget there are people in the world who base their entire moral existence on the sexual preferences of others (including cute, purple FICTIONAL characters).

Even though this kind of intolerance is quite common and often viewed as merely a

matter of upholding the standards of common decency, I'm always surprised when I'm faced with it. Naturally, most people aren't as bold as to walk up screaming "Go to hell, faggots!" with their Bibles waving in the air. Most people seem to prefer the more passive-aggressive (or chicken-shit) method of muttering to one another as they pass by, making sidelong glances filled with a mixture of fear and derision.

It has been my experience that many "normal" people treat homosexuals as a centering attraction created solely for their viewing displeasure.

I find myself constantly defending my gay friends to others, including members of my own family. Most of their remarks tend to revolve around the belief that homosexuality is unnatural, and therefore, wrong. I've tried to offer examples found in nature to contradict this (Chimpanzees often engage in lesbian sex.). I've even pointed out the research findings of Simon LeVay, who discovered a slight difference in the brains of gay men and straight men. (If you want more info, look it up, but this is also true.)

People who are opposed to homosexuality don't want to hear evidence to the contrary because they don't want to change their opinions. Whether they're hiding behind their religious beliefs or 'pseudo-science,' the core of their prejudice against homosexuals is the same as every other kind of prejudice: ignorance and fear of what they do not understand.

Many people balk when I use the term prejudice under these circumstances. Even though it is not my intention to anger anyone in doing so, I still stand behind what I say. Being prejudiced is still being prejudiced regardless of who you are, and it isn't always defined in such dramatic ways as torturing someone, tying them to a fence, and leaving them out in the elements to die. Prejudice is not always a matter of elaborate gesture. It is also a cruel joke, or a derisive comment muttered under your breath as you hurry past. It is hating someone because they're not like you.



Dear Terri:

Dear Terri,
My girlfriend left me. I don't know how to get her back. I have heard that she is still in love with me, but I am not sure how to go about getting her back. What is the best way to go about getting her to be my girlfriend again?

Lonely

Dear Lonely,
This girl seems pretty important to you. Telling her that she is important to you is a good start. If she "left" you, she was probably unhappy with some part of your relationship. Asking her what made her unhappy enough to end the relationship is also a good way to begin understanding how she feels.
Many people tend to fall into a "let me tell you how much I love you" role

when they are trying to repair a damaged relationship. For the most part this is not the right way to go. It is very important to Listen to the people whom you love. Taking the time and effort to attempt to understand how someone feels is a great way to show that person that you do care about them.
Listening is probably the most important skill in any relationship any of us will ever have. Relationships, of all

kinds, take work by all parties involved; you can not build the relationship for both of you. If your ex does not want to be in a relationship with you, you are better off finding a new relationship.
It is always hard to end a relationship. Good luck with this, and always make sure you are taking care of yourself both emotionally and physically.
Terri

Letters can be sent to Dear Terri c/o the Parkland Prospectus at 2400 W. Bradley Ave. Champaign, IL 61821-2216 or dropped in the Dear Terri box outside the Prospectus office (X155). Submit letters by e-mail to dearTerri@parkland.cc.il.us. All letters can remain anonymous.

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Passing Notes: Internet Postings-For-Pay Unnerve Colleges

by Ted Gregory
Chicago Tribune

Andrew Coburn is studying bioengineering at the University of Illinois at Chicago with the dream of one day designing tissue to replace ruined ligaments. He already has a very marketable skill, however: taking notes.

Coburn, a senior from Lombard, earned \$2,000 last semester for posting the notes from his psychology class on a Web site. He was the top note-taker for Study24-7.com, a company that pays Coburn according to how many people look at his site. For that diligence, Study24-7 rewarded Coburn and his wife with an 8-day trip to Hawaii.

"Every single day," Coburn said wistfully, "my wife and I think about that trip. Every single day."

University and college administrators have been

thinking a lot about Coburn and thousands like him who, with a few keystrokes, are becoming a controversial influence in higher education. Sprouting across the country in the last two years, e-businesses that pay college students for their notes are generating serious concern as well as praise.

Critics say the enterprises corrupt classroom learning and violate professors' intellectual-property rights. Supporters say the sites help students learn, create a healthy exchange of knowledge and have almost no effect on class attendance.

"The key is that commercial enterprises are intruding into the world of the classroom," said Mathieu Deflem, assistant professor of sociology at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Ind., a leading critic of the note-taking e-businesses.

"The relationship in the classroom is very sensitive,"

said Deflem, who created a Web site last fall that serves as a clearinghouse of the commercial services (<http://www.sla.purdue.edu/people/soc/mdeflem/>). "It is upheld only with respect and dignity. Students and teachers should be left alone with that."

Added Jonathan R. Alger, counsel for the American Association of University Professors, in Washington, D.C.: "I don't feel that the thing is inherently evil, but the lesson that it sends to students is that even the classroom experience is up for sale. Everything has a price." Companies providing notes on the Web contend that the service is a supplement—not a substitute—for class. Furthermore, they say that professors typically encourage students to compare notes with classmates and that notes on the Internet are the evolution of a service that has been on campuses for

decades.

"Students make the decision to skip classes for a number of reasons," said Janet Cardinell, director of campus relations for Versity.com, which calls itself the fastest-growing "academic community." She conceded, however, that her company and others like it may provide a reason. StudentU.com President Oran Wolf, who made his national launch in fall 1999, said he had "a handful of professors calling and expressing their displeasure." This semester, he said, "we haven't had any."

Wolf added that professors who might check attendance after a paid note-taker arrived in their class would find little if any difference. "Students know better than to use it as a substitute," he said. Coburn and other note-takers interviewed agreed. He said blaming him for students missing class is similar to a killer blaming violent, graphic music for a murderous rampage.

"We're all adults here," he said. "You go to college. I'm not responsible for you. You're responsible for yourself. You're in control of yourself."

Although it is unclear exactly how many note-selling e-businesses exist—Deflem has counted 13—the three major players say that they each have student note-takers on more than 100 campuses. The three, which make their money from ads on the Web site, also claim to have note-takers in thousands of classrooms.

Illinois schools are well covered. Versity.com, which says it has note-takers in nearly 7,000 classrooms on 147 campuses, is at Eastern Illinois, Illinois State, Southern Illinois in Carbondale, the University of Illinois at Chicago and Urbana-Champaign and Western Illinois.

StudentU.com, which says it has 121 campuses covered, has note-takers at DePaul University, Illinois State, Northern Illinois, Southern Illinois and both major campuses of the University of Illinois.

Study24-7.com, Coburn's employers, says it works on 300 campuses throughout North America and Europe, including the University of Illinois' campuses, the Illinois Institute of Technology, SIU, EIU, WIU, NIU, DePaul, Illinois State, Bradley, Chicago State and Loyola.

As the companies spread faster than dirty laundry on a dorm room floor, professors and university administrators are debating the trend.

"Students have many ways of learning," said Michael Cummings, an associate professor of genetics at UIC who lectures for Coburn's educational and financial benefit. "If this is another way that they can use to learn the material, then I'm all for it."

Coburn informed Cummings at the semester's first class that he planned to take notes for pay. Cummings allowed it. Since then, Cummings reported, about four students have told him Coburn's notes have been very helpful, and attendance

for the class has remained steady at about 200 students. Cummings and other professors did warn that students who depend solely on the notes from a Web site are "running the risk" of assuming the notes are accurate and complete. Also, Cummings said, students who cut class miss valuable interaction between the professor and students.

"Part of the challenge of learning and being a good student is knowing how to take good notes," Cummings said, repeating the sentiments of many professors. "That's a required skill, and I don't want to do anything to stop the students from acquiring that skill."

Cummings is in a slightly different position from other professors when it comes to potential intellectual-property infringement. He wrote the textbook he uses in the genetics class, leaving him unconcerned about losing compensation.

For other professors, though, the issue is acute, particularly when it comes to any inaccuracies in the notes. E-businesses tell note-takers to paraphrase notes, and the companies are quick to point out that the notes are one student's impressions of a class—all as disclaimers against intellectual-property infringement.

"I don't see anything positive in this," said Daniel Sutherland, a philosophy professor at UIC whose lectures are being chronicled by a student working for Versity.com. Sutherland called the note-takers "carpetbaggers."

"I look at this," Sutherland said, while reviewing the student's notes, which he said included a handful of glaring errors, "and they're misrepresenting my words. I'm embarrassed. I don't want to have anything to do with it."

"If you're a good student, this would be a waste of time. Your time would be better spent playing Nintendo."

Many universities, including the University of Illinois, DePaul, the University of Chicago, Northwestern and Loyola, have no specific policy on selling notes on the Web, and no universities have filed a lawsuit against an e-business for the practice.

In September, however, the University of California at Los Angeles sent a letter demanding that Versity.com drop UCLA courses from its offerings. The letter stated that "commercial use of class notes or recordings constitutes an unauthorized commercial activity in violation of the UCLA Regulations on Activities, Registered Organizations and Use of Properties." Versity.com left UCLA.

The University of Minnesota's faculty senate declared Feb. 24 that the selling of notes for commercial purposes violates that school's student conduct code.

The next day, Yale University took it a step further, demanding in a letter hinting at litigation that Versity.com stop posting Yale notes on the Web "or we will take further action." Versity.com dropped Yale the same day.

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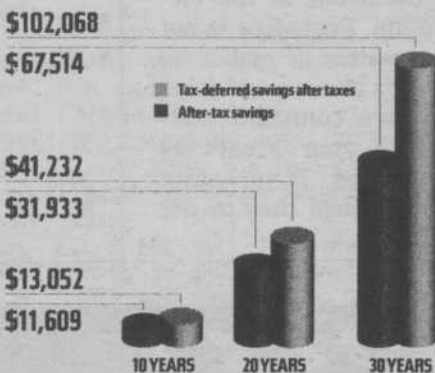
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Eastern Illinois University to Offer Information Night at PC

Staff Writer
Eight directors and advisors will speak and counsel prospective students at the Eastern Illinois University Off-Campus Degree Programs Information Night in the Parkland Flag Lounge from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday (March 27).

The event is for present and prospective students to learn more about the four-year degree programs and classes that EIU offers at Parkland.

Pat Hufmeyer, EIU School of Adult & Continuing Education Representative at Parkland, said information will be given on each program and brochures will be available as well as time allowed for questions and answers.

Eastern class enrollments total more than 900 at Parkland this semester, Hufmeyer said. EIU now offers three bachelors programs and two masters programs that can be completed on the Parkland campus. Fifty classes are being offered here this spring semester, including several internet classes.

Directors and advisors from the following programs will be available at the event to answer questions regarding the various programs Eastern offers at Parkland:

Dr. Kaye Woodward, Director of the Board of

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Dr. Wayne Chandler, Associate Chair for the Lumpkin College of Business

Kathy Bennett, Assistant to the Dean of Lumpkin College of Business — Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

Dr. Joyce Felstehausen, Professor & Advisor, School of Technology — Bachelor of Science Degree in Career Occupations

Dr. Jane Wayland, Coordinator & Advisor — Lumpkin College of Business — Masters in Business Administration Degree

Dr. Mahyar Izadi, Chair, School of Technology — Master of Science in Technology Degree

Pam Collins, Interim Director, EIU School of Adult & Continuing Education Off-Campus Credit and Contract programs

The EIU School of Adult & Continuing Education Office offers undergraduate bachelor degree completing programs that build on college credit earned from community colleges and other four-year institutions combined with upper division courses offered by EIU at Parkland.

Pat Hufmeyer's office is located in the Adult Degree Completion Center, X 107/phone: 217-351-2543

Routine traffic stop not so "Routine"

By Theresa Landgraver
News Editor

Illinois State Troopers stopped a semi truck for Improper Lane Usage just before 4:00 p.m. on Friday, March 10. The truck, coming from Texas was destined for Chicago. Something aroused the suspicions of the troopers, and permission to search the truck was requested. Consent was given and troopers began searching the truck. A hidden compartment was found in the cab of the truck. Upon opening the compartment officers found over \$1,000,000.00 worth of cocaine and the largest amount of brown heroin ever to be seized from a traffic stop in Illinois.

The driver, Jesus Ramos age 50 of California, and Margarito Camberos age 42 of Texas, were both arrested. The two are charged with various counts of Controlled Substance Trafficking and Unlawful Possession of Controlled Substance with Intent to Deliver. Bond was set for \$2,000,000.00 for each man. Arraignment was set for Monday, March 13 at 1:30pm.

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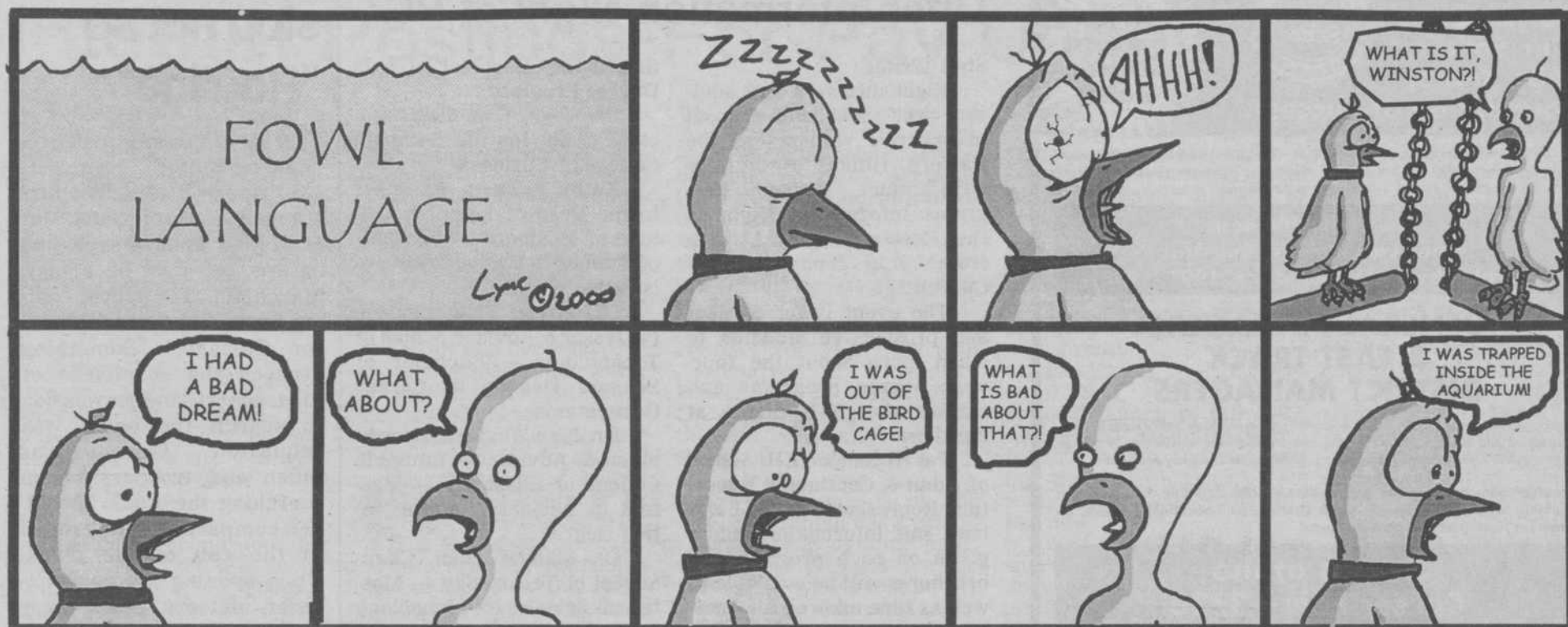
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Weekly Horoscopes

March 20th through 26th

by Linda Black
TMS Campus

Aries (March 21-April 19). The sun is in your sign now, so you're looking better than ever! You can afford to compromise on Monday and Tuesday, and that makes you even more attractive. Be careful with money on Wednesday and Thursday, and you could make a shrewd deal. Around Friday, you should start thinking about sports and travel. If you're going on a limb this weekend, take safety precautions.

Taurus (April 20-May 20). This week, you're liable to be contemplative and interested in finishing old business. Make work your top priority on Monday and Tuesday. Give your attention to a partner on Wednesday and Thursday, and you'll most likely win the argument. Review your notes about a big purchase on Friday and get it over the weekend.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). Monday and Tuesday should be a lot of fun. So many great invitations, so little time! Schedule some private time to contemplate your future on Wednesday. Thursday and Friday could be tough, but you should have most of the problems solved by this weekend. Go ahead and fall in love again, then.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). This week, push yourself to use your talents. On Monday and Tuesday, you have too much to do. Delegate. You'll be more decisive on Wednesday and Thursday. You may have help by then, too, which is good. Paperwork dominates on Friday and Saturday. Get rid of accumulated junk this weekend by recy-

cling as much as possible, of course.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). You want to go someplace and have fun this week, but Monday's not your best day to start. You may even have a breakdown on Tuesday and Wednesday. Fix it on Thursday and Friday so you can get out of town as early as possible on Friday. Something romantic would be perfect.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Money is important this week, especially on Monday and Tuesday. Look for ways to legally transform other people's money into your own. Wednesday and Thursday are good days to study, so learn a new way to get rich. Somebody's got to do it, might as well be you. Finish up business on Friday and hide out at home for a low-key weekend.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Partnerships are important to you this week, and you're important to someone else, too. You're looking good on Monday, especially. On Tuesday and Wednesday, you'll think more about practical matters, like how to get the money you want. Creative work pays well on Thursday and Friday, so maybe you can afford an interesting excursion this weekend.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll work harder this week, so take care. You could get nervous on Monday, due to a perceived lack of control. Take care of paperwork on Tuesday, and you'll feel much better. You'll come on strong Wednesday and Thursday, much to your inner delight. The money should come in on Friday, and that condition could extend through the weekend. So, if you can get overtime, take it!

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're entering a fun four-week phase. Congratulations. You may have to pick and choose between engagements on Monday and Tuesday. There are simply not enough hours in those days. Consider the bottom line on Wednesday and Thursday before you make some tough decisions on Friday. Over the weekend, get out and play where you have room to run.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You may decide to take on a big household project soon. Work requires your attention on Monday and Tuesday, though. Enroll a team for support on Wednesday and Thursday. You're getting luckier in romance around Friday. Plan and prepare this weekend so you'll be ready to launch early next week.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb 18). This should be a good week for you to study. On Monday and Tuesday, your communication skills could be excellent. How about going back for another degree or credential? From Wednesday through Friday, you may wish you already had it. Get together with friends this weekend. A team-style sport activity would be especially relaxing.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20). Your confidence should be in good shape by now. So, go out and make a bunch of money. On Monday and Tuesday, learn how to invest wisely. You might have mechanical difficulties on Wednesday or Thursday, so watch out. By Friday, you should be able to fix them. Listen to an older person over the weekend, and you may find out how to win at a game you've been losing.

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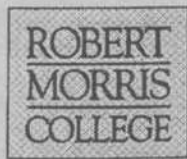
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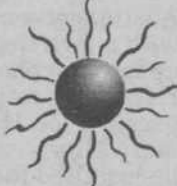
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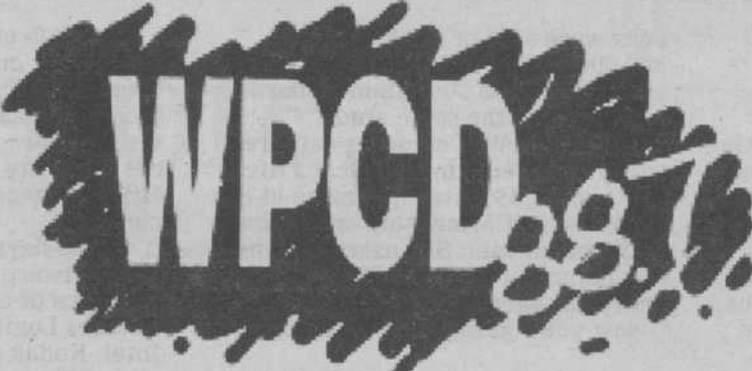
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Students Put Public Housing In Whole New Light

by Melita Marie Garza
Chicago Tribune

Clark Lundell and his industrial design students from Alabama were confounded by what they saw when they took a walk through the darkened stairways of the Robert Taylor Homes.

More precisely, they were confounded by what they couldn't see.

"At 12 o'clock noon on a July summer day you can't see your hand in front of you," Lundell said. "There are 17-story staircases without a single light in them."

The challenge of providing adequate lighting in public housing complexes has defied housing officials across the country for years. Vandals break the bulbs or steal them. Drug dealers, who prefer to work in the shadows, shoot out the lights and residents are left in the dark, literally, as they try to find their front doors.

Enter Lundell and his Auburn University students, whose bright idea—a "vandal-resistant" light fixture—is adding a small measure of safety to residents who for years have lived in darkness in the poorest, most densely populated housing development in the nation.

Working in collaboration with the Chicago Housing Authority and the U.S. Department of Energy, Auburn's College of Architecture, Design and Construction set out to solve the light problems that aggravate the dangers and inconveniences of living in public housing. Taylor Homes was the laboratory.

"It's a big improvement. Now I feel safer and more comfortable," said Mary Reed, president of the Robert Taylor Homes building at 4525 S. Federal St.

Reed's building was the first to get the lights, which cost \$75 each and have a bulb life of at least 10,000 hours.

The lights cast a soft glow on graying white tiled walls that are covered with four-letter words and other graffiti.

The lens covering the lights is made of a new fluorescent polycarbonate and has a unique sag, or droop, designed to take abuse from baseball bats and bullets. Even if shot with a 9 mm handgun, the lights won't shatter. Boil them; they won't melt.

The lights also purportedly were made theft-proof. But the student designers, who took on the assignment as a class project, underestimated the ingenuity of some CHA residents. Three of the six prototype lights initially installed in October were lifted, fixtures and all.

The bulbs were designed so they can't be screwed into standard sockets, leading Chicago Housing Authority officials to figure it's just a matter of time before residents realize there is no point in trying to steal a bulb they can't use to replace the one that burned out in their kitchen.

As an additional precaution, the CHA is considering gluing the lights into the sockets with an adhesive used for automobile trim, making the lights virtually impossible to take apart.

The students found the project illuminating, though in a different way from CHA residents.

"We saw rooms that were burned out, doors off the hinges and smelled a really foul odor," said Glen Boyd, who helped finalize the development of the light fixture. "It was a classic example of urban decay and a very eye-opening experience."

The potential for the lights extends beyond the CHA. The manufacturer, Lithonia Lighting, a Conyers, Ga.-based division of National Service Indus-

tries Inc., is considering marketing them to other city housing authorities.

Jim Nelson, director of rough service products for Lithonia, extolled the new light's design virtues, principally its mushroom-shaped lens.

"A flat lens is easier to break than one that has an arc, and because it protrudes, you not only have light, you have the psychological presence of light," Nelson said.

"It's attractive too," he added. "It looks like something that should be on a Lake Shore Drive high-rise."

The old fixtures were about 12 inches square and dropped from the ceiling, making them easy to shatter with baseball bats and weapons, said David Anderson, manager of technical services for the CHA.

The students, who began the project in 1998, developed more than 40 prototypes before the CHA settled on this one. A primary advantage of the design is that it fits into the recesses left by the old lights.

Garth Urice, a graduate student who worked on the project, tested the lights, first pummeling them repeatedly with a metal baseball bat. "The Lexan got scratched up, but it didn't break," Urice said.

Next, Urice went out in a field near his home and shot the fixtures with a 9 mm handgun. A model made with bulletproof Lexan survived, but the standard Lexan used for the CHA lights was perforated. The light still worked, however.

Lundell doubted that many people would try to shoot out the lights because the bullets could ricochet off the concrete behind the light.

"They stand a pretty good chance of the bullet coming right back at them," he said



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Students Focus Web Cameras On Everyday Dorm Life

by Elizabeth Simnacher
Knight-Ridder Tribune

Carri Brodnax recently was talking long-distance from her Florida home to her boyfriend Ryan Scott, a Southern Methodist University senior, when the connection suddenly went dead.

Luckily, Ms. Brodnax's brother had already been online, so she quickly clicked on Mr. Scott's home page because she knew that her boyfriend's dorm room would be visible, thanks to a Web camera that was up and running.

There, Ms. Brodnax could see a seconds-old photo of Mr. Scott. "She saw me leaning back in my chair against the wall," Mr. Scott says.

Mr. Scott, who was diagnosed as an epileptic when he was in high school, had experienced a grand mal seizure.

Ms. Brodnax called Mr. Scott's mother, who managed to get medical attention for him in Dallas by calling 911 in Orlando, Fla. He received help fast, thanks partly to the Web camera connected to the PC in his dorm room.

College students such as Mr. Scott are using some of the millions of inexpensive Web cameras to transmit pictures of dorm rooms and apartments on their Web pages, mostly just because they can.

Three popular sites featuring student home pages equipped with Webcams are Real College Life (www.realcollegelife.com), College Cams (www.college-cams.com) and WebDorm (www.webdorm.com).

Many feature shots of the staples of college life: messy rooms and dirty dishes in the sink.

A 1999 Logitech-Greenfield Online study of teens and college students found that 63 percent keep in touch with their families and friends more now than three years ago, thanks in part to Webcams. The same study found that 39 percent either used or were familiar with Web camera technology.

A study commissioned by Intel estimated that 2.5 million Web cam-

eras were sold in 1999, up from 350,000 in 1997. By 2001, the projected sales will be 10 million cameras, according to the same study.

Typically, Web cameras capture everyday events in a student's life.

Amanda, 19, is a sophomore at the University of Minnesota and a devoted Webcam user. She asked that her last name not be used. She says she gets messages from viewers such as, "I saw you folding your clothes."

Inevitably, there are long, boring stretches: "I let people watch me sleep," Amanda says.

"It's just fun," she says when asked why she photographs her life and puts it on the Internet. Her friends generally don't mind, she says. "We're a crazy bunch."

But why broadcast your life?

Lillian Beeson studies communication at the University of Pittsburgh/Greensburg campus, where she is an associate professor and the director of the Humanities Academic Village.

"I don't understand this usage myself," says Dr. Beeson. "I guess this is the age of exhibitionism for some. Look at the talk shows."

Or perhaps students are experiencing the same sense of community that mass media generated when a good portion of us watched the same television shows at the same time, Dr. Beeson says. Or, simply put, maybe "they get a kick out of watching each other."

For several reasons, college students are a natural market for Web cameras.

"College students are consummate communicators," says Bruce Friedrichs, senior vice president of worldwide marketing at Logitech, a company that makes PC peripherals, including a Web camera called Quick Cam. "You're looking at a generation that grew up on the Internet," he says.

"College students probably are the most Internet-heavy group, and they have good Internet connections in their dorm rooms," says Allison Mahoney, a spokeswoman for the college-oriented Web site WebDorm.

The Web cameras are "embraced by popular culture," says Mr. Friedrichs. In the last six months, Web cameras have appeared on television shows including 3rd Rock from the Sun, Ally McBeal and Beverly Hills 90210 and in the movie American Pie.

These days, a basic Web camera and software cost about \$50 -- around the price of a college textbook. Besides Logitech, makers include Intel, Kodak and Creative Labs. All also offer models in the \$80 to \$150 range. These offer higher resolution and more features.

Finally, college students are psychologically ripe for the Web camera phenomenon.

"They're in a very social part of their lives," says Mr. Friedrichs. They may be separated from family and friends for the first time.

Mr. Scott bought his Web camera as a way to keep in touch with his girlfriend and mother in Florida.

With the increase in geographically separated families, Webcams have become a new tool.

"In that sense, I think it could help families get closer together," says Dr. Beeson.

Katie Maris, 24, a graduate student in business and journalism at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, uses her Webcam exclusively as a videophone. She communicates with her parents, who live about an hour's drive away.

Not only can she see her parents while they talk, "it's free that way" because calls are just another Internet activity, she notes. Video calls must be prearranged, but the process is pretty self-explanatory, she says.

Ms. Maris also has used her Web camera to have videoconferences with other students from Japan, Spain and Latin America, she says. She has used video phone calls to brush up on her Spanish.

On many sites with Webcams, it's possible to summon the cam owner for an impromptu plain-text chat.

Darren Rose, 21, a senior from Houston at the University of Texas at

Austin, got a camera to communicate with a girlfriend. He says he likes to update the photo on his home page frequently so people know that he uses it a lot. He has counted many more "hits" -- visits to his page -- since he installed the cam, up to a couple hundred a day, he says.

At first, Mr. Rose would forget that he was on camera and do things he didn't want to broadcast -- like change his clothes, he says. Now when he wants to shut the world out, "I just turn it off or point it up at the ceiling."

There's just one little problem. "My roommate doesn't like it," says Mr. Rose. His roommate runs past the camera hoping that the Webcam will miss him. But his girlfriend has really gotten into it and friends are OK with it, he says.

But not everybody gets a warning. "Sometimes," he admits, "I like to surprise them."

Other students with Web cameras say friends and roommates don't mind or like the Webcam.

Right now, it's a wild, wild world out there, and some Web cameras record nudity and even sex.

The nudity issue could be the reason there seem to be more male students with Webcams than females, Amanda, the student at the University of Minnesota, agreed. She has a FAQ, or frequently asked questions, page that explains she doesn't do nudity.

Mr. Scott says the same: "I'm conscious of it 1/8th the cam 3/8 if I'm doing something I wouldn't want my mother to see."

WebDorm has an agreement binding its WebDormers to non-offensive images only. This agreement is only a preventive measure, according to WebDorm spokeswoman Ms. Mahoney.

"We have not had any problems with obscenity or indecency," she writes.

"In fact, the worst thing that happened was some frat boys came home a little drunk one night and mooned the camera."

Someone you should know...

Guest Writer

Maria Thompson is a remarkable woman. She is taking advantage of the possibilities before her. This 33-year-old works full time, has a family, and is going to school to earn bachelor's degrees. She is working on two degrees at this time. One degree is in Business Administration and the other is in Computer Science. Maria is able to do all this through a great deal of self-discipline and because she knows about an educational program designed for working people.

Maria already had an associate's degree in business management from Parkland College when she heard about a new partnership between the Parkland College and Franklin University in Columbus Ohio. The program works by building on a student's work completed at the community college level. Students who have completed an associate's degree or equivalent take any necessary prerequisites at Parkland College and then take the final course needed for the bachelor's degree online from Franklin University.

When Maria found this program she did not hesitate.

When asked how she liked it, Maria said, "This is perfect. This is what I need to fit my life and everything that's going on in it. When I saw this I thought it was too good to be true. I know I'm not the only one out here who has this need. I want to quit my job and go back to school full time to complete my degree, but yet, you've got to eat."

Franklin currently offers six undergraduate degrees online: Business Administration, Health Services Administration, Computer Science, Management Information Systems, Technical Administration, and Public Safety Management. Accelerated courses are currently being and are planned for the 2000-2001 school year.

Thompson said she chose both Business Administration and Computer Science because, "I want to have the Business Administration part because I think it's an important part to go along with Computer Science. I also want to have that technical degree. Most people that just have Computer Science tend not to have the communication skills, as far as being able to communicate with other departments and don't have

that business side of the career. I want the best of both worlds, really.

Right now Maria is working on her pre-requisites for the general education requirement for both Business Administration and Computer Science from Parkland College. She is also enrolled in



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one online class at Franklin.

When asked about going to school on-line, Maria says it is the only way she could consider getting her bachelor degree. "That is the whole reason I was attracted to this.

When I found out more about this program, I just jumped right on it. Because I have to work and I have to take care of my family it's hard for me to just take off work for a couple of hours a day to commute back and forth and go take classes. This was just a fantastic opportunity for me to take advantage of with my work schedule and my life and my needs right now."

Maria says she found the support she needs from Parkland College staff. "With Advising, Financial Aid and everything else they've really taken on giving students supports that's needed. They can really track students and get them on the type of career path that they want. They have taken up a real big responsibility and concern in giving students support and guidance they need."

"We are proud to be in partnership with Franklin University to offer an accessible and quality program in higher education," said Carmel Calsyn, Assistant Dean, Extended Learning. Parkland College has created the Adult Degree Completion Center to facilitate the efforts of adult students aspiring to earn their Bachelor's or Mas-

ter's Degree. The center works as a clearinghouse of information for nontraditional students and offers them support throughout their educational endeavor. The cooperative effort between Franklin University and Parkland College is a perfect example of the way Parkland serves the adults in central Illinois with unique and flexible education opportunities.

Franklin University serves more than 6,000 non-traditional students every year at its campus in Columbus, Ohio. In addition to offering 6 majors through the bachelor's degree completion program, the university also offers 17 undergraduate degrees on campus and 3 master's degree programs.

Maria is working on her goals in a plan-full way, thanks in part to Parkland College and Franklin University. Maria has a lot going on, as anyone with both a job and a family knows. Undertaking college without these other two tasks is difficult enough as any student can attest to. With Maria's determination she will accomplish her dreams.

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Student Government Elections are Coming!

Student Government Elections are to be held in the College Center on April 3rd, 4th and 5th. The Student Government at Parkland College has been compared to a State Representative. Members of Student Government among other duties, sit on various committees acting as a voice for students. If you are interested in running for Student Government, there is still time to get your name on the ballot, but that time is running out. The deadline for applications and petitions is Friday, March 24. Those interested in need to be enrolled in at least 8 credit hours and have a GPA of no less than 2.0.

A meeting for the Candidates for the 2000 election will be held on March 27. For more information on Student Government or upcoming elections call either the Student Life Office in room X-153 at (217) 351-2593 or the Student Government Office in room X-159 at (217) 351-2227. Applications and Petitions are available outside the Student Life Office.

Clinton Administration Bans Gasoline Additive MTBE

by William Neikirk
Knight-Ridder Tribune

WASHINGTON -- In what it described as a major boost to the ethanol industry, the Clinton administration moved Monday to ban an oil-based gasoline additive known as MTBE and seek the use of renewable fuels -- notably corn-based ethanol -- in its place.

The announcement came after intensive lobbying by members of the Illinois congressional delegation and representatives of the ethanol and corn-growers industries. Corn-rich Illinois and Iowa are the two of the nation's leading producers of ethanol and stand the most to benefit from its increased use.

However, some Illinois politicians reacted with more skepticism and other state officials pointed out ethanol-blended gasoline could be barred in the Chicago area this summer unless the Environmental Protection Agency relaxes its emissions standards.

In Monday's announcement, EPA Administrator Carol Browner cited evidence that MTBE contaminates drinking water and causes cancer. She said she is launching regulatory action to ban the so-called MTBE oxygenate, widely used in gasoline to help reduce emissions and smog, within three years.

Browner asked Congress to pre-empt this time-consum-

ing regulatory step and quickly rewrite the Clean Air Act to slash or eliminate MTBE usage in gasoline. In addition, she urged approval of a new fuel standard that would require ethanol and other renewable fuels to constitute a small percentage of motor fuels. The target percentage was not announced, but officials said they expect a doubling from the current 1.25 percent level.

In so doing, the administration would do away with the requirement that oxygen, which helps gasoline burn cleaner, constitute 2 percent of blended gasolines formulated to reduce pollution.

Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., who personally urged Clinton to ban MTBE and promote a wider usage of ethanol in gasoline, said the industry now has the burden of showing that it can increase production. The state has a number of ethanol production facilities, including several owned by Archer Daniels Midland Co., the Decatur-based agribusiness giant.

Rep. Ray LaHood, R-Ill., a strong proponent of increased ethanol production, added: "I think this opens the door pretty wide for ethanol. I think we have to make the case for it. It puts us in the driver's seat." One in every six rows of corn in Illinois goes to ethanol production, he said.

Sen. Peter Fitzgerald, R-Ill., who introduced a bill two weeks ago to ban MTBE,

praised the government's action but disagreed with the EPA's proposal, saying it did not go far enough in allowing ethanol expansion.

"The effect would be to keep ethanol usage at current levels instead of giving it the chance to take the MTBE share, some 80 percent of the market currently," he said.

State officials also fear that a new and tougher EPA emission standard that went into effect Jan. 1 in the Chicago area will prevent usage of ethanol-blended fuel in the city during the summer months when pollution is highest.

Ethanol, typically 10 percent of blended gasoline, is not as effective as MTBE in controlling emissions. But Illinois officials have been pressing the EPA to give the city an exemption this summer on grounds that ethanol is superior in cutting carbon monoxide levels.

An official in Durbin's office said Illinois officials are still working with the EPA to relax the standard so that ethanol-blended fuel can be sold in Chicago this summer. This official added that if the EPA does not bend, refiners have assured the state of Illinois they make a less-polluting, but more expensive ethanol blend that can be sold in Chicago.

Rep. Tom Ewing, R-Ill., said he was impressed with neither the administration's announcement nor its claims

of a dramatic increase in ethanol production and usage.

"I think the EPA is treading water and dancing in one spot," he said. "The phase out of MTBE is all right, but they limit ethanol to the same percentage in gasoline that it is now. They do nothing to assure the Chicago market for ethanol this summer. It is all bureaucratic mumbo-jumbo."

Ewing added that the Clean Air Act would never be rewritten in an election year. "That's just too political, and it won't happen," he said.

The administration proposed to do away with the oxygenate standard and replace it with a renewable fuels standard so that ethanol and other grain-based fuels could be blended with gasoline.

"We need to begin now to eliminate MTBE from gasoline and move to safer alternatives, like ethanol, because Americans deserve both clean air and clean water, and never one at the expense of the other," Browner told reporters.

Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman said the ethanol industry has grown from 100 million gallons in 1981 to 1.5 billion gallons last year, with 5 percent of domestic corn production used every year to produce the fuel.

The secretary said subsidies for ethanol would remain in effect despite the new moves. The subsidies, sharply criticized by Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., during the GOP presidential campaign,

are set to expire in 2007 unless Congress reauthorizes them.

In addition, Glickman announced that the Commodity Credit Corp. would spend \$100 million this year and \$150 million in 2001 and 2002 in incentive payments to help industry "expand production of bio-based fuels."

Critics said one of the main problems with alternative fuels is that they require too much energy to produce a gallon of fuel. President Clinton cited this efficiency problem in discussing proposals for expansion of ethanol usage with Illinois lawmakers.

Trevor Guthmiller, executive director of the American Coalition for Ethanol, a trade association, said plants that convert corn to ethanol have been growing more efficient and will be more so if the demand for the fuel increases as anticipated under the administration's program.

But the Illinois Corn Growers Association said the plan lacks substance and offers little immediate hope to increase the ethanol market prior to the presidential election.

Rodney Weinzierl, the group's executive director, said the proposal "isn't going to fly in this session of Congress. The administration has put the plan forward so it can later say that it tried to do something but Congress wouldn't act."

U. Of Illinois Professor Wages War Against Drinking

by William Lee
Campus Correspondent -
Western Illinois University

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. (TMS) -- A professor at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign who said he's fed up with the large number of student alcohol poisonings on campus is waging a one-man war against excessive drinking that critics say borders on outright prohibition.

Mark Roszkowski, a business administration professor, has proposed ideas to city officials that even he concedes are tough. His ideas include the regulation of off-campus house parties where alcohol is served, and a ban on the sale of beer kegs and pitchers at local bars. He also backs the police chief's recommendation that the city raise the bar entry age from 19 to 21.

"I'm not proposing prohibition," Roszkowski said. "Alcohol is available under conditions which encourage abusive behavior. (We need) to set a few standards and make people drink slower because (drinking) has gotten

out of hand."

He pointed out that 51 UI students have been hospitalized for alcohol poisoning during the current school year, including 16 during the current semester. Roszkowski also mentioned a recent incident on campus in which police raided a house party and found five kegs.

Roszkowski said he believes popular culture encourages addictive behavior these days, and he believes society is fueling some students' drive to drink. Taking away easy access to alcohol makes it more difficult for people to abuse it, he said. Despite what Roszkowski's fans insist are only good intentions, one local merchant said more rules is not the solution to excessive drinking.

"The last thing we need is more rules and regulations," said Jack Troxell, the owner of a chain of area liquor stores. "What we need is a re-evaluation of what's on the board and the enforcement of those existing rules."

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Medical Web Sites Make For An Educated Patient

by Bob Condor
Chicago Tribune

In early January, Jody Brannon was breaking out in hives for the first time in her life. She didn't know if the stress of working long hours was the cause. Neither did her doctor.

"The calls to the doctor produced nothing," she recalled. "So I went on the Internet."

The decision was familiar enough territory for Brannon. She is managing editor of news operations for the Washington Post's online site - <http://www.washingtonpost.com/> -- and supervised the "launch" of the newspaper's Internet health site last April. What's more, Brannon classifies herself among the growing number of patients who have the potential to "know a little more than my doctors do" by checking out health information on the Web. She made the point at a recent "E-health" forum sponsored by Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism.

Depending on which organization is doing the analysis, it is estimated somewhere between 12 percent and nearly 50 percent of people with access to the Internet are using it at least sometimes for health information. The exact number is less important than the fact that just two years ago, the percentages were in the single digits.

In Brannon's case, she figured maybe her asthma medication was the problem. She

started her search for information at the Post's Web site, but the new drug her doctor prescribed wasn't on the database. She visited four other sites with good reputations to look through their drug databases.

Nothing.

Then she logged onto <http://www.WebMD.com/>. There she found out her new drug could indeed cause hives as a side effect. She stopped taking the pills and called her doctor, who prescribed a different medication for controlling Brannon's asthma without the hives.

So Brannon's Internet search came with a happy ending. More important to Dr. Ricardo Martinez, also on the Northwestern panel, was Brannon's act of "closing the loop" by talking to her doctor about her decision to stop taking the medication. He didn't mind the plug for WebMD.com, either, because he is senior vice president of health affairs for the Internet site.

Martinez said a "healthier relationship" between doctor and patient can be a powerful legacy for Internet health sites. Along with helping patients prepare for doctor visits, there might be even greater rewards afterward.

"Studies show most patients don't remember (the details) of interactions with doctors," he said. "Questions come later. I have physician friends who are answering a lot of those questions on-line for patients, usually with

nurses doing the followup. The flow of communication is much better."

He urged health consumers to seek their own levels of information -- not a surprising stance for a guy who works for a health-oriented Web site -- but also to remember the "knowledge and experience" of doctors can still prove quite valuable.

Just what level of information patients are seeking is a highly individual matter. Some consumers want simple explanations, panelists said, while others can't print out enough documentation.

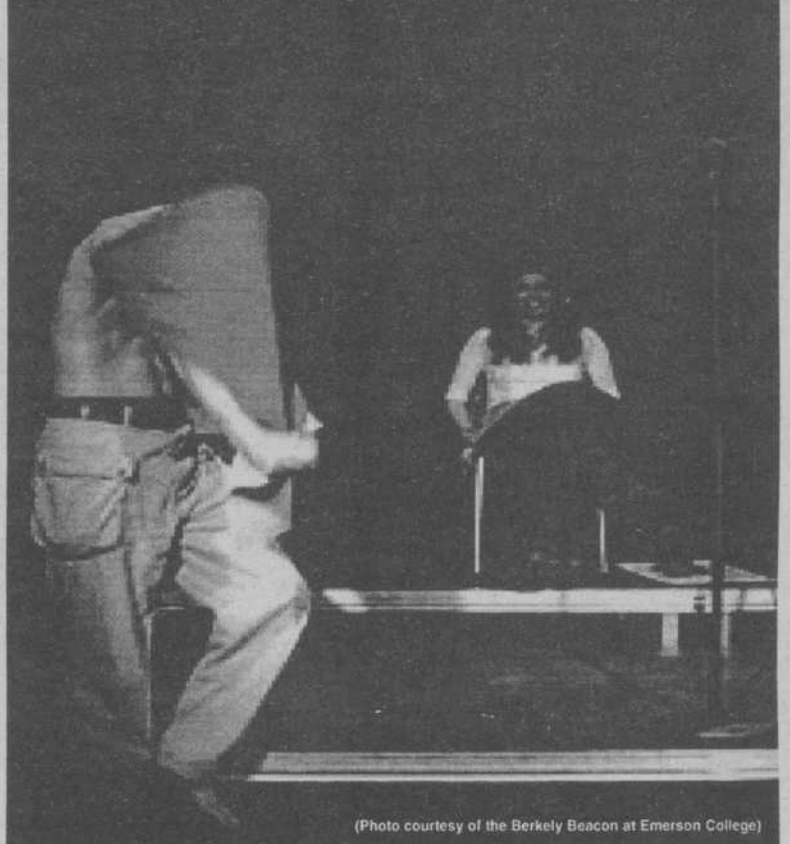
Bill Silberg is executive editor for <http://www.medscape.com/> -- a site started in 1995 to provide research information to doctors and other health professionals. He estimated about 500,000 registered members on the site, or about one-third of the total visitors, are consumers seeking the most detailed medical studies.

"People no longer have to go through a 'learned intermediary' or interpreter for their health information," said Silberg, a former editor at the Journal of the American Medical Association. "The (person with) a chronic condition who has been getting information from the National Academy of Sciences and the National Library of Medicine probably does know more than his or her physician."

If you ask Jody Brannon, she'll tell you there's nothing wrong with that.

Poets Prepared To Bare It All For Their Art

After his poem fails to impress the crowd, Freshman Tom Sigsby strips for the judges.



(Photo courtesy of the Berkely Beacon at Emerson College)

by Tania Mejer
Campus Correspondent -
Emerson College

BOSTON (TMS) -- Tired of hosting poorly attended meetings, one literary magazine at Emerson College decided a little nudity might encourage student interest in their publication.

Their ploy -- an evening of "strip poetry" -- worked. Bards bared it all -- or almost all -- for a chance to strike a pose.

Editors from "The Emerson Review," one of the campus' magazines, served as judges, holding up signs stating "yeah, baby" for poems they liked and "take it off" for those they didn't.

A three-poem limit was designed to prevent full nudity -- but freshman acting major Tom Sigsby came close nevertheless. By the end of the evening, he had been stripped to his pants.

"The judges didn't like my poetry because they wanted me to take my clothes off," he said. "It's a conspiracy. All four judges were women."

Nope, gender had nothing to do with it, said April Marriner, one of the contest's judges.

"We're a very strict panel," she said.

Other poets managed to make it through the night without having to strip to their skivvies in front of the 20 students who attended.

The idea to sponsor a night of strip poetry was "just for fun, to get people to know who we are and what we do," said Laurie McKenna, the magazine's editor-in-chief.

Magazine editors considered the event such a success that they may reconsider the three-poem limit for future events.

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Attention Transfer Students

By Barbara Ann Voss
Guest writer

The Transfer Center will be hosting two Transfer Fairs. At either Fair, students can get information from various Colleges and Universities that accept transfer students.

On Monday, March 27 private Illinois Colleges and Universities will be at Parkland College to discuss transfer options. The representatives from these schools will be in the Flag Lounge from 10am to 1pm. The private schools that will have representatives here include Augustana, Bradley, Columbia College, Elmhurst, Monmouth, Eureka, Loyola, MacMurray, McKendree, Milikin, Olivet, Robert Morris

and Saint Xavier.

On Thursday, March 30, state universities will be at Parkland College for State University Transfer Day. Representatives of these schools will be in the Flag Lounge from 10:30am to 1pm. The state universities include Chicago State, Eastern Illinois, Governors State, Illinois State, Northern Illinois, Southern Illinois (Carbondale and Edwardsville), University of Illinois (Urbana-Champaign, Springfield, and Chicago) and Western Illinois University. For more information on either transfer fair call the Transfer Center at Parkland College at (217) 353-2644.



MEN'S BASEBALL POISED FOR CONFERENCE PLAY

By Sean Thiel
Staff Writer

The Parkland College men's baseball team returned home after a successful road trip. The men traveled to Panama City Florida for games against teams from all over the Midwest. The Cobras went 8-3 on their spring break trip, to improve to 13-6 for the season. The team's defensive consistency and overall team cohesiveness that the men have displayed will be needed as they are set to break into conference play this week against Spoon River. They will match up against Spoon River at

home this Friday March 24th @2pm.

The offensive numbers have been manufactured with speed and timely hitting. The big sticks so far this season for the Cobras has been Jim Ross and his .520 batting average, Mike Hamby, Grant Steffens and Mike Hamby have also contributed with the bulk of the offensive production. Chris Reed, Parkland's version of Bob Uecker, has been hit by pitches a lucky 13 times this season.

The arms are plentiful and lively for the men this spring. Adam Jamison, Eric Xidis, Heath Heiberger and Mike Quinlan lead the cobras in ERA, none with an average

over 2.45. Xidis leads all pitching categories early on with 4 wins, 33 K's, and a 1.62 ERA.

This great start has not gone unnoticed. The NJCAA has Parkland ranked #8 nationally and #1 in Region 24. The men will get a chance to prove that they belong in the national polls as they host Blackhawk College this Saturday March 25th @ 1pm. The Blackhawk's are ranked #4 by the NJCAA.

A good turnout is expected for this matchup of nationally ranked programs. The weather is forecast to be great so come out and support your Cobras as they face a tough test.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL HONORS ITS OWN

By Sean Thiel
Staff Writer

The Athletic department honored this season's top performers in women's basketball. Carrie Yerkey continued to shine for the Cobras capturing MVP honors. Yerkey lead the Lady Cobras with nearly 15 points and 3 assists per game.

Carrie Rieck was recognized for her yeoman like job on the boards. Rieck aver-

aged almost ten rebounds a game and had a single game high 19 boards against Lincoln Land.

The team's most improved and most versatile players will be back for the lady cobras next season. Tara Ohnesorge and Kim Crot are expected to contribute offensively for Coach Tim Wulf.

Brianna Williams was recognized as the top defensive player for the lady cobras. Williams is a 1998 graduate of Moweagua High School.

Internet Reporters Getting Locked Out Of NCAA Tournament

by TMS Campus

CHICAGO (TMS) -- Reporters who work for Internet-based news organizations have had a hard time getting media credentials to cover the Division I men's basketball tournament in Indianapolis.

NCAA officials say with all the Web journalists figured in, there are too many requests for too few

seats. They're also having a tough time distinguishing between "legitimate and non-legitimate" Web sites, said Jim Marchiony, media director for the championship game. NCAA officials have been guided by the thinking that Web reporters affiliated with other media outlets, such as TV networks, should be able to use information gathered by reporters from their partner companies.

The association isn't using the greatest logic, said Jim Brown, associate dean of Indiana University's school of journalism.

"Of course they're (the NCAA) behind the times," he said. "The fact of the matter is that pictures on a Web site are much more brilliant and compelling than pictures in a newspaper."

Brown also noted that the problem of identifying legitimate

media should be nothing new to the NCAA.

"When everything was in print ... there were the wannabe sports photographers who just wanted to hand around the aura of the athletes and coaches," he said.

The NCAA is planning to review its credential policies this summer.

Overview Of NCAA Men's Regionals

by Paul White, Tom White and Harry Minium
Knight-Ridder Tribune

EAST

First-round sites: Buffalo, N.Y.; Winston-Salem, N.C.

Top seeds: 1. Duke (27-4). 2. Temple (26-5). 3. Oklahoma State (24-6) 4. Illinois (21-9).

Team to watch: No. 5 Florida. The Gators are talented, and their up-tempo style is suited for NCAA-type upsets.

Surprised to be there: Lamar (15-15) was seeded seventh in the Southland Conference tournament before sweeping to victories over Louisiana-Monroe, Southwest Texas State and Northwestern State.

Best first-round game: No. 4 Illinois vs. No. 13 Penn. Fighting Illini will have trouble scoring against the in-your-face defense of the Quakers, champs of the Ivy League.

Upset special: No. 10 Seton Hall over No. 7 Oregon. The Pirates shoot down the Ducks from 3-point range.

Keep your eye on: Duke's Chris Carrawell was the ACC's Player of the Year. Enough said.

But don't overlook: Temple's Pepe Sanchez. He averaged just 6.4 points per game, but was the Atlantic 10 Player of

the Year because of his floor leadership, including 8.5 assists per game.

Overall strength: Is at the top. Temple could have been a No. 1 seed.

Did you know: Michael Jordan, no relation to the other MJ, is Penn's go-to guy. The 6-foot guard averages 16 points per game.

SOUTH

First-round sites: Nashville, Tenn.; Birmingham, Ala.

Top seeds: 1. Stanford (26-3). 2. Cincinnati (28-3). 3. Ohio State (22-6). 4. Tennessee (24-6).

Team to watch: Ohio State. Buckeyes had won five straight before upset loss to Penn State in SEC tournament.

Surprised to be there: Arkansas. Razorbacks had to win their way into the NCAAs by beating four ranked teams in four days to win the SEC tournament.

Best first-round game: North Carolina vs. Missouri. Ex-Duke standout Quinn Snyder leads his Tigers against the hated Heels.

Upset special: Arkansas over Miami. If Hurricanes watched that SEC tournament, they have to be just a little worried.

Keep your eye on: Ohio State's Scoonie Penn (15.2 ppg, 4.5 apg) and Michael Redd (17.3 ppg) are the country's top guard combo.

But don't overlook: Tennessee's Tony Harris (15.1 ppg, 4.2 apg) is one of the nation's top guards.

Overall strength: Quality from seeds 1-6. Three teams in this region -- Stanford, Cincy and defending national champ UConn, held No. 1 at some point this season.

Did you know: Cincinnati's 16-0 record marked the first time a team had gone through the league unbeaten in Conference USA history.

MIDWEST

First-round sites: Cleveland, Minneapolis

Top seeds: 1. Michigan State (26-7). 2. Iowa State (25-5). 3. Maryland (24-9). 4. Syracuse (24-5).

Team to watch: No. 5 Kentucky. The Wildcats typically know how to get it done at tournament time. Their No. 4 RPI ranking is worth noting, too.

Surprised to be there: No. 12 St. Bonaventure. The Bonnies probably got the final at-large bid.

Best first-round game: No. 7

Auburn vs. No. 10 Creighton. The Missouri Valley Conference tournament champs could really make the Chris Porter-less Tigers sweat.

Upset special: No. 6 seed UCLA over No. 3 Maryland. Bruins are under-seeded with JaRon Rush in the lineup, as Terps may find out.

Keep your eye on: No. 2 Iowa State's Big 12 Player of the Year Marcus Fizer (22.7 ppg, 7.6 rpg), the best player you probably haven't seen.

But don't overlook: Syracuse big man-deluxe Etan Thomas, who if he avoids foul trouble can dominate at both ends. He's the fourth-leading shot-blocker in the country.

Overall strength: This region looks brutal, especially if the glamour seeds in the 5-7 slots -- Kentucky, UCLA and Auburn -- find top form.

Did you know: Michigan State's seven losses are a record high for a No. 1 seed.

WEST

First-round sites: Salt Lake City; Tucson, Ariz.

Top seeds: 1. Arizona (26-2). 2. St. John's (24-7). 3. Oklahoma (26-6). 4. LSU (26-5).

Team to watch: LSU. The under-appreciated Tigers (26-5) had won 10 straight before being upset by Arkansas in

SEC final.

Surprised to be there: Indiana State. Early win over Indiana must've stuck with the Sycamores till the end.

Best first-round game: Dayton vs. Purdue. Oliver Purnell's Flyers have won five of their last six and own quality wins over Kentucky and Miami this season.

Upset special: Louisville over St. John's. Louisville's playing well enough to be play the bad guy in the Red Storm's soap opera.

Keep your eye on: Stromile Swift. LSU sophomore shoots 62 percent from the field, was third in SEC in scoring (16.5) and fifth in rebounding (8.2).

But don't overlook: Jason Gardner. Arizona guard was freshman of the year in some circles, averaging 13 points and five assists a game.

Overall strength: Stanford would love to trade places with Arizona and play in this not-so-deep region.

Did you know: LSU wasn't just left out of the preseason Top 25, it wasn't even among the 59 teams who got poll votes.

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