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Parkland's Lisa Barnes Wins USA Today Academic Award

Over 5.3 million people register as students in America's community colleges. Sixteen hundred students are nominated to be Academic All-Americans. Few are chosen. Twenty trophies, each accompanied by a \$2500 scholarship, are handed out annually at the Academic Association of Community Colleges Convention, bringing national attention to students' academic success-



Photo by Andre Moraes

es, leadership, and service. At this year's ceremony in Seattle, Parkland College student Lisa Barnes was one of those scholarship recipients. She is now recognized as a member of the First Team of the 12th Annual All-USA Community and Junior College Academic Teams. This program to honor outstanding two-year college students is sponsored by USA Today.

As a PC Business major, Barnes has maintained a 4.0 GPA while working in various offices around campus. Currently, she maintains work hours in the Staerkel Planetarium, is meeting coordinator for Student Ambassadors for the Office of Admissions, Public Relations @ Publicity Secretary for Phi Theta Kappa, and a Student Government senator. Through Phi Theta Kappa, Lisa has been a volunteer for Crisis Nursery, and coordinated this year's book drive through Pages For All Ages. She has been a science fair judge, programming associate for Black History Month, and a member of the Academic Assessment Committee. Lisa notes that her career goal is to be a real estate investor.

The Prospectus congratulates Lisa on this national award and commends her for the outstanding contributions she has made to Parkland while she has been a student here.

2002 Degree and Certificate Candidates Listed on Pages 4 & 5

2002 Developmental English Writing Contest Winner

Ms. Ashley Adams is the winner of the 2002 Developmental English Writing Contest. Her essay was chosen as the winner by a panel of fellow Parkland Developmental English students. Her instructor is Seth Mendelowitz. For her efforts she wins the \$200 award. A special thanks goes out to contest sponsors: The Parkland Humanities Department, the Office of Student Life, Parkland College Student Government and the Prospectus. Second place winner was Ms. Suzanne Avila. Her instructor is Cynthia Biggers. Ms. Avila's award is a \$100 book voucher for the Parkland College Bookstore. Developmental English instructor Steve Rutledge organized and chaired the project.

Following is the winning essay, reprinted with permission from the author.

MY NEW FOCUS ON LIFE by Ashley Adams

I have never really been one of those people who watches the news or reads the paper everyday, except for the horoscope section. I never really paid much attention to what was going on in the world until now, that is! I woke up around eleven o'clock a.m. on that horrifying September day, to watch my daily soap opera. When I turned on the television, though, there was some kind of news program on. So, as I usually would, I turned the television off. Not even five minutes had passed, and my mother called to tell me about the planes crashing into the World Trade Center, and the Pentagon. I turned the news back on, and froze as I watched the tragic events that had occurred.

It seemed so fictitious, so surreal, like a bad dream. Naturally I did not know a thing about either of the buildings that were destroyed, but I learned about them really fast.

My first cousin worked in the Pentagon building, and happened to be working on September 11. He was just typing away at his computer, when less than two hundred yards from him the wall started to collapse. I just cannot imagine the overwhelming shock and fear he had to sense from this experience! I would have been hysterical, had I been in his position. I would not wish that occurrence on even my

worst enemy. I am sure that it would take a serious toll on someone's life.

Many dire things have happened in America such as shootings and bombings, but I suppose I have just tried to ignore them. I feel like I have been selfish, in a way, because how on earth would these victims' families be able to ignore what happened?

I was really worried about my cousin, because we didn't hear anything from our family; we didn't know if he was okay, or even alive. We could not reach them by phone, because when we tried to call it said their phone line was temporarily disconnected. So, all we could do was sit and wait. There was a very good chance that my cousin Mark was one of those missing people from the results of the tragedy, but he also could have been just fine. Either way, we had no way of knowing what the case was. We continued to watch the television, and the more we watched, the more we worried! Really, the only hope we had was that there were many professionals out there taking charge, and taking care of the situation. I could tell that they were doing their best to ensure everyone's safety. Finally, my uncle called and told us that Mark was okay. He said that he and Mark were writing back and forth on the computer, and in the middle of a normal conversation Mark told him that something very bizarre suddenly happened. My uncle told him to try and stay on line for as long as possible, for he knew it was the only way they could continue to communicate. Eventually, Mark was unable to stay at his computer, and nobody heard another word from him until the next day. We still worried about him, but until something else happened, we were sure he would be alright.

In the past, I didn't pay enough attention to all of my family. I guess I sort of took them for granted, assuming that they would always be there. This even, however, has given me a serious reason to be more concerned for them, and their well being. You never can predict when something like this is going to happen, and when you are not prepared for it, it hits you ten times worse.

Even though we received word that my cousin and family were okay, I sadly kept watching the tele-

vision, as people spoke of losing their loved ones. My heart went out to those people, with great empathy. I realized it could have been one of my family members out there sharing their awful experience. Some were telling stories of how their moms or dads were killed. I could not help but cry, and want to reach out and hug them. I cannot believe how emotional I got from watching these people I didn't even know. I just could not hide my feelings. One woman who spoke, had lost her husband on one of the airplanes. He had called her on his cell phone to let her know that they would probably never see each other again. Through her tears, she said that her little girl kept wanting to talk to her daddy. I think that this is the most heartbreaking thing I have ever heard in my life. Can you imagine how hard it would be to answer that little girl's question when she asked "where is my daddy?" or "when is daddy coming home?" Though nothing could take away this woman's pain, I wished so badly that she could find some peace and comfort. I believe that everything happens for a reason, but I want to know why somebody would want to be responsible for destroying so many people's lives. All I could do was pray for answers, and hope that families would make it through this time of sorrow!

I actually stop sometimes at the news now, when I am flipping through the channels. It is strange how I have found myself taking more of an interest in my surroundings, but not just by watching the news. I read the newspaper a lot now, and never thought I would actually spend money on one, but I do. I have learned a lot from stories in the paper, though most of them are not too pleasant. I have also taken more of an interest in my family, since the September 11 nightmare. I want to be more involved with them. I want to show how much I appreciate them. I don't want to take them for granted though, because I believe that nothing short of God knows when they may leave this earth. This experience has caused me a lot of bitterness, yet in a way it has helped me to become a better person too. It has really influenced my focus; my focus on life and my focus on this world.

The Library will be closed on Saturday, May 11.

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Parkland Will Host Annual Motorsports Club Car Show

More than 150 custom cars and trucks from the local area are expected to be in the Parkland Motorsports Club's 4th Annual Motorsports Car show starting at 9 a.m. Saturday.

The event will be in the M1, M2, M3, and M6 parking lots. Registration will start at 9 a.m.

The schedule is: Automotive Alumni gather in M 137, 11 a.m.; show and participant judging *M1 and M6, 11 - 3 p.m.; Champaign County Sport Car Club Auto Cross Competition, M2 + M3; Awards presentation, 3 p.m., and Cruise to Wheels car show in Tuscola, 4 p.m.

The Parkland Hospitality Club will have food for sale. Music will be provided by WKIO Oldies 92.5.

Summer ID's Are Being Made In the Student Life Office

The Office of Student Life is making ID's for students, faculty, and staff for the Summer and Fall semesters.

Enrolled students should go to X149 with a picture ID such as a driver's license or state ID.

A Parkland ID is necessary in order to use the Library, computer labs, and to pick up grant and loan checks.

Hours at X 149 are Monday 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m.; Tuesday 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.; Wednesday 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.; Thursday 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The office is closed Friday and Saturday. It also is closed finals week and holidays.

Manthei Wins Award to Study In Germany This Summer

Dale Manthei, Computer Science major and Parkland German student, is a winner of a nationwide program for community college students to study and work in Germany for three months this summer.

WISP (Work Immersion Study Program) is sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of German and the Carl Duisburg Society, a German business organization.

Mathei, who is originally from Urbana, served in the U.S. Army in the United Arab Emirates Republic and in Bahrain. He is a Computer Science major at Parkland and a member of Phi Theta Kappa, international honorary society.

A New Alien on the Block

Parkland Graduate's Cartoon to Appear on ifilm.com

Fellow graduate Johnie Tidwell of the fine arts program under Mr. Don Lake from the class of 1987, will have his cartoon featured on ifilm.com.

LOS ANGELES, Ca. - Animation doesn't always mean cutesy-wutesy...think what would happen if Alfred Hitchcock, or Tim Burton met Charlie Brown in outer space.

Welcome to GORD's world, or is it Welcome GORD, to our world?

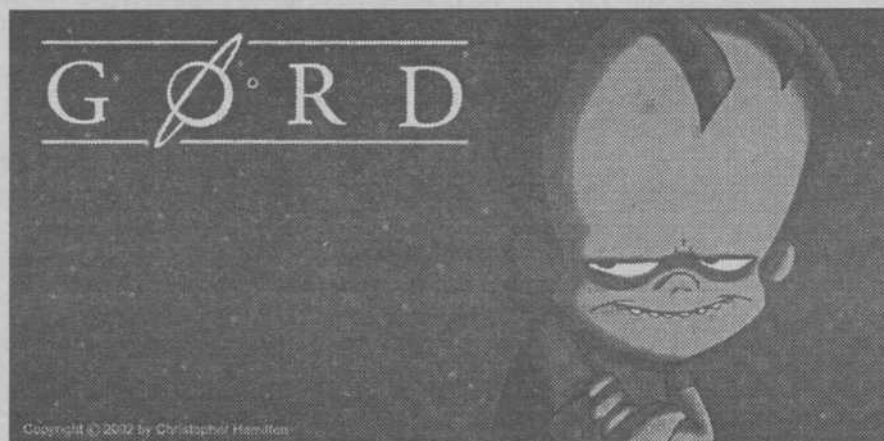
Yeah, there's a "new kid on the

block" and no one is too sure where he has come from or what he's doing here. There's only one place to go and one way to find out... where everyone knows they can find the answer to almost anything, The World Wide Web, more specifically, Ifilm.com.

GORD, the Sci-fi Charlie Brown, and a few of his friends, are making a premiere appearance in a trailer that piques your curiosity and heightens your craving to

explore the unknown. Do you dare?

Log on, www.Ifilm.com, late Spring 2002 and meet GORD having a bad hair day and dreaming his worst nightmare. The creator & producers of GORD (Chris Hamilton, Johnie Tidwell & Tim Kwok) are especially inviting animation/sci-fi/horror fans who are interested in getting to know GORD better. Coming soon to a computer near you.



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National Association of Letter Carriers Will Promote Annual Collection for Charity

National Association of Letter Carriers promote annual collection for charity. There are 31 million hungry people in this country. Eight million of those are children. The 10th Annual National Food Drive is the largest charity project of its kind in the United States and in 2001, the Postal Service's letter carriers picked up, sorted, and delivered 70.1 million pounds of food. On May 11th, 204,000 letter carriers nationwide, will be picking up the food that people place by their mailboxes. Local contributions go to the Eastern Illinois Food Bank, local churches and other agencies such as the Salvation Army for distribution. The Champaign-Urbana area brought in 40,000 pounds of food last year. This year the National Association of Letter Carriers Local #671 hopes to collect 50,000 pounds.

Hartke for Congress Announcement

The official announcement of the Hartke for Congress campaign will be at noon on Monday, April 29th at The Champaign County Courthouse in Urbana on the north steps. Josh Hartke, Democratic Candidate for Congress, 15th District. Please join us... meet the Candidate. He currently lives in Champaign IL, and is a Research Programmer for the Univ of IL College of Veterinary Medicine. He grew up in the Dieterich / Effingham area. He is a Grad of UI. Selected by unanimous vote by 15th Dist County Chairs at a meeting Sunday, afternoon, April 28 in Douglas County.

Good Luck on Finals!



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State May Cut Scholarship Funds Application Deadline May Change

Associated Press
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CHAMPAIGN - Proposed cuts to a scholarship program for Illinois students could force some to transfer or drop out of the state's costlier universities and colleges, officials said. Under the current budget proposal by Senate Republicans, \$50 million would be cut from the Monetary Award Program to help fill the \$1.2 billion deficit in the state budget. About 140,000 students in Illinois currently receive a total of \$375 million in MAP grants. Students who receive the grant are either paid the maximum amount - currently \$4,968 - or the

amount of tuition and fees, whichever is cheaper. Because of tuition increases and the proposed cut to grant dollars, students attending more expensive universities would be faced with transferring to a cheaper school or borrowing more money, she said. State Rep. Rick Winkel, R-Champaign, said he wasn't surprised the student grant money was cut during budget negotiations. "Obviously, any reduction in the MAP grant amount greatly concerns me," he said. "But this year most people will be pretty unhappy

with the budget across the board." If the \$50 million cut is approved, the Illinois Student Assistance Commission may have to impose an application deadline as soon as this summer. The deadline would affect community college and non-traditional students who typically apply late in the year, Thull said. Also, students who fail to graduate in four years would have their funding cut. Currently, students can receive grants for two additional semesters if they are needed to complete a degree.

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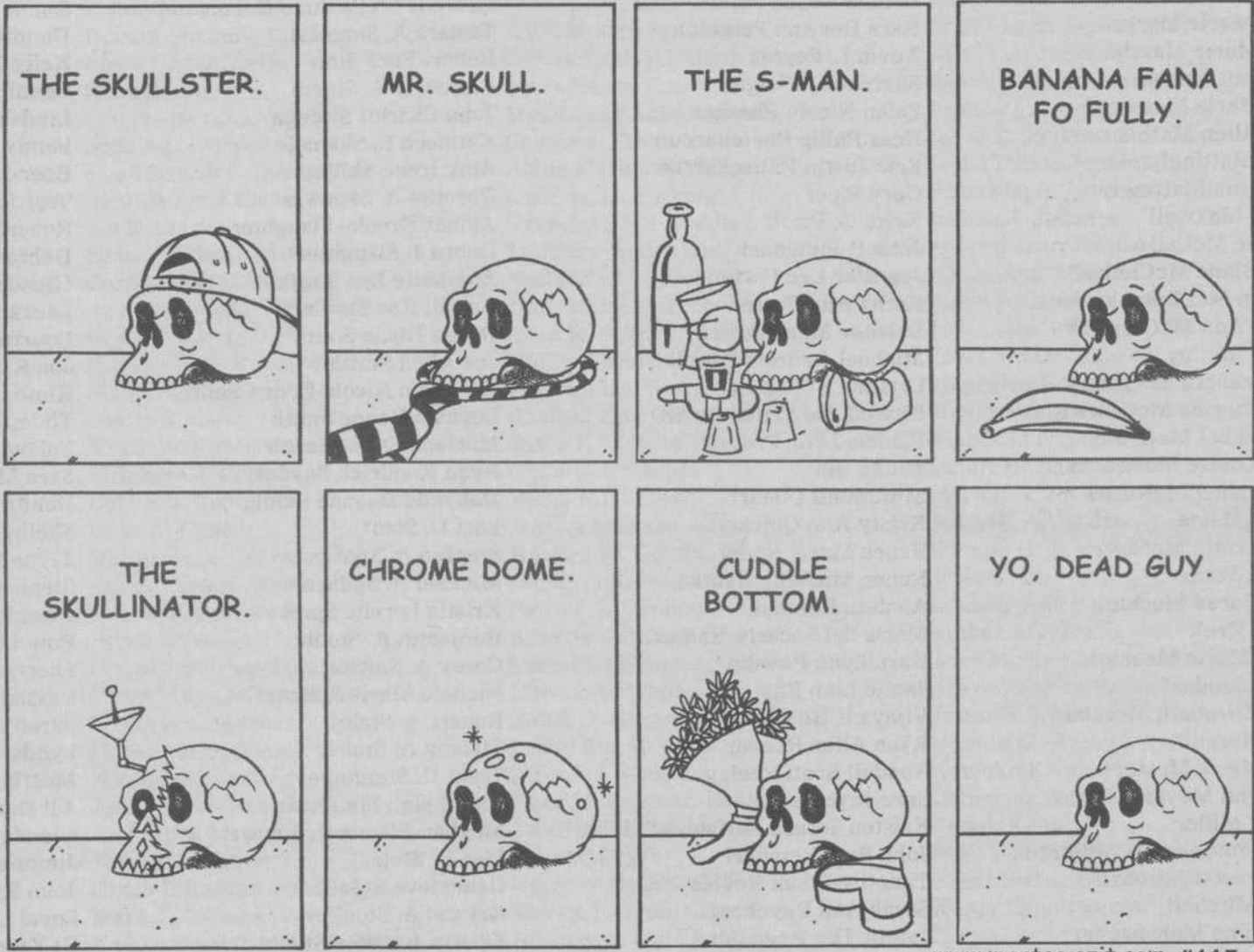
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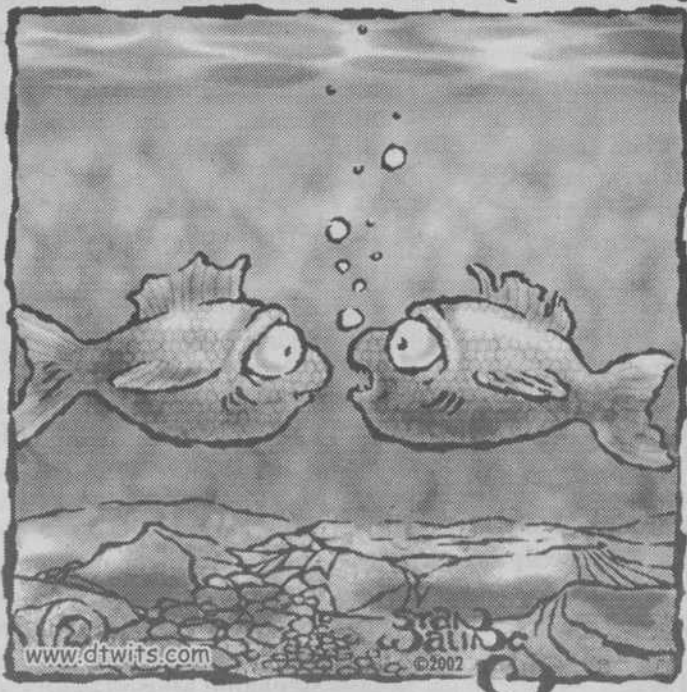
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- Poison ivy's cousin
- Door hardware
- Austen heroine
- Bakery bouquet
- Author Ferber
- Christmas in Paris
- Beatles' song, "Glass ___"
- Harvest
- Apple choice
- Macho trait
- Naughty
- Charged particle
- Peke's bark
- Where whales roam
- Rubber bands
- Macho trait
- Sticky stuff
- Soft cheese
- Uncountable years
- Tolstoy novel, "___ Karenina"
- Green Card org.
- Macho trait
- Alienate
- Accumulate
- Best guess, for short
- To's companion
- Make a blunder
- Macho trait
- Otherwise
- Talks sweetly
- Leavening ingredient
- Demeanor
- "Say it ___ so!"
- Sample
- Nautical left
- Bunny moms
- Type of alcohol

DOWN

- ___ Paulo, Brazil
- Samovar
- Me, to Miss
- Piggy
- Old Testament prophet
- Southwestern saloon
- Large wading bird
- Indian Ocean gulf
- Glitch
- Tropical fruits
- Filled with delight
- Earth orbiter
- Written reminder
- TV host Trebek
- Diana of the Supremes
- Back talk
- Pop singer
- Gentry
- Squirrel snacks
- Take off the roster
- Fruit drink
- Wear away
- Turner of Hollywood
- Pay no attention to
- Agree
- Downpour
- Ocean ice
- Bowllike object
- Corned-beef dish
- Heartburn
- soother
- Agra attire
- Priest's assistant
- Governing board member
- Stops eating
- Interim worker
- Hodgepodge
- Consumer
- Only fair
- Zero
- Pants part
- Cinder
- Porker's pad
- ___ Aviv-Jaffa, Israel

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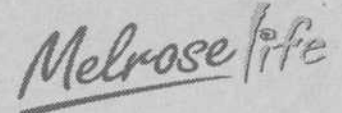
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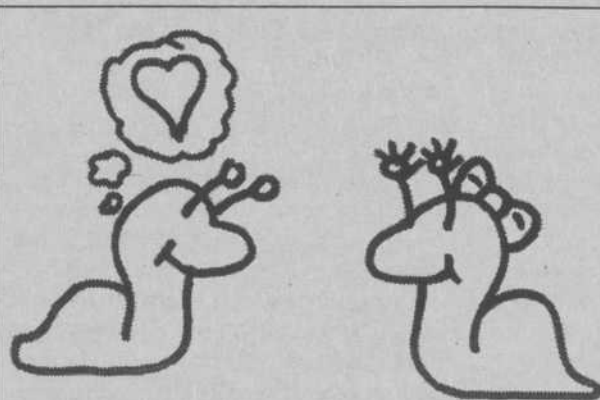
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Cobra golf on the way to CCCI championship

By Kevin Ducey
Sports Writer

The Parkland golf team completed its third consecutive impressive conference meet with a first place finish last Thursday in Savoy. The Cobras now stand alone atop the CCCI conference.

Parkland shot a meet low 321 to pass Illinois College, whom the Cobras were tied with atop the conference.

Parkland was led by Josh Borchardt's 78 and Matt Golden's 79 in beating I.C. by four strokes. The Cobras are now in great position to claim the conference crown with one meet remaining.

The final meet for the Cobra ball strikers is today at Illinois College.

For the Parkland golf team to win the conference they must finish tied or ahead of I.C. If the Cobras finish one place behind I.C., it would result in a tie.

In the event of a tie, a one meet playoff would occur sometime next week between the two schools.

"We have put ourselves in a good position to win the conference, but there is still a major challenge ahead of us. Illinois College will have a big advantage playing on their home course, but if we play our game and stay focused, I'm sure we can bring home the title," stated freshman Matt Golden.

PC soccer on the recruiting trail to success

By Adam Soebbing
Sports Editor

Parkland men's soccer coach Seamus Reilly has been busy this spring, but not with a full schedule of games; rather a full schedule of recruiting.

"We just didn't have the numbers to get a full spring season going. Our plan is to have one in place next year," said Reilly. "We can do a lot in the spring."

Other than a Decatur indoor tournament, the Cobras have been confined to workouts as the returning squad waits for the talented group of reinforcements to come in.

Already signed among the new artillery is Centennial standout Nic Wedig. Wedig was named an All-Midwest selection after a sensational senior season capped off his stellar prep career.

Casey Anderson, of Mt. Zion, and Sam Bush, an All-State selection from Indiana, are also signed and ready to go this fall. Reilly expects about six more to sign within the next week or two.

The Cobras' summer will be filled with a little club ball and an intense summer conditioning program to prepare for the starting practice date of August 1st. The Cobras will be tested early and often with a couple of tough scrimmages before opening the season with returning CCCI champ Springfield College.

Cobra baseball continues to roll

The Parkland College baseball team found different ways to win, but the results were the same, as the Cobras defeated rival Danville Area College 5-0 and 7-6.

Trailing 6-0 going in to the bottom of the fifth inning, Parkland cut the lead in half on an rbi single by Dan Davy and a two-run single by Ryan Marker.

In the sixth, Jaguar starter Rigo Torres walked the first two hitters before being relieved by Chris Shaw. Shaw hit two batters, walked in a run and gave up a game tying two-run single to Dan Grant before being relieved by Jason Reese. Davy greeted Reese with a fly ball to center scoring Mike Coles for the eventual game winner.

Parkland closer Casey Hammond came in to retire the side in order in the seventh to record his 7th save and make a winner of Matt Hayes (3-0).

Dan Grant, Ryan Marker, and Dan Davy all had 2 hits and 2 runs batted in for the game.

In the opener, it was a combination of outstanding pitching from Matt Elder and the timely hitting of Brent Heaberlin and Mark Colleran.

Locked in a pitchers duel with

Jaguar lefty Brian Borgmann, the game was still 0-0 going to the bottom of the 6th inning. With one out, Dan Grant singled setting up the late game heroics. Catcher Brent Heaberlin ripped a 1-0 pitch over

out of the park against reliever Jason Reese.

Elder (4-1) scattered five hits while walking four and striking out five to earn the complete game shutout.

Parkland 5-7 Springfield 6-1



Photo by Andre Moraes

Parkland is currently 38-6, ranked #1 in the NJCAA, and are nearing tourney time. The Cobras hope to improve on last season's fifth place finish.

the left field wall to stake PC to a 2-0 lead. Pat West and Ryan Marker followed with base hits before Colleran drove a 2-1 pitch

put the game away. Lee and Bo Gum each drove in two runs while Heaberlin and Dan Davy had two hits apiece.

Lady Cobras gearing for tourney

By Adam Soebbing
Sports Editor

While the rest of us stay busy pulling our hair out over the stress of finals week, the Parkland softball team is pulling double duty.

In addition to studying for

finals, the Lady Cobras are preparing for the Region 24 tournament, May 3-5 at Shawnee. And it could not have come at a better time.

"All aspects of our game are excellent right now," said Head Coach Chuck Clutts. "These kids have learned the game of softball.

They are taking a lot of stuff upon themselves out there, seeing situations and taking advantage of it."

Even though the Lady Cobras are running on all cylinders, Coach Clutts admits that bringing home the championship will not be easy.

"To win the Region 24 tournament we are going to need a little bit of luck, just like anybody else," said Clutts with a chuckle. "We have to go out and play our game. We can't let anything bother us whether it be the weather, being down, whatever."

"If we do that, we're going to make the tournament very interesting."

Key to the Lady Cobras chances this weekend will be the

health status of Casey Stigers.

Stigers batted over .300 for the Lady Cobras and is the fastest player on the team, but has been sidelined with a bad ankle for the past two weeks. Clutts is hopeful that Stigers will be ready to go in tournament play.

Offensive contributions will also be needed from key defensive stoppers Sara Perry and Sarah Shonkwiler. The two third basemen will be factors on both sides of the ball for the Lady Cobras.

Jennifer Vandervort is another player that Parkland will rely on to get past the region. Vandervort has the potential to carry the team through the tournament, but has struggled a bit this year. If Vandervort continues to come out of her slump, than anything is possible for this talented team.

Trying to stop the Lady Cobras will be CCCI champ and number one seed Lewis and Clark. The Crusaders beat Parkland 3 out of 4 times this season, rallying from behind for two of the victories.

"They're a good team and I think we match up well with them," said Clutts. "They have everything we have. Pitching, speed, hitting, everything. It'll be a really good battle if we face them."

Host Shawnee qualifies as the mystery team of the tournament field, as they do not participate in the CCCI. Last year's regional champions return their entire squad and could surprise the field.

No matter how the Lady Cobras finish over the weekend, this season will be considered a success by all who were a part of it.

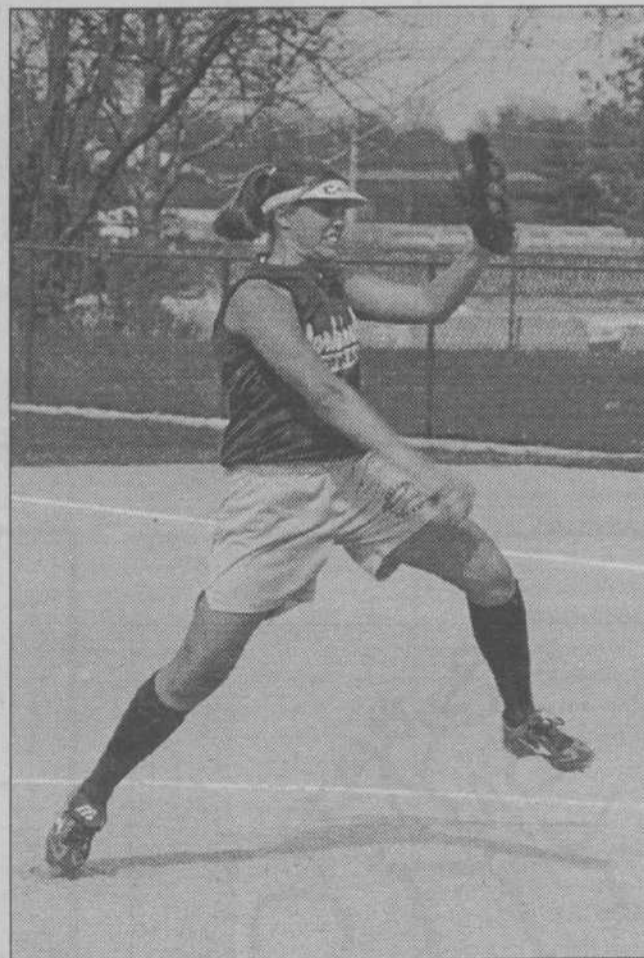


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Pitcher Emily Alsup will be counted on heavily if the second-seeded Lady Cobras hope to bring home the Region 24 championship this weekend.