

## Parkland dental hygiene program continues to make the grade

by Jordan Holmes, Editor

Parkland College, a distinctive environment, offers many programs of study, all of which bring their individual flavor to the campus. One very successful area of study is the Dental Hygiene Program.

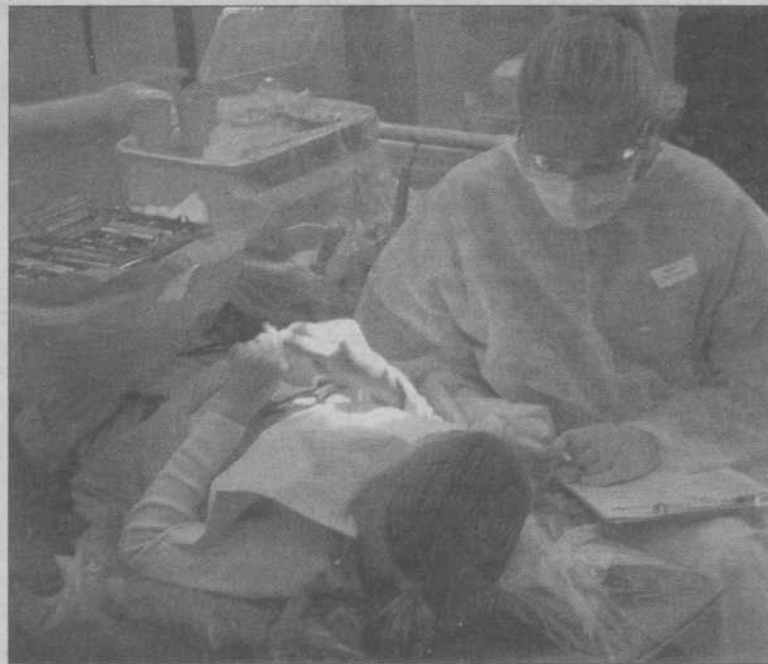
Established in 1968 and accredited since 1970, this program is headed by co-directors Mary Emmons and Judy Henthorn. Emmons has been with the program for 25 years which is one of the reasons for the program's success. A majority of the faculty and staff have been on for at least 20 years. This commitment and continuity are the basis for the outstanding work done by the program.

This particular health study is a two-year program and has a high level of graduation and job placement. Students must be at least a B+ student and have an elevated height of commitment to be accepted into the program. Emmons explains that this is a popular program and "there are two years that I can remember in the past 25 years that we did not have all 36 seats taken in the program."

By the second semester students are seeing patients and working in the Dental Hygiene Clinic where they receive their training. The clinic is open to Parkland students and anyone else in the community, and the trainees see a sufficient number of patients for extensive training. In 2002, the total number of patient encounters that students had was 6,184 according to the Semester Report Clinic totals.

There are a number of ways the public, outside of Parkland, finds out about this facility.

The clinic brochure describes



Brooke Reinecke preps her patient.

all of the procedures available, general information about the clinic, and cost information. The most successful way people find out about the clinic is through word of mouth. The program is well known among local and regional dentists, and many patients come back repeatedly to help the students learn the actual hygiene procedures but to also help in their socialization. This interaction with patients is an important aspect of the training. Emmons explains that many of the patients do not know the students initially, but after an hour to two in the examination chair, they will get up and hug the students. "Students treat patients with special care; it's a different atmosphere," said Emmons.

The clinic usually has 16 students working who see a wide variety of patients. Large fam-

ilies can come in and be seen all at once in one day; patients with low income can come in and be seen for a low fee or no fee; and the young at heart can come in for the two hours of socializing. The fee is \$10 a semester for a thorough oral assessment, but it is free for children under 12 and adults over 62, and Medicaid or Public Aid recipients. However, the clinic is not open to make a profit; it is open to further the knowledge of the students.

The requirements for a successful program like the Dental Hygiene Program are few but important: the commitment and hard work of the faculty/staff and students, a well-run onsite clinic, and the support of new and returning patients. For an appointment or learn more about the clinic, call 351-2221.

photo by Tara Gray

## Parkland Honors Program, Discussion Series in progress

by Patrick Yeagle, Staff Writer

The Phi Theta Kappa Honors Program at Parkland is officially in full swing this semester. Tom Barnard runs the overall program, while each department holds functions within itself that support the main program. These functions generally include discussion series such as the upcoming "Armed, Educated, & Dangerous" series, subtitled "Will We Keep Killing Each Other?" which is being held by the Social Science department.

The Honors Program is aimed at recognizing students who excel academically, and it provides opportunities for such students, including scholarships, publication opportunities, and the designation "Graduation With Honors" on honors students' diplomas. The program at Parkland is an extension of the Phi Theta Kappa International Honors Society. Admittance into the program is subject to certain parameters: the student must be a recent high school graduate and have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher, a 25 or higher composite ACT score (this translates roughly to a 1100 SAT score), or qualify for English 106.

The functions of each branch of the Parkland Honors Program depend on the plans of each department's director, but one common function

is an advanced discussion series. The upcoming Social Science Department's discussion series is focused on the violence in society generated by social forces and how this alarming trend can be curbed. Two texts will be studied, the first being James Garbino's book entitled *Lost Boys: Why Our Sons Turn Violent & How We Can Save Them*, while the other text is Carol Gilligan's *In A Different Voice*. Participants have a chance to earn an "A with honors" grade in social or natural science classes with the consent of the instructor. Also, this is an opportunity for Honors students to fulfill part of their Parkland Honors Program requirements. The instructors directing this discussion series are Annie McManus, Associate Professor of Psychology at Parkland, and Michael Vitoux, Professor of Sociology. The instructors request that participants purchase the texts to be studied prior to the discussion series, and maintain that completion of the discussion series requires participation in at least five of the meetings. The remaining dates for the series are: October 9 & 23, November 6 & 20, and December 4. Tom Barnard, who heads Honors at Parkland, can be reached for any questions at 353-2349 or by e-mail at [tbarnard@parkland.edu](mailto:tbarnard@parkland.edu).

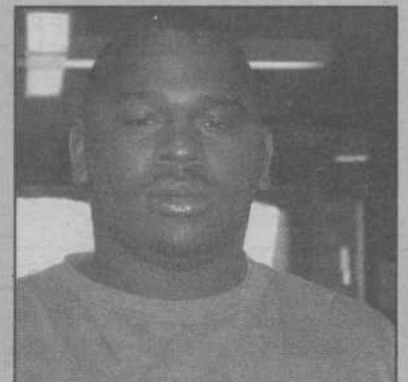
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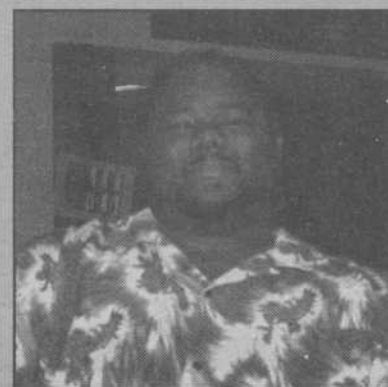
Kacey McFall

*"I think student government should focus on informing students about athletic events by getting them out in the open and encouraging students to attend."*

*"I'd like to see them get together and throw parties like the U of I does, hold events that bring students together and allow them to get to know one another."*



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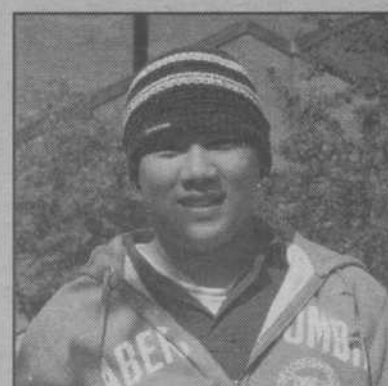
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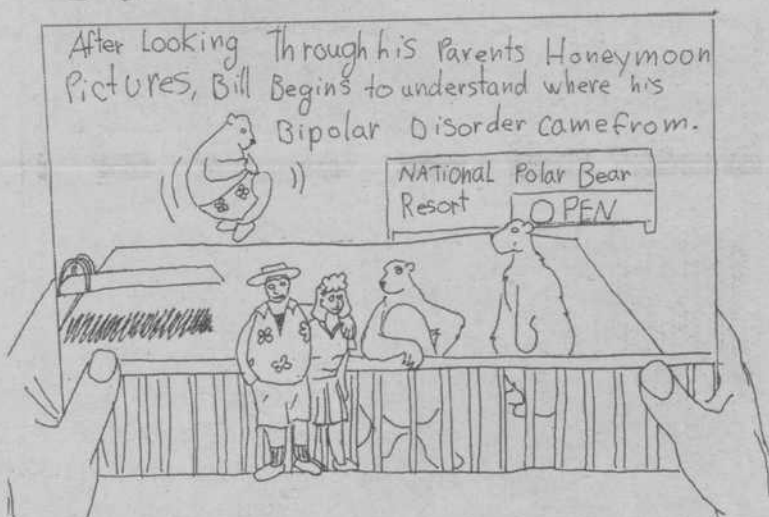


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## Parkland celebrates "Banned Book Week"

by Jesse Woodrum, Editor

Something is new this week in the library besides the broken printer. Just inside the main entrance is a display of books that have fallen victim to censorship. The Parkland Library is celebrating the American Library Association's Banned Book Week. The ALA's Office for Intellectual Freedom says on its website, "We hope Banned Books Week helps to remind Americans of the importance of our freedom at a time when freedoms are being eroded in the United States. Now - more than ever - we must let freedom read."

Among the titles included in Parkland's display (subject to change because display items can still be checked out—and read) are *Black Like Me* by John Howard Griffin; *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee; *In the Night Kitchen* by Maurice Sanders; *Death Be Not Proud* by John Gunther; *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury; *The Color Purple* by Alice Walker; *Tell it to the King* by Larry King; *Roots* by Alex Haley; *Summer of My German Soldier* by Bette Greene; *A Light in the Attic* by Shel Silverstein;

*Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee* by Dee Alexander Brown; *Halloween ABC* by Eve Marriam; *Do or Die* by Leon Bing; *The Joy Luck Club* by Amy Tan; *Sylvester and The Magic Pebble* by William Steig, and even *Where's Waldo?*

The theme of the 21st annual holiday is "Open books for an open mind." A common motif of the project's posters is opened Campbell's soup cans with books on the cans. In the Parkland Library, cans have been decorated to look like the cover of a book. On the back, many of them include information about the challenges of the book. *A Light in the Attic* is a children-oriented book of poems and drawings by the illustrator/poet Shel Silverstein. That book was challenged because "it encourages children to break dishes so they won't have to dry them."

*Death be not Proud*, a novel about personal courage in the face of death set in the 1940s, was retained in 1998 by a Board of Education in North Carolina after complaints that "the book has words in it that

even unsaved people would have spanked their children for saying."

Social trends can be traced through the dated complaints. In 1982, the book *Black Like Me* was challenged "because of black people being in the book."

In Lindale, Texas, *The Joy Luck Club* was challenged on the grounds that it "conflicted with the values of the community."

One book, which makes its lone display at the Libraries check-out counter, has been a stock character in the censorship debate, especially in school libraries, since its publication in 1951. *The Catcher in the Rye* was removed from the shelves in the liberalist of states—California—only six years ago. The superintendent wanted the book "out of the way so that we didn't have that polarization over a book."

The American Library Association's official celebration of banned literature concluded Sunday, September 28th, however the Parkland Library will continue its display after that date.



## English Honors Program tackles race

by Jesse Woodrum, Editor

The Parkland Honors Program is one designed to recognize students who choose to do out-of-class studies and learn material on a higher level than that taught in the classroom. Students can graduate from Parkland with honors if they participate in the Honors Integrated Studies Community (for freshmen only) or if they take three classes "with honors." (For more on Parkland's Honors Program see Honors Program Discussion in Progress on page 1.)

The Department of English and Critical studies holds its own Literature honors program each semester. This semester the course will study "The Invisible Man" a novel about racism by Ralph Ellison. Students are expected to have read the material before the classes begin meeting. Last year the class discussed the Vietnam War.

The class will meet six times throughout late October and early November. Five of the following dates will be picked for study sessions (at an undetermined time): October 15th, 22nd, and

29th, as well as November 5th, 12th, and 19th. Students must attend four of the sessions and be an active participant to pass.

Each of the five class meetings will have its own theme. Tentative themes are the Harlem Renaissance; the notion of racial invisibility; The Great Northern Migration; race relations; and jazz culture.

The courses will be led by different instructors from around campus. Tom Barnard, Linda Girard, Lori Williams, Marva Nelson and Seamus Reilly are all expected to participate.

The course is aimed at but not exclusive to students in literature courses. This course can append "with honors" to any course if the student can convince their instructor that it is relevant to material in their class. The course begins October 15th and students can sign up until the first meeting.

Tom Barnard, the Director of the Honors Program can field questions at 353-2349 or [tbarnard@parkland.edu](mailto:tbarnard@parkland.edu).

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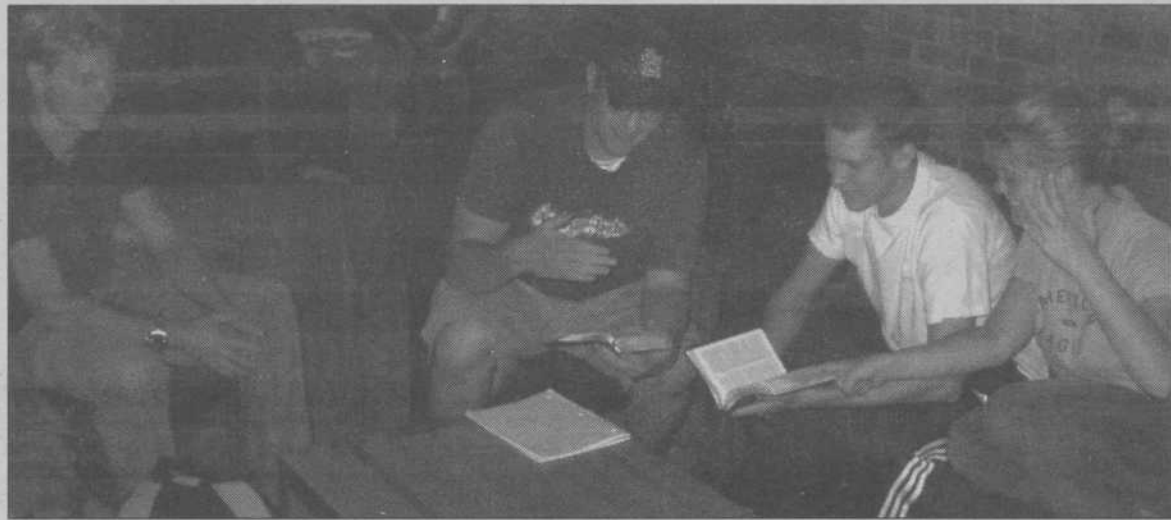
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# College students focus on faith



Parkland's Bible study group typically meets on Thursdays at noon in the Flag Lounge.

photo by Jarrod Finn

by Sarah Ramey

When I think about my daily schedule, I consider school, work, maybe a little room-cleaning, homework, and of course relaxation—that about covers it. I find it rather disturbing that no where in my day, do I set aside time for religion, and I have a feeling that many college students lack this in their schedules as well.

However, there are students at Parkland College who do set aside time for faith, at least in their weekly schedules. Some of these students, of Christian faith, come together for Parkland Bible study. This group is led by students who are also part of the Champaign Church of Christ campus ministries. The students in this group typically meet on Tuesday nights on the U of I campus, and Thursdays at 12:00pm, in the Flag Lounge (in the college center) at Parkland College.

Shari Poirier, Parkland student explains that attending this bible study is fundamental to her week. "Being at this bible study is an important part of my week because I get so caught up in school or work sometimes, and I won't think about God during the day. This also allows me to hang out with other Christians and get my focus back on God."

On Thursday, September 25, the group assembled at the chime of noon. The group of 8 students, after greeting each other and welcoming newcomers, opened their Bibles, prayed, and began the lesson. Jarrod Finn, Parkland student, was responsible for leading the weekly lesson, and he chose to speak about the 'Parable of the

Sower,' a well-known Bible story that made the group reflect on what kind of Christian life they lead. Discussion topics were prompted by Finn, and then each student would respond, bringing in experiences from their lives.

"One of the good things about being part of a bible study is the support system that is created. You build great friendships and you can gain a little understanding of God's word that you may not have understood on your own," explained Yolanda Robinson, group member.

Schuyler Magruder, also a group member, spoke about what being in the group meant to him. "Having this group is full of importance, first we help each other out and its good to discuss the bible, and then the most important thing we do is look into the bible and dig into it."

Is it beneficial to participate in religious groups while in college? According to these students, it is. And when logically thinking about it, it can't be all that bad to truly believe in something and put faith into it. After all, there aren't many constants in a college student's life. Magruder agrees, "We live in very confusing times these days and there are not many truths, and this is the only truth you are ever going to find."

So, maybe you've not been to church in a while, or never even been at all. Why not give one of the most trusted institutions in our society, religion, a try, and maybe, the world will hold a little more meaning for all of us.

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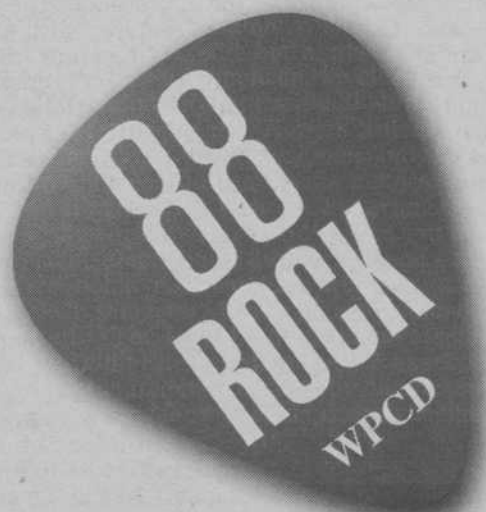
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## NFL Football: Week 5 Preview

by Adam Luckey, Staff Writer

For many people, autumn means cool weather, falling leaves, and a nice time for bonfires. For others though, it means hard hits, blood, sweat, and touchdowns. With the NFL season underway, it's time to take a look at what is happening throughout the league. Here's a preview of the fifth weekend of the season's games.

To start with, the Denver Broncos visit the Kansas City Chiefs. Two extremely strong teams in the same division. Whose high-scoring offense will beat out the other's mediocre defense? With Denver's combination of a great running back (Clinton Portis) and stellar receivers (Rod Smith, Ed McCaffrey, Ashley Lelie, and Shannon Sharpe) they should be able to outscore Kansas City's running back (Priest Holmes) and their best receivers (Priest Holmes, Priest Holmes, and Priest Holmes). KC's offense is a one-man team, and that will hurt them against a team with some balance, such as Denver. Victor: Denver by 14.

Tennessee visit New England as well this weekend, and it will be a battle of two of the most injury-plagued teams there have ever been. If Titans quarterback Steve McNair can hobble onto the field and lead his team past quarterback Tom Brady and his core of third-string receivers and his defense full of hypochondriacs, it wouldn't be a surprise to anybody. The Titans play hard, smash-mouth football, and it will be difficult for a team with as little toughness as the Patriots to stop them, even if Tennessee is missing half its team. Victor: Tennessee by 7.

The Cleveland Browns go to Pittsburgh to play the Steelers on Sunday afternoon. This game will be a match up of one of the worst defenses (Browns) taking on one of the best offenses (Steelers). Needless to say, one should probably start counting now just so when the game starts, you'll have a head start on how many touchdowns Steelers quarterback Tommy Maddox has thrown to his out-

standing corps of receivers. Hines Ward, Plaxico Burress, and Antawn Randle El make up arguably the best receiver corps in the league. With a superb defense to match it, the Steelers should roll over the Browns, taking a big win in divisional play. Victor: Pittsburgh by 24.

New Orleans plays at Carolina as well, and the Saints will have huge problems scoring on the Panther's top 5 defense. The Panthers though, will have just as much trouble scoring, seeing as how their offense is one of the worst. Running back Stephen Davis should put up a huge game against New Orleans's weak running defense, and with the defense Carolina has, that should be enough. Look for an extremely low scoring game, and Carolina to come out on top. Saints quarterback Aaron Brooks has yet to put up any good numbers this season, and that trend should continue against the Panthers. Victor: Carolina by 3.

The game of the week also happens to be the Monday Night Football game this week. The Indianapolis Colts will bring their 7th ranked defense and their top ten offense in to play at Tampa Bay, where the defending Super Bowl champs boast the league's best defense. Colts quarterback Peyton Manning has yet to put up a huge game, but in a Monday Night game with the bright lights all around him, his time is coming. Look for him and receiver Marvin Harrison to pick apart the Buccaneer's Cover 2 zone defense, and running back Edgerrin James to rush right up the middle consistently. The Buc's offense isn't good enough to do much against a much-improved Colt's defense, so expect a good result from Indianapolis. Victor: Colts by 10 (billion).

Pay attention to this weekend's games, as many of them could have a great effect on the rest of the season. Many divisions in the NFL could be won or lost this week.

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## Wins, losses, and a weekend tourney for the Lady Cobras

by Tara Gray

Tuesday, September 16, the Lady Cobra Volleyball team faced the Division One Lakeland College Lady Lakers. While the team played together to reach over the .500 mark, the game was filled with mistakes. The first match was intense, battling back and forth, but the mistakes caught up to the Cobras and ended with a loss. High Cobra statistics for the game were Ashley Fearday in kills and blocks, Jody Kapper and Jennifer Bohan in digs and Cari Meyer in assists. Coach Ramsey commented on the game by saying, "We played fairly well. We made a few too many errors in a row during each game, but overall I thought it was okay. Lakeland is a Division One team and it showed in their roster because they had a diverse team of strong players. It is hard to compete against that."

September 19 was a different story for the ladies. Lewis

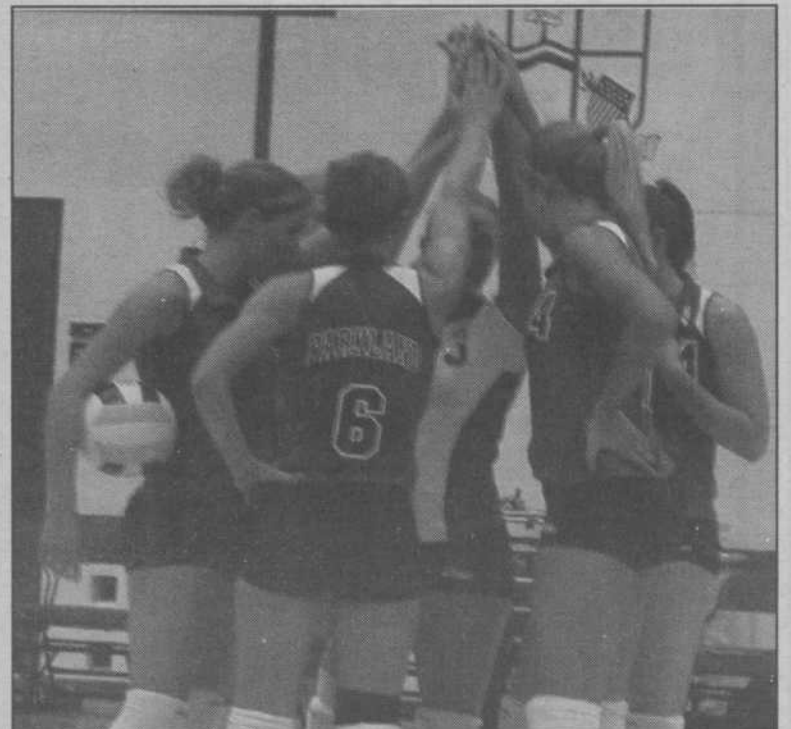
and Clark, a conference team, was their next competition and the mistakes were corrected this time around. The team traveled to Godfrey, Illinois, to compete. This win concluded their 2-1 record in the conference. The game held good matches with unwavering results. Leading the Cobras this time was Jessica Cisne and Rachel Holiday in kills, Kelly Matthes in blocks, Katie Bushur in digs and Cari Meyer in assists. Coach Ramsey concluded that, "We corrected those mistakes we made in the Lakeland match against Lewis and Clark. We were very consistent and played well."

This past weekend, the volleyball team ventured out west for the Wyoming Tournament. It started Thursday and continued through Saturday. With their record of 10-9 in the season and 2-1 for the conference, they were looking for a victory. The next Parkland home game

is Friday, October 3rd, the first of a two-day tournament. So students, faculty, friends and parents, come on out to the Parkland gym this weekend and support the team! You can see some great sports action and might even get a free cup during starting line up.



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Lady Cobras gear up for a game.  
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