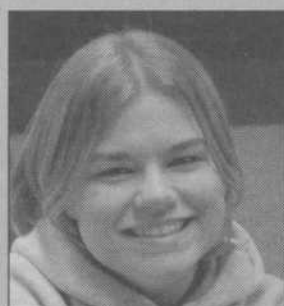


Where is the best place in town to get coffee? What do you usually order?



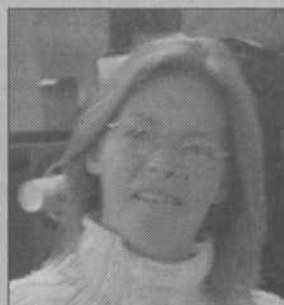
Carmella—Gloria Jean's in the Mall. Iced mocha with whipped cream and chocolate sprinkles.



Amber—Cafe Kopi. Espresso (straight black.)



Fontaine—Cafe Kopi. Espresso.



Julie—Cafe Kopi or Za's. Coffee with cream or latte.



Jennifer—Parkland Cafeteria or Borders. French vanilla cappuccino.



Amy—Cafe Paradiso (Urbana). Regular black.

Photos by Nicole Simmons

Parkland celebrates Nat'l Coming Out Week



(Above) Gibby Kirby as the priest reads a few words during the mock wedding of Sam Anderson and Christian Burmeister on October 15. "The wedding was a political statement to show members of the community that LGBT couples are no different than any other," Burmeister said. "The other purpose was to promote awareness and to generate interest in LGBT issues."

(Below) Anna Stevens smiles as she and Kelly Foster are "married" in a mock wedding presented by coLOURS to celebrate National Coming Out Week.

Prospectus photos by Erin Koelkebeck



■ Week closes with Patterson lecture

By Oscar Schlenker

COM 105 Student

A year ago, Parkland College Theater produced a play called *The Laramie Project*. This play, written by the Venezuela-born gay Orthodox Jew Moisés Kaufman, stages how a single hate crime can affect any small town in America. For instance, the play records and re-creates how the town of Laramie, Wyoming reacted when the gay college student Matthew Shepard was murdered in 1998. It has been the most produced play in the past four years nationwide and it was even made into a movie by HBO in 2002.

Six years have passed since Sheppard's murder and some of the friends and family, whose characters are interpreted in Kaufman's play, have taken advantage of the media hype around the homophobic hate crime committed against Sheppard to bring attention to bigger issues of gay human rights. One of the most active agents in this enterprise has been Romaine Patterson, a close friend of Sheppard's.

Almost a year after Parkland's production of the *Laramie Project*, Romaine Patterson was invited by coLOURS to host a lecture as part of their activities in celebration of National Coming Out Week. Patterson addressed a number of issues during her lecture. She began by narrating the development of her friendship with Sheppard and proceeded to contextualize the impact of his death from her perspective as a friend.

She also recounted how her organization called *Angel Action* was originally intended to protest the hate discourses that the anti-gay activist Reverend Fred Phelps was disseminating in the picket that his organization performed during the trials to prosecute Sheppard's murderers. *Angel Action's* founda-

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Overlooked, but not forgotten—Censored 2005

Compiled by Jon Volkman
Prospectus Staff Writer

The *Prospectus* continues this week, presenting stories nine through five of the the publication Censored 2005 by Project Censored.

This is a compilation of the year's 25 most significant news stories that were overlooked or under-reported by the country's major national news media, as well as chapters on the grass roots media democracy, media ownership maps, real news about US involvement in Palestine, Haiti, Iraq, and more. Project Censored is Sonoma State University's student run media research group, and the complete list as well as the full stories can be found on their website at: <http://projectcensored.org/>.

#9 Widow Brings RICO Case

Against U.S. Government for 9/11

Scoop.co.nz, November 2003 and December 2003

Title: "911 Victim's Wife Files RICO Case Against GW Bush"

Author: Philip J. Berg

Title: "Widow's Bush Treason Suit Vanishes"

Author: W. David Kubiak

Ellen Mariani became widowed when her husband Louis Neil Mariani perished in the collision between United Airlines flight 175 and the South Tower of the World Trade Center. In addition to her refusal of the government's million-dollar settlement offer, Mrs. Mariani has filed a 62 page complaint in federal district court charging that President Bush and officials: (1) had adequate foreknowledge of 911, yet failed to warn the country or attempt to prevent it; (2) have since been covering up

the truth of that day; (3) have therefore abetted the murder of plaintiff's husband and violated the Constitution and multiple laws of the United States; and (4) are thus being sued under the Civil Racketeering, Influences, and Corrupt Organization (RICO) Act for Malfeasant conspiracy, obstruction of justice and wrongful death.

#8 Secrets of Cheney's Energy Task Force Come to Light

Judicial Watch, July 17, 2003

Title: "Cheney Energy Task Force Documents Feature Map of Iraqi Oilfields"

Author: Judicial Watch Staff
Foreign Policy in Focus, January 2004

Title: "Bush-Cheney Energy Strategy: Procuring the Rest of the World's Oil"

Author: Michael Klare

Cheney Energy Task Force documents turned over in the summer of 2003 by the Commerce Department as a result of the Freedom of Information Act lawsuit brought by Sierra Club and Judicial Watch contain maps of Iraqi oilfields, pipelines, refineries and terminals. The documents, dated

March 2001, also contain plans of occupation and exploitation that predate September 11, confirming suspicions that the Bush Administration energy policy is driving U.S. military strategy.

#7 Conservative Organization Drives Judicial Appointments

The American Prospect, Vol. 14, Issue 3, March 1, 2003

Title: "A Hostile Takeover: How the Federalist Society is Capturing the Federal Courts"

Author: Martin Garbus

Title: "Courts vs. Citizens"

Author: Jamin Raskin

In 2001 George W. Bush eliminated the longstanding influence of the American Bar Association (ABA) in the evaluation of the prospective federal judges. ABA's judicial ratings had long kept extremists from the right and left off the bench. In its place, Bush has been using the Federal Society for Law and Public Policy Studies—a national organization whose mission is to advance a conservative agenda by moving the country's legal system to the right.

One of the most important issues in the country is the control of one of the three branches

of government, the judiciary. While Presidents and Congress-members get elected every few years, judicial appointments are for life. Our courts deal with nearly every aspect of life; work conditions and wages, schools, civil rights, affirmative action, crime and punishment, abortion and the environment, amongst others.

#6 The Sale of Electoral Politics In These Times, December 2003

Title: "Voting Machines Gone Wild"

Author: Mark Lewellen-Biddle
Independet/UK, October 13, 2003

Title: "All The President's Votes?"

Author: Andrew Gumbel
Democracy Now!, September 4, 2003

Title: "Will Bush Backers Manipulate Votes to Deliver GW Another Election?"

Reporter: Amy Goodman and the staff of Democracy Now!

Conflicts of interest exist between the largest suppliers of electronic voting machines in

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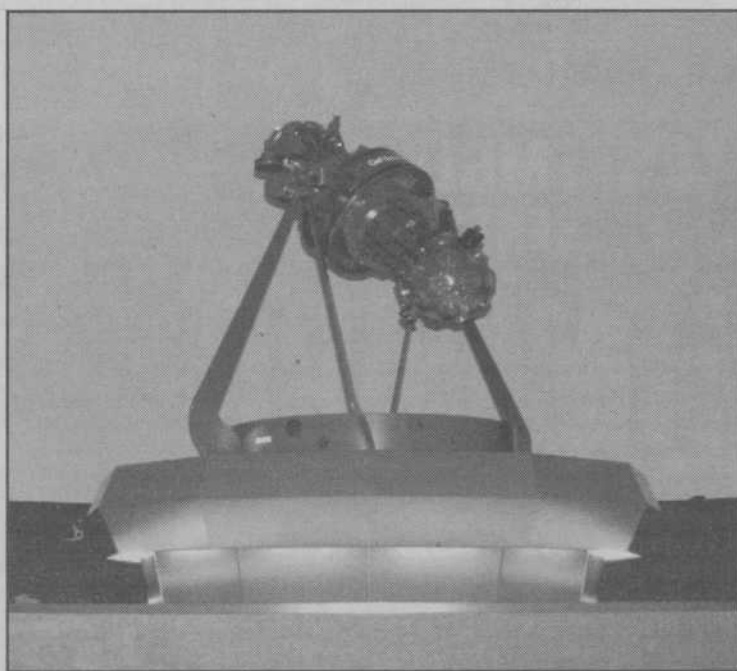
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Check out next week's issue for an election preview and local haunted places!!

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Career Spotlight—Hospitality Parkland offers degree to lust for

By Matthew K. Hutjens

COM 105 Student

What if you could work toward a degree that, upon graduation, has thousands of employers hunting for you? What if this major centered on entertainment, food, liquor, gambling, or sunny beaches? While this seems like a fantasy degree that all students lust for, it is a reality for the students in the Hospitality field.

One of the more interesting fields that you may have never noticed is in the Hospitality Management field. Hospitality Management is specialization in managing properties or business that caters to people's needs. Simply put, it is managing hotels, restaurants, casinos, resorts, and many other fun and exciting places.

Parkland College offers a couple very innovative and current programs to its students.

There are degrees offered

in both hotel-motel management and food service-restaurant management. Both programs are sponsored through the National Restaurant Education Foundation and the Educational Institute of the Hotel Motel Association. The thriving hospitality industry needs hundreds of thousands of new managers every year to keep up with the rapidly growing field.

The course load here at Parkland is quite interesting also. The courses required for a restaurant degree range from mixing culinary classes with menu development, and even explore a bartending and liquors class. Each student receives many nationally accredited certifications through the National Restaurant Association. Students in this field also gain exposure to sanitation, accounting, marketing, hospitality law, and a core of many basic general educational courses.

The hospitality industry here

in Champaign alone tops over three hundred restaurants, along with many other food service facilities such as nursing homes. The Parkland program implements a three hundred and twenty hour internship for each student, which helps many students get their foot in the door. The program has locally put many students into management positions in hotels, motels, national restaurant chains, and even sent a few to sunny resorts.

So if you find yourself looking for a new direction in your educational life, looking into the hospitality industry might just be the answer for you. If you enjoy high-energy work environments, good pay, and a changing work schedule, stop by and see if this might be the place for you. To contact the restaurant management program here at Parkland College call 217-351-2482 or send an email to tjones@parkland.edu.

Women, defend yourselves

By Janine Huguenin

COM 105 Student

What would you do if a person attacked you? Would you scream? Would you run? Would you hit the attacker? What is the right thing to do?

Parkland College offers a class called RAD, which stands for Rape Aggression Defense. This class is taught by certified Police Officers employed by Parkland. The goal of RAD is to teach women how to get away from an attack and to run for safety. You can sign up for RAD at the Admissions and Records at Parkland College for \$15. That money covers material that is used during instruction and you will also receive a little handbook that explains you a variety of ways how to prevent an attack. The class meets four times for three hours.

Officer Yvonne Meyer is the

director and the instructor of RAD. She started teaching this class one year ago and has enjoyed it ever since. Meyer says that there are a few other defense courses like RAD in the Champaign-Urbana area, yet they are rather for women who were already attacked. Yvonne Meyer would like to prevent the rape from happening. She cares very much about the safety of women. She says that a lot of women did not get the experience of struggling and fighting with a sibling when they were young. A lot of women grew up playing with dolls and probably never attempted to hit anyone. RAD will help to let go of that conformed behavior.

When I asked a student why she is taking this class she answered, "I feel that there is a threat of violence out there. But after completing this class I feel safer. RAD was very informa-

tive, although it is hard to learn everything in just four weeks."

When the class meets for the last time, the students have a real opportunity to test their newly learned techniques. Yvonne Meyer invents various scenarios in which women could be attacked. Then, two other police officers get dressed in a suit that consists out of pads and a helmet. They pretend to be the attackers, while the student really has to defend herself. Since the police officers are padded, the student gets to hit as hard as she wants and wherever she wants in order to escape the attack. Some students might feel intimidated by that role-play; however everything is voluntary and that the class is confidential.

For more information about RAD, call the Office of Public Safety.

Features

The Prairie Ensemble presents 'Noye's Fludde'

Public Service Announcement

The Prairie Ensemble will present Benjamin Britten's short children's opera *Noye's Fludde* ("Noah's Flood") on Saturday, November 6, at 2:00 and 7:30 p.m. at University Place Christian Church, Champaign, with a large cast of singers and instrumentalists from through-

out the community, featuring Roger Cooper as the Voice of God.

Tickets are \$10 general admission, \$8 for seniors, and \$5 for students. Two-for-one pricing is available to music students.

For more information, call 217-355-9077 or visit www.PrairieEnsemble.org.

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tional gesture of blocking the view of anti-gay picketers with angel costumes equipped with large wings, have been of great influence to many international groups advocating for LGBT issues in their own communities.

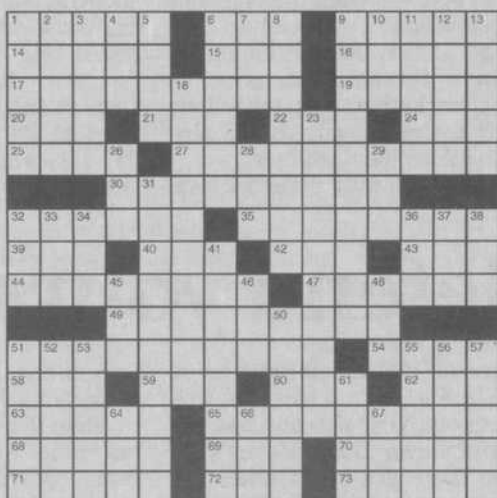
"I have lived with Matthews's memory longer than the time I knew him while he was still alive, but I still feel honored to have those memories," Patterson said. Since Sheppard's mur-

der, she has assisted with many versions of *The Laramie Project* and spoken at many high schools and college campuses around the country about LGBT issues.

Above all, Patterson's message during her visit to Parkland last Saturday was that any act of violence against a person is a primitive act of hate that should be stopped. She works everyday towards that goal.

Crossword

- ACROSS
- Lariat
 - File marker
 - Weasel-like mammal
 - Online messages
 - Samuel's mentor
 - Dueling swords
 - Hugger-mugger
 - Socially inept characters
 - In the past
 - Cereal grain
 - Wear and tear
 - Caviar
 - Writing implements
 - "Death in Venice" author
 - Devotion
 - Singer Twain
 - Give rise to
 - Links score
 - L. Michaels' show
 - Catch some rays
 - Birthday secret?
 - Business cases
 - Old fridge
 - Shanghaied
 - Decorative lighting fixtures
 - Devitalizes
 - Name for a lion
 - Part of GTE
 - Make a mistake
 - Prune
 - Eat away at
 - Wrinkle-resistant fabric
 - Conclusive
 - Circulars
 - Disgrace
 - Shabby
 - Actress Ruby
 - Short



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Solutions

- DOWN
- Change charts
 - Mental picture
 - Copland or Burr
 - Blind
 - Too
 - Get one's incisors
 - Sharpston and Gore

- Asphalt components
- Evening of one's days
- Galoot
- Baseball's Yogi
- Enticed
- German industrial city
- American Revolutionary soldier
- Bloody
- Luis Obispo
- Unrefined mineral
- Adult males
- Separately
- Hot tub
- Derby or boater
- Creative skill
- Small amount
- Self-image
- Critic Reed
- Yellow tablet
- Annex
- Cry out loud
- Harris and O'Neill



- End of a threat
- Staff signs
- Eagle's abode
- Opposite of everybody
- Place for sacrifice
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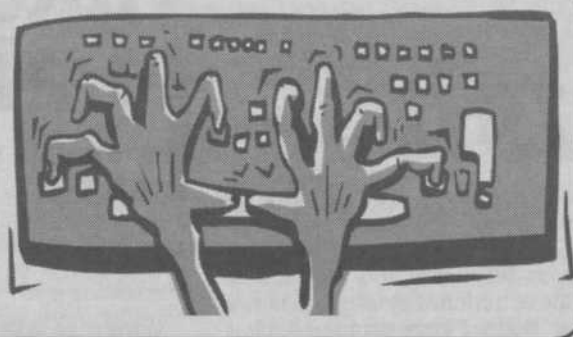
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keyboard chatter

by Larry V. Gilbert



FALL AND WINTER are my favorite seasons of the year. Spring is OK, too, but summer, on the average, is a bit too hot for me.

City laws prohibit the burning of leaves now, but I recall from my growing-up years in Mahomet the smell of burning leaves, mostly during the just-before-dark hours during the week and on Saturdays. Raking leaves was a family activity. Everyone bundled up, got their own rake, and had a bit of a contest seeing who could fill their bushel basket first. Occasionally, one would find something lost during the summer: a coin, a Cracker Jack toy, or just anything that the lawn mower had missed during the summer.

Then the piles of leaves placed at the street curb were the victims of the old farmer's matches and the aroma of the burning leaves erupted. Along with the aroma, though, was the burning sensation in the eyes if one got too much smoke.

I don't know what grade school teachers do now for special projects, but when I was in grades 2 and 3, we took mini field trips on the school grounds and collected fallen colored leaves, returned to the classroom, pressed the leaves to preserve them. We also placed single leaves between sheets of paper and used colored pencils and crayons to capture the veins and outlines of the leaves.

On occasion, we had a substitute teacher, Mrs. Faye Fisher, who, among other talents, was a colored chalk artist. My classmates and I enjoyed the fall scenes she created on the "blackboard." She would arrive at school very early and have the scene completed before we arrived at 8:15. Too bad we did not have digital cameras then. I would cherish seeing some of those scenes again. Mrs. Fisher is now deceased, but even into my 30's and 40's, I could not address her by her first name. She was—and always will be—Mrs. Fisher to me.

Fall would quickly turn into winter; and if a snow would begin during the school day, someone would always be gazing out the window and would announce, "Oh, look. It's snowing." Our teachers would let us move to the window and watch the little ice pellets turn into large flakes. Then, in an orderly fashion, we moved to the "cloak room," put on our coats, boots, and gloves and went outside. Our teacher brought several magnifying glasses to us. We would stand with our arms outstretched to let snowflakes accumulate on our coats, and then view the snowflakes with the magnifying glass to see the various shapes.

Of course, we would hope that the snowfall would arrive after our recess time so we could get out of the classroom another time.

Then it was back to the classroom (we called it the school-room), take our coats and boots off, and place our wet gloves on the radiators. The heating system was hot water or steam heat. Each classroom had two or three radiators located throughout the room. At one end of the radiator there was a valve to open or close to regulate the amount of heat generated. The radiators were hot to the touch, so one had to be careful not to get too close or to expose one's hand or arm directly to the radiator. As the hot water circulated through the radiator, there were clanking noises and a hissing noise at the escape valve at the end. Many times there was a leak at one of the connections, allowing hot water to run out onto the floor.

But after being outside in freezing temperatures, the radiator was a welcome site for getting warm quickly.

The smell of the wet, wool gloves or mittens soon turned to a smell resembling that of clothes being ironed by your mother or grandmother. That brings back another memory, too. For many years my grand-

mother and great-grandmother used irons that were heated by placing them on the "cook stove." The cook stove was in the kitchen, and it was fueled on the farm with dried corncobs and coal, or sometimes chopped wood. There were several irons on the stove so some could be "heating up" while others were being used to iron the clothes. Then, eventually, electricity came to the farm; and electric irons were used.

Another activity during the winter months in the classroom was the popping or corn to be used to decorate for the holidays.

One that I will always remember, though, was the placing of soil (we called it dirt) in a cigar box and placing it on the window sill near a radiator. My classmates and I were instructed to leave the box there for a few days for the soil to warm before we planted seeds.

Someone in the class would have visited the South during the summer vacation and would bring back a boll of cotton. We would carefully pull the cotton away from the seeds, get as much as the fiber off the seed as we could, and then plant the seeds in our prepared soil.

Every day for a couple of weeks, the student in charge of the plantings would water the soil and check to see if anything had "come up" yet. The highlight of a day would be the report that cotton plant was peeking through the soil. Of course, the plant would never grow to maturity, but we enjoyed watching the progress as far as it would go.

Another interesting plant project involved taking a sweet potato, cutting off the bottom to create a flat base, and placing the potato in a bowl of water. Eventually, green leaves would grow from the potato, creating a large vine.

I often think it would be great to return to those days, days when there were few worries for 8- and 9-year-olds.

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the United States and key leaders in the Republican Party. While the voting machines themselves present some technical issues, the political affiliations within the voting machine industry pose even more serious questions. The three major companies involved in implementing the new, often faulty, technology at voting stations throughout the country have strong ties to the Bush Administration, Republican leaders, and major defense contractors.

It must be noted that under the Help America Vote Act control over the electoral process has been taken away from local officials and placed in the hands of a very small number of for-profit corporations. In effect we are privatizing America's most public endeavor.

#5 The Wholesale Giveaway of Our Natural Resources

In These Times, November 23, 2003

Title: "Liquidation of the Commons"

Author: Adam Werbach
High Country News, Vol. 35, No. 11, June 9, 2003

Title: "Giant Sequoias Could Get the Ax"

Author: Matt Weiser

The Bush Administration's environmental policies are destroying much of the environmental progress made over the past 30 years. Between the "Clean Skies Initiative," a recent policy that allows power plants to emit more than five times more mercury and twice as much sulfur dioxide, and the "Healthy Forests Initiative," which allows the wholesale liquidation of ancient forests by corporate timber interests under the guise of fire prevention, resource extraction and pollution is occurring at unprecedented rates.

Stayed tuned for the final installment next week, as we finally reach number one of Project Censored's publication Censored 2005.

NOTICE

Each year, the two major deadline dates for Parkland Foundation and external scholarships are April 15th (for the fall semester) and November 15th (for the spring semester).

To simplify the on-campus scholarship search process for our students, the Office of Financial Aid now provides a listing of currently available scholarships on our website. In this case, scholarships with a November 15th application deadline date.

If you know of any students who are interested in applying for spring scholarships, please let them know that a current listing is available on the Parkland financial aid website at: <http://www.parkland.edu/ss/financial/current.htm>

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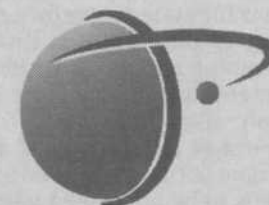
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The case for George W. Bush

By Justin Scott

Prospectus Guest Correspondent

In a couple of weeks, you will have the opportunity to once again decide who will lead this country for the next four years. You have been inundated with a steady stream of stump speeches, sound bites, and campaign rhetoric and you have just enough information and disinformation to be thoroughly confused. Before you cast your vote, however, remember one thing: George W. Bush is the right man at the right time.

Now that you've rolled your eyes and made a face, listen to the reasons why. Without a doubt, the number one issue facing Americans for the foreseeable future is the war on terror. 9/11 is the event that will shape our generation forever. Just as Pearl Harbor defined the World War II generation, terrorism will dominate our lives. In the eight years prior to 9/11, there were six major terrorist attacks on U.S. interests. Since 9/11, there have been zero. Obviously the President has done a lot of things right for that to happen. He has reorganized the FBI and CIA to allow for better sharing of information, he has established a Homeland Security Department, and he has hunted down many of the terrorists responsible for these attacks. Again, we have not been attacked at all since his reforms were passed.

The war in Iraq is easily the most divisive issue of this election. Since it began, the war has steadily become more unpopular due to the grim images seen daily on television and the lack of weapons of mass destruction. Certainly it is not the "shock and awe" that we were promised. That being said, removal of Saddam Hussein and the Ba'ath party was the right thing to do. In the recent Charles Duelfer report, we learned that Saddam was fixated on weapons of mass destruction. Furthermore, if Iran was committed to developing nuclear capabilities, so was he. Now we know that the way he would finance his plans was through the corrupt U.N. food-for-oil program. In addition to his nuclear aspirations, Saddam had already slaughtered over 300,000 Kurds. This type of genocide was the very reason President Clinton committed troops to Kosovo!

Making tough decisions and sticking with your convictions is the essence of leadership. George W. Bush has proven time and again that he is capable of making these decisions and seeing them through to the end. Since 9/11, he has liberated two countries, crushed the Taliban, crippled al-Qaeda, put U.N. inspectors in Libya without firing a shot, and arrested a cruel dictator. He achieved this while the economy was recovering, home ownership reached all-time highs, education scores improved, middle-class incomes increased, and taxes for every person were lowered. What more could any American want from their President?

Fixing the vote

By Jon Volkman

Prospectus Staff Writer

In 2000, the Presidential election in the United States was ultimately decided by the Supreme Court. This was the result of several factors, almost all of which could have been avoided. Many people have ideas, theories, and plans for sweeping reforms, yet most of the problems that are becoming noticeable within the current system would be relatively easy to fix.

First of all, the lack of voter turnout within the United States needs to be addressed immediately. Out of an estimated 205 million eligible voters in 2000, only 156 million of them were registered to vote. In addition, around 105 million people voted in the election, putting the percent of eligible voters that actually voted at 51%. In non-Presidential elections, voter turnout falls even lower, currently hovering

near 35% of eligible voters. Steps need to be taken to improve not only voter registration, but also voter turnout.

Many suggestions have been presented to remedy low voter turnout. Motor voter laws, which would register an individual to vote when they get their driver's license, have been suggested, as the United States has one of the more difficult voter registration systems. Simplified ballots have been suggested too, in hope to make the voting process less complicated.

Part of the problem with voter turnout stems from a lack of faith in the voting system. Many individuals do not believe their vote counts, and as a result do not vote. While it may seem like that way, individual votes are gaining importance. If, for example 70% of the public voted in the 2000 election, the chances of a close election would have declined. The end result could have easily been 62% to 38% for

either candidate, instead of 47% and 48%.

Besides low voter turnout, changes within the Electoral College system could help as well. The Electoral College system is largely state regulated, with most states using a winner-takes-all approach to their electoral votes. Altering the system to give each candidate their share of a state's electoral votes would balance the system further. Adding to the Electoral College would help as well, as more electoral votes would allow better representation.

Obviously, scrapping the entire system seems to be a quick fix, yet the system will only work as well as its users. Given that, a stronger turnout in elections will either show what does not work within the current system, or quell the arguments against the Electoral College and the voting process in the United States.

Take advantage of all Halloween has to offer

By Leah Nelson

Prospectus Editor-in-Chief

More than 2000 years ago, in Western Europe, lived a group of people called the Celts. Their New Year's Eve celebration called Samhain (sow-in) marked the end of the harvest and the start of the cold winter. The Celts believed that on this day, the last day of October, the veil between the world of the living and the world of the dead was thinnest. Samhain festivities included a large feast, costumes, and a bonfire to burn sacrifices of crops and animals to their deities. Later, Roman holidays and deities were incorporated into Samhain as Roman influence spread across Europe, and the day became a commemoration of the dead. Halloween is the offspring of these ancient ritualistic holidays.

We have lost some of the ritualistic aspects of the holiday, but a few linger. We don't have a feast exactly, but stuffing ourselves silly with all sorts of chocolates and gooey caramels and other sweets could be construed as a sort of "feast." And as far as I am aware, there is little sacrificing of animals into bonfires on October 31. But boy, do we have costumes.

The costumes of the Celts were usually animal skins and heads, as they had no surplus of plastic or cheap fabrics and had no inkling of television or movie characters. Americans today have a bounty of costume choices—from Spiderman and Han Solo to vampires and witches and fairies. The possibilities are endless, and for one day of the year, we are not only permitted but encouraged to dress up in a costume and run around after dark eating candy. So why do many adults forgo this ritual?

I must admit that I have thought little about my own costume choice, as I have small people at home who cannot decide if they should be a Ninja Turtle or Batman. As of this morning, I will be taking a pirate and Leonardo trick-or-treating, but this is subject to change. I feel lucky to have my own children to trick-or-treat with, because I don't feel there should be a point when suddenly someone becomes too old to knock on a stranger's door and ask for candy. Those who work their butts off to provide for the little people deserve free candy just as much as their children do.

Adults—remember how you felt as a kid putting on your Halloween costume? Remember the anticipation that pulsed through your chest after you pushed the doorbell, waiting for it to open so you could yell "trick-or-treat!" at the top of your lungs? Remember coming home, your heavy bags laden with candy about to burst, and dumping your treasure on the living room floor, just to look at the bounty of junk food? Remember thinking as you stuffed the hundredth Snickers bar into your mouth, "it doesn't get any better than this"?

So why not do it again? This year, I urge you to swallow your pride and wear a costume all day—not just to late-night parties. No one will laugh, it's Halloween. In my opinion, the more Darth Vaders walking their dogs through the park, the better. Take someone trick-or-treating. It doesn't matter who—your niece or nephew, a friend's kid—and at one house at least, go to the porch with them in your costume and scream "trick-or-treat" in your loudest grown-up voice. I dare you not to smile.

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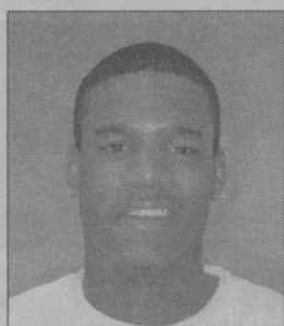
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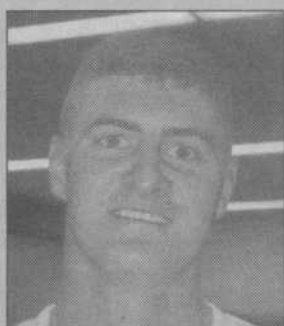
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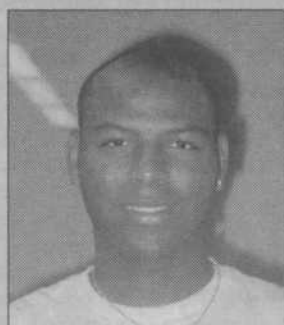
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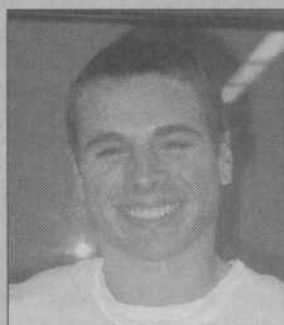
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Photos by Nicole Simmons



Parkland's first baseman awaits a hit from the opponent at the Alumni game on Sunday, October 17 at Parkland College.

Prospectus photo by Ryan Zerrusen

Parkland Athletics Weekend Wrap-up

Press Release

Men's Soccer:

The Parkland Men's Soccer team picked up two much needed wins over the weekend routing Kankakee 13-0 and edging Waubensee 1-0. On Sunday, Michael Deaquino scored the lone goal of the game on an assist from Nick Saupe and goalie Paul Jennison preserved his second straight shutout in the 1-0 victory.

Five players notched two goals each for the Cobras in the rout of the Cavaliers. Zack Estes, Josh Hoak, Billy Schurr, Bobby Safford, and Stephane Seck Birhame each had two goals while Chris Taylor had three assists. Parkland is now 5-9-1 on the season and will play their final game of the regular season on Tuesday at 4:00

against Springfield College.

Women's Soccer:

The Parkland Women's Soccer team fell to 7-6 on the season with a 2-0 loss to Southwestern Illinois College. Parkland battled to a first half tie but two second-half goals by the Blue Storm's Jessica Cook was the difference. The Cobras will play their final home game of the season today when they host #10 Lewis and Clark starting at 4. Parkland will play their final regular season game tomorrow at Waubensee.

Women's Volleyball:

Parkland is now 22-22 on the season after splitting four games over the weekend at the Iowa Central Round Robin. The Cobras fell to #13 Southwestern Iowa in 3 games and knocked

off the host school 30-16 29-31 and 15-11 on Friday before upsetting #10 Iowa Lakes 30-24 30-28 and losing to #11 Des Moines Area 23-30 30-27 13-15.

Parkland has now played 13 of the top 20 teams in the latest NJCAA poll.

This Week in Cobra Athletics

Thursday, Oct. 21

Women's Soccer: Lewis and Clark at Parkland, 4 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 22

Volleyball: Moraine Valley CC at Palos Hill, IL 6 p.m.

October 23-26

No Scheduled Events

Wednesday, Oct. 27

Volleyball: Danville Area CC at Danville 6 p.m.

Rain cuts short Parkland Golf Team at Regionals

Press Release

The Region 24 Golf Tournament was cut back from 36 to 18 holes due to inclement weather leaving Parkland in fifth place at the meet held at Lockhaven Country Club in Alton. Only the top three teams, John A. Logan, Illinois Central, and Rend Lake will advance to the National Tournament held next May in Alabama. No individual golfers from Parkland qualified either as Cole Taylor (78) and Ryan Tennant (79) just missed the 77 needed to advance.