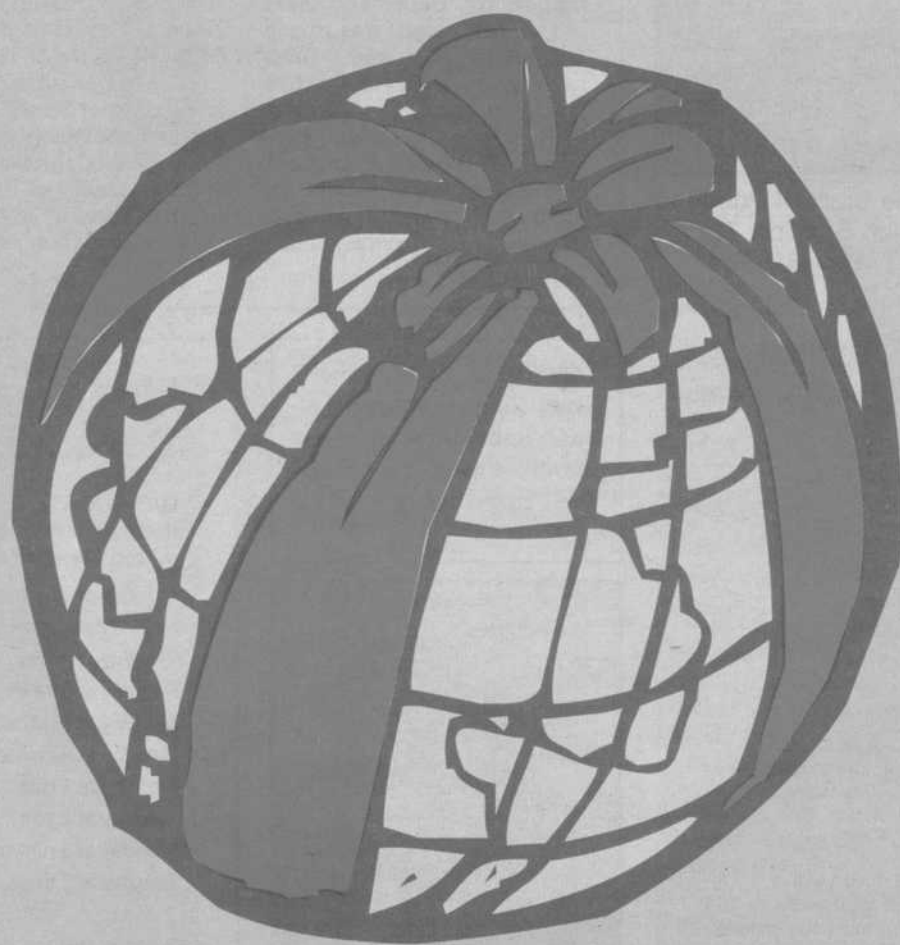




# World



# Peace

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President Zelema Harris announces the start of Parkland public fundraising campaign to District 505 on Friday, December 3, 2004.

## Parkland College kicks off major gifts campaign

### Press release

Parkland College will kick off the public phase of its major gifts campaign, "Creating Brighter Futures" on Friday, December 3 at 10 a.m. in Conference Room A121. The campaign, whose "silent" phase has already generated \$10 million over four years, aims to raise its targeted \$14 million by December 2005.

The campaign was spearheaded by Parkland's fundraising arm, the Parkland College Foundation, in January 2001 to help the college keep pace with changing technology and workforce development needs as well as increase its ability to provide quality

educational and career opportunities for east central Illinois residents and businesses.

Carl Meyer, executive director of the Parkland Foundation, says an initial feasibility study revealed that it was possible for Parkland to raise between \$5 and \$7 million during the campaign, but that the original goal has doubled due to strong executive leadership from Parkland President Zelema Harris and support from the Board of Trustees.

"The major gifts campaign is an extraordinary opportunity to shape Parkland's future, the future of the community, and the quality of life in east central Illinois," Meyer said. The Foundation's board has

maintained a high profile in the business community and continuously engages corporate leaders to develop partnerships with Parkland. The "Creating Brighter Futures" campaign executive committee is co-chaired by local businessmen Donald C. Dodds, Jr. and George Shapland. Co-chairs of its Lead Gifts division are Gregory Lykins and Richard Noel. William Froom is the campaign's honorary chair.

For more information on how to invest in the future of the local economy by contributing to the "Creating Brighter Futures" major gifts campaign, please refer to the contact listed above.

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### DAY COURSES

If your first class meeting during the week is:

The final exam will be held:

Monday at 7 a.m. ....	8-10 a.m., Tuesday, December 14
Monday at 8 a.m. ....	8-10 a.m., Monday, December 13
Monday at 9 a.m. ....	8-10 a.m., Wednesday, December 15
Monday at 10 a.m. ....	8-10 a.m., Thursday, December 16
Monday at 11 a.m. ....	11 a.m.-1 p.m., Monday, December 13
Monday at 12 noon ....	11 a.m.-1 p.m., Wednesday, December 15
Monday at 1 p.m. ....	11 a.m.-1 p.m., Tuesday, December 14
Monday at 2 p.m. ....	2-4 p.m., Tuesday, December 14
Monday at 3 p.m. or 4 p.m. ....	2-4 p.m., Monday, December 13
Tuesday at 7 a.m. ....	8-10 a.m., Monday, December 13
Tuesday at 8 a.m. ....	8-10 a.m., Tuesday, December 14
Tuesday at 9 a.m. or 10 a.m. ....	8-10 a.m., Friday, December 17
Tuesday at 11 a.m. ....	11 a.m.-1 p.m., Thursday, December 16
Tuesday at 12 noon ....	11 a.m.-1 p.m., Friday, December 17
Tuesday at 1 p.m. ....	2-4 p.m., Wednesday, December 15
Tuesday at 2 p.m. ....	2-4 p.m., Thursday, December 16
Tuesday at 3 p.m. ....	2-4 p.m., Wednesday, December 15
Tuesday at 4 p.m. ....	2-4 p.m., Thursday, December 16
Any day class after Tuesday ....	2-4 p.m., Friday, December 17

### EVENING COURSES

If your evening class is held on (first meeting of the week):

The final exam will be held:

Monday .....	Monday, December 13
Tuesday .....	Tuesday, December 14
Wednesday .....	Wednesday, December 15
Thursday .....	Thursday, December 16

All evening finals (5 p.m. or later) will be at the regular class time.



## What did you like about the fall semester?



**Beth**—The play *Assassins*.



**Brad**—I liked my history class. I am not looking forward to leaving.



**Cole**—The pizza sales.



**Kelly**—Mr. Hales' class.



**Rachel**—The Doors light show.



**Tyler**—Set up and activities in the main area.

Photos by Erin Koelkebeck

## Finding the unique, thoughtful gifts

By Jon Volkman  
*Prospectus Staff Writer*

As the month of December starts and the end of the year nears, attention shifts to the holiday season. Everyone has a list of items they want, or someone they especially want to surprise. Either way, as the holiday season unfolds, we all seek ideas on what to buy.

Do you get the uncle with the tie collection another tie, or the friend addicted to that one cartoon another piece of branded merchandise? In the end, the decision of what to buy is a hard one, as we try to balance practicality with seeing that glimmer of joy when they unwrap the gift.

Below I present a list of gift ideas for anyone, from the frivolous to the functional.

1.) **USB Flash Pen Drives**—These drives come under numerous names and have become the standard in portable storage. They are ideal for students or anyone who works on files in multiple locations, and these drives are indispensable. The compact design has a USB connection, with flash memory inside, which is impervious to dust and scratches. This makes them more durable than a floppy disk, and with the smaller USB drives starting at 64 MB, they carry far more than a 1.44 MB floppy disk. With prices for smaller pen drives starting under 20 bucks, they make a very useful gift.

2.) **Laptop Lights**—As laptop computers grow in popularity, so do the gadgets that one can get for them. To aid any laptop user on your list, get them one of these, a small LED light that is powered by the USB port. They provide excellent light for typing and laptop use in areas where overhead light is scarce, like on an airplane. They start at around 15 dollars.

3.) **Noise Reduction Headphones**—Continuing with technology themed gifts, noise reduction headphones have started gaining popularity. Generally used to cancel out noise, these are perfect when listening to music in loud hallways. As

with any headphones, the quality varies wildly with price, so be sure to shop around before settling on a pair of these for the audiophile on your list.

4.) **Cross-Cut Paper Shredder**—This gift definitely hails as being practical. Given today's problems with identity theft, along with the influx of paper in one's home, this gift is a very smart one. Also, destroying unneeded documents is a wise idea, the recipient of a shredder will be pleasantly grateful. These shredders start at around 10 bucks, and make a very func-

8.) **Online Music Gift Cards**—The gift of music is always a smart choice, especially for the more finicky person on your list. With a gift card for somewhere like iTunes or Musicmatch, one can pick and choose their music, making the gift more usable. Also, with the influx of illegal downloads and RIAA lawsuits, legal downloads are a positive gift to give.

9.) **Netflix or Gamefly Gift Subscriptions**—Many people have heard of Netflix, a company that has been around since 1999. For \$17.99 per month, you

*"The decision of what to buy is a hard one, as we try to balance practicality with seeing that glimmer of joy when they unwrap the gift."*

tional gift.

5.) **Bamboo**—While certainly not on the top of anyone's list, bamboo supposedly brings good fortune. While seemingly an odd gift, bamboo is a resilient plant. It also makes a beautiful and unique addition to any home. Prices for bamboo vary, but it remains a great gift.

6.) **Adopt an Animal**—Donations to aquariums and other organizations can be used to "adopt" animals. The World Wildlife Fund has polar bear adoptions, while organizations like Heifer International allow you to buy shares of goats and cows to help families around the world become self-sufficient. This unique gift is great for the environmentally friendly, and a way to promote learning in children. Most donations start at around 20 dollars, and climb upward from there.

7.) **Event Tickets**—Knowing someone can make finding a perfect gift easier. For those people, tickets for their favorite band or sports team can be a surprise gift. Of course, this gift gives twice, once when it's received and again when they are used. In any event, finding the right tickets for an individual makes a surprise gift.

can give a gift subscription to the movie buff on your list. With it, they'll get movies, three at a time, until the subscription runs out. If video games are desired, Gamefly offers gift subscriptions, with a month costing \$19.99. With it comes a choice of Xbox, Playstation 2, Game Cube, and Game Boy Advance games and it beats going to the video store.

10.) **Arcade Games Built Into a Joystick**—These joysticks have been everywhere lately, and they pack old arcade games into a joystick that plugs into your television. Games like Pac-Man, Centipede, Pole Position, and Frogger are available and a nostalgic gift for those fortunate enough to have experienced the classic arcade games. They are also great time killers, perfect for those times when on a vacation you feel like lounging in your hotel room. These joysticks run between 3 and 15 dollars depending on the version.

All in all, this list is meant to start the mind working as you think about what to get everyone for the holidays. This list is meant to give you some more inexpensive yet still thoughtful ideas. Anyway, it's the thought that counts, right?



IT SEEMS APPROPRIATE for this issue, the last of the semester and the Holiday Issue, that I turn my thoughts to holidays past, the ones that I remember as a child and perhaps even a few recent ones.

Christmas was a big thing at home when I was growing up in Mahomet. I really believe

next visit. It took years for me to recognize the signature. The capital "S" was the giveaway.

A dark cloud hovered over Mahomet on Christmas Eve in 1949. Shortly before we left for church, the town learned that Grandpa Fred Jahr, the owner of Jahr's

down the aisles; those who couldn't walk crawled. But by the time we passed over California, most of them were taking naps.

After a couple of meals, a nap, and a movie, we landed in Honolulu. What a beautiful site from the air. The lush green, the deep blue ocean, and then the fragrance of the plumeria, and yes, the pleasing smell of the pineapple canning factories. The best way I can describe the aroma from the canning factories is to recall the aroma of a pineapple upside cake baking in our kitchen at home.

Getting hungry?

Well, I had a great deal of trouble dealing with 85 degree temperatures on Dec. 26, let alone Christmas carols being played at McDonalds with all the doors open.

I had a great time, but I vowed that I would never spend any part of December away from my beloved ice and snow. I have always said that my ideal Christmas would be in the mountains in Colorado, in an A-frame cottage in the Rockies, with a fire in the fireplace, a pot of chili on the stove, popcorn for popping, hot chocolate, a television set, plenty of books to read, and my Macintosh laptop. What more could one want?

OUR CHRISTMAS TREE was always a live tree. And I wanted to put it up the day after Thanksgiving. "I never heard of such a thing," my mother would say. Then the three of us would look toward my dad. He would smile and say, "Your Grandmother Gilbert always put her tree up the day after Thanksgiving." But then mom would reply with, "Yes, but that tree was a white feather tree, not a real tree."

So we usually put the tree up around the 17th of December. I would beg to keep that tree up until Jan. 6, the 12th day of Christmas. I usually lost, and the tree came down on New Year's Day. I still have decorations from those childhood days. Then when I got my first apartment in Rantoul, I put up a tree on Dec. 1 and left it up until Feb. 22. Yes, Feb. 22. That poor tree turned from rich green, a pale yellow, and then brown, brown. What a mess to clean up. Needles were all over the floor. I couldn't move the tree an inch without a downpour of needles.

I think my most memorable tree was one that I bought about 20 years ago. It was a white flocked tree with blue lights and blue decorations. If I recall correctly, that tree cost about \$85. Recently, I got in my mind that I would buy another tree just like the white, flocked tree. When I discovered that I could add a \$100 bill to the cost, I went to the closet, and pulled out the artificial, fiber optics tree that still had some of the keepsake decorations from the 40's.

Next year I'll save up some money and treat myself to the tree I really want.

Well, that about wraps it up for the fall semester, 2004. Before we know it, final projects and exams will be history, and we will be looking forward to fun with family and friends.

I hope all of you have a great holiday season. Spend a little time recalling your holiday memories. Create some new traditions with your family.

We will see you in a few weeks with the next edition in January.

## Jingles of the season

By Mike Cory

COM 105 Student

The usual flood of Christmas albums coming out this year turns out to only be a slight drizzle. Jessica Simpson is the only household name releasing a Christmas album this year, an album so ineptly titled *Re-Joyce*, and I'm pretty sure nobody's losing much sleep wait-

*"Christmas albums became a staple of successful acts in the 50's and 60's, when music still mattered."*

ing for the release. This year's Christmas album sales are already looking to not even come close to last year's incredible sales, the last two weeks of 2003 raking in the sale of 63.4 million albums.

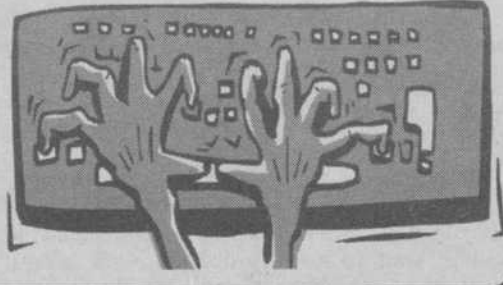
Christmas albums became a staple of successful acts in the 50's and 60's, when music still mattered. Anyone worthy enough to be remembered is most likely to have released a Christmas album or two. The Beatles have released the most so far—seven, one for every year that they were together. Sinatra, Gladys Knight & the Pips, the Supremes, John Denver, Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, David Bowie and Johnny Mathis have all recorded three or more Christmas albums.

So why don't more artists release Christmas album anymore? For one thing, original Christmas songs are few and far between. How many versions of "The Little Drummer Boy" can we really take anyways? The last original Christmas song to make the charts was 20 years ago and it was Band Aid's "Do They Know It's Christmas?"

You may wonder what holi-

## keyboard chatter

by Larry V. Gilbert



this was the case because my grandparents on my mother's side of the family were very, very frugal. Christmas was celebrated, but the gifts were few. Both my mother and my aunt tell of their Christmas stocking having mostly necessities and very few frills.

My mother told us that she received candies, a big, red apple, perhaps an orange, and one toy, usually a doll. My aunt related recently that she asked Santa for a bicycle. She was hoping for a bright, shiny, red bicycle. But instead she found a used, repainted bike. A childhood friend of hers proudly displayed a brand new bike. Buying a Christmas tree was a waste of hard-earned money. So my mother and aunt would cut a small branch from a tree, pine or not, and decorate it with ribbons and homemade paper chains. I think they may have popped popcorn and threaded string through the popped kernels. Sometimes cranberries were also used with the popcorn. There were no electric lights because electricity did not come to the farms here until later.

Well, because of her childhood Christmases, my mother and father "overdid" Christmas to tell you the truth. I'm sure they did without many things during the year to save enough money for Santa to make a memorable visit. But they did that for years. And Christmas was a stay-at-home holiday for us. We would go to my grandparents farm for Thanksgiving, but Christmas was at home—no exceptions. All the family was welcome to come to our house, and they usually did.

That month between Thanksgiving and Christmas seemed to go on forever. The daily newspaper had a small area at the bottom of page one that told how many more shopping days until Christmas. And then Christmas Eve finally came. My two brothers and I were always in the Christmas play at church (always presented on Christmas Eve). We had to be in the play — no choice — our mother was the director. At the end of the service, Santa made an appearance and handed out sacks filled with candy, an orange, and an apple to everyone, young and young at heart.

Then a fast trip home to write a note to Santa and leave cookies and milk for the old gentleman. He always wrote a note back thanking us for the goodies and warning us to be good during the next 12 months and his

Hardware in Mahomet, had died suddenly. Not one Christmas Eve goes by that I do not recall that evening. The pastor explained to all the young people that Grandpa Jahr was going to spend Christmas with the Baby Jesus.

I must tell you about one Christmas back in 1947 or 1948. Of course I was awake all night. Never could sleep on Christmas Eve. My brothers and I were always so tired on Christmas Day that we had to take a nap during the afternoon. Isn't it funny how we used to cry because we had to take a nap; and now, we cry because we can't take the time for a nap.

Well, on this particular Christmas I got up at 4 in the morning. It was never later than that. I quietly slipped out of bed and into the living room. I turned on a small light and discovered that Santa had not paid us a visit yet. So back to bed. Two or three more trips produced the same result — no Santa. Finally when daylight appeared, I awakened my brothers and told them that Santa was not coming to our house. We went to our parents' bedroom and almost in tears told them. My dad jumped out of bed, put his ear to the wall, and said, "He's on the roof now. Get back in bed or he will leave. And don't get up until I tell you that he's left." That we did. An hour later the Christmas tree boasted of new bicycles, a train, etc. Phew!

Several years ago, I was invited to visit some friends in Hawaii. They suggested my flying to Honolulu a couple of days before Christmas so I could spend the holidays in 85 degree weather.

Being a winter and a snow person, I declined but agreed to fly out of Chicago the day after Christmas.

That year we had a rare occurrence, snow for Christmas. I was really glad that I was home for that. It was questionable, though, whether we would be able to fly out of Willard; however, the runways were cleared enough for takeoffs and landings. It was about 10 above zero when we landed in Chicago, and it was snowing quite heavily. No problem leaving Chicago, though, and by noon I was 39,000 feet above all the weather.

I made a mistake on this booking. I had a nonstop flight to the Islands. I think there must have been 300 children 4 and under on that plane. Those that could ran up and



## December festivities around the world

■ Countries hold on to centuries old traditions; December is a magnet for giving and sharing

By Oscar Schlenker

COM 105 Student

Have you ever wondered what is going on "down under" while you're setting up your Christmas tree? Or pondered on how Asians are dealing with Hanukkah? Are you asking yourself if Russians have Kwanza? ... Probably not, but wouldn't you like to know anyways?

Being from Venezuela and living here in Champaign for a couple of years now, I have become very interested in the celebrations that occur during December. One of the things that triggered this interest is the different ways Christmas is celebrated around the world. For example, back home children await the Niño Jesus (Baby Jesus) to bring the Christmas presents and lay them on the bed; the nativity scene is given more im-

portance than the Christmas tree and of course, instead of playing in the snow we go play in the sand at the beach.

Germany has wonderful Christmas traditions also, and they also have Santa Claus which goes from door to door giving children small gifts on December 7. Advent wreaths, the first signs of Christmas in Germany, appear on the first Sunday in Advent, about four weeks before Christmas. A single red candle is placed on the wreath each Sunday, so that there are four candles on Christmas Day. It is said that the tradition of decorating the Christmas tree or Tannebaum originated in Germany, and to this day many homes light up their tree with real candles.

Although in Japan only 1/2 of 1% of the population is estimated to be Christian, the Jap-

anese are great lovers of festivals and celebrations, including Christmas. The Japanese celebrate Christmas Eve by eating a "Christmas Cake" stores all over carry versions of this Christmas cake. In Japan Christmas seems to be closer to the Western concept of St. Valentine's Day.

Christians in China celebrate by lighting their houses with beautiful paper lanterns and decorating their Christmas trees, which they call "Trees of Light". Chinese Children hang muslin stockings and await a visit from Santa Claus, whom they call *Dun Che Lao Ren* (dwyn-chuh-lau-oh-run) which means "Christmas Old Man."

Many countries celebrate Christmas and many don't but still the month of December is a magnet for giving, sharing and spending time with ones family...and partying of course.

## Poet's Corner

### My Frustration

By Jasmine Diane Slater

I do not understand  
Why people are racist  
Why did this all start  
So stereotypical when it comes to color  
Most of all I do not understand  
Why some can't look beyond the tone of skin  
Not realizing that more lies within  
What I understand most  
Is that I am a color of art  
Black, beautiful, and smart  
Full of pride  
But a racist cannot see this  
Because they do not look inside

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## Jingles from page 4

day discs besides Jessica Simpson's are worth grabbing? Probably the most highly regarded holiday album is Phil Spector's *A Christmas Gift for You from Phil Spector*. Featuring the likes of Leon Russell, Sonny Bono and Jack Nitzsche to name a few, Phil Spector used his legendary sound system "The Wall Of Sound" to produce this marvelous album.

Other worthy Christmas albums are "A Very Special Christmas" (that includes Run DMC's brilliant "Christmas in Hollis"), "The Andy Williams Christmas Album" for you die-hard country and western fans and "Soul Christmas"—a compilation of the great Motown legends' favorite Christmas tracks is another classic.

So this Christmas when you're looking for some hip versions of your holiday favorites to get you in the Christmas spirit, don't turn to the present to fulfill your holiday yearn.

# Top 25 holiday movies

By Jared Ernst

COM 105 Student

Well it's that time of the year again and that means lots of food, lots of shopping, snow and especially presents! This holiday season why not treat you and yourself to some holiday classic movies. They would make great gifts, or just buy them to have around especially when you want to just stay in side and warm up by the fire.

Here now is a list of the top 25 Holiday movies you should own or try to watch this season. Every one loves a good movie so here are 25 to choose from:

**25**— Let's start it off with number 25: *Look Who's Talking Now*, the third installment in the *Look Who's Talking* series. In this movie we hear what the dogs are thinking as a family prepares for the holidays. John Travolta plays a dad who is struggling to get home in this funny Christmas movie.

**24**—Next up is another really funny movie which also happens to be the third movie in a series. I am talking of course about *Friday after Next* which was the last movie in the *Friday* series. This movie follows two cousins as they try to figure out who robbed them while they are at work during Christmas Eve. Ice Cube stars in this Christmastime story.

**23**—Number twenty three goes to *A Muppet Christmas Carol*. Those wacky Muppets tell the tale of scrooge and Tiny Tim in their own crazy way.

**22**—Next on the list is a story about two opposites who are stuck with each other trying to make it home for Thanksgiving dinner. John Candy and Steve Martin are hilarious in the classic *Planes, Trains and Automobiles*.

**21**—So how about an action flick? Well

in this movie, Bruce Willis gets back at a bunch of bad guys who ruin a wonderful Christmas Party in *Die Hard*. Warm yourself by the numerous explosions in this one.

**20**—Bing Crosby rocks the screen in this musical classic *White Christmas*.

**19**—How about a black and white classic? Hats off to the original *A Christmas Carol*.

**18**—*Santa Claus is coming to Town*. This is the first animated movie to make the list and a darn good one at that. Who doesn't want to know the story of Chris Kringle?

**17**—Here is one of my favorites, *Edward Scissorhands*. Johnny Depp stars in Tim Burton's classic about a scared young man who learns how to live among other people.

**16**—How could you complete your holidays without a little Arnold Schwarzenegger? *Jingle All The Way* finds its way into the list due to some hilarious over-acting by everybody's favorite good guy. This movie follows a dad who is trying to find his son the toy of his dreams for Christmas—a Turbo Man doll. Can Army do it?

**15**—Here is a movie that is one everyone's favorite list. I am talking of course about *Ernest Saves Christmas*. Jim Varney once again plays Ernest P. Worrell. In this wacky movie Ernest finds himself helping out Ol' Santy Claus and saving the day.

**14**—What is green and mean and hates Christmas? Of course it's *The Grinch*. Jim Carrey stars in this classic Dr. Seuss tale brought to life. You're a

mean one Mr. Grinch.

**13**—This next one is new but I guarantee you will like it. Check out the movie *Elf*, starring funnyman Will Ferrell this holiday season and prepare to laugh.

**12**—The next movie was based on a classic little ditty called *Frosty The Snowman*. This animated classic stays true to the song and follows Frosty through his holiday adventure.

**11**—Another Christmas Carol remake finds its way on down the list Bill Murray stars in this hilarious slap-stick comedy *Scrooged*.

**10**—The Top Ten, here we go... *It's a Wonderful Life*. In this classic Christmas movie Jimmy Stewart has some tough breaks and is about to give up but the Christmas spirit saves him. Isn't that great!

**9**—Yet another great classic is *Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> Street*. This movie follow a little girl who doesn't believe in Santa Claus. How dare her! But ol' Kris Kringle shows up just in time and sets this little scrooge straight.

**8**—It's Tool Time in December in this great movie. Tim Allen finds himself in a clause in this Christmas tale called *The Santa Clause*. After causing Santa to fall, Tim Allen has to take his place in the hysterical comedy. Enjoy!

**7**—Merry Christmas Charlie Brown! *Charlie Brown's Christmas* has got to be the most played Christmas movie on TV of all time. However, it is still a great holiday movie that everyone had enjoyed at least once, so why not see it again.

**6**—Wow that thing's bright! *Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer* is number six. Everyone remembers this animated classic and who can forget that catchy tune!

**5**—Number five brings us back to an original. Dr. Seuss's *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*. This 1966 cartoon based on the book is an all time holiday classic that everyone can enjoy.

**4**—The next movie on the list is a story about a young boy who is accidentally left *Home Alone*. This is the movie that put Macaulay Culkin on the map as he outsmarts bad guy Joe Pesci. This classic is absolutely hilarious.

**3**—Tim Burton makes the list yet again with the great animated film, *A Nightmare before Christmas*. This movie is about Jack Skellington, the scariest person in Halloween town who becomes infatuated with Christmas.

**2**—And the runner up is... the holiday comic classic from National Lampoon's - *Christmas Vacation*. Chevy Chase and Randy Quaid make a hilarious duo to laugh at over and over again. And the number one holiday movie to watch is:

**1... A Christmas Story**. This movie has it all that you are looking for in a Christmas movie. Crazy family, crazy gifts, tongues stuck to cold metal poles and of course remember: "you'll shoot your eye out."

Well, that wraps things up. I hope that you and your family have time this holiday season to kick back, relax and enjoy one or more of these holiday classics over and over again. MERRY CHRISTMAS!

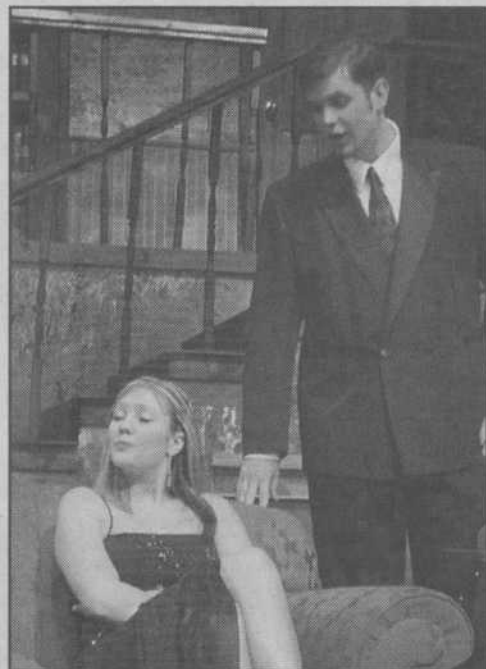
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Have a wonderful holiday break!



## Parkland presents Neil Simon's *Rumors*

See review of the production on page 10.

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Cassie Cooper (Marcy Decker) snubs her husband Glenn (Andy Clodfelter).



Cookie and Ernie Cusack (Jonathan Butler-Duplessis) dance the night away.



Claire listens as Chris Gorman (Abby Morgan) passes on a rumor.



Officer Welch (Tim Flanagan) takes down notes of the night's adventure.



Ken Gorman (Ryan Mulvaney) passes on a rumour to Claire and Lenny Ganz (Micah Sanders and Brian Morgan).



Chris, Glenn and Lenny search the floor for Cookie's (Claire Cowley) lost earring.



The men play rock-paper-scissors to decide who will be the mysterious Charlie.



## I'd rather have honesty

By Jon Volkman

Prospectus Staff Writer

In choosing journalism, an individual is placed squarely into the public eye. Their stories are subjected to the scrutiny of all who encounter it. The varied opinions of journalism, as well as varied ideas on the standards the industry should have, all shape how that report is received.

As a result, journalists have a fine line to follow. Recent stories have highlighted people like Dan Rather, who has taken the blame for questionable sources used in a piece on one of CBS' news shows. While publicly shouldering responsibility, Rather has endured much scorn, and recently announced he was stepping down as anchor of CBS' Evening News. This change has been anticipated, but due to its timing, one has to question the reasoning.

Rather was part of a group of people that decided to go ahead with the story. More than likely, his approval carried a great deal of weight as well. At the time, the reliability of the sources was being questioned. Yet he did stand up and say they made a mistake afterwards, and for that he has been lambasted by various people.

As a journalist, an individual's responsibility is to ensure accuracy and honesty. In today's sensationalized media industry, the truth is more diluted. Yet the truth needs to be present, and in

the case a story that is discredited, responsibility needs to be taken.

In Rather's case, he took responsibility. Along the way, he might have sidestepped the issue some, but for someone in his position to stand up and admit error is admirable. Too often, journalistic integrity is comprised for ratings, and when elements of a news story prove questionable, the story changes without missing a beat.

Today, that is the norm for most major media outlets. Never mind that many of the "top" news stories these days conflict between media outlets. I have learned that if a story is important enough to me, I need to check multiple sources and glean the truth from the glossed over stories I am presented.

I guess that is what puzzles me. In the Rather incident, he seems to have been honest about it. Yet given what has happened since, his honesty has caused more trouble than not. One would think that being honest, even when making a mistake, would garner respect and praise.

In the end, journalistic integrity boils down to being honest. If a report turns out to be wrong, it needs to be admitted. The public needs to be forgiving too, as we all make mistakes and expect forgiveness. Incidents like Rather's do happen, and while their occurrence is rare these days, tolerance is important to remember.

## Thinking positive at Christmastime

By Sarah Trusty

Prospectus Staff Writer

Do you ever get annoyed with the fact that Christmas always starts in November? Every year, around the middle of November, I begin to dread Christmas, because I know that it is going to start soon and there will be an entire month of hearing Christmas songs, seeing Christmas decorations going up everywhere, and having long lines to wait in just about anywhere I would want to go shopping.

It has always bothered me that a holiday that is celebrated on December 25 has to start as early as, or sometimes even earlier than, the day after Thanksgiving. The reason that it always bothered me so much was because I felt that Christmas was for celebrating the birth of Christ, and instead stores were using as a reason to advertise all of their products and make money off of it. Also, by the time Christmas rolls around, there has been so much Christmas jammed down my throat that I'm just plain sick of it.

This year, though, I have changed my mind. Although I'm still slightly annoyed with it, I have decided to look at Christmas as a month of celebration instead of just that one day. Aside from the stress of the holidays, people get into the Christmas spirit early, and can actually be friendlier.

As far as all of the hassle of Christmas shopping, I don't think that it's just the stores trying

to make money. I mean, people are going to shop anyway! Why not just enjoy the shopping, and also enjoy the fact that stores are having sales on the things that you were going to buy anyway? And even though there are more people in the stores and longer lines to wait in, it's worth it to get that gift for someone that you really care about.

I do have to admit, though, that my new positive attitude about Christmas can be hard to keep. The day before Thanksgiving when I went into work there was Christmas music playing, and it really irritated me. When I decided to be happy about the holidays, I was expecting them to start the day after Thanksgiving like they are supposed to instead of the day before, and the Christmas music really threw me off guard. I have recovered from that, though, and I just keep telling myself that there was only two days difference in when I thought they holidays should start and when I actually started experiencing them.

For anyone else who gets annoyed with Christmas starting early, I think that you should start trying to be more positive about it as well. Hopefully everyone will be in the Christmas spirit this season, making it better for everyone. Besides, why be upset about something that you know you are never going to be able to change?

With that word of advice, I would like to wish you all a happy holiday. Enjoy your Christmas break, and we'll see you back here next semester!

## It's just that simple: It's the little things that kill

By Joseph Rosenbaum

Prospectus Staff Writer

In the movie *Falling Down*, Michael Douglas plays a regular guy driven over the edge by the pressures of daily life. Although it was a movie, these things happen more often than you might think. I don't condone violence and acts of rampage but I can understand how they can happen. A vast segment of the population walks around only concerned with themselves, their problems and really don't care and/or are oblivious to the effects their behavior has on other people. I would be willing to bet that the postal worker (who has become synonymous with rampaging, murderous acts) who shot up his office after being fired was completely driven off the edge by the pressures of

daily life and getting fired was the straw that broke the camel's back.

It's not the major catastrophes that most people can't handle; it's the little things that kill. That's why we need pressure releases. Some choose relatively healthy outlets such as sports, physical exertion, meditation, prayer, etc. Others choose unhealthy and sometimes dangerous outlets like alcohol, drugs and promiscuous sex. As college students, some of us are being presented with serious pressures for the first time in our lives. How we choose to handle these pressures will set the stage for our future. You may think having a few drinks or a joint after a rough day, week, test, final, etc. is okay, but if you continue to make this a pattern, you could very possibly be set-

ting yourself up for a world of hurt.

Sometimes unconsciously, people slip into certain reflex behaviors. When they are nervous, some people eat, pace, chatter incessantly, bite their fingernails, etc. It would be a good idea to do some self-reflection. Find out more about yourself, why you do the things you do. When you begin to peel the layers off, you will be surprised what you find, a little bit of the good, the bad and the ugly. If we are taking the time and putting in the effort to learn, shouldn't we learn about ourselves? I make it a point to learn from everybody, I learn what to do and what not to do. The choices you make today have substantial bearing on the rest of your life.

What will you choose?

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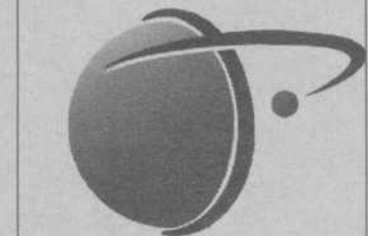
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# PCETV

The Parkland Channel

## Parkland student production a success

By Allison Smith

Prospectus Staff Writer

The Parkland Theatre opened its 14th annual student production on December 1. The production, a rendition of Neil Simon's *Rumors*, was directed by Jesse Hausmann. All proceeds from the play will go towards supporting the Randall A. Milas Scholarship program.

The play takes place in a Manhattan suburb as four couples gather to celebrate the tenth anniversary of their best friends. As the first couple arrives, Chris and Ken Gorman, they hear a gun fire and are thrown into one of the most confusing situations one can imagine. They discover that the host, Charlie, has seemingly shot himself in the ear and his wife, Myra, is nowhere to be found. Seeing as they don't know what happened to lead up to these events and they don't want to tarnish Charlie's good name as the deputy mayor of New York, they decide it would be best to keep the incident from the other guests. This proves to be slightly harder than they expected once

their nerves, and their drinks, set in. As the rumors about what happened spread, what follows after is nothing less than mass hysteria and hilarity as they strive to conceal the situation. One by one, the other couples are told and panic sets in. As the guests face one mishap after another they must work together to set the story straight before the cops arrive.

Claire and Lenny Ganz are the second couple to arrive. Lenny, played by Brian Morgan, is a pompous, materialistic, accountant. While his character is not particularly likeable, Morgan's performance is. A major highlight of the production comes when it is left up to Lenny to explain to the police what happened. With his character acting as Charlie, Morgan gives a performance that is flawless and leaves the audience laughing long after the scene has passed. With a dialogue chock full of humor, Morgan's portrayal definitely stands out in the production. Claire Ganz, played by Micah Sanders, also does a wonderful job. Portraying Lenny's wife, an equally pompous and sarcastic socialite, Sanders de-

livers her one-liners with precise comic timing. As the play progressed, audiences could count on Sanders' character for the smart-ass comments they wished they could make.

Charlie's lawyer, Ken Gorman (Ryan Mulvaney), was the first to discover the shooting. Mulvaney took his comic spotlight when his character's hearing was affected by another gunshot blast. Deafened for much of the rest of the show, Mulvaney pulled off more than one cheesy pun as a result of his hearing loss, definitely another highlight of the play. Abby Morgan portrays his wife, Chris, a nervous, bumbling lawyer who must keep up much of the ruse by herself. As one of the few likeable characters in the play, Abby Morgan's best moments are her so-called explanations for the situation.

Next we're introduced to Ernie and Cookie Cusack. Cookie, played by Claire Cowley, is the dimwitted host of a cooking show. With her character suffering from lower back spasms, Cowley delivers one of the most absurd and enter-

taining performances of the evening. Jonathan Butler-Duplessis plays Ernie Cusack, the doting husband and condescending psychoanalyst.

Glenn and Cassie Cooper are the last couple to arrive. Glenn, played by Andy Clodfelter, is an aspiring politician. His wife Cassie, portrayed by Marcy Decker, is a snobby socialite who suspects the worst of her husband. Both characters come across as distant and snobby, making their characters most believable.

Finally, as the police intervene, we are introduced to Officer Welch, played by Tim Flanagan, and Officer Pudney, portrayed by Janna Repta. Though neither are major characters, Flanagan's performance is no-nonsense and strong. Repta also deserves props for dealing with her radio, which sounded as if an adult from the Muppets was on the other end.

At the end of the night, audiences left after a hilarious performance that was well worth the eight dollars. Congratulations to the cast and crew for a production well done!

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DEC 17	5 pm	LINCOLN TRAIL
DEC 18	1 pm	MALCOLM X

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## In the spotlight

### Women's basketball

#### Laquisha Johnson #22—Forward



**Cobra highlight:** Had 10 rebounds against ICC  
**In my free time I like to:** Talk on the phone  
**Favorite athlete:** Cynthia Cooper  
**Favorite musician:** Mary J. Blige  
**Favorite food:** Barbecue ribs  
**I will never eat:** Pig's feet  
**I want to visit:** Africa  
**Favorite movie:** *Love and Basketball*  
**In ten years I will be:** A

lawyer or a pro basketball player

**My hero growing up was:** My mother and grandmother

**My greatest basketball moment was:** In seventh grade when I became captain of the boy's basketball team

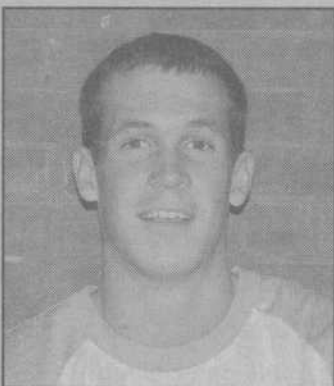
**People don't know that I:** Write poetry

**Favorite college team:** Duke

**Best advice:** Never give up on your dreams

### Men's basketball

#### John Edmison #20—Point/Guard



**Cobra highlight:** Scored 15 points against Triton College

**In my free time I like to:** Play poker, video games, spend time with my girlfriend

**Favorite athlete:** Stojakovic and Pujols  
**Favorite musician:** Jay-Z and Eminem

**I'd like to meet:** Michael Jordan

**I will never eat:** Tomatoes

or onions

**I want to visit:** Las Vegas

**Favorite movie:** *Goodfellas*

**In ten years I will be:** Married with two kids and a house in Florida

**If I won a million I'd:** Buy a new car and lots of clothes and buy my parents a new home

**My greatest basketball moment was:** The half-court game-winning basket against Lincoln Land my freshman year

**Favorite college team:** Illinois and Duke

**Best advice:** Play every game like it's your last

**Support your Cobra Athletes!**



Prospectus photo by Adam Preston

John Edmison drives in the lane for a jumper against Triton on November 30.

## ICC Women double-up Parkland

### Press release

The Illinois Central Women's Basketball team took out two years of frustration of losing to Parkland and pounded the Cobras 68-34 in East Peoria on Sunday afternoon. Parkland had defeated the Lady Cougars three consecutive times, including a hard fought victory in last year's Region 24 championship

game which sent PC to Nationals.

This is a much different year however, and #2 ranked ICC (7-1) held the struggling Cobras (2-6) to just 16% shooting from the field. Parkland made just 4 of 36 shots from 2-point range and was 8-19 from the free throw line.

Sarah Houston was a bright spot for Parkland, making 4 of

9 3-point attempts, to lead the way with 15 points. Laquisha Johnson had 10 rebounds for Parkland. ICC was led by Marie Moser who had 13 and Suzanne Bofia who added 12.

The Cobras will return to action tonight when they travel to Lincoln Trail for a 5:30 p.m. contest and will play at home on Saturday at 1:00 p.m. versus South Suburban.

## Sports around the country

By Ryan Zerrusen

Prospectus Sports Writer

### Illini are #1

For the third time in 100 years of Illinois basketball, the Illini are ranked number one in the latest AP and Coaches polls. The team did this by defeating Gonzaga in convincing fashion, and an absolutely dominate performance against the previously number one-ranked team Wake Forest. The team was fueled in this game by the annual Paint the Hall Orange night. The Illini played great with swift passing and hot shooting by Brown (16 points), Head (16 points), and Powell (19 points). They lead by as many as 32 points in the game. The team really showed that they were firing on all cylinders.

On Saturday, the Illini took care of business against Arkansas, their first true road test of the

season, showing that there was no let down from the last game. Then came Monday when they had to defend their lofty ranking against Chicago State. In the past two times the Illini have been ranked number one, they lost their next game. But in this game they were never challenged.

### Ron Zook named football coach

Ron Zook was named the Illini's 22nd football coach on Tuesday. Zook had some impressive victories in Florida by winning against Georgia twice and a win against the eventual national champions LSU, and on the 20th they beat Florida State, a team in which they have never won against in Tallahassee since 1986.

He has his work cut out for him because in the past two years the team has ranked last in the Big Ten with only one win against Big Ten teams.

### BCS

The BCS has proved to be controversial again. California was not taken in a BCS bowl game although they were ranked number five. This was because the six major conferences get one bid for the champion and two bids go to at-large teams. These two went to Texas and Utah. Auburn is also complaining that they are not in the title game with a perfect record.

The four games are: USC vs. Oklahoma at Orange Bowl, Auburn vs. Virginia Tech in Sugar Bowl, Texas vs. Michigan at Rose Bowl, Utah vs. Pittsburg at Fiesta Bowl.