

Prospectus Photo courtesy of Parkland Art Gallery "Marlin" by Ray Smith is currently on display at The Parkland Art Gallery's "State of the Art" watercolor exhibit through April 6.

## Water-based art featured at Gallery

## By ERIN DeYOUNG

Prospectus Staff Writer
The Parkland College Art Gallery recently opened its new exhibit entitled "State of the Art 2005: National Biennial Watercolor Invitational." Gladys Nilsson is the curator for this exhibit.

From the Chicago area, Nilsson is a faculty member of the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. She is also an established artist. Her works of are have appeared in many large galleries, including The Museum of Modern Art in New York City, Museum of Contemporary Art in Chicago and Whitney Museum of American Art.

For Nilsson's first exhibit as acting as curator, she has cho-
sen a theme that includes works of water-based art that focus on the "figure."
"The word 'figurative' is excitingly open-ended and can be presented as such: the figure in a stark manner, existing by itself on the page; in the landscape, as part of nature; within an interior, perhaps so slyly placed it must be searched for; or as a portrait, the head filling the page," says Nilsson. Nilsson has chosen pieces by more than 20 different artists to be a part of this exhibit.

With a combination of styles and pieces ranging from the very small to the very large, the exhibit keeps the viewer interested in the vast diversity of the pieces.

The various different artistic
interpretations of the term "figure" in this exhibit keeps the viewer from ever feeling like he or she is seeing the same style or interpretation twice. Each piece has its own voice and fascinates its audience in its own way.
"Each artist I selected works from different notions of what the figure might mean, and explores each notion to its fullest," says Nilsson. Those interested in viewing the exhibit can do so at the Parkland College Art Gallery until April 6. The Art Gallery is located across from the Gallery Lounge, near the bookstore and Blimpie's.

The Gallery is open Monday through Friday 10 a.m. -3 p.m., Monday through Thursday 68 p.m., and Saturday 12 noon-2 p.m. and is free of charge.

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## Who is your favorite actor or actress?



Bridgette-Tyler
Perry.


Jane-Bette Midler.


Zach-The individual is nothing... the end product is what it's all about.


Bryan-Will Ferrell.


Katy-Clint
Eastwood and Kate Winslet.


Lindsay-Orlando Bloom.

# Weekend of traditional dance, music in Urbana March 18 

## Press release

The Central Illinois English Country Dancers, the Illini Folk Dance Society and the Urbana Country Dancers will be holding a weekend of English and American dance and music on Friday, March 18 through Sunday, March 20. This will consist of dances and workshops and will be held on the campus of the University of Illinois at the Illini Student Union, 1401 W. Green St., Urbana, Illinois.
The featured dance leaders will be former Urbana native Roger Diggle from Madison, WI and Dr. John Ramsay from St. Louis. The music will be provided by "Pam Sandwich"; Fred Stoll and Pam Carson Stoll from Cincinnati and Fred Haver from Indianapolis as well as our local English Country dance band, the Flatland Consort. There will be a contra dance on Friday evening and an English Country Ball on Saturday evening. During the day on Saturday and on Sunday morning there will be workshops on couple dances, singing, instrumental music, square dance and Eng-
lish country dancing. To round out the weekend there will be a farewell dance on Sunday afternoon.

Admission for the weekend will be $\$ 40.00$ in advance, $\$ 45.00$ at the door. However it is possible to only attend some of the activities and pay a prorated fee for just those portions.
English country dance consists primarily of the dances and music from England in the 1600's and 1700 's. If you have seen any of the recent Jane Austen movies then you've seen examples of English country dancing. Contra dance is the Amer ican dance form that evolved out of the English country dances and music brought to this country by settlers in the 1700's.

All dances will be taught and then danced to live music. Partners, costumes and experience are not required. Newcomers and all lovers of dance and music are welcome.
For more information contact Jonathan Sivier (jsivier@uiuc.edu) at 217-359-8225 or consult the web page at http://www.prairienet.org/ciecd/ weekend.html

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Prospectus Photos by Nicole Simmons Parkland students Matt, Cowboy and Jack play cards in the Gallery lounge. (Facing page) Julius and David face each other in a game of chess between classes.

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## Who was the most important AfricanAmerican of all time?



Erin-Percy L. Julian. He invited so many essential things we all use today.


Trevyon-Jackie Robinson.


Craig-Dr. Martin
Luther King. He had a
very important dream that led to equal rights.


Lindsay-Mary Seacole. She was an influential nurse during the Crimean war.


Ricky-The Rev.
Jesse Jackson because he is loud and always gets his point across.


Steve-Oprah
Winfrey because she is a role model for millions of women.

## Hilarious characters in 'Firecracker'

## By SARAH TRUSTY

Prospectus Staff Writer

The Miss Firecracker Contest, a play currently being put on by the Parkland Theatre, opened last Tuesday night, February 23.

The play was written by Beth Henley, and is directed by Parkland English professor Tom Schnarre. This is the first time that Schnarre has directed a play in the Champaign-Urbana area, but he has directed a few plays in Charleston in the past.
The play takes place in the small southern town, Brookhaven, Mississippi in the summer time. Every summer a beauty pageant is held called the Miss Firecracker Contest, and this time Carnelle Scott (Kendra Walag) is determined to enter and win. Carnelle has a past of sleeping around, and she hopes that if she can win the contest, she can shed her bad reputation.

Carnelle's cousins, Elain Rutledge (Holly C. Webb) and Delmont Williams (Ryan Mulvaney) don't think that Carnelle will win, but they seem to be focused on their own problems, and not as concerned with Carnelle. Elain is trying to leave her husband, and Delmount wants to sell his deceased mother's house and get a new start on life. The only person who truly supports Carnelle is her crazy seamstress, Popeye Jackson (Claire Cowley), who has also fallen in love with Delmont.
The characters in this play are extremely hilarious, and the actors do an excellent job at portraying them. Other actors in the play include Whitney Hughes, who plays Tessy Mahoney, the woman who runs the pageant, Matthew Fear, who plays Mac Sam, an old boyfriend of Carnelle, and several extras who play the parts of the other women in the pageant and the people of Brookhaven.

Throughout the play, the participants of the pageant and the other people of Brookhaven are seen in the background, walking, talking, fighting, and carrying on like regular small town people would in the South. Although this can be slightly distracting from the main story, Schnarre uses this in order to set the atmosphere of a small Southern town. Knowing this it really adds to the play, but those who don't realize that that is their purpose may find it distracting.

I found The Miss Firecracker Contest all in all to be an excellent play that is very entertaining. Everyone did a great job putting it together, and I strongly suggest that you try and see it this coming weekend. The remaining shows will be on March 3, 4, and 5 at 8:00 p.m., and on March 6 at 3:00 p.m.
To reserve tickets, call 351 2528 , and enjoy the show!

## Parkland offers essay contest <br> Press release <br> Quality of Expression and For-

Are you good at writing? Want to win $\$ 200.00$ ? Each spring, Parkland offers an Intellec tual Freedom Award essay contest. The winner receives a cash award, and the winning essay will be published in the commencement issue of the Prospectus.
The essay on the subject of In tellectual Freedom is judged on Originality of Thesis, Structure, mat, and must be between 1000 1500 words long. Plagiarism dis qualifies the essay. The contest is open to all Parkland students who have been enrolled at any time this academic year.
All entries must be received by April 1,2005 . Stop by the Office of Student Life (X-154) to pick up an entry form. For more information, contact Dr. Bruce Suttle in C-224. Happy writing!

## Farm Toy Show March 5 at Parkland College

Press release
The 21st annual Parkland Farm Toy Show is scheduled for Saturday, March 5, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Tony Noel Agricultural Technology Applications Center at Parkland College.
The toy show will feature the selling andtrading of farm, NAS CAR, and other toys; show con-
tests; a Kiddie Tractor Pull; miniature farm displays; numerous door prizes; and refreshments.

Admission to the toy show is $\$ 2$; children six and under are free. The event is sponsored by Parkland's Agricul ture Club. For more information or show space, call Don Bergfield at 217/351-2406, or e-mai dbergfield@parkland.edu.



If so, this message is for you! We would like to encourage you to go through the Commencement ceremony. You've accomplished something very important and should share the occasion with your family and friends! Once again, Commencement will be held at the beautiful Krannert Center on the U of I campus and we pland to fill it again this year with over 2,000 in attendance. To be a part of the ceremony, you must petition to graduate by March 4, 2005. To do this, you simply request a Petition to Graduate form from Admissions, fill it out, and return it to Admissions. See how easy it is!

Please watch for information from Student Life in the coming weeks about cap and gown measurement/rental.
If you decide not to go through the ceremony, you must petition to graduate by April 4, 2005.

## this spring or this summer, or did you finish in the fall 2004 term? <br> Will you be completing your degree or certificate

## Congradulations!



## Poet＇s Carner

## At the Ballet

By LEAH NELSON
Like a dance of five moving as one the squeak of shoes on the court orange blur flashing
from one pair of hands to another Silence in the stands
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# Personal statement, personal nightmare 

## By ERIN DeYoung

Prospectus Staff Writer
It has been almost four weeks since I started writing my personal statement, and it has been four weeks of many headaches. Usually I do not have many problems with writing essays, but I have found this essay to be the hardest I have ever had to write. How can you not take something that could determine whether or not you are accepted into your choice university seriously? It is not that I have been putting it off, which I probably have to some extent, but I find it really hard to know where to go with it and have found myself rewriting the whole thing over and over again.
Every time I read over what the University of Illinois wants in the personal and professional statements and start to write something, I feel like I am being arrogant about what I have accomplished in the last couple of years. I know I want to be accepted to the U of I, but I hate being forced to write about what I have done as if I
have done more than another person. I know that there are so many very intelligent and very capable people who apply at the U of I, and I do not like the idea of trying to persuade someone that I should be accepted, while they should not be. Now don't get me wrong; I am very proud of what I have done over the years, but to say it is much more than what others have done is beyond imagination.
So, you can see my dilemma; either come off arrogant by talking about all the "wonderful" things I have done or come off unqualified by leaving out some things to keep from sounding like I am bragging. I already know that I am going to stop by the Writing Center soon to make sure there are not any obvious errors, but I am sure they won't be able to fix all the sentences that make me sound like I am so much better than everybody else. Unfortunately, I guess I will just have to feel guilty about it, but hopefully with a little expert help I will be able to sound proud rather than arrogant.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Shall we dance here?

I saw the feature "Shall We Dance" in the February 16 Prospectus. I thought it was a shame that this was an article from another paper in St. Louis when we have so much salsa going on right here in Champaign/Urbana.

I thought the Prospectus readers might like to know where to get salsa lessons and where they can go dancing once they learn. The Re-
gent, The Refinery, Dancing Illini, and Yuri Sohn (at McKinley Foundation) all teach salsa. There are weekly dances at The Regent (Friday at 11 p.m.), McKinley Foundation (Tuesday at 9:30 p.m.), and Cowboy Monkey (Wednesday at 10p.m.). I have been dancing salsa for 6 years now, and I absolutely love it.
Here is a link to a group on Yahoo that people can join to find out about salsa lessons and dance opportunities: http:// groups.yahoo.com/group/S-A-L-S-AI

Lisa Hoppe
Champaign
Parkland Systems
Analyst and Student


## Nowhere to go: <br> Bored in Urbana

## By JON VOLKMAN <br> Prospectus Staff Writer

In my lifetime, I have lived in several different areas, all of varied population and size. I have experienced the small towns, where one can bike across town in less than thirty minutes. I have experienced big cities, where everything, as well as two or three of them, is within twenty minutes of home. Yet, only here in Illinois have I experienced the boredom that comes from living in Urbana.
Granted, I love Urbana. Having living in Champaign as well, I feel more attached to the community here in Urbana. I feel that the city's citizens have a strong awareness of what happens within the town. As a result, Urbana is very unique. Yet when in comes to options, whether it's shopping, or eating, or just bumming around, Urbana falters.
East of Lincoln Avenue, Urbana turns into a sprawling residential area with very little
choice. Even before the IGA closed, this area has been confined to two dominant grocery stores. In looking for an alternative, natural and more wholesome choices are available at Strawberry Fields.
While larger cities obviously have four or five different chains of groceries stores because they can sustain it, who is to say a more unique chain could not provide some much needed attention to Urbana? County Market, Schnucks, and Sav-A-Lot are hardly reasons to drive across town. Yet more trendy grocery options, like Whole Foods or Trader Joe's, would provide a strong, natural food based alternative for the area.
The retail scene in Urbana has also taken some hits over the years. Right now, only Farm-n-Fleet exists to serve Urbana's shopping needs. WalMart is invading the area, but what Urbana needs is not a store to keep their citizens shopping in Urbana, but a store that will draw other people into

## Urbana.

Wal-Mart is not it, and the KMart that was on Philo Road drove people away more often than not.
Despite all the grumbling about how Philo Road willnever revive because of the highway moving east, I feel the area could turn around. Urbana has loyal citizens, and a more unique experience for its citizens would also draw in others. This area obviously could not sustain a retail galleria with upscale shops and lavish courtyards, but it could handle a smaller vision of a unique shopping area.
That is what Urbana needs, as well as what this area needs. Northern Cunningham won't become North Prospect anytime soon, and in reality the only way Urbana will succeed is to be different.

The city needs to look at areas like Philo Road with its empty buildings and think outside of the box, and about what would draw people back to Urbana.

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## Help Wanted

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BY IAN JOHNSON

## Help Wanted

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## - Miscellaneous

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## SOFTBALL

## Ariel Hargus-Third Base

Favorite musician: Maroon 5


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Favorite food: Eggplant
I will never eat: Cow tongue
Favorite movie: Napoleon Dynamite
Favorite professor: John Batsie
Favorite TV show: Friends and Family Guy
Favorite college team: Illinois men's basketball My dream date would be with: Usher
Best advice I ever received: Be satisfied with your best
I am proud that I: Have great friends and roommates

BASEBALL

## Jacob Corley-Third Base

Favorite athlete: Scott Rolen
Favorite musician: Linkin Park


Id like to meet: Kevin Cost-
ner
Favorite food: Steak
I will never eat: Sushi
Favorite movie: Field of Dreams
Favorite video game: Tiger Woods 2005
Mygreatest baseballachievement: Playing college baseball
Favorite professor: Leslie
Smith
Favorite TV show: Sports Center
People don't know that I: Collect hats
Favorite college team: Miami Hurricanes
My dream date would be with: Jessica Biel
Best advice I ever received: Be patient

## Support your Cobra athletes

# Get ready for another exciting baseball season at Parkland 

## By DAVID BERGLUND <br> Prospectus Staff Writer

The Cobras were busy last weekend as they opened the season on the road in St. Catharine, KY. The action included three games, one against Lake Land and two against St. Catharine. The Cobras went two-forthree over the weekend, defeating Lake Land 3-2 and splitting a doubleheader with St. Catherine, 9-3 and 5-6.
Mitch Rosenthal begins his first season as head coach. And while the team's schedule in-
cludes games until about the middle of May, you can bet Rosenthal is content with living in the present.
"We are not looking ahead; just taking it one game at a time," he said.
So what does the head coach of a community college, baseball team like his team to work on in practice?
"We cover everything that might happen in a game situation," the coach points out. "Also pitching and hitting get a lot of time."

Coach Rosenthal will surely know his stuff when his stint
with the Cobras swings into full gear. He brings with him his three years of experience as an assistant at Eastern Illinois University.
Look for sophomores Lance Tofflemire and Jesse Griswold to make a difference on the playing field this season. The two are all-Americans on the team and are sure to be crowd pleasers.
The team is back in action on Saturday in Panama City, Florida.

For more information on the baseball team, check out http:// www.parkland.edu/athletics/, and click on baseball.

## This Week in Cobra Athletics

Wednesday, March 2
Women's Basketball: Regional Quarterfinals at John Wood 6 p.m.

Saturday, March 5
Baseball: Gulf Coast C.C. at Panama City, FL 4 p.m.

Sunday, March 6
Baseball: Henry Ford,MI at Panama City, FL 12

## Sports around the country

By RYAN ZERRUSEN<br>Prospectus Staff Writer

## Auto Club 500

Greg Biffle led the race at the 228 -lap mark of the 250 -lap race. Biffle scraped the wall with three laps to go because his car lost grip in the rear tires. Despite scraping the wall, he held off Jimmie Johnson, who made a late charge to almost pass Biffle, to win the race. Kurt Busch is the new points leader with an advantage of five points on Johnson. NASCAR has this weekend off.

## John Chaney Suspension

The long-time coach of Temple and Hall of
p.m. and 2 p.m.

Softball: Forest Park at St. Louis, MO 1 p.m.
Monday, March 7
Baseball: Vincennes at Panama City, FL 9 p.m.
Tuesday, March 8
Baseball: Lincoln Trail at Panama City, FL 3 p.m.

Fame coach, John Chaney, was suspended this week for his crime against John Bryant of St. Joseph's and the game of basketball. He was suspended because of his coaching move to tell one of his players to make up for frustrating officials' calls by hurting Bryant. Nehemiah Ingram was sent in to do this and in doing so, broke Bryant's arm. Chaney will be suspended for the rest of the season and the Atlantic 10 tournament. Some speculate that Chaney will be fired.

## 4 of the last 5 Big Ten Champions

Illinois won its fourth Big Ten Championship in five years and the last two years they have won it without sharing it. The last time that Illinois won the outright title back-to-back was in 1951-1952. The team won a share of the title on Wednesday with a win at home against Northwestern. Their next game this week is on Thursday at home for senior night against Purdue. Then they take their undefeated season on the road against Ohio State on CBS. This is the last game of the regular season and CBS is predicting a record number of viewers for that game. Trying to start $30-0$ with an undefeated regular season mark for the first time in school history.

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