

## Striving to be treated the SAME

By Erin DeYoung

Prospectus Staff Writer

Since being founded last year, Student Alliance for Multicultural Education (S.A.M.E.) has become one of the most active and most visible groups on campus. By holding many open discussions in the Flag Lounge, called "Pass the Mic," S.A.M.E. has not only brought up many important issues but has also helped educate and ignite an interest in these issues among Parkland students.

In these discussions, a pre-chosen topic is discussed by panel of students, faculty members, and/or members of the community. The mic is then passed to anyone who wishes to ask a question. In the past, the discussions have focused on various issues including racial, gender, cultural, and LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender) issues. S.A.M.E. also hopes to develop a discussion format that is more interactive for the student participants.

In addition to holding discussion forums, S.A.M.E. also takes an active role in supporting the rights of *all* people. On Thursday, January 20, S.A.M.E., Parkland students, and other student organizations will be attending a Parkland College Associ-

ation (PCA) meeting. The PCA members will vote on a bill that would allow domestic partnership benefits to be established at Parkland. This bill would allow a homosexual or heterosexual Parkland College faculty member, who is not married but in a long-term committed relationship, to receive benefits for his or her partner. This bill would not only give equal treatment to all faculty members but would also prevent Parkland from losing current or potential faculty members to an institution that provides these benefits.

If you would like to attend the PCA meeting and show your support, S.A.M.E. will be meeting at 2:30 on Thursday, January 20 in the Flag Lounge (near the M-wing and cafeteria) and will leave for the PCA meeting at about 2:40. The meeting will begin at 3:00 in D-244. Though unified signs will be handed out, S.A.M.E. is asking students not bring homemade signs in order to prevent disrupting the meeting.

If you have any questions about Thursday or are unable to attend the meeting and would like to become involved, you can attend one of the groups' meetings on Thursdays at 12:00 in D-270 or email [s\\_a\\_m\\_e@juno.com](mailto:s_a_m_e@juno.com).



Prospectus Photo by Leah Nelson

"Pine Box Ranch," created by Eric Cain, is one of many unique pieces on display at the Art Gallery's "Inside the Box" exhibit. The exhibit runs through February 11.

## Visit the Art Gallery to see what's 'Inside the Box'

By Erin Koelkebeck

Prospectus Staff Writer

Have you ever wondered what you can fit in a shoe box? Last week the Parkland College Art Gallery opened a show answering that question. The show is called "Inside the Box—a Shoebox Show." It features art pieces that are required to fit in to a 4 by 12 by 8 inch box. These pieces are highly creative and invite viewers to see in to a world filled with color and interesting shapes. The artists use non-traditional objects such as dinnerware and egg cartons, as well as traditional art forms like and ceramic and photographic art to convey their ideas. The different types of art and techniques viewed in this exhibition work together to display the overall talent the participating artists have to offer.

This show is a national juried exhibition which features pieces made of sculptures, ceramics, metals, drawings, photography, paintings, textiles, printmaking and a combination of those art forms. The exhibition is featuring 38 participants from seven different states across America, which includes artists from Illinois, Cali-

fornia, Texas, Michigan, Missouri, Arizona, and Ohio. These creative pieces were carefully juried by Alan Leder, who is an executive director of Evanston Art Center located in Evanston, IL. From his evaluations of the pieces he picked three artists to receive an award and prize money. A second place award and a prize of 500 dollars was given to Frankie Flood, first place and an award of 750 dollars was given to Elizabeth Colman and a Best in Show award, along with a prize of 1,000 dollars went to Charles Wiseman.

The awards were presented by Lisa Costello, the Parkland College Art Director, last Thursday during a gallery talk and award ceremony.

On Saturday, January 29, the gallery will be holding a "Meet and Greet" session from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. that will coincide with the current art show. After being able to see the works displayed, the Art Gallery will invite students, faculty and the community to enjoy meeting the artists that created the pieces.

This show will be available until February 11. If you haven't already seen the show, come to the Gallery and see what you can find "Inside the Box."

## 4.00 Grade Point Avg. for Fall 2004

The Parkland College Athletic Department would like to recognize the outstanding academic achievement of several members of their athletic teams. The twelve athletes listed below all earned a perfect 4.00 grade point average and were required to be enrolled in and maintain a minimum of 12 hours to be honored.

Bryan Bachman—Baseball  
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Shanda Fuller—Women's Basketball  
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## The process of transferring

■ The Counseling and Advising Center is available to answer your questions

By Debra Lewis

Prospectus Staff Writer

I don't know about you, but I have a hard time thinking about spring activities as I am scraping ice off my windshield. However, the spring semester has begun and many students are already planning what they will do with their lives after graduation. Some students will begin a job hunt and others will continue their higher education at a four-year school. If you are in the second category, or you are a first-year student trying to figure things out, you've come to the right place.

Preparing to transfer can actually be quite simple. There are four main steps involved in the transfer process: knowing what major you want to study, selecting a school to transfer to, tak-

ing appropriate classes at Parkland and successfully applying to the new school. While these steps can seem overwhelming, Parkland students can get assistance with all of them in one place, the Counseling and Advising Center.

The first two steps in the transfer process are really the most important. Most students have an idea about these two steps before taking their first class at Parkland. Knowing what major you want and where you want to study are critical to the transfer process. This information will assist your counselor in helping you select appropriate classes and set the academic goals needed to ensure acceptance into your college of choice. If you are unsure about either of these steps, the Counseling Center can work with you to deter-

mine where your interests are, what skills you have and what type of school would be a good fit for you. Angela Jancola, an Academic Advisor here at Parkland, also points out that the College Fairs Parkland hosts are a great resource for students to learn more about the schools in Illinois and what majors they offer.

Why is course selection important to the transfer process? Taking the right classes at Parkland is vital to meeting transfer requirements. Your advisor can help you select classes that will not only be accepted by the school you are transferring to, but will also ensure acceptance into a school and increase your success in your area of study. Some schools will not even consider students for transfer if they have not met certain core requirements. For example, many programs at the University of Illinois will not consider a student for transfer if they have not met math and foreign language requirements.

The final step of the transfer process is applying and being accepted to your choice school. This is where your advisor can help you meet deadlines, highlight your accomplishments and give you pointers on what your school is looking for in its students.

Reaching your academic goals are important, as many schools have strict GPA guidelines for transfer students. After reviewing your academic record, your advisor can help you figure out what schools are more likely to accept you and if there are any extracurricular activities that can improve your chances of acceptance.

Ultimately, each student needs to be aware of the policies of the school they want to transfer to. According to Jancola, "it's never too early to be contacting a college or university to get information. The more informed you are the easier this whole process is."

If you have questions or need help figuring out what you are going to do after you finish at Parkland, go see someone at the Counseling and Advising Center. Not only are they friendly and knowledgeable, but they can really make a difference in making your transfer process as smooth as possible.

## Images calls for student entries

IMAGES, Parkland's annual student art magazine is seeking art and writing submissions and interested staff members for its 2005 issue. If you are new to Parkland or are not familiar with IMAGES, you can find additional information about the magazine on our website at <http://virtual.parkland.edu/arts/>.

1.) Call for submissions—we are soliciting for writing and art submissions from Parkland students in the following genres: Writing—fiction, poetry, non-fiction/essay (we welcome personal essays and researched essays in non-fiction), ART—photography, drawing, painting, graphic design, sculpture. Deadline for all submissions is 4 p.m. in the Office of Student Life (X-153) on Wednesday, De-

ember 1, 2005.

2.) Call for staff members—IMAGES, Parkland's annual student arts magazine, is again looking for any and all students interested in learning more about the production and design of students arts magazines. Staff membership does not require a major time commitment, and no previous experience is necessary. If you are interested, please contact us by email at [images@parkland.edu](mailto:images@parkland.edu).

Interested students can contact IMAGES advisor Marc Thompson at [mathompson@parkland.edu](mailto:mathompson@parkland.edu).

Entry forms with more specific information and guidelines are available online at <http://virtual.parkland.edu/arts/entry.htm>.

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## Women's basketball

### Shanda Fuller #13—Guard

In my free time I like to: Play pick-up basketball games and hang out with family and friends



**Favorite athlete:** Michael Jordan  
**Favorite musician:** Patti LaBelle  
**I want to visit:** California  
**Favorite food:** Pizza  
**I will never eat:** Pig's feet  
**Favorite movie:** Brown Sugar and Two Can Play That Game  
**In ten years I will:** Be a partner in a big law firm  
**If I won a million dollars I'd:** Buy my mother a big house and invest the rest  
**My favorite professor:**

John Stansel

**People don't know that I:** Watch cartoons

**Favorite college team:** Duke

**Best advice:** Make choices that please you and not everyone else

**I am proud that:** I have been successful in school

## Men's basketball

### Thomas Suchy #52—Wing/Post

**Favorite athlete:** Dirk Nowitzki

**Favorite musician:** Pink Floyd



**I'd like to meet:** Johnny Depp  
**I want to visit:** Germany  
**Favorite food:** Potatoes  
**I will never eat:** I will try anything  
**Favorite movie:** Casino  
**My hero growing up was:** My family  
**Greatest basketball moment:** Winning State my sophomore year in high school  
**My favorite professor:** John Batsie

**Favorite college team:** Southern Illinois

# Support your Cobra Athletes!

# Community Calendar

## Career Planning Seminar February 15

A career planning seminar will be held at Parkland College in room A208 on Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. Seminars are scheduled monthly to introduce individuals to the career planning process and to provide workforce and career trend information. A career assessment and interpretation is provided, along with a tour of the Career Center. There is no fee, but reservations are requested. For additional information, call 217/351-2536.

## Job Search Workshop: Resume Writing February 17

Parkland's Career Center is offering free assistance with resume writing to all district residents on Thursday at 12 noon in room A175 on the Parkland campus. For additional information, call 217/351-2536.

## Stress-Less February 21

This class examines various approaches to managing stress with the mind-body-spirit model, including stretching and chair massage. The course meets Monday from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Parkland College Bauman Center, 2104 W. Park Ct., Champaign. The course fee is \$22. The registration deadline is February 14. Call 217/351-2546 for more information.

## Genealogy: How to Start Researching Your Family History February 23

This workshop introduces the beginning genealogist to the main principles of genealogical research. Topics covered include family group sheets, pedigree charts, and more. The workshop meets Wednesday from 6 to 9 p.m. on at the Illinois Employment and Training Center (IETC), 1307 N. Mattis Ave. The course fee is \$21. The registration deadline is February 16. Call 217/351-2546 for more information.

## Furniture Upholstery February 22 to May 3

Learn how to repair or reupholster furniture. The course consists of demonstrations and individual guidance with hands-on help. Participants may bring items to work on, such as small sofas, chairs, stools, benches,

and dining/kitchen chairs. This course meets Tuesdays from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Rantoul Recreation Administration Building, 100 E. Flessner, Rantoul. The course fee is \$115. The registration deadline is February 15. Call 217/351-2546 for more information.

## Nature and History of Science February 22 to April 19

What is science really like? Does it operate under the Scientific Method outlined in many introductory textbooks? Is science as objective as we think? We will analyze these questions by looking at important historical scientific discoveries in biology, chemistry, physics, and math. This course meets Tuesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. in Room L146 on the Parkland campus. The course fee is \$41. The registration deadline is February 15. Call 217/351-2546 for more information.

## Severe Storms February 26

Students in this one-day workshop will explore different types of several local storms that strike central Illinois including tornadoes, downbursts, derechos, hail, and lightning. Storm predictions and methods to safely observe storms will be discussed. Late in the session, students will visit the WILL-AM-FM-TV meteorology center and studio for a demonstration of the equipment used during severe weather forecasting and broadcasting. Participants will need to provide their

own lunch and transportation to WILL from Parkland. Class will meet. The course meets Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in Room L216 on the Parkland campus. The course fee is \$29. The registration deadline is February 19. Call 217/351-2546 for more information.

## Savvy Weddings: Personalize Your Wedding with Chic Style and Décor February 22

Participants will explore how to make a wedding unique, including location, ceremony, décor, theme weddings, family, and cultural traditions. This course meets Tuesday from 6 to 7 p.m. in Room X325 on the Parkland campus. The course fee is \$12. The registration deadline is February 15. Call 217/351-2546 for more information.

## Squeak Workshop for Grades 4-8 February 22 to March 1

Parents and their children are invited to a workshop entitled "Squeak: An Object-Oriented Computer Programming Language." Squeak is a great combination of logic, knowledge, and creativity and has been used to make some amazing projects. Squeak software is FREE and can be downloaded from [www.squeakland.com](http://www.squeakland.com). The course meets Tuesdays from 6 to 9 p.m. on the Parkland campus. The course fee is \$45 (one child, one parent). The registration deadline is February 15. Call 217/351-2546 for more information.



Parkland Television photo

Patricia Avery, Champaign County Board member, hugs Parkland President Zelema Harris Friday during C-U's Martin Luther King Day celebration at the Holiday Inn.



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Principia College instructor Janis Treworgy carries away debris with help of students as they prepare a mammoth dig site for the winter.

## College designs course around mammoth discovery on campus

By Terry Hillig

St. Louis Post-Dispatch (KRT)

ST. LOUIS — Students at Principia College in Elsah don't have to trek hundreds or thousands of miles to participate in one of the country's most significant paleontological digs.

In fact, they don't even have to leave campus. The 17,500-year-old bones of a woolly mammoth known affectionately as "Benny" (after the man who found him) are being carefully excavated in the middle of the Principia campus, only yards from dormitories and academic buildings.

Principia employee Benny White thought he had found something significant one spring day in 1999 when his backhoe hit a piece of white material while he was excavating for a manhole between two dormitories, Rackham Court and Gehner House.

White was right. Faculty members quickly identified the object as the tooth of a mammoth. Another bone was visible in the pit. The professors knew they had something interesting but they were unsure just how

interesting it might be — whether the objects were an isolated find or part of a larger set of skeletal remains.

But they were sure of one thing. The excavation would be carried out carefully and in a way that involved and educated Principia students in the process. The pit was refilled to protect the remains until that could be arranged.

"We didn't go back to the site until the spring of 2002," said Janis Treworgy, who supervises the mammoth dig and teaches classes that are based on it. She joined the Principia faculty in 2000 after 25 years with the Illinois State Geological Survey.

"I was a new faculty member," she said. "I wasn't ready to start something so novel. I hadn't taught before."

As a geologist, Treworgy was familiar with soils and rock. She enlisted the help of experts in paleontology — the study of ancient plants and animals — and experts on loess (pronounced "luss"), the type of soil that covered Benny.

A course based on the mammoth was developed, and the first class was offered during the spring quarter of 2002.

Since then, students have

carefully uncovered about 50 percent of the mammoth's skeleton, including two tusks, the left femur (thigh), the left and right humerus (upper arm), the shoulder blades, vertebrae, ribs, more teeth and several foot bones.

The tusks are still in the ground, attached to the skull. Treworgy doubts that the mandible, or lower jaw, will be found. It may have been inadvertently destroyed in some earlier campus excavation.

Benny seems to be lying on his left side. So far, there are no clues to the cause of his death. Animals that suffer a lingering death are typically found near a water source, but Benny is atop a bluff above the Mississippi River valley on one of the highest points in the immediate area.

The location suggests a sudden death, but Treworgy doubts Benny was killed by another animal or animals.

"If he was a healthy, full-grown male, he could have defended himself from any known predator," she said. Suggestions for the cause of death have included lightning or a prairie fire

## Poet's Corner

### The Ice Queen

By Jane Schmid

Blue fingernails with cold  
Icy hands that ache to be held  
So cold, so alone in the world  
She stands still as a statue  
An oyster without a pearl  
Frosty snow queen  
She hasn't a heart  
For how could it beat  
In that body so lifeless and hard?  
Warmth surrounds her  
And she's tempted  
To consider it  
But in the end, refusal  
Comes surprisingly quick  
Life, for her is empty  
Void of both happiness and tears  
She'll do without the one  
For it is the other she so fears

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or even a dust storm.

The experts believe Benny was 39 to 43 years old when he died. Treworgy said Benny was on his sixth and final set of teeth, and the estimate of his age is based on a comparison to modern elephants. A woolly mammoth's normal lifespan was 60 to 70 years. Treworgy said the bones stayed together and were reasonably well-preserved, probably because they were quickly covered by loess — the windborne dust from the river valley below. The loess is 40 to 50 feet thick on the bluffs around Elshah.

Benny lived toward the end of the Pleistocene Epoch, which began about 1.65 million years ago and ended about 10,000 years ago. It was a time when

ice sheets periodically covered northern portions of North America and Eurasia.

When Benny died, there were glaciers only about a hundred miles to the north but plenty of grass in the area that is now southern Jersey County. Mammoths consumed about 300 pounds of vegetable matter daily.

As the Ice Age neared its end, the melted water carried a tremendous amount of sediment from the glaciers. But in the winters, the flow decreased and the sediment was exposed to the wind.

"It had to have been a very dusty time," Treworgy said.

Benny almost certainly was not killed by humans. Treworgy said he died 17,500 years ago,

and humans probably did not arrive in this area of North America until about 11,500 years ago.

Woolly mammoths were among the largest land mammals that ever lived in North America. Benny's femur is 4 feet, 2 inches long. He is estimated to have stood nearly 11 feet tall at the shoulders and to have weighed 6 to 8 tons. On average, mammoths were slightly larger than modern African elephants.

The first mammoths originated in North Africa in the early Pleistocene period. From them, two separate mammoth lines evolved — the steppe mammoth and the Columbian mammoth.

Woolly mammoths evolved from steppe mammoths; they

probably originated in Eurasia and came to North America via the land bridge that once connected the continent with Asia.

Although similar in appearance, the smaller mastodon is not closely related to mammoths.

Jeffrey Saunders is curator and chairman of the geology section at the Illinois State Museum in Springfield. One of the world's leading experts on mammoths, he is a key consul-

tant on the Principia dig.

"It ranks up there with the most significant discoveries of mammoths to date," Saunders said. "These discoveries are few and far between."

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by Beth Henley • Director: Thom Schnarre

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Actors will be asked to read from the script. Readings are available at [www.parkland.edu/theatre/audition.htm](http://www.parkland.edu/theatre/audition.htm). There may be additional cold readings from the script. A southern accent will be required for most parts.  
Auditions are open to all members of the community. We encourage diversity. Rehearsals will begin immediately after casting. Performances are Feb. 23 - Mar. 6. For more information or questions call 351-2529.

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## Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Military muddle
  - 6 Winners' takes
  - 10 Ego
  - 14 Continental cash
  - 15 Scary monster
  - 16 Not quite closed
  - 17 Au revoir!
  - 18 Patron saint of Norway
  - 19 Actress Olin
  - 20 Afternoon affair
  - 21 Ebb
  - 23 Read quickly
  - 24 Jacob's first wife
  - 25 Hit-or-miss
  - 27 Removes fleeces
  - 30 Patella's place
  - 31 Drying oven
  - 32 Exercise devices
  - 38 Runs in neutral
  - 40 Cured meat
  - 41 Nose into
  - 42 Child's toy weapon
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  - 47 Add on
  - 49 Bowl over
  - 53 Violent public disorder
  - 54 Storage building
  - 55 Acquiescence
  - 57 Cushion
  - 60 Pepsi or Coke
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  - 64 Pub drinks
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  - 69 Earth tone

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# Editorial

## The EC controversy

By Leah Nelson

Prospectus Staff Writer

As Florida adds the American flag to all public school classrooms and our countrymen fight and die in a country across the world under false pretences of mass destruction, George W. Bush fights for more conservatism by stopping certain forms of birth control from being readily available to women.

I represent a strange take on the issue as a mother of three. Even before I felt movement of another life inside my body, I was pro-life. When I got pregnant with my daughter after two semesters of college, I checked out the Planned Parent website and researched abortions (although I knew I would keep her.) Just reading the description of the incision and suction of the tiny fetus out of your body made me want to throw up.

I cherish my memories of being huge and miserable with the weight of another life inside my belly. Personally, I am pro-life. But my personal beliefs are exactly that—mine. I have no right to tell you if an abortion is right for you. Having a baby is beautiful, wonderful, horrible, expensive and a lifelong commitment and some people simply aren't ready to be parents. Because of that, many women put their lives in jeopardy through botched unprofessional abortions or even by giving birth in secret and leaving their newborn babies in a dumpster.

Obviously the answer is to use our brains and have safe sex. But humans by nature are impulsive animals and more often than not will make mistakes. It can happen to the most cautious of us—even the birth control pill is not one hundred percent effective. In

several countries, including France, a relatively new product is available over-the-counter that can feasibly prevent one million pregnancies each year.

That product is the Emergency Contraception pill. When taken within 120 hours after unprotected sex, it can prevent pregnancy. As long as the pill is not consistently relied on as a viable form of birth control, it can make a huge difference in preventing unwanted pregnancies.

According to Doctor Anne Robin of Planned Parenthood, some experts estimate that the EC pill could prevent one million pregnancies each year in the United States. The pill will be particularly beneficial to victims of rape or incest. But the pill is available in the US by prescription only, which undermines its effectiveness. On May 6 of last year, the US FDA shot down a bill that would have legalized the sale of over-the-counter EC, under pressure by the Bush administration. Having to get a prescription for the pill within the 120-hour window of effectiveness can be a hassle. Women may also be embarrassed to see a doctor for EC.

There are several states, including Washington State, where EC can be given by a pharmacist without the woman seeing a doctor, but the pharmacist still gives her a prescription," Robin told me. This legislature cannot be changed at the state level, and so women are left making appointments for a prescription for EC or facing a lifelong commitment as an alternative.

More information and prescriptions for EC are available at Planned Parenthood of Champaign County, 302 E. Stoughton in Champaign.

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### TWO ARRESTED FOR TELLING LAWYER JOKES



## Midwest winter vs. So Cal transplant

By Aaron Geiger

Prospectus Staff Writer

I moved to Champaign from San Diego last March, just in time to catch a bit of snowfall. It should have been my first clue that I should be wary of the winter conditions here. This fall I was watching some enormously fat squirrels scrambling about as best as they could, given their bulging waistlines and cheeks, and I failed to recognize my second clue: any animal that engorges itself to the point of obesity is obviously frantically preparing for a lengthy period of time where they are going to starve in the cold. My third clue was during the month of November, just after Halloween, when a few locals had attached a plow-like device in front of their prized Chevy trucks, and I'm sure at the time I knew the plows weren't for landscaping or removing roadkill. But like the story of the grasshopper and the ants, I played my fiddle while the 'townies' were out getting firewood, salt, anti-freeze, shovels, and vodka.

Prior to living in sunny San Diego, I spent my maturing years in Texas. Yes, the state that closes down schools and businesses when the ground ices over. Every student and office worker gets up extra early in the morning and tunes in to the radio for that much anticipated news: no school or work today due to a 1/2 inch of ice and sleet. Here at Parkland, I watched three inches of snow fall, and students were still driving in to attend classes, and nobody even talked about the weather. My ignorance has been complete. Now, a few rugged lessons later, I'm becoming indoctrinated into the Midwest winter society by trial and error, and I figured I might

as well share some tips for the very few out there that aren't used to this sort of thing.

1. I realized that car door locks freeze. So do car doors. After looking like a cartoon character trying to pull on the 'push' side of the door with one foot braced against my truck, a couple of friends suggested rubbing Vaseline on the gaskets lining my doors.

2. Don't use your windshield wipers when the windshield is frozen over. That will destroy your blades in one swift crunching swipe. I found this thing called 'de-icer' which goes well with a scraper and snow-brush.

3. Upgrade your wardrobe from surf shorts and Goodwill button-up shirts to coats (Texans call 'em jackets) that make you look like the Michelin Man, boots that add five inches to your stature (which I need), and socks that have the girth of a sweater.

4. Sandbags in the back of a 1992 Toyota Pickup truck might help get a little traction. Meijer has some (which I pronounced as MAY-JER when I first got here, to the amusement of many).

5. Making snowballs is easier and the fun is prolonged when actually using gloves.

Now after you've said to yourself, "this guy is a fool", keep in mind that I'd love to see you fit your big trucks into little parallel parking spots by the beach, try to order real cuisine by its given name, and surf some waves—meanwhile trying not to get sun sick. But in due seriousness, the winter here is quite beautiful, especially when I watch the snow fall from inside of Parkland's warm safety, looking out through those big windows, and watching the doors on my truck freeze over.



# Classified

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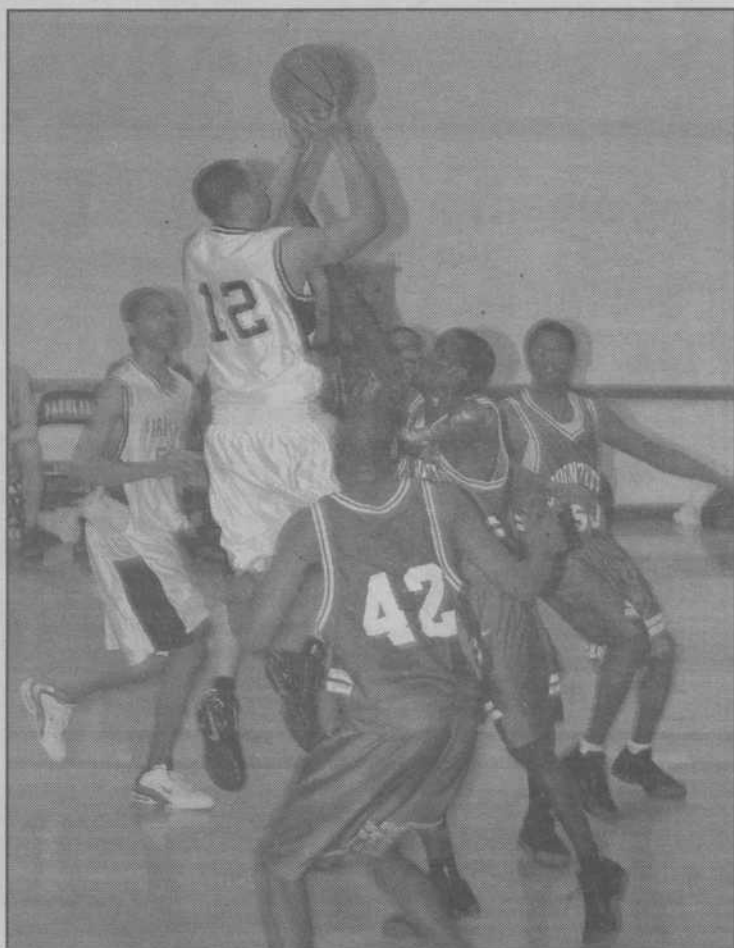
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In a valiant effort, Brandon Burgette shoots for two Wednesday night during the 76-68 loss to Spoon River.

## Box knocks out Cobras with one-two punch

### ■ Scoreless streak dooms Parkland Women

#### Press release

Joel Box scored nine consecutive points in a 1:30 span late in the second half to help John Wood pull away for an 86-73 win over Parkland on Sunday afternoon. Box, who has signed with the University of New Mexico, was unstoppable scoring 38 points and hauling down 25 rebounds. The 6'8" sophomore from Rockford had a double-double at halftime with 20 points and 10 boards. Parkland (6-12 0-2), trailed by just two points at half and just 70-67 with 3:45 remaining before the Trailblazers (10-8 1-1) 9-0 run put the game away. John Wood shot 50% for the game and out rebounded the Cobras 43-25.

Four Parkland players finished in double figures with John Edmison scoring 14, Trevyon Cole and Johnny Collier

with 13, while DaeHartis Haliburton added 11 points and 9 rebounds. Parkland will try to end their six game losing streak when they travel to Lewis and Clark on Wednesday for a 7:30 contest.

The Parkland College Women's Basketball team went scoreless for nearly eight minutes in the second half as John Wood rallied to knock off the Cobras 61-52. Parkland led 39-27 early in the second half but the Trail Blazers went on a 12-0 run to take a 41-39 lead with just under 10 minutes remaining. The Cobras trailed 48-47 with 4:08 to go before another 8-0 run by John Wood put the game out of reach.

Erin Kohn led Parkland (7-10 1-1) with 15 points while Sarah Houston added 14 and Shanda Fuller added 11. Danielle Hibbard led John Wood (11-7 2-0) with 14 points.

# Dropping the puck: Hockey on hold

By Jon Volkman  
Prospectus Staff Writer

As the last season of professional hockey ended, the focus wasn't on the Tampa Bay Lightning, who won the Stanley Cup. It was instead on the upcoming negotiations for a new collective bargaining agreement between the National Hockey League and the NHL Players Association.

In the last 15 years hockey has faced many problems in labor negotiations, from a player's strike in 1992 to the owners locking out the players for 103 days in 1994. Since then, the NHL and the NHLPA (NHL Player's Association) have maintained a relatively peaceful relationship.

On September 15, 2004, the NHL announced that at midnight all players would be locked out due to the expiration of the current collective bargaining agreement. The NHL Commissioner, Gary Bettman, maintains that player contracts are growing faster than revenue is, and that as a result, most of the league's 30 teams are losing money.

These claims have been hotly

debated. The amount of league-wide financial loss has been reported by the league as 300 million dollars. Yet that claim is disputed, as the financial reports submitted by each team are said to not be fully comprehensive.

In short, Bettman has stated the NHL wants "cost certainty" from the new collective bargaining agreement. This more than likely means a salary cap, since the NHL is the only one out of the four major sports leagues (the MLB, NBA and NFL being the others) that doesn't have any form of salary control.

The players, on the other hand, are seeking something different. The NHLPA wants a revenue sharing system. Their plan features a luxury tax, player salary rollback, revenue sharing, and an improved entry-level player system.

The two sides have engaged in few negotiations since the players were locked out. The last big news was a change in the player's demands, taking their proposed salary rollback from 5% to 24%. This was their attempt at saving the season, and the NHL rejected it, after which the

NHLPA rejected a counter-proposal.

As it stands, over 900 games have been canceled. The two sides are still far apart in their negotiations, with very little progress being made. It is looking like more and more like the NHL will become the first major professional sports league to cancel an entire season.

During these months without professional hockey, major news outlets have slowly stopped covering the lockout. Indeed, hockey is quickly becoming a forgotten sport in the professional sense. The owners have grumbled about using replacement players from the minor leagues, which could happen, but who will care enough at that point to watch?

Hockey's limited fan base has been alienated by the lockout and a quick fix isn't possible. Even baseball needed a few years to recover from their strike in the 1990's. Overall, hockey is in a precarious position, with the owners able to hold out and the players not budging. In the end, when it finally ends, only time will show if it was enough to save the NHL.

## Sports around the country

By Ryan Zerrusen

Prospectus Sports Writer

### Johnson and Beltran sign

Randy Johnson was traded from the Diamondbacks to the Yankees last Tuesday. This trade has been months in the making. New York then signed him to a two-year contract extension.

The Mets also finally signed Carlos Beltran. He was a free agent from the Houston Astros and he signed a seven-year contract.

### NFL Playoffs

The teams with the week off last week won all their games this week in the playoffs. The teams looked refreshed, winning by large margins in three of the four games this weekend.

The first game was played in Pittsburgh, where the Steelers hosted the NY Jets. The Steelers'

dream season was almost all but over. But the Jets field kicker, Doug Brien, missed two potentially game-winning long field goals with under two minutes left in the game. In overtime, the Steelers marched down the field and Jeff Reed made a field goal to win the game 20 to 17. The win sustained Ben Rothlisburger's unbeaten streak.

In the second game, the Falcons put the beat down on the St. Louis Rams. The Falcons beat the Rams in every facet of the game, but especially on special team plays and running plays. The team ran for 327 yards with long runs from Dunn (62 yard touchdown) and Vick (47 yards.) The Falcons won 47 to 17.

The third game was between the Eagles and Vikings. It was the Freddy Mitchell show for the Eagles in a victory of 27 to 14. He caught one touchdown and recovered a fumbled ball in the end zone for a touchdown. Randy Moss was nearly invisible for the game because of the stifling defense of the Eagles. The Eagles make the NFC title game for the fourth straight year.

Manning was shut down in the fourth game between Patriots and the Colts. The Patriots defense didn't allow Manning to tally a touchdown for the first time all season. Manning is 0 for 7 in Foxboro while Brady is 7 and 0 in the postseason. The Patriots won 20 to 3.

The next playoff games are Sunday, January 23. Falcons at Eagles 2 p.m. on FOX and New England at Pittsburgh, 5:30 p.m. on CBS.