

First Off

By JON VOLKMAN
Prospectus Editor

Choose compassion over cruelty.

Mentioning the word vegetarian automatically conjures up extreme images of women in furs being doused with paint and protestors at the nearby fast food restaurant screaming meat is murder. Indeed, vegetarianism is misunderstood, and seen as a very militant and separatist way of life.

Being vegetarian though, involves choice. It involves deciding on how fanatic one wishes to be, just like it is when being patriotic and religious. One can be patriotic and love their country, or one can decorate their yard with American flags, and blindly follow their patriotism where it takes them.

For some vegetarians, the choice seems easy. Meat is murder becomes a mantra, and those who don't understand must be forced into submission. Every day is a chance to convert the "meat-eaters" and show them the errors of their ways. Militant vegetarians, as described, don't understand compassion, and only wish to right the perceived wrong, regardless of what it takes.

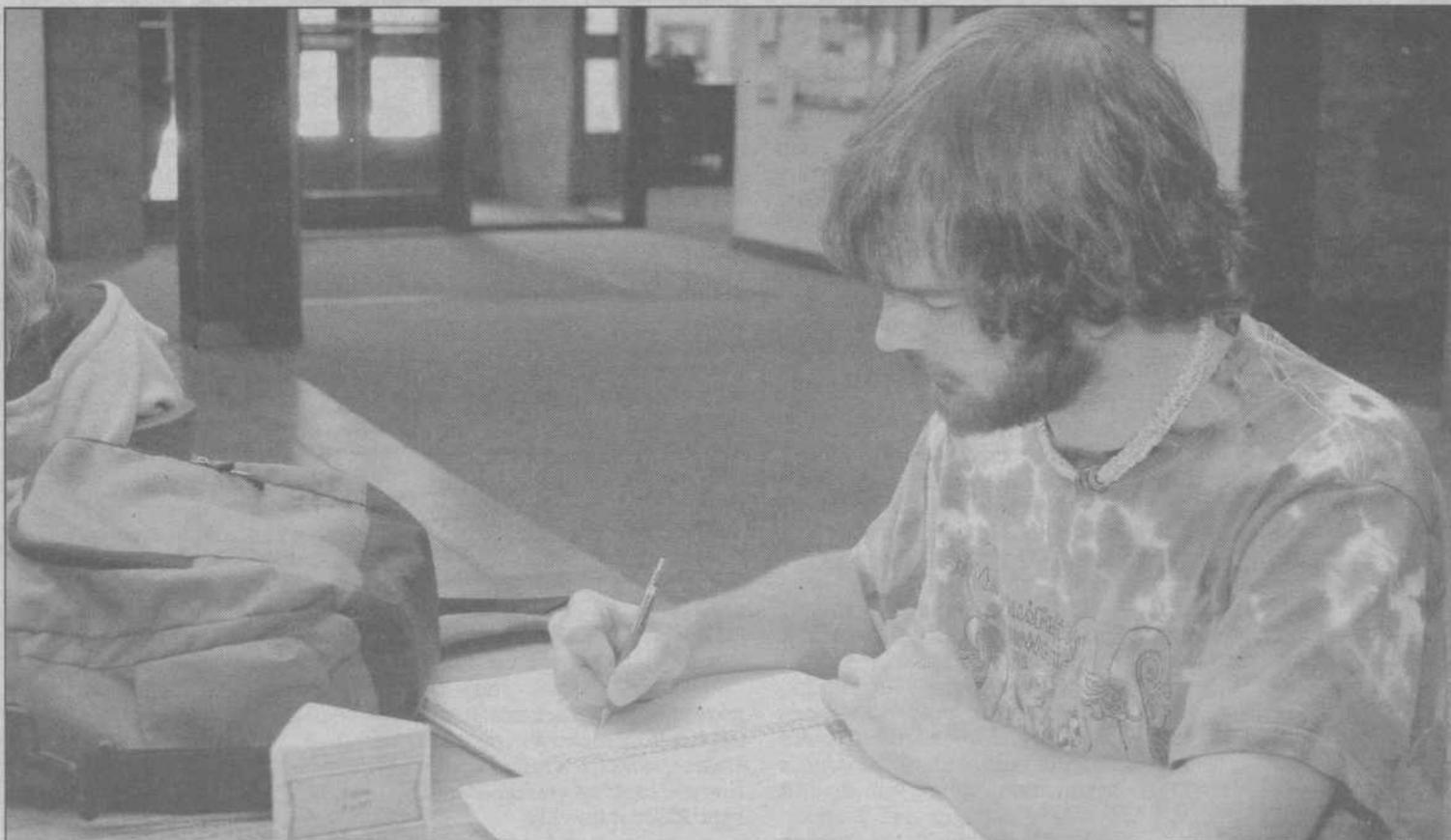
Yet meat and animal byproducts compose the very fabric of our society. Bone ash is used for filtration in sugar refining and even by some water treatment plants. The process of vulcanizing rubber for general use involves animal byproducts. It seems all sorts of everyday items involve the use, or exploitation, of animals.

Being vegetarian, the choice is difficult. Some groups follow a more militant view, doing their best to track down every animal product in an attempt to eradicate it from their life.

These groups picket and protest, and drive around town in vans showing slaughterhouse video footage.

Other groups though, practice compassion. These

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Sam Payton, a Parkland student from Tolono, studies for midterms in one of the lounge areas at the college. This week marks the beginning of the second eight weeks. Seven more weeks and we'll be taking finals! Chad Thomas/*Prospectus*

World of Science Lecture Series kicks off

■ An expedition to the middle of nowhere

By JAMES CASEY
Prospectus Staff Writer

Have you ever imagined traveling deep into the sea? Ever wondered where and how the earth became a great and beautiful piece of art? Many of these questions can be answered at the William M. Staerkel Planetarium. David Leake, teacher of astronomy at Parkland and Director of the Planetarium says, "One thing we like to do is conduit and give science back to the community; we want to bring all forms of science into the planetarium not just astronomy."

The planetarium opened its Lecture Series on Friday, October 7, with host Steven Hurst, a structural geologist from the University of Illinois. The event was titled, "How Far Can You Swim? An Expedition to the Middle of Nowhere." The sci-

ence of this special event was about Hurst and many other scientists who joined him traveling into the deep trenches of the Pito Deep just off the coast of South America.

He traveled underwater down a 6,000 meters trench below the surface to the rare ocean crust. The purpose was to venture into the ideas of how the earth's crust forms. The expedition had two special members on their crew, Alvin and Jason.

Thinking back to the Titanic and many other expeditions, the famous Alvin and Jason were the first to see the sunken remains of the Titanic. Alvin is a small submarine which scientist use to go below deep into the sea to observe aquatic life and earth science.

Alvin was created in 1964 and has made many great discoveries. Jason, which is a robotic submarine, is used to adventure

down into the trenches to send video back to the scientists on board the ship. Jason also scouts for nonhazardous points where Alvin can land below the surface. Jason's robotic arms are controlled by pilots on the ship, and can gather samples of scientific data that are brought up by an elevator and observed.

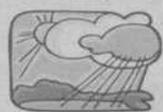
The scientist plotted two different points which were called Area A and Area B. Area A can be called a dead zone, or a place where life does not exist. On the first dive the scientists used a geo compass that measures the rock below this allowed the team to find the right kind of rock to be sampled for study. After many dives the team decided to launch Alvin which is manned by only three people and takes twenty minutes to submerge.

After long hours of gathering data they approached Area B. Area B had little life but they

spotted a creature known as a Holootherem, which is related to a sea cucumber.

The interesting thing about the trip to Area B was that it resulted in the first discovery of ice water quartz at the bottom of the ocean floor. "This is a very rare treasure to find," Hurst said.

When the scientists decided to head back to civilization, they docked at Easter Island. The islanders were friendly and greeted Hurst and his team. Hurst says, "I plan on making more trips and finding more evidence of earth's history that there is more out there to discover." The evening ended with Hurst stating that the best thing about the trip was the studying of hydrothermal faults. When asked why, he replied, "Seeing the underwater faults were the most magnificent thing I have seen."



Weather Forecast

Wednesday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 73. North northwest wind between 7 and 9 mph.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 55.

Thursday: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high around 70.

Thursday Night: A chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 51.

Friday: A chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 69.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low near 44.

Saturday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 64.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 45.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high around 66.

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Dollars and sense

by **DONNA MAYER**
 For the *Prospectus*

Top 10 tips for winning scholarship applications:

Scholarships are excellent ways to supplement your financial aid. View the wide variety of scholarships Parkland offers at: <http://www.parkland.edu/ss/financial/scholarship.htm>.

Note: Most of the applications are available at our office (A-170) approximately one month before the posted deadline.

To increase your chances of winning a scholarship, read the following tips.

Tip 1: Apply only if you're eligible. Read all the scholarship requirements and directions carefully to make sure you're eligible before submitting your application.

Tip 2: Complete the application in full. If a question doesn't apply to you, note that on the application. Don't just leave a blank—it will look like you forgot to answer it. Supply all additional required materials, such as transcripts, letters of recommendations, and essays.

Tip 3: Follow directions. Provide everything that's required, but don't supply things that aren't requested—you could be disqualified.

Tip 4: Neatness counts. Always type your application—but—if you must print, do so neatly and legibly.

Tip 5: Write an essay that makes a strong impression. Include concrete details to make your experience come alive: the who, what, where, and when of

Correction

In the October 12, 2005, edition the *Prospectus* incorrectly identified number 19 on the Women's Soccer Team as Megan Bushue. Number 19 is Brittany Stluka. The *Prospectus* regrets this error.

Errors in stories appearing in the paper are gladly corrected upon notification to the editor: prospectus@parkland.edu.

your topic.

The simplest experience can be monumental if you present honestly how you were affected.

Tip 6: Watch all deadlines. Make your own deadline that's at least two weeks before the official deadline. Use the buffer time to make sure everything is ready on time.

Tip 7: Make sure your application gets where it needs to go. Put your name on all pages of the application. Pieces of your application may get lost unless they're clearly identified.

Tip 8: Keep a back-up file in case anything goes wrong. Before sending the application, make a copy of the entire packet. If your application goes astray, you'll be able to reproduce it quickly.

Tip 9: Give it a final "once over." Proofread the entire application carefully. Ask a friend, teacher, or parent to proofread it as well.

Tip 10: Ask for help if you need it. If you have problems with the application, don't hesitate to contact the funding organization.



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Other groups though, practice compassion. These groups preach lessening the suffering, and admitting that a complete absence of animal products from one's life is not possible in today's society. They follow a more laidback approach, being tolerant and doing their best to educate people.

This education helps people realize where their food comes from, and the processes it goes through on its journey from barn to plate. The idea is that through education and awareness, people will be more receptive to changing their diets.

These changes don't have to be a total purging of animal products, as part of these groups battle is to change how the meat industry treats its "product."

Truly, the concept of vegetarianism is hard to fully define in an animal dependent society, yet awareness and education are part of its core.

Special edition October 26

Prospectus will publish a special Halloween edition next Wednesday, October 26.

Story submissions may be made to the editor Wednesday, October 19.

Advertising deadline will be Friday, October 21, at noon in room X155.

Did you know that safety is everyone's business?

By **OFFICER MEYER**

Recently there has been a rise in counterfeit U.S. currency being passed in Champaign County. The counterfeiting of currency has been an ongoing problem in this country since the American Revolutionary War. Illinois as well as the federal government has many laws in place to protect its citizens against such crimes. For instance, knowingly passing a counterfeit bill constitutes a federal crime that will be investigated by the Secret Service. It does not matter what denomination the counterfeit bills are, but there would be a minimum of one year in federal prison and a \$500 fine in real money. So please check the change you receive at the time of the transaction. If you don't you are losing your chance to insure that you are being given the real thing and will be stuck with a fake bill. Currently there is no way to exchange counterfeit money for real money. There are many keys to knowing if your money is real, if you don't know them see one of the Parkland College Public Safety officers.



Parkland Art Gallery

Through October 27:
 Commercial Visions: Personal Illustrations Show.

Staerke Planetarium

October 21-22:
 CLOSED (conference)

October 28:
 7:00 p.m.—Across the Sky.
 8:00 p.m.—Just Imagine.
 9:30 p.m.—Halloween Show: A Night of Horrors.

Saturday, October 29:
 7:00 p.m.—Follow the Drinking Gourd
 8:00 p.m.—Just Imagine.
 9:30 p.m.—Halloween Show: A Night of Horrors.

Parkland Clubs

October 19-20:
 Women's Health Campaign by Phi Theta Kappa, Welcome Center.

Tuesday, October 25:
 6:15 p.m., Phi Theta Kappa's Satellite Seminar #3, Gallery Lounge.

Cobra Athletics

October 19:
 6:00 p.m., Volleyball vs. Lincoln Land
 October 26:
 6:00 p.m., Volleyball vs. Moraine Valley

Have an Event at Parkland? Let the *Prospectus* know!

E-mail activities/events to us at:

prospectus@parkland.edu



Enrique Cortes, Augustine Martinez and Olga Inocente prepare the special of the day in the food service at Parkland. *Chad Thomas/Prospectus*

Playing a game of hit or miss

By E. CLARKSON
Prospectus Staff Writer



All right. Time for a little modesty.

I don't know who Les Claypool is. I didn't know until Saturday, when a co-worker of mine mentioned how pumped she was to go and see the bassist for Primus. I am pretty sure that I just smiled and agreed.

I had already planned on attending, because some of my buddies were going, but I didn't know what we were going to see. It is not unusual to go and see some show where the bands playing are unknown to you, personally. At least it is not unusual for me. I go see bands I don't know all the time.

Anyway, back to the bass. So in typical Clarkson fashion, I arrived at the Canopy Club late. I was betting on the fact that shows always start about half an hour or so after the posted time. I was wrong. I guess Drums and Tuba started their set around 9:30 or so ... so I missed them entirely. The Canopy was packed. There were more people there last night than there had been for Sufjan Stevens. I never would've guessed.

Sitar, bells, drums, saxophone, and of course bass bounced off of the old Thunderbird's walls, while those in the crowded room jumped and shook.

For someone who has never been a fan of Primus, I was

shocked. I had a great time, especially after I moved down to the front of the stage, so I could actually see what was happening...and had a little elbow room to dance.

Going to shows that are over ten dollars when one has no idea what might occur is a hit or miss game. I seem to be able to justify them knowing that it would not be the worst 25 bucks I've ever spent in my life. This was definitely a hit. I think I am going to do a little more in depth research, and I hope I have the opportunity to see that spectacle again.

Wednesday Oct. 19:

Kanye West, Fantasia, Common @ Assembly Hall, \$36/38.50, 7:30 p.m., All Ages

URBANA BOOKING CO. PRESENTS: Darling Disarm, 31 Knots, Brother Embassy @ Canopy Club, \$5, 8 p.m., 18+

Jazz Sandwich @ Iron Post, TBA, 9 p.m., All Ages

Thursday Oct. 20:

URBANA BOOKING CO. PRESENTS: Milemarker, Fireflies, Tsu Shi Ma Me Re, Hell in the Pacific @ Canopy Club, \$8, 9 p.m., 18+

Elsinore CD Release Show w/ Elsinore, Ambitious Pie Party, Theory of Everything @ Cowboy Monkwy, \$4, 10 p.m., 19+

The Black Affair w/ DJ Delayney, DJ Roc On, DJ Bonus @ Highdive, TBA, 10 p.m., 19+

Friday Oct. 21:

Green Mountain Grass Farewell Show @ Iron Post, TBA, 9 p.m., All

Ages

Buddy Nuisance, Beat Kitchen, Fotomana @ Cowboy Monkey, \$5, 10 p.m., 19+

DJ Lil Big Bass @ Boltini, free!, 10 p.m., 19+

Saturday Oct. 22:

URBANA BOOKING CO. PRESENTS: Cat Power, Dexter Rombweber @ Canopy Club, \$15, 7 p.m., 18+

The Beauty Shop, The Lesser Birds of Paradise, Shipwreck @ Courtyard Café, \$3/5, 8 p.m., 18+

Burlix Carnival of Horrors @ Highdive, TBA, 8 p.m., 19+

Menthol, Green Light Go, Nadafinga @ Cowboy Monkey, \$5, 10 p.m., 19+

Sunday Oct. 23:

Sam Shaber, Anne Heaton @ Farren's, \$10, 6 p.m., All Ages

Black Light Rebellion, Blackmaker, Sick Day @ Tommy G's, TBA, 9:30 p.m., 19+

The Dave Dickey Big Band @ Iron Post, TBA, 6 p.m., All Ages

Monday Oct. 24:

Open Mic Night hosted by Mike Ingram @ Cowboy Monkey, free!, 10 p.m., 19+

Metal Monday w/ DJ Punkass, DJ Dirtleg @ Sidebar, \$2, 10 p.m., 19+
Nekromancy @ C-Street, \$2, 10 p.m., 19+

Tuesday Oct. 25:

DJ J-Philip @ Boltini, free!, 10:30 p.m., 19+

Subversion w/ DJ ZoZo, DJ Evily, DJ TwinScin @ Highdive, \$2, 10 p.m., 19+
Open Jam/ Open Mic with Mike Ingram @ Canopy Club, free!/\$2, 10 p.m., 18+

Keyboard Chatter

By LARRY V. GILBERT
For the Prospectus

AFTER THE PAPER went to press last week, I thought of many more tales I could relate about my Grandmother Gilbert.

Let me first say, though, that my dad was a trumpet player, and a very good one at that. I don't know when he started lessons, but I do know that he was the director of the Mahomet Community Band for a few years.

One of the "tools of the trade," if you will, is the baton, that long, pointed stick that directors use to set the pace, etc. for the members of the band.

My Grandmother Gilbert, though, had another use for that baton. When my two brothers or I needed disciplining, I recall her saying, "Now where did your dad put that baton," was all that was needed to snap us to attention and put us on the right path! One switching with that baton remained in one's memory for ever. And if we did not "straighten up," as she often said, a few hits with that baton on the back of the legs brought tears and sobs (which apparently did not affect her at all). She would say, "This hurts me more than it can possibly hurt you." Ever hear that?

But there were the good times, too. I recall that she was staying with us when my youngest brother was born. I'm five years older than he, so I was old enough to "go gather greens," as she put it.

We picked young dandelion greens, mustard greens, and lamb's quarters greens. I think those are the right terms. Along the way, someone opened their front door and yelled, "Zuma, we have some fresh, tender mustard greens out back. Help yourself."

Then, upon returning home, we had to "look" the greens, which meant one had to examine each leaf, looking for bugs or worms and removing them.

Then we were in for a long, long wait. The greens were

placed in a large stew pot and seasonings, water, and salt pork were added. We had an old "cook stove" fired with corn cobs and coal which could get red hot. I mean to say that the top of that stove glowed like the coals on a grill.

The ingredients were brought to the boil and then the stew pot was moved to a cooler part of the stove where the greens and salt pork simmered for hours.

That night when my dad "got home" from work, he was thrilled to have some of the dishes he enjoyed as a child.

Haven't thought of that in years. Don't remember whether I liked them or not. Can you imagine anyone going out to gather greens now?

On other occasions we would go "mushroom hunting." Now that is some really good eating. In this part of the state, morel mushrooms are plentiful in late spring. This mushroom is cone shaped and looks like a sponge. They are difficult to spot and are usually growing near dead logs and at the base of trees.

"Trouble is," said an old-timer, "the morels pop up at about the same time as the snakes." That did it for me!

WELL NOW. TIME for another word study. This week the terms *coat hanger* and *clothes hanger* caught my eye.

How do they differ? Or do they? I grab a clothes hanger when I get home and keep things tidy by putting my coat in the closet.

Should I be using a coat hanger? Does the coat hanger not have the horizontal bar across the bottom? Is the clothes hanger used for everything except coats?

Are coat hangers made from plastic or from wood? Or do I use the wooden hanger with the horizontal bar and wire clamp for suit pants or slacks?

Should one even use the wire hangers the dry cleaners use? If so, should we wrap yarn around the wire?

Dry cleaners? No liquids?

About Town

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CrimeStoppers seeks assistance in solving crimes



This week CrimeStoppers is seeking information about an armed robbery that occurred at the Taco Bell/Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurant in Rantoul.

On September 18, at approximately 9:30 p.m., police responded to the Taco Bell/Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurant located at 715 West Champaign Avenue, in reference to an armed robbery. It was reported that a suspect entered the restaurant displaying a handgun and demanding money. The suspect took an undetermined amount of money from the safe and then fled out the back door.

The suspect was described as being 5'9", medium build, wearing a black jacket with a hood, and wearing a skeleton-type mask. The suspect was also described as being a darker skinned male, but not black, possibly Hispanic.

Rantoul police investigators are requesting any information about this robbery.

CrimeStoppers and the

Urbana Police Department are seeking your assistance with solving a robbery that occurred in the 1300 block of Silver in Urbana.

On Monday, October 3, at approximately 7:15 p.m., a black male on a bicycle approached a 64-year-old male walking from his residence. The black male pushed the elderly male to the ground and demanded his wallet. After receiving the wallet containing various identification items and U.S. currency, the male fled the area on a bicycle.

The suspect was described as a black male, bald, wearing a purple and black football jersey with #07 on the back and black pants.

Urbana Police investigators are requesting any information you may have about this crime.

CrimeStoppers will pay a reward for information leading to the arrest of the person responsible for this crime. If you have any information, please call CrimeStoppers at 373-T-I-P-S. Callers do not have to give their names or appear in court. Cash rewards are also paid for information on other felony crimes or fugitives in the Champaign County area.

Public invited to join Spring Break tour

Parkland Tours Abroad invites the public to enjoy their "Art, History and Culture Tour of Northern Spain," scheduled during Spring Break, March 16-26, 2006.

The tour group will spend three days and nights in Barcelona, the cultural hub of northern Spain, visiting its many museums and architectural splendors, followed by a sojourn north to Gerona, with its delightful medieval city center.

Next will come a full day in Salvador Dali country, including visits to the museum he designed in his hometown and the coastal area which inspired his seascapes.

Other stops include rich Roman ruins and the medieval cathedral in coastal Tarragona; Zaragoza and San Sebastian; the famous Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao; the cave paintings museum at Altamira; and actual cave paintings about 15,000 years old at Puente Viesgo.

Tour price (double-occupancy, including O'Hare-Spain round-trip air fare) is \$2,595.

The first payment deadline is October 26.

Interested persons may request a full brochure from tour leader Karen Keener at kkeener@parkland.edu or by calling 217/649-7969.

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Fall Yard Waste Collection

The collection is available to all residential properties within the City limits.

Collection Weeks:

- October 31 – November 4
- November 14 – November 18
- November 28 – December 2
- December 5 – December 9

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Wednesday	South of Springfield West of Mattis
Thursday	North of Springfield West of Prospect
Friday	North of Springfield East of Prospect

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Materials must be placed within 10 feet of the curb of a public street by 6:00 a.m. to ensure pickup on your scheduled day. On heavier collection days, your pickup may be later than normal or even the next day.

For residents outside of the City or if your materials do not fit the requirements above, you may take landscape materials to the Landscape Recycling Center at 1210 E. University Avenue in Urbana (217-344-5323). There is a fee for all material dropped off.

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Exonerated: Rethinking the death penalty

By ELLEN SCHMIDT
Prospectus Staff Writer

In January 2000 Governor George Ryan declared a moratorium on all executions in the State of Illinois. It seems incredible that Ryan, an active proponent of the re-establishment of the death penalty in the late 70's would swing so far to the other side of the pendulum to the decision of January 2000.

After seeing the play last week, "The Exonerated," it took me back to a place in 1978 while serving on jury duty. This was a heart pounding experience and no ordinary jury trial. It was the first death penalty murder trial in Champaign County since the reinstatement of the death penalty in 1977.

Imagine a young 19-year-old living in a pretty

sheltered world. There was no Internet and cable TV was very limited. Much of the news during that time was read in the newspapers or seen on the evening news.

The summer prior to serving on jury duty, there was a gruesome murder in Mahomet. Three men were out looking to pull off an armed robbery at a local liquor store. Deciding that they didn't want to use their car to commit the robbery, they forced two young boys off the road and ordered them from their car.

The boys were shot at point blank range and left to die in a ditch. Even more disturbing, by the time the three men got back to the liquor store they were going to rob, it was closed.

The first man tried for murder was living in a

halfway house in Danville and had befriended two other men. The previous evening, the three had robbed a service station, and shot the attendant.

Because of a state statute that states if you "aid and abet" someone in the commission of a crime, you can be considered guilty of that crime. The defendant that was on trial didn't actually shoot the gun; he passed shotgun shells to the others so that they could kill these young boys.

Going through a month of jury duty was very hard. Remembering the day that pictures of the kids laying in the ditch and their blood stained clothes were passed around was incredibly difficult. Two young boys close to my own age, killed for their car. It was a complete waste of the

lives of two young boys with their whole future ahead of them

There was no question that the man being tried in this case would not get the death penalty. He was an active participant in all but the actual pulling of the trigger, however, one of the other men did in fact receive the death penalty.

Last week I saw the other side of the death penalty in "The Exonerated." Innocent people forced on death row because of prejudice, ignorance or the pressure of society on law enforcement to "make an arrest." It struck a chord.

There was no question that the man being tried in our case was guilty of the murders. At the time, it never occurred to me that an innocent person might be wrongly convicted of a crime and

could possibly be put to death for that crime.

The death penalty might be the proper punishment for a murder, and if you commit a murder in Illinois with any of 21 aggravating factors, it could be handed down as a possible sentence.

The death penalty has lost momentum over the years. According to a Gallup press release in 2004 support for the death penalty had dropped from 80% in 1994 to 65% in early 2001. Even with the impact of September 11 the trend is steadily on the decline.

As a result of the powerful lessons portrayed in "The Exonerated" of innocent citizens wrongfully convicted, the death penalty is too high a price to pay.

Is it fair for one to make the decision that someone should live

or die? Just ask Sunny Jacobs, whose husband, wrongly accused, was executed before his conviction could be overturned.

Life without parole is a decision that would keep dangerous murderers off the streets and keep innocent people from being wrongly executed. Maybe the more just punishment is to make the convicted live in a 6 x 9 cell so that they can sit and think about what they have done for the rest of their lives, locked up where they can hurt no one else.

Some might argue that while the judicial system is not perfect, the system works. After seeing "The Exonerated" last week, you might have a hard time convincing any of the 6 that spent time on death row that the system worked for them.

How Bush blew it: a summary and response

By KEITH HAGGARD
Prospectus Guest Writer

In "How Bush Blew It" by Evan Thomas, the inadequacies of the local and federal governments' response to the Hurricane Katrina disaster (*Newsweek*, 19 Sept. 2005). Primary responsibility fell on President Bush's shoulders.

The debacle of federal response began when both the President and Vice President were on vacation at the same time. Available aides in the White House were afraid to recommend that Bush cut his vacation short and tell him the full extent of the known damages, due to his "cold and snappish" responses.

The author suggests that the President was not prepared for a homeland emergency due to the monies invested in the questionable Iraq War, the failure to respond to warnings, and the fact that Bush does not have a "devil's advocate" to point out potential flaws in rea-

soning. Furthermore, the author questions whether the President was even aware of what was going on in the news, suggesting that Bush's main source of information is ESPN.

As Katrina blew in with fifteen-foot floods and high winds, bodies began to appear in New Orleans. It was then time to blame the local government. The mayor allegedly did not want to evacuate, and the governor refused to let the federal government take over, because she did not want to lose her own power of authority.

In this poll, 100 Parkland students were asked, "Should President Bush be removed from office for neglecting the victims of Hurricane Katrina?" Forty-seven students responded no, while fifty-three students responded yes.

This is basically a half and half split, which bodes well for the United States if this is an accurate representation of all

people's opinions.

It would be a major upset to impeach the Commander-in-Chief during a time of national crisis. Therefore, many factors must be examined before making a decision.

Parkland students seem to be examining all sides of the situation before developing an opinion. However, to get a truly accurate sampling, more subjects should be surveyed.

It is apparent that Thomas is not an advocate of President Bush or even local leaders in Louisiana. While the tone of the article is one of disgust and undoubtedly mirrors many Americans' feelings, it is also true that at this point, it is simply a blame game.

Local leaders blame federal leaders.

Federal leaders blame Bush.

President Bush blames FEMA.

Somehow, good ol' "Brownie" ended up taking the fall, probably

because that was the best way Bush could get the spotlight off himself. Bush also likes to criticize the media for playing the "blame game," which he does not have time for. Of course not, he has vacation days to make up!

This is not even to mention Hurricane Katrina. It is likely Bush would wage war on "her" if he could. That way he would have a nice, safe scapegoat that could not fight back, unless you count the thousands of dead, the lost houses and businesses, and the devastation the citizens of New Orleans are facing as result of Katrina's wrath.

One has to wonder if Bush would even care if he were not being blamed. After all, he has no problem sending young troops to Iraq to die to find weapons of mass destruction that were never found.

But, again, who cares? They are not his sons or his father or brothers.

Speak Out!

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Parkland Singers interesting, enjoyable ensemble

By E. CLARKSON

Prospectus Staff Writer

Music is one of the special places in the known universe where these polar but coexisting entities are able to be appreciated equally, for both content and design. I have had a considerable amount of experience with both of these schools. Growing up with parents who were in their mid-forties when I was born, I grew up with Bach and Mozart while my contemporaries possibly heard pop music such as Duran Duran and the Beastie Boys.

Anyone who opens up the newspaper or other local publications can see the plethora of opportunities to appreciate our vibrant musical community. I thought I had exhausted all possible avenues for experiencing musical goings-on in this community.

There are more than likely many venues and fusions of sounds that I have not found in my time here, but I have been blind to one such vein. While I spend six days a week at Parkland, I was unaware of the musical events that feature fellow students.

Directed by Barbara Zachow since 1991, the Parkland Chorus is comprised of two sections. The Parkland Chamber Singers

are Parkland students, who are selected for the group through an auditioning process. The Parkland Community Chorus is made up of both students and those from the C-U area who are interested in choral performance. While the two ensembles perform separate pieces, collaboration is not uncommon.

Last Monday, the Parkland College Chorus Fall Choral Concert at First United Methodist Church in downtown Champaign. Those gathered on Monday night were treated to performances by both choruses. In addition, Chris Corson the Chorus' instrumental accompanist, played a solo selection on the piano. Choral pieces included show tune medleys, folk songs, Tin Pan Alley hits, and music written for the Christian daily service, Vespers.

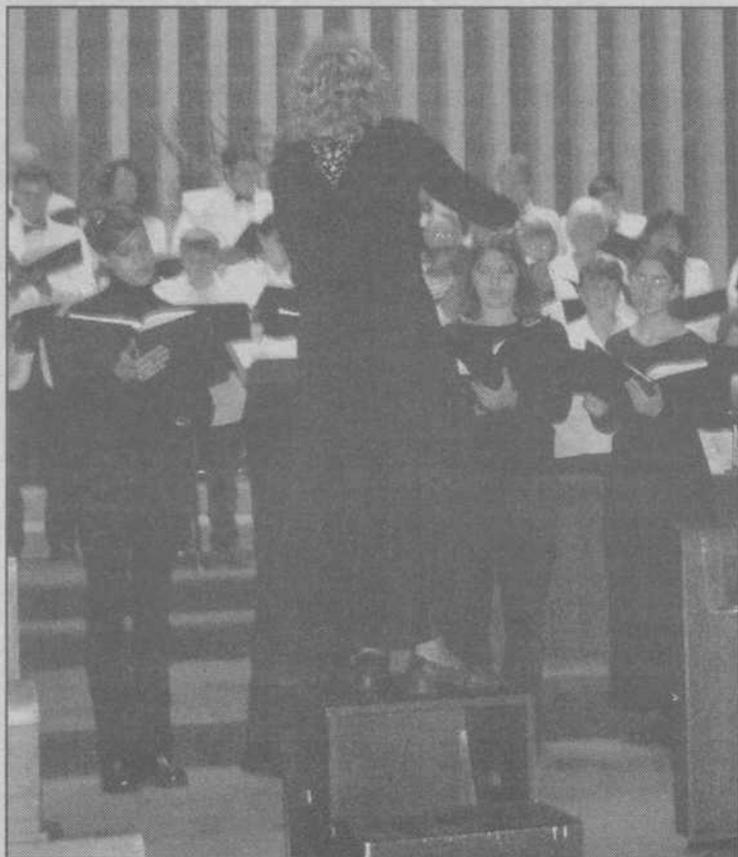
I was taken aback by the sparse audience. Enjoying musical performance, I should think, is a universal phenomenon. Only slightly more enticing than concert attendance, this program was absolutely free. FREE!

An all around enjoyable and impressive event, the only unpleasant aspect was the announcement that the next concert would be on December 12. Don't miss this opportunity to see Parkland students and community members shine.



The Parkland Singers are shown here during a recent concert at First United Methodist Church in downtown Champaign.

E. Clarkson/*Prospectus*



Financial Aid announces scholarships

■ General deadline November 15 for Spring 2006

The Office of Financial Aid announces scholarships available for Parkland students, Spring Semester 2006.

Deadlines for application are, generally, November 15, unless otherwise specified. Please contact the Office of Financial Aid if you have questions.

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JoAnna Tenneh Diggs Hoff

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Applications available: Parkland Financial Aid Office

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Memorial Scholarship

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Scholarship

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Voting system changes mean no more hanging chads

By E. CLARKSON
Prospectus Staff Writer



The county's new voting system was introduced as part of the first annual Voter Registration week supported by the Parkland College Republicans. Champaign County Clerk Mark Shelden visited the campus on Wednesday to demonstrate the new system.

The 2000 Florida voting fiasco, in which there were many voter mistakes and recounts, resulted in a push for a higher technological voting procedure. The 2002 Help America Vote Act made it possible for states to receive funds to replace their punch card voting systems.

Gone are the days of hanging and pregnant chads associated with the punch card system. Although Shelden shared that he had no real problems with the old system he does admit that the efficiency of the new

system will make a difference in the voting process.

A committee of concerned citizens was formed to study the voting systems of other counties similar to the size of Champaign County.

Because of heavy turnout of the 2004 presidential election, the county decided to keep their system in place to have the time to study, train and obtain the new system.

Shelden stated, "Waiting was a good thing." Waiting paid off in a variety of ways, allowing them to learn from other counties about the reliability of vendors and service contracts involved with the new systems.

Waiting on the new machines was also beneficial because there was no equipment to service the blind two years ago.

As Shelden explained, this system gives a blind or disabled person the "ability to vote in secret", which is something that couldn't be offered before under the old system.

The 1.1 million Optical-scan-

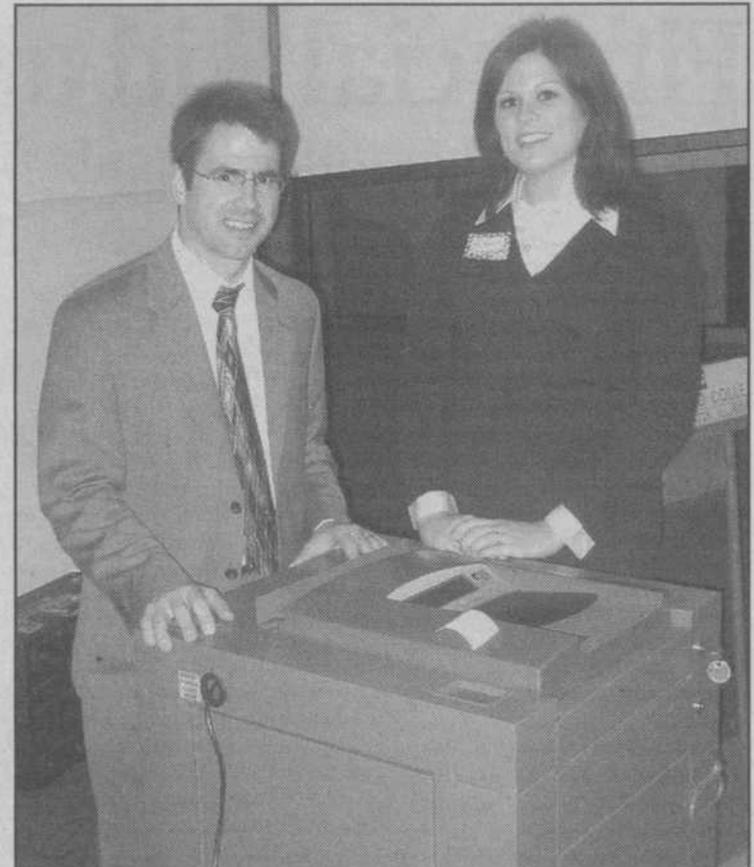
ning system will make its way into 97 polling places next March.

The process seems very friendly as demonstrated by Shelden. Paper ballots can be filled in with a pen and are similar in design of an ACT or SAT examination where you fill in the circle, the ballot is then fed into the system by a voting judge.

The machine will be able to pick up an error immediately, in the event of an over vote, it will reject the ballot and the opportunity will be offered at that time to vote again.

The good news about this system is that there still is the paper ballot to fall back on. And the downside to the new system? Well, as Shelden puts it, "It takes out the suspense of the evening."

Gone will be the days of late night poll watching waiting for precincts to report, or waiting until morning to find out how a favorite candidate fared. This will give an accurate, efficient count of the votes cast.



Champaign County Clerk Mark Shelden and Parkland College Republicans member Kristen Williamson stand beside one of the new voting machines, which were demonstrated on campus on October 12.

Ellen Schmidt/Prospectus

Information about the voting process at:
<http://www.champaigncountyclerk.com>

College Republicans hold Voter Registration Week

By ELLEN SCHMIDT
Prospectus Staff Writer

Last week kicked off the First Annual Voter Registration week supported by the Parkland College Republicans. This grass roots organization has been active on and off for the past ten years.

College Republicans kicked the week off by attending a fundraiser for Secretary of State candidate, Senator Dan Rutherford at the Pontiac Elks Club. The Chairwoman of the Parkland College Republicans Kristen Williamson described Rutherford as "the most energetic candidate I have met."

The focus on this first week was to give parkland students the opportunity to register to vote and according to William-

son "was not partisan as possible" to encourage everyone to participate. Another initiative is to recruit more members for this group that has already grown to 62.

Among the activities that were held during the week included a petition drive, a pizza fundraiser in the college center, and having Champaign County Clerk Mark Shelden on campus to demonstrate the new voting system.

Kristen was encouraged to lead this group when she met Jason Barickman, Chairman of the Champaign County Young Republicans. Always interested in politics, support from this group has propelled her to become as active as she is this semester.

In addition to the political ini-

tiatives of the group, they are also focusing on doing community service events. This month they will participate in a "trick or treat" outing to collect non-perishable items to give to local food pantries.

The future focus of the group according to Williamson includes "pushing social security reform and educating the student body on the current state of the Social Security System." There will be information booths set up in the coming months and rallies planned to address this issue.

More information on how to join this group and participation in upcoming events are available at www.parklandcollegeRepublicans.com.

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Title is on the line tonight for Cobras

It's a nightmare in Wrigleyville

The Parkland Volleyball team knocked off Springfield College Monday night in four games winning 30-20, 30-18, 24-30, and 30-16 to set up a showdown against Lincoln Land for the Mid-West Athletic Conference title.

On Monday, Katie Baker had 41 assists and three service aces while Kristine Anderson had 24 digs to help pace the Cobra attack. Christy Bushur had 14 kills and Lauren West added 5 blocks for Parkland (42-11).

The #14 ranked Cobras will host #16 Lincoln Land (32-11) at 6:00 tonight (Wednesday) with the title on the line.

Parkland has won the conference volleyball title for nine consecutive years.

Missing several players due to injuries, the Cobra Volleyball team finished 3rd at the Iowa

Central Invitational over the weekend.

Parkland (41-11) and ranked #9 went 3-2 knocking off Southeast Iowa, Iowa Central, and SW Iowa while falling to #7 Iowa Lakes and to North Dakota State College.

On Saturday, Katie Baker had 23 assists in the Cobras 30-23 30-18 win over Southwestern Iowa. PC also got 15 digs from Kristine Anderson and 13 kills from Christy Bushur.

In Parkland's 26-30, 30-23, 15-10 win over Iowa Central, Lauren West and Bushur each had 10 kills while Anderson had 20 digs.

Megan Hoffert had 6 kills and 6 aces in the Cobras 30-23 30-26 loss to Iowa Lakes.

Parkland will Lincoln Land at 6:00 on Wednesday night.

By ERIK PHEIFER
Prospectus Staff Writer

The misery of the Chicago Cubs and their loyal fans is well documented. Year after year fans of the "cursed" team are left heartbroken and distraught with the way their team always lets them down. Sometimes you can't help but feel for Cubs fans, as the team hasn't won a World Series since 1908.

Ever since the infamous Bartman ball incident that started their collapse in blowing a 3-1 series lead in the 2003 National League Championship Series against the Florida Marlins, the expectations for the team have been raised. The last two years many experts have said the Cubs were equipped with one of the better pitching staffs in baseball. These same experts predicted them to make a run

at a National League Pennant, which has eluded them since 1945.

The team's misfortunes have lead to many people coming up with comic quips that poke fun at the lovable losers as they are known. One such quip seen on shirts spells out the word CUBS followed by the words Completely Useless By September. This perfectly illustrates how the hopes of the fans, which are so high in April, are usually dashed before the last month of the season even begins.

If it wasn't bad enough that the team fell way below expectations again this year, Cubs fans must be cringing over what has happened last year and might happen in this year's playoffs.

Last year they had to watch a World Series straight from you know where when the St. Louis Cardinals played the Boston Red Sox.

The Cardinals are the Cubs hated rivals and no true Cubs fan would ever want to see them win a World Series.

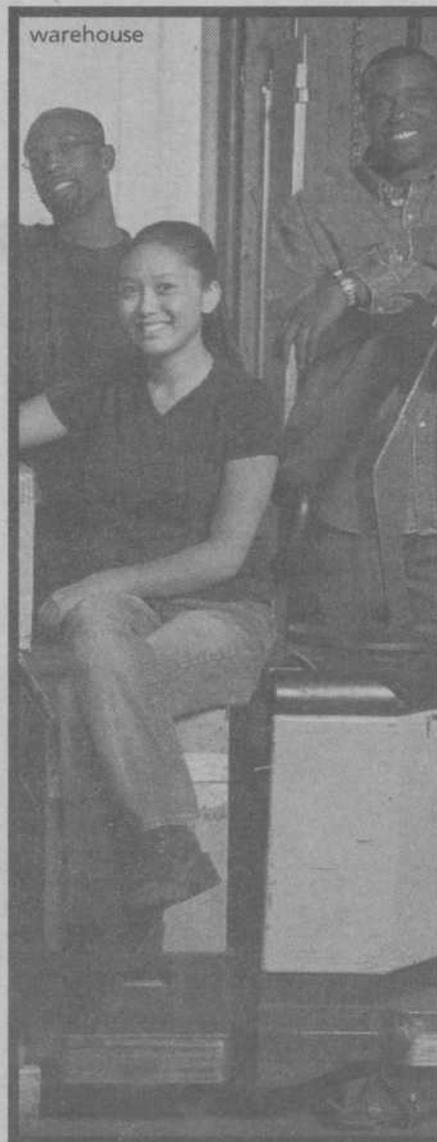
On the other hand, the Boston Red Sox were in the same predicament the Cubs have been in. They had not won a World Series since 1918 and were believed to be cursed just like the Cubs. This gave Cubs fans some comfort in knowing that they weren't alone in their misery. That all ended when the Red Sox reversed their curse by sweeping the Cardinals to win the World Series.

Now, for the Cubs fans that

didn't find the Red Sox championship devastating and depressing, they surely have to be overwhelmed by what is transpiring this year in the playoffs. The Cubs cross-town rivals, the Chicago White Sox, have just advanced their way to the World Series for the first time since 1959. Until now Cubs fans could look across town and be uplifted by the fact that the White Sox had endured futility for almost as long as they have. This is because the White Sox have not won a World Series since 1917. However, the White Sox are now just four wins away from pushing Cubs followers everywhere over the edge.

Sure, Cubs fans have overcome many tragedies over the years, but this very well could be the most devastating. Not only because the White Sox did what the Cubs failed to do in 2003 but because of the way they are doing it. They are using their pitching along with timely hitting and excellent defense to win. The lack of these very things is what has led to the mediocrity of the Cubs over the years.

So while Cubs fans are forced to sit at home and bear through another Cubless postseason, they painfully have to watch their hated rivals succeed. There is no doubt that throughout the long excruciating winter Cubs fans everywhere will hear those words that are spoken all too often in Wrigleyville: Wait 'til next year.



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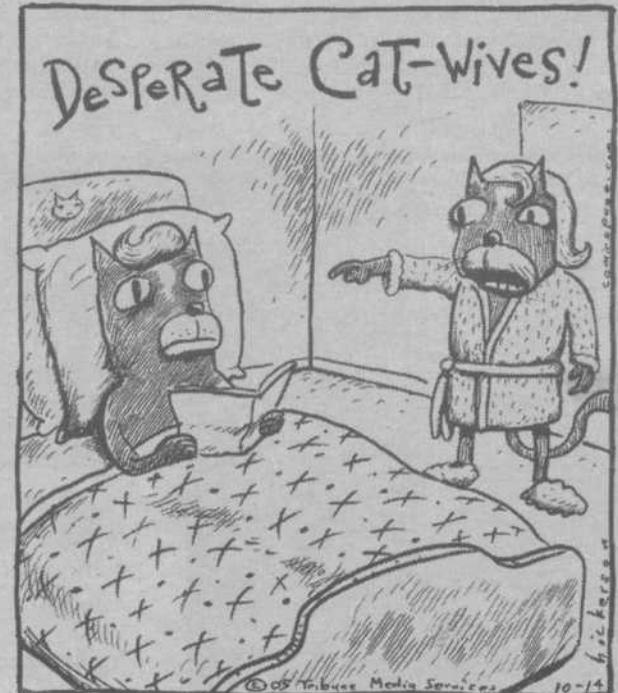
A College Girl Named Joe



"We've all been there, Marcie. The first six steps are the hardest."



Floyd fails his sobriety test.



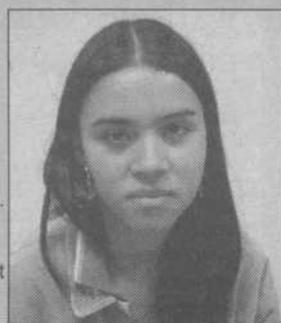
"Hey! That's not your toupee! That's ... another female's hairball!"

Just asking ... What do you think of Parkland's recent efforts to ensure safety on campus?



Craig

I think they are doing a better job. It's no longer a worry if it's safe around campus. It feels a little more secure.



Paolo

I think it's very good and that the officers are doing their job.



Ron

I don't think much has changed, but it's nice to see the officers moving around rather than standing around in just one area.



Tricia

It's a good idea, it assures people that they are safe. It helps students to move around the halls easier also. But remember this is a college and not high school.

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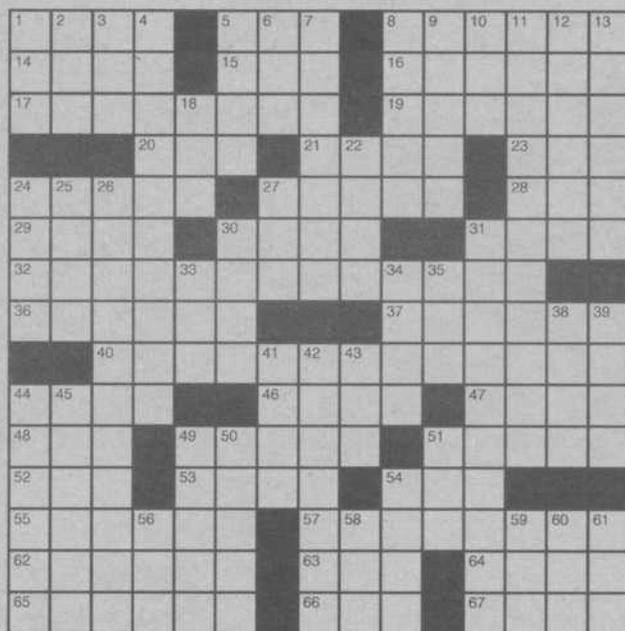
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by Aaron Warner



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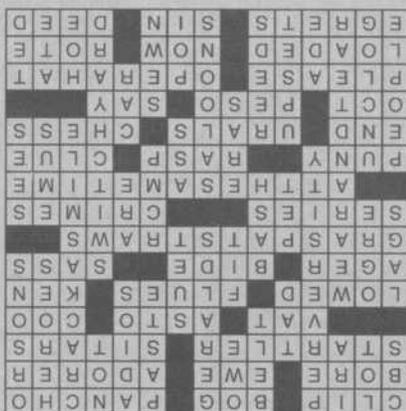
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21 attend ICCSAA Conference

By E. CLARKSON

Prospectus Staff Writer

What does it take to be a leader? For members of Student Government and students from various student organizations, the Illinois Community College Student Activities Association helped narrow the definition this past weekend.

Friday afternoon, this group of excited students boarded the vehicle that would shuttle them to and from Mundelein, Illinois for a leadership conference hosted by the College of Lake County and Harper College.

Supervised and chauffeured by ever-tolerant John Eby and Tom Caulfield, events for the conference commenced with dinner and introductions at the Crown Plaza Hotel. Followed by a "Casino Night," students from over seventeen 2-year colleges throughout Illinois played poker and mingled, followed by dancing.

Saturday, events were held at the College of Lake County. Breakfast was followed by an introductory group session, with keynote speaker Patrick Combs. After Mr.

Combs' presentation students attended two of six workshops offered, such as "Team Effectiveness" and "Time Management."

Rejoined in the auditorium, closing remarks were made. The hungry Parkland participants were thankful for the sandwiches and chips served for lunch. Due to an impending deadline to be back in Champaign before 4 p.m., lunch was taken on the road. While most took the opportunity to catch up on sleep, others watched movies and chatted. Making excellent time, the group arrived back at Parkland, unloaded and departed.

The ICCSAA community stressed the networking aspect of the conference. Making contacts and sharing ideas are only two ways of becoming a more effective student and leader. It is important to take advantages of the many opportunities and avenues of involvement offered at Parkland.

Enriching and broadening the college experience through extra-curricular activities not only supplements a transfer application nicely, such involvement bolsters resumes as

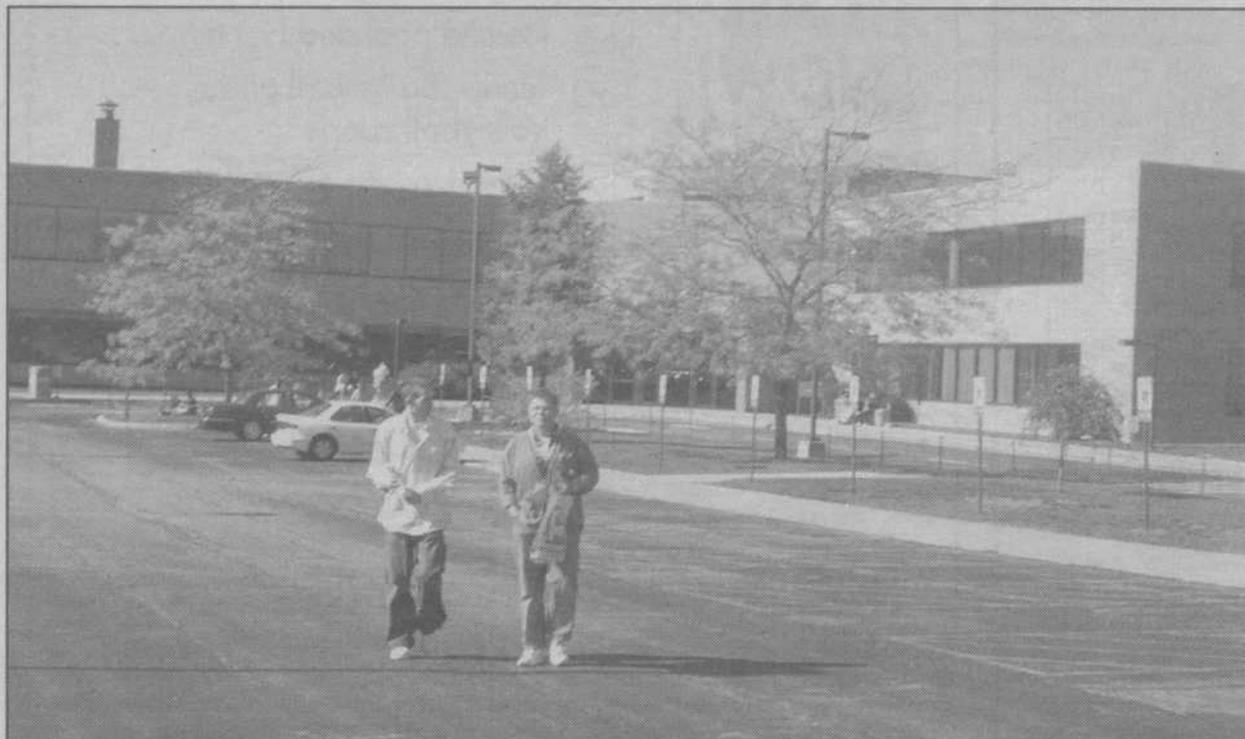


well.

Before leaving Parkland, make sure to check out a least one of the many student organizations. Worst case scenario is finding something new

that interests you, and thereby causing a reconsideration of class concentration.

All things considered, the benefits far outweigh any risks.



ICCSAA
*Illinois Community College
Student Activities Association*
Formed in 1978, the
Association hosted their
26th leadership conference
this year, choosing
the theme: "Play Your
Cards Right."

Above: Tom Caulfield sits among Parkland students in preparation for the morning's activities at College of Lake County. At left: John Eby and Shane Schuh leave the college and head toward the bus, lunch in hand, as the journey back to Parkland begins.

Jon Volkman/*Prospectus*