

First Off

By JON VOLKMAN
Prospectus Editor

Being passionate is not bad. Showing energy and enthusiasm about life and the tasks we do is part of what makes getting up in the morning worth it. Being concerned enough about a project to devote time and energy to it is what makes the world go round.

Passion is usually connected only to romance and relationships. Yet passion is part of what drives people, both at home and away. Passion is what reminds us of anniversaries, and also what makes us put in those extra hours on a special project.

Passion for me is relatively new. I have always remained a very mellow person, and as a result not very moved emotionally. It seemed I could get my heart stomped on and rebound without seeming to care that much.

Yet time and experience have changed me. I find myself getting emotional and attached to school, work, and home life. No longer the isolated loner, I feel connected to everything around me. As a result, I care, and want whatever I am involved in to reflect that emotion.

In the over three years I have spent with my partner, my passion has increased. It isn't a physical thing either, as emotionally I have become very connected to him. I feel better just being together, and knowing that we have that time. Though at times life is not easy, I know it is better with us being together.

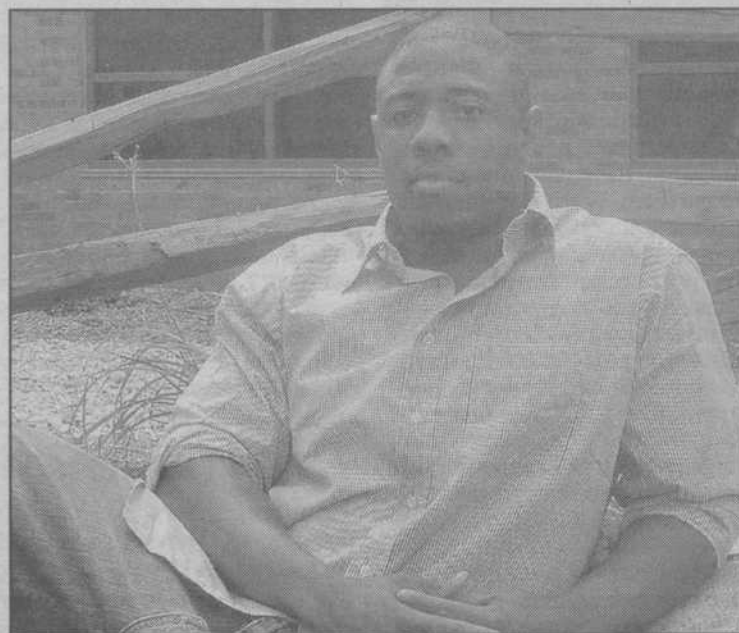
Projects at school are the same way. In working with the paper, I have invested not only time, but energy and emotion. Each week is another edition, and I work to raise the bar every week. Being a team effort, my passion is not always enough to carry the paper though, as we are dependent on every individual's contribution.

That is what makes passion tricky, too. Being so invested with a project, it can be hard

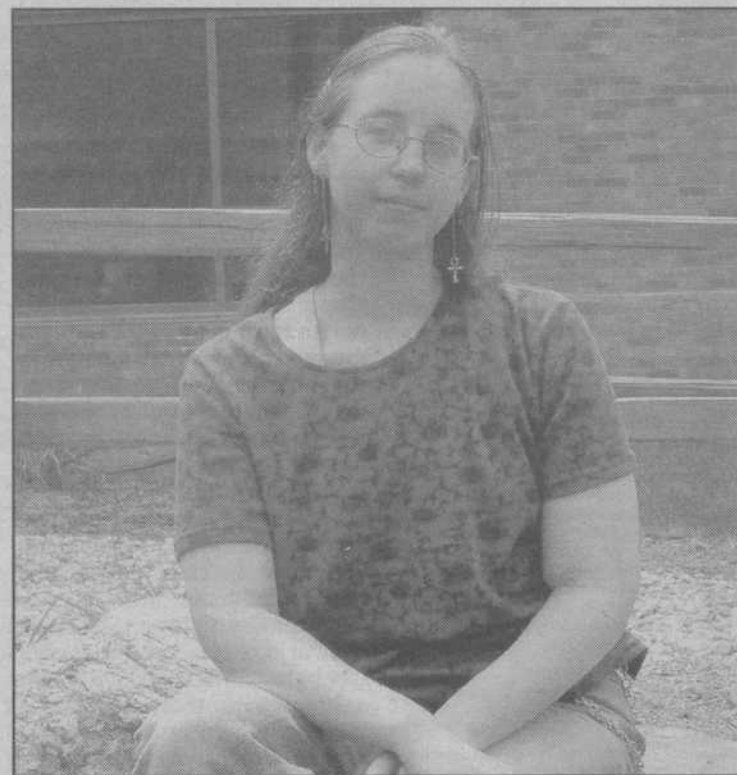
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Student Government elections set for Sept. 14, 15, 16

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Gregory Hayes — Candidate for Treasurer



Joanne Noto — Candidate for Secretary



Kristin Williamson — Candidate for Senator



Rebekah Horner — Candidate for Senator



Weather Forecast

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 90. South southwest wind between 7 and 16 mph, with gusts as high as 29 mph.

Tuesday Night: A 40% chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low near 65.

Wednesday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1 p.m. Partly cloudy, with a high near 81. West southwest wind 7 to 9 mph becoming north northwest.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 58.

Thursday: Partly cloudy; high around 80.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, low around 56.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high around 80.

Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low near 55.

Correction: In the article "EIU funds high-tech computer lab (Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2005), several statements require clarification.

The renovation and equipping of a new computer classroom was a cooperative effort of Eastern Illinois University and Parkland College. EIU provided the computers, furnishings, and additional equipment. Parkland provided the labor and materials for renovation of the classroom. The space will be shared by both schools—EIU on evenings and weekends, and Parkland during weekdays. The lab—incorrectly identified as B-243—is located in C-246.

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Candidates ask for your vote

Rebekah Horner Running for: Senator

HI! I'm REBEKAH, a first year student at Parkland, and I'm running for a senator position in the student government. I am a recent graduate of St. Joseph-Ogden High School, I work at Steak n' Shake in Urbana, I am a theatre scholarship student, and I would like to serve as a senator in the student government. High School I was the vice president of National Honor Society and basically we performed services for the community as well as raising money for the troops in Iraq. From my understanding, student government strives to help the community as well as contributing to national and international issues, like troops in Iraq, poverty in Africa and helping the victims of Katrina. As a senator I would address those as well as community issues by holding various fundraising events, like battle of the bands, a dance-a-thon, a basketball tournament, a comedy hour, an eating marathon, our own American Idol, recreate game shows and, a talent show competition, among other ideas.

Basically, I just want to have a good time and learn more about student government by help planning committees to raise money for Parkland, Community, National, and International issues, that could incorporate the students of Parkland and be an enjoyable experi-

ence for everyone participating, including me. VOTE FOR REBEKAH!!!!

Gregory Hayes Jr. Running for: Treasurer

To the student body of Parkland College, my name is Gregory Hayes and I am seeking to be the next treasurer of our student government and with your support I will be able to achieve this goal. As an aspiring entrepreneur I already understand the intricacies of finance and its importance to the business world and the governments that house them. With your vote and continual support I will have the opportunity to not only practice my passion for financing and business but also witness how it intertwines with the other offices of student government. So come out and lend your support. Once again my name is Gregory Hayes and with your support I will become your student government treasurer. Thank you.

JoAnne Noto Running for: Secretary

Truth, one of the most valued virtues in any situation, therefore, I will work and strive to do my best, truthfully. Position and running aside, I don't honestly know the qualifications for this, as it is my first time. However, if it boils down to my work ethic, I am a strong, hardworking individual who is goal-oriented and goal minded. Extremely orga-

nized and willing to go out of my way to help someone if I can, as well as keeping an even temper. These I consider to be qualifications in life to succeed as one should. However, the issues important to me, make me passionate and sometimes disagreeable, but I did promise to be truthful. One issue that tends to draw my attention is the crowding, both in the buildings and in the parking lots. The ratio of students, including freshman out weigh the ratio of space for said students. The hallways, study areas, and group meeting areas do not compensate. Beside the space issue, is another I am sure I share with others. Called hidden fees, I do kind of miss supply lists, earlier during the mass gathering of school books I figured three hundred fifty-eight and some odd cents if I bought

all my books new. Yet their were other items was needed. Yet, it be nice if us, (new students,) had some sort of guidance in the other items before the class starts in the semester. Leaving issues aside that are important to me, it leaves only what I wish to accomplish this term. What I want to accomplish this term is whatever I can to help everyone. If nothing else I would like to build the social relationships with different people, and trying to keep helping others, that I can, this is what I want.

Kristin Williamson Running for: Senator

Hello, Parkland College Students! My name is Kristin Williamson, and I would be honored to be elected your student

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Did you know?

Student safety is a priority for the Parkland's Department and of Public Safety and Parkland College. Hallways and ramps are often filled with students that are gathering together before or after class. Please remember that people with a disability have the right of way in these areas. Students should not block these areas and there should be a free flow of hallway traffic per Parklands Student Conduct Code. Additionally, elevators are to be used for a person with a disability first and others second. Showing respect and compassion for all students is a way to help keep our campus safe and friendly.



Parkland Art Gallery

Through Thursday, September 22: Parkland College Art and Design Faculty Exhibition.

Staerkel Planetarium

September 16:
 7:00 p.m.—Summer Prairie Skies.
 8:00 p.m.—Just Imagine.
 9:30 p.m.—Pink Floyd's *Dark Side*

of the Moon.

Saturday, September 17:
 7:00 p.m.—Follow the Drinking Gourd
 8:00 p.m.—Just Imagine.
 9:30 p.m.—Pink Floyd's *Dark Side of the Moon.*

Prospectus

September 13:
 Special Elections edition.
 September 21:
 Regular publication; articles due at noon Sept. 14. Ad deadline Thursday, 5 p.m.

Student Government

September 14-16:
 Fall Elections.

Cobra Athletics

September 13:
 4:00 p.m., Men's Soccer vs. Danville

September 14:
 4:30 p.m., Women's Soccer vs. Springfield

September 14:
 6:00 p.m., Volleyball, here, Danville

September 14:
 8:00 p.m., Volleyball, here, Lake Land

September 15:
 4:00 p.m., Men's Soccer, Lincoln

September 16:
 Volleyball at Lincoln

September 17:
 Golf: Kaskaskia Invitational

September 18-19:
 Golf, John Logan Invitational

Club Information

September 15 and 16:
 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. —Colours meetings, X150.

September 15:
 12-12:50 p.m.—Parkland Christian Fellowship meeting, B213.

To have your events included in Events at Parkland email the Prospectus at prospectus@parkland.edu Please let us know at least one week in advance.

Keyboard Chatter

By LARRY V. GILBERT
For the Prospectus

LAST WEEK THE movie *Teachers* brought a long teaching career into a new perspective. I mentioned that seeing that film had built a new fire within me to keep on keeping on with my chosen profession.

I was pleasantly surprised to receive a couple of letters via email saying that they, colleagues at Parkland, had seen the movie and were very impressed. One letter told of a student suggesting that she should see the film. And after watching it, the faculty person interpreted the suggestion as a compliment. Wow!

With the encouragement of these two letters, I think I will relay some humorous events from my teaching career. In telling these tales over the past many years, my audience has suggested that I write a book. I reply by saying that yes, I could write a book, but who would publish it. Furthermore, who would read it!

It was during my first year at Rantoul Township High School that I was named to the ticket selling and money counting group. If you were a new teacher and teaching in the Business Education Department, you were a prime candidate for this job.

It was during the basketball season that this eye-opening experience happened. My superintendent, Lynn Gibbs, told all of us ticket sellers that we must see a student ID if the student was to qualify for the reduced price (student price). Everything went very smoothly for the first 15 minutes or so. As I recall, the student price was 35 cents and the adult price, 50 cents.

A student, a freshman, walked up to my window and presented a quarter and a dime. He did not show an ID card. So, following directions, I asked to see his card. "I left it at home," he answered. Fifty cents please I announced to the student. The other instruc-

tor in the booth tried to get my attention by clearing his throat. I didn't catch the clue.

The student very quickly asked me, "Don't you know who I am?" To which I answered, "No, I don't; but rules are rules, so the ticket will be 50 cents."

At that precise moment, Mr. Gibbs walked past the booth, overheard the conversation and asked me if there might be a problem. By this time, the other instructor was really squirming on his stool.

"This student does not have a student ID card, Mr. Gibbs, and he refuses to pay the fifty cents." The other teacher in the booth finally whispered (loudly), "That's Mr. Gibbs' son."

"Oh, I'm sorry, Mr. Gibbs. I didn't know this gentleman is your son."

This is starting to sound like a script in a comedy routine, isn't it?

"Dick Gibbs," Mr. Gibbs said, addressing his son, "rules are rules, and you are no exception. Now get back over home and get your ID card."

I apologized all over the place to Mr. Gibbs. He was quick to reply that I was doing my job as outlined and that no apology was necessary.

My colleague in the booth got a big laugh out of this and reminded me every year that Dick was the youngest child in the Gibbs family and that I would not have to face this situation again.

Next week I'll tell you the story of Mr. Gibbs' first ride in my '65 Corvette.

THE THOUGHT FOR the week comes from a visit to an area funeral home website.

I was seeking information from a Decatur funeral home about the visitation times for a relative of my next-door-neighbor and found this:

When you were born, you cried and the world rejoiced. Live your life so that when you die, the world cries and you rejoice.

— Cherokee Expression



Nicole Simmons/Prospectus

With temperatures forecast to be in the 90s through Wednesday, these students are enjoying the weather before rainstorms set in Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

Too many shows; take your pick

■ Sounds in Stereo

By E. CLARKSON
Prospectus Staff Writer



OK, there are way too many shows this week for me to try to pique your interest in just one. So I will attempt to give a short run-down, by order of immediacy.

Tonight, Minus the Bear is playing with Thunderbirds Are Now! These Arms are Snakes, and City on Film. Minus the Bear opened for Braid's reunion tour last summer, and have headlined their own tours. Thunderbirds Are Now! Played at Pitchfork Media's Intonation festival this summer. They are high energy with great vocals and upbeat percussion. DANCE! These Arms are Snakes are from Seattle. ROCK! All four bands listed for tonight have played the C-U area before, but definitely worth seeing again.

Tomorrow, Xiu Xiu (also at Intonation) plays with Yellow Swans and Bailey. Bailey is a local electronically based, but-ton pushing band, founded by and featuring Parkland student Nathan Hanley, who is occasionally accompanied by Jake Underwood on bass. If you are having trouble deciding which show to go see tomorrow, don't worry, you are not alone. Sufjan Stevens (pop indie folkmaster all-star) is playing with Liz James half an hour after Bailey and Xiu Xiu. JEEZ! All right, but after this busy week, next Tuesday, Tilly and the Wall return to C-U. This band's most amaz-

ing feature must be the fact that they forego a drummer. Band member Jamie W. tap dances in place of cymbals and snare drums. Truly an amazing sight. I just hope that my college broke ass will not be forced to pick and choose which shows I can afford to attend. Let's hope homework will not be the deciding factor.

Wednesday Sept. 14:

Minus the Bear, These Arms Are Snakes, Thunderbirds Are Now!, City on Film, Courtyard Café, \$7, 7 p.m. 18+

Dressy Bessy, Lorenzo Goetz, The Weakdaze, Canopy Club, \$7, 9 p.m. 18+

Apollo Poetics with Apollo Project, Nargile, free!, 9:30 p.m., 19+ (featuring guest MCs and vocals)

Thursday Sept. 15:

United We Funk All Stars feat. Dazz Band, SOS Band, Con Funk, Shun, Virginia Theatre, \$33 balcony/\$38 mezzanine, 6:30, all ages

Xiu Xiu, Yellow Swans, Bailey, Courtyard Café, \$5, 7:30 p.m., 18+

Sufjan Stevens, Liz James, Canopy Club, \$12/\$15, 8 p.m., 18+

Friday Sept. 16:

American Red Cross Hurricane Katrina Relief Benefit with DJ JB and DJ Impact

(hip hop, Chicago deep house...all entrance fees and profits go to relief efforts) Nargile, TBA, 9 p.m., 19+

Tossers, The Siderunners, Cowboy Monkey, \$6, 10pm, 19+
Boneyard Jazz Quintet, Iron Post, TBA, 5 p.m., All Ages!

Saturday Sept. 17:

Split Lip Rayfield, Highdive, \$6/\$8, 10pm, 19+

The Life and Times, Cowboy Monkey, \$6, 10 p.m., 19+
DJ Bozak, Soma, cover, 10pm, 21+

Sunday Sept. 18:

Jon Meske (house DJ), Boltini, free, 10:30pm, 19+

The Pernice Brothers, Tim Fite, Jose Ayerve, Cowboy Monkey, \$8, 10 p.m., 19+
DJ Babyface, Nargile, TBA, 8 p.m., 19+

Monday Sept. 19:

Carrie Newcomer, Borders Café, free, 7:30 p.m., all ages!

Open Mic Night hosted by Brandon T. Washington, Cowboy Monkey, free, 10pm, 19+

Finga Lickin', The Office, free!, 10:30 p.m., 18+

Tuesday Sept. 20:

Tilly and the Wall, Neva Dinova, Orenda Fink (of Azure Ray), Dave Dondero, Canopy Club, \$10, 9 p.m., 18+

Psyche Origami, The Former Fat Boys (indie hip hop from ATL), Cowboy Monkey, \$4, 10 p.m., 19+

Subversion with DJ ZoZo, DJ Evily, DJ TwinScin, Highdive, \$2, 10 p.m., 19+

This list is by no means exclusive of everything happening, but for an even better spectrum of choices, check out:
<http://www.openingbands.com/intelligencereport>

Adult Ed classes offered to District 505 residents

Parkland College is actively engaged in helping residents of the Parkland district through their Adult Education classes and services. The College is proud to offer G.E.D. preparation, G.E.D. Illinois Online (to study at home or anywhere with internet access), English as a Second Language, Basic computer skills training and other services designed to assist those in district residents who lack basic skills.

These classes and services are available, free of charge, to in-district residents 16 years or older who qualify for services. You can call Parkland College Adult Education at 217-351-2580 for further information. The Program employs District Site Instructors for classes and volunteers are available for one-on-one tutoring to those

with low literacy skills. These classes and services are being made available due to grants.

Off-site classes and training:

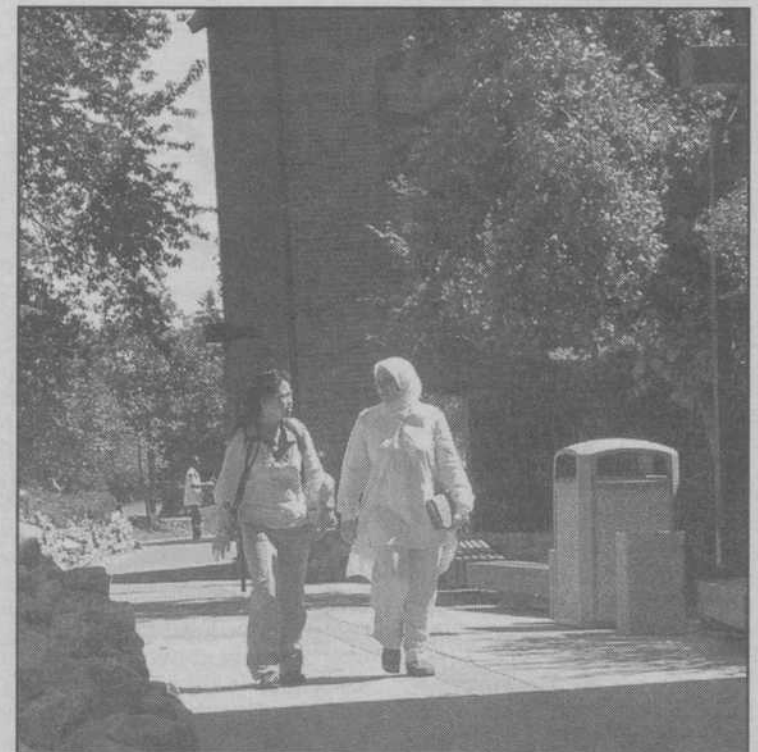
I.E.T.C. (Illinois Employment and Training Center) located at 1307 N. Mattis ave. in Champaign offers free classes in basic computer skills. Classes meet Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. You can sign up and start anytime you choose. Call 217-351-2580 for more information, you can call this # for information regarding classes in Champaign-Urbana, Tuscola, Monticello and Rantoul.

Adult Education classes at Canaan Baptist Church, 402 W. Main St. Urbana.

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. Offers G.E.D. prep, math, Reading improvement skills and ESL.

These same courses listed above are available in Tuscola. Rantoul offers G.E.D. prep, G.E.D. Illinois online and ESL. Parkland College offers free on-site classes in G.E.D. prep, G.E.D. Illinois online, ESL and basic computer skills.

G.E.D. prep is offered in Monticello and Tuscola, Urban League of Champaign County and at the Champaign County Correctional facility. The Adult Education Department also offers resume writing and interview skills training. Approximately 30% of adult Education students continue in college classes. The main goals of this program are to help people obtain their G.E.D., speak and read better, learn basic computer skills and to prepare them for post-secondary education and training.



Enjoy the good weather while you may. The weatherman says to expect rain and cooler temperatures by Wednesday. See the weather report on page 2.

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- ❖ Provena Medical Center
- ❖ TIMES Center
- ❖ Urbana Unit 116 Schools and other community agencies....

VOLUNTEER TODAY!!



Student Government Elections

September 14 & 15:

**10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
5 p.m. – 7 p.m.**

**September 16:
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.**

Any registered Parkland College student with an I.D. may vote.

Gone are the days . . .

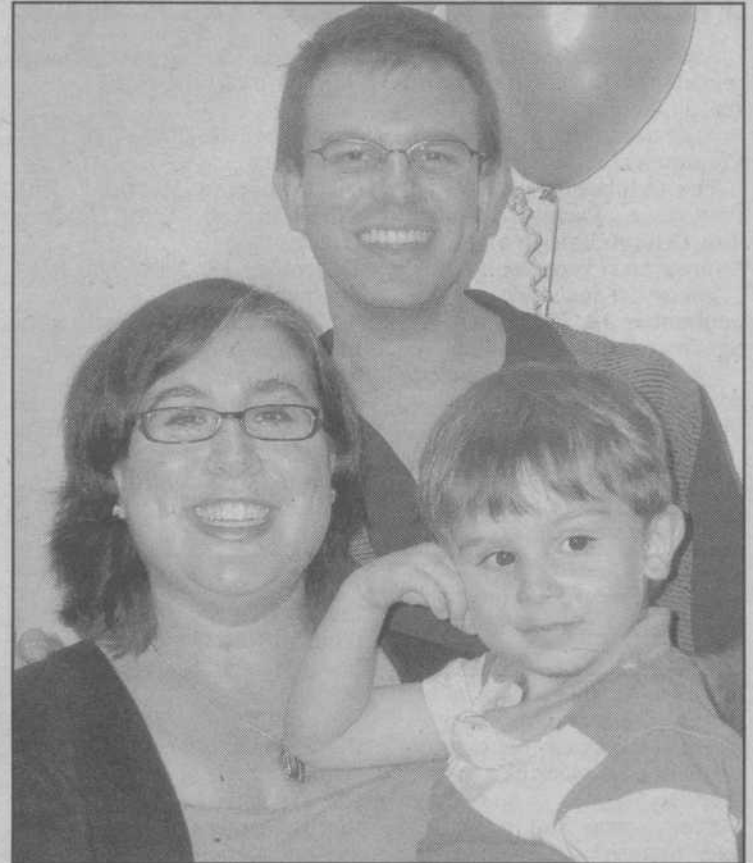
By E. CLARKSON
Prospectus Staff Writer

Gone are the days when, like my parents, folks didn't live together before getting married.

Whether a person may feel that this is some tragic indicator that "kids these days" are succumbing to lechery and hedonism, those who disapprove must acknowledge that the line that once divided "single" and "married" has become blurred. This is not to downplay or disregard the seriousness of a committed relationship, only to further expand the definition of what the laws (and the general public) regard as such.

What defines a marriage is not "love." This word, "love," does not make an appearance in law. Marriage in the legal sense, is a public document that proves that there will be committed, long term relationship equally sharing all assets and commodities (not to mention some emotional support) between those who sign.

So what then, for our brothers and sisters who by choice,



E. Clarkson/*Prospectus*

Rosalie Rippey and Kevin Fanning are shown here with their son, Raimi.

denial of, or if two are just not ready to make the next step in their relationship do not marry? Choosing to live with another seems to be the most compara-

ble. It has been established that those who are married maintain certain advantages that have

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senator. The reason that I want to serve in the position of student senator is because it is a way for me to say thanks!

I moved to Champaign-Urbana from a rural community with very little diversity. When I first enrolled at Parkland College my eyes were opened to a world that I had never seen before. For the first time in my life, I was exposed to so much culture and diversity - and it was beautiful!

I have made friends with individuals from many different races, sexual orientations, religion and social groups.

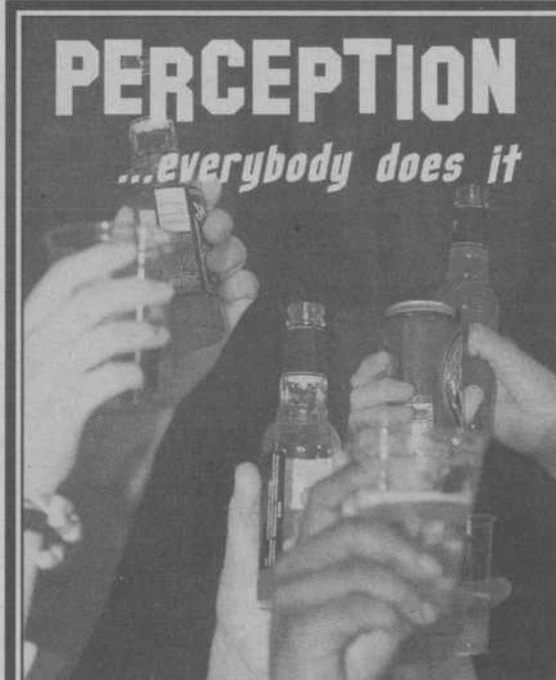
From my encounters with so many unique individuals at Parkland College, I have learned that there are so many ways to look at the world and that all of our points of views have

the right to be seen. So let me say thank you for letting me into your world! As your student senator it will be my job to make sure your views are being heard!

I feel that it is my leadership abilities that make me the most qualified for this job. I have obtained much of my leadership skills from serving as Chairman for the Parkland College Republicans.

I am also a chapter leader for Students for Saving Social Security, a national nonpartisan student group. My involvement with both of these organizations has taught me the skills I need, most importantly teamwork, to work on committees with Parkland's Student Government.

Let's all work together to keep Parkland College an open and diverse institution! Vote Kristin Williamson for your student senator on September 14, 15, or 16, 2005!



A recent survey* shows most Parkland students use alcohol only twice a month or less and have never used marijuana.

Keep it Real-- Choose not to Use

Parkland College Wellness Center

*Based on core survey data collected by the Wellness Center in September 2004, funded by Illinois Higher Ed Center.

Around Town

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Local church offers Rose Light concerts

A series of concerts have been announced for the fall semester at University Place Christian Church, 403 S. Wright St., Champaign.

The October 16 concert will feature a Parkland student, Tim Deal and his two brothers, Andrew and Peter Deal.

The series includes:
September 18, 2005: 7:00 PM—Sanctuary

"An Evening of Romance" with internationally celebrated pianist, Samir Golescu

October 16, 2005: 7:00 PM—Sanctuary

Rose Light Concert Series

presents Jazz Vespers featuring The U of I Big Band

November 20, 2005: 7:00 PM—Sanctuary

"Downhome Rhythm" with Christian Folk Artist, Andrew Osenga

December 18, 2005: 7:00 PM—Sanctuary

"Celestial Wonder" with internationally celebrated Oboist, Marlen Vavrikova

Ticket information for the events is available by calling the church office at 352-5118 or on the web at <http://www.uniplace.org/roselight>.

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to relate to those with a less intense interest. Not everyone will feel the same, yet together we all need to work as a team to produce.

Every once and a while I feel intense emotions rising up inside, in reaction to another's actions. I have to remind

myself that the problem stems from different viewpoints, not because of a fault or error on someone's part.

As with a relationship, being that passionate and invested requires give and take. In the end that is the key too, ensuring that regardless of how passionate one gets that they understand those less connected.

CrimeStoppers needs your help

This week CrimeStoppers and the Champaign County Sheriff's Office are seeking your assistance in investigating a home invasion.

On Friday, Sept. 2, 2005 at approximately 8 a.m., two white males forced entry through the back door of a home in the rural area of Mahomet, occupied by the owner and his dog.

Items were taken and the victim was struck in the head by an unknown weapon.

The suspects are described as white males; both about 6'3" or



6'4" tall in their 20's. One of the suspects was bitten by the victim's dog.

Champaign County Sheriff's Investigators are requesting any information you may have

about this Home Invasion.

CrimeStoppers will pay a reward for information leading to the arrest of the persons responsible for this crime.

If you have any information please call CrimeStoppers at 3-7-3-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.

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Are we living the examined lives we said we would after 9/11/01?

By **BILL TAMMEUS**

Knight Ridder Newspapers (KRT)

The promises we made to ourselves because of 9/11 embarrass us now four years later.

Our shocked and bereaved hearts whispered pledges to live more focused lives. After religious fanatics used passenger planes as guided missiles, killing 3,000 people in New York, Washington and Pennsylvania—including my own nephew—we said over and over that from now on we would concentrate on “what’s really important.”

“What’s really important.” Maybe some of us did concentrate on that for a while. I’ve heard about a few people who altered their lives because of 9/11. But there were two problems: First, the routine of daily life eventually returned, so we lost the focus that always comes with a crisis. And second, some people had no idea “what’s really important.” They had lived what Socrates called an “unexamined life,” which he said is not worth living.

So as each painful 9/11 anniversary comes around, the question worth asking is what, in fact, really is important. In other words, what constitutes an examined life?

In “Saviours of God,” author Nikos Kazantzakis puts it this way: “Where do we come from? Where are we going? What is the meaning of this life? That is what every heart is shouting, what every head is asking as it beats on chaos.”

Well, maybe it’s what every heart MEANS to shout, HOPES to find time to shout, WISHES it could shout. But we all know we don’t spend enough time pondering fundamental questions.

I’ve recently been asking people I know what it takes to live an examined life. Oh, I have my own views about that, but part of living an examined life is seeking the wisdom of others. Journalists who interview only themselves may be even more foolish than lawyers who represent themselves.

In fact, a friend who is a columnist at another paper says he tries to “examine my life by listening more carefully to others.” One goal, he says, is to “figure

out how mostly good people can be SO DAMN WRONG!!” (What else would you expect a columnist to say?)

It turns out that in my work as well as in my personal life, I have been blessed to encounter people who have taken time to read and think and rethink and reread; people who have conversed deeply; who have only occasionally wandered aimlessly through life, blind to its absurdities, its profundity, its multiple layers of meaning; who, to make it from sunrise to sunset, don’t need to be amused to death by the vacuous aspects of our culture (see prime-time network television programming) or who at least feel a little guilty when they get sucked into that stuff. (“These days,” a young woman I know told me with regret, “I think I know more about Paris Hilton’s impending wedding to a guy whose name is also Paris than about examining my own life.”)

I won’t quote these people by name. What matters is the content of their words. But they include clergy and laity from Christianity, Judaism and other religions, as well as scientists, musicians, teachers, even a retired engineer and a lawyer for the Internal Revenue Service.

I have not been disappointed with what my trolling for ideas has turned up. For example, one person recounted how he walked by a bookstore recently and “heard a man say to the person walking by with him, ‘A book is the stupidest thing to buy. Once you’ve read it, what do you do with it? Read it again?’”

Those are words from someone living an unexamined life. In fact, if that man owned a copy of my own book, I would make him sell it back to me.

The answers I got contained common themes: Ask hard questions, be honest about the answers and don’t depend on yourself alone to examine your life, even though much of this work requires solitude.

“The best way to see oneself is through the eyes of another,” one respondent said. “It takes two, buddy. At least a small community is required.” Or, as a member of the clergy said,

“The examined life is examined best together.”

“The point is not to beat yourself up,” one person said, “but rather just to take the time to see how your values and goals intersect with your behavior and personal characteristics.” Besides, another added, “remorse and self-flagellation seldom help develop moral character.” It may be counterintuitive, he said,



Nicole Simmons and Travis Shoemaker/Prospectus

but we should learn to welcome troubling times.

“Crises,” he said, “are our best friends. We do well to regard everything in life as attempting to teach us something... Discomfort is to be embraced, not because it is pleasant but because it is an indication that something important is desperate to get our attention.” But he acknowledged that “to live this way is ... a habit that has to be developed.”

When we develop that habit, we recognize that we must, as one respondent put it, “listen to the truth within us.” Doing that, she said, requires us not “to escape what is universal to all human beings: immense sorrow, fear, calling love what is not love, such as jealousy, possessiveness and dependency.”

One way of listening to the truth within us is to pray. As a rabbi told me, the Hebrew word for prayer, *efillah*, has roots that mean to judge or examine, so praying means to examine oneself. Another rabbi suggested that an examined life “ought to be based first on a serious and intimate encounter with one’s own religious tradition.”

But we need not be overtly religious to live examined lives. As a businessman told me: “Those who aren’t religious often have done a lot of agoniz-

ing over what it means to take up space in an absurd world.”

As we examine our lives we also begin to understand that the process isn’t simply navel-gazing. Done well, it’s a communal act. And it’s an examination of both thoughts and behavior. A respondent who teaches the New Testament in a seminary noted that rarely in Christian scripture is there a descrip-

tion of someone doing an inward examination. “I feel blessed that I sleep each night in the exact same spot where my mother died more than 25 years ago so that each night for just a moment before I fall asleep I think of her and hold myself accountable to her belief that I would find meaning in her death.”

Beyond that, an educator said, “Living the examined life produces discomfort, if not psychological pain.” But she noted that an unexamined life also can result in pain for ourselves and others, and Shakespeare’s King Lear is a perfect example.

Still, some aspects of the examination can be pretty simple. One woman told me that how you spend your time “is a pretty good reflection of who you are at the moment. If you are not spending time doing what you value, then you need to reassess and redirect.”

And we do the examining, an ethicist told me, because “you need to take account of who you are and what you are all about before you can take account of others.” To which a friend appended this thought: “We are all so good at self-deception and delusion.”

What might be the best results we could expect from a self-examination?

There are many good answers, but I especially liked the one that came from an old friend: “The results of an examined life are patience, clarity, vision, joy and hope.” A young woman added this: “Living an examined life is one scary task ... but it can also lead to joy after joy.”

Nobody wants another crisis of 9/11 proportions to stab our hearts with the realization that we’ve become distracted again from what’s really important, especially those of us who lost family members that day. Without trauma, however, staying on course may require someone else willing to hold us accountable.

Newspaper columnists have lots of those someones. They’re called readers.

Lois Dickson: Parkland's special angel

By ELLEN SCHMIDT
COM 105 Student

Sometimes out of the blue, something really surprising happens. It could be a job promotion, a raise, it could be a phone call from a long lost friend, or it might even be a two million dollar gift. Something happens or someone touches a person's life that helps makes such a gift happen.

The nurses and Certified Nursing Assistants (CNA's), many from Parkland College were an integral part of that reason.

Lois Dickson is Parkland's "Special Angel," and she showed her appreciation of the care received by nurses and nursing assistants who took care of her. After her death in 2004 she left over two million dollars of her estate to the Parkland College Foundation.

Parkland Nursing Graduate Angela Glancy was Lois Dick-

son's caregiver for the last two years of her life.

After graduating from the nursing program, Glancy went on to receive a bachelor's degree in nursing from Mennonite College of Nursing in Bloomington, Illinois, now a college of nursing at Illinois State University. Parkland enabled Angela to not only get her nursing degree but also helped her with prerequisites to complete her bachelor's in nursing.

Angela made a decision to become a nurse based on practicality, and she pursued a career that would always afford her a job.

Nursing didn't come naturally to Angela. She recalls her queasiness when starting IV's and drawing blood. It took some getting used to, but her warmth and her enjoyment of working with people helped her through.

Today, Angela works for Diversified Health Care as a

case manager RN. In addition to managing the CNA's, she makes nursing visits to patients, helping them with many aspects of their care giving, by making visits with them to the hospital

about caregiving. She taught her to "keep your heart open with your patients," not tending to just the technical aspect of nursing but to go the extra mile. Dickson was more than a patient

recruiting for Meyer, who was the Assistant Football Coach for the Fighting Illini at that time.

As Meyer explained it, "She was so pleased with the health care that she received." She knew the demands of care taking having taken care of her mother and aunt in their later years—so pleased in fact that she left a gift valued at approximately \$2.7 million to the Foundation, Meyer said.

A portion of the money is directed to the Greenhouse Project. Two greenhouses and a classroom will be located next to the Agricultural Tech Center. The College has just broken ground on the project that will be completed by the end of spring 2006.

Meyer added that Angela thought Dickson would be touched by the project as she remembered that her favorite program to watch on PBS was "Illinois Gardner."

"She was so pleased with the health care that she received."

—Carl Meyer,
Executive Director, Parkland Foundation

and answering their questions.

Because Dickson left no heirs, her friends were her family. This is true of many of Angela's patients. Many of their families are deceased or live out of town. Dickson's parents, husband and brother preceded her in death. Often Angela is the eyes and ears for family members that are far away.

Dickson taught Angela a lot

to Angela, "Lois was the kind of person who embraced people." It was that warmth that let to a special friendship between the two.

Carl Meyer, executive director of the Parkland Foundation, recalls fondly working with Ms. Dickson's cousin, Martha Eagan. Martha was a secretary in the UI Athletic Department in the 1970's. She helped to organize

didn't feel right about [obtaining these privileges] when so many of our friends and loved ones couldn't join us."

Kevin Johnson, who registered with his partner Wednesday, "I think [domestic partnership registry] is a needed step, given where we are in our relationship, in how we feel about recognition by the City of Urbana as a government unit, recognizing domestic partners, encourages businesses to provide domestic partnership benefits."

He went on to say, "Now we have actual statistics [showing] that there is a long term domestic partnership, or long term relationship presence in this area." Champaign-Urbana's largest first largest employer, the University of Illinois, along with the second largest employer, Carle, and Parkland College all offer domestic partnership benefits.

In the presence of City Clerk Phyllis Clark, and Elaine Taylor, Notary Public, more than two dozen couples were registered. Johnson's domestic partner, Brandon Bowersox (City Council of Urbana, Ward 4) described Urbana's choice to begin the registry as showing "that we are a tolerant and diverse community."

He hoped Urbana's decision will have "a snowball effect, [if legislators needed] something to get the ball rolling, hopefully this is it."

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been withheld to those who are not; such as workplace insurance benefits, visitation privileges in hospitals and prisons, and accommodating occupancy laws.

In what will hopefully now set the standard, a new legislation establishing a Domestic Partnership Registry has taken affect as of September 1st, in the City of Urbana. City Ordinance No. 2005-04-061 states that "Whereas, same sex couples are not legally permitted to marry in the State of Illinois...the City of Urbana wishes to provide equal recognition of both same-sex domestic partnerships and heterosexual domestic partnerships". This ordinance goes on to define the nature of the relationships as "partners living together in a close and committed relationship of mutual financial and emotional support."

Self proclaimed "marriage boycotters" Rosalie Rippey, Kevin Fanning, and their son Raimi Rippey, said that their choice not to be married was a "more political than personal [statement], if we wanted a ceremony, we could, but we wanted to be here and celebrate with everyone."

Rosalie feels that there are "so many rights and privileges that come along with marriage...we

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Cobras finish 2nd at Dixie State Invitational

One week after winning the Owens CC Invitational, Parkland was even more impressive finishing 2nd at the prestigious Dixie State College Invitational in Las Vegas.

The 14-team tournament was

loaded with perennial NJCAA D-1 powers: Dixie State, Arizona Western, Lee College, Salt Lake CC, Pierce College, and three-time defending champion, California Golden West.

Parkland opened play knock-

ing off the host school, Dixie State, Utah 30-21, 30-24. Christy Bushur had 9 kills and 7 digs to lead the way. Parkland stunned Lee College of Texas 30-23, 30-19 in the second match of the day. Bushur had 11 digs, while Nicole

Kupish had seven kills and two aces. In the final match of the day, Parkland easily defeated Laramie CC of Wyoming 30-12 and 30-14, with Brooklyn Robbins serving 6 aces and adding 22 assists to lead a balanced attack.

Parkland continued pool play on Friday, starting the day with a convincing 30-13, 30-17 win over Southeastern Iowa. Megan Hoffert led with 7 kills and Robbins had 14 assists and 3 aces. The Cobras stopped Arizona Western in surprising fashion, winning by the scores of 30-24 and 30-20. Bushur had 9 kills and Kristine Anderson had 12 digs.

The Cobras may have played one of the best matches in fall in three games to Golden West of California. Parkland lost 26-30, 33-31, and 15-11 in a well-played game. Bushur (11 kills), Anderson (20 digs), and Robbins (24 assists) all played

well against the California state champions.

After earning a bye in the quarterfinals on Saturday, Parkland once again played Lee and won easily by the scores of 30-19, 30-19, 30-24.

Kupish and Nicole West each had 9 kills while Sadie Dizney had 7 aces and 3 blocks.

The win moved Parkland into the championship game against Salt Lake CC where the Cobras fell 24-30, 30-27, 29-31, and 22-30.

It was another outstanding battle with Parkland actually leading in game 3, 28-26 before Salt Lake CC rallied for the win. Brooklyn Robbins had 39 assists while Bushur added 12 kills.

Parkland is now 17-4 on the season and will host MWAC rival Danville at 6 p.m. before playing undefeated and nationally ranked Lake Land starting at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 14.

- AUG 19 ... 7 pm
Parkland Alumni Match
- AUG 24 ... 6 pm
Intra-squad Scrimmage
- AUG 26-27
Mineral Area Tournament
- AUG 31 ... 6:30 pm
Illinois Central College
- SEPT 2-3
Owens Tournament
- SEPT 8-9-10
Dixie Invitational
- SEPT 14 ... 6 / 8 pm
* Danville / Lake Land
- SEPT 16 ... 6 pm
* Lewis & Clark
- SEPT 21 ... 6:30 pm
SWIC
- SEPT 23-24
Region 24 Crossover
- SEPT 27 ... 6 pm
Illinois Central College
- SEPT 29 ... 6 pm
* Shawnee
- SEPT 30/Oct 1
Parkland Invitational
- OCT 4 ... 6 pm
* Lincoln College
- OCT 7-8
Kalamazoo Invitational
- OCT 12 ... 6 pm
* John Wood
- OCT 14-15
Iowa Central Invite
- OCT 17 ... 7 pm
* Springfield
- OCT 19 ... 6 pm
* Lincoln Land
- OCT 26 ... 6 pm
Moraine Valley
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SEPT 8	4 pm	Lincoln College
SEPT 10	1 pm	KISHWAUKEE
SEPT 13	4 pm	DANVILLE
SEPT 15	4 pm	Kankakee
SEPT 17	3 pm	U OF I CLUB
SEPT 19	4 pm	Springfield
SEPT 21	4 pm	ISU Club
SEPT 23	4 pm	MCHENRY
SEPT 26	4 pm	LEWIS AND CLARK
SEPT 28	4 pm	ICC
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by Aaron Warner



The Family Monster

by Josh Shalek



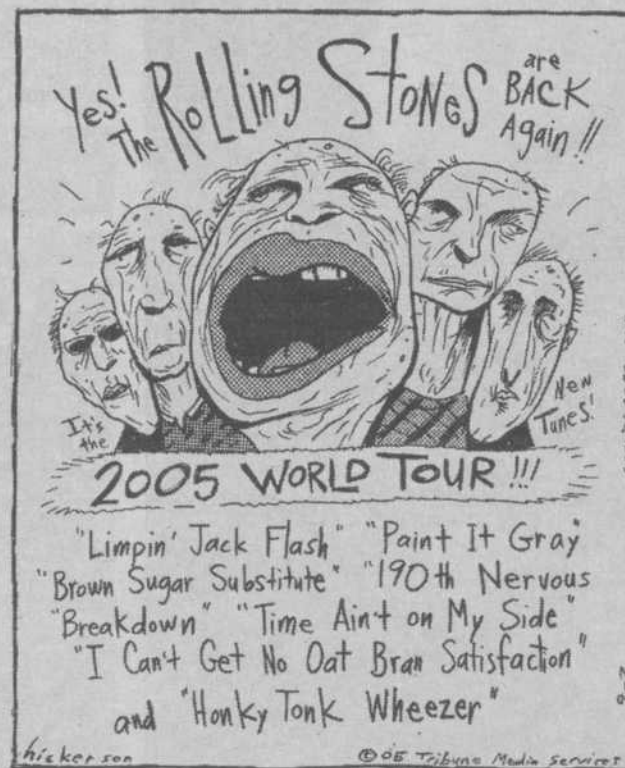
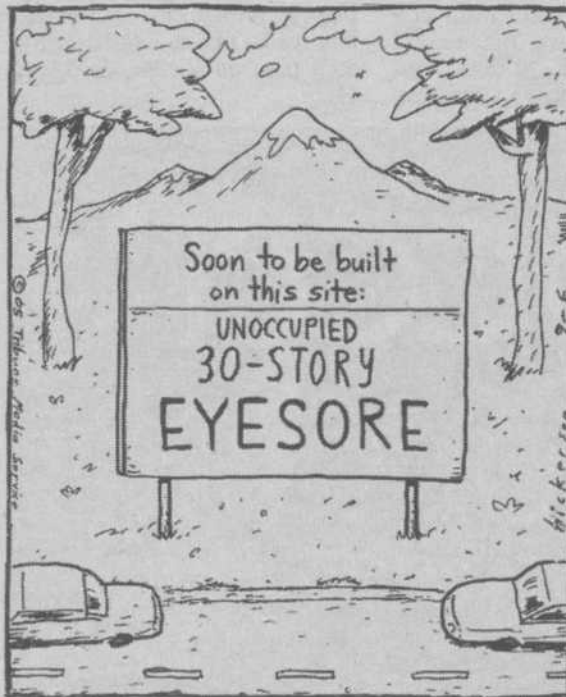
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BY WES LITTLE



A College Girl Named Joe



Just asking ... What do you think about Urbana's Domestic Partner Registry?



It's cool. I think that it gives peoples the opportunity to show their own individuality.

Alicia



It's a good thing....it works.

Chris



Its good because it gives couples the opportunity to have a good start. They learn to plan and live together. They are able to work together with finances and such...

Dave



It's a pretty good deal for everybody and I have no complaints.

Robert

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by Aaron Warner

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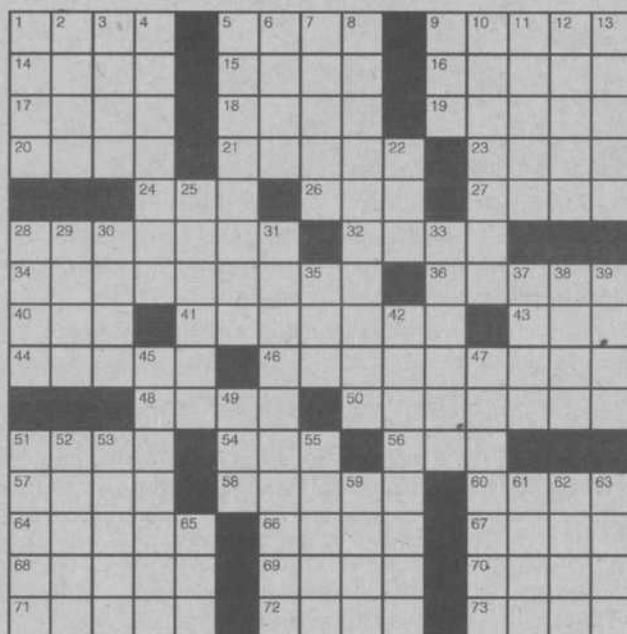
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- 19 Watchband
- 20 Grad
- 21 Not quite right
- 23 Latin being
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- 32 De-crease
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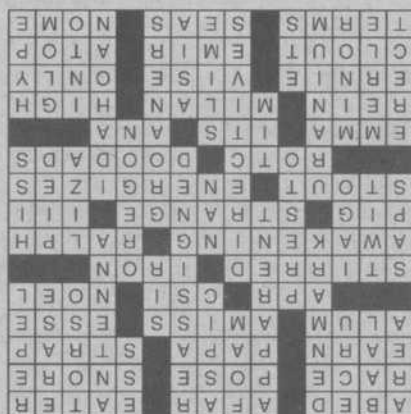


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 - 10 Feeler
 - 11 Bulk of the body
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 - 25 Magician's exclamation
 - 28 Fall guys
 - 29 Jerk
 - 30 Venetian villain
 - 31 Orders
 - 33 Beaver State
 - 35 Bobbsey twin
 - 37 Minnelli of "Cabaret"
 - 38 Like one piper
 - 39 Spy Alger
 - 42 Complainers
 - 45 Element in pitchblende

Solutions



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Social networking website makes connection with college students

SAN JOSE, Calif.

By MATT MARSHALL
and ANNA TONG

Knight Ridder Newspapers (KRT)

WHEN COLLEGE STUDENT Valerie Wang meets a cute guy, she goes right to her dorm and calls up a Web site called Facebook.

She looks at what fraternity he's part of. She finds out if he plays sports, if he's in a relationship and, if so, if his girlfriend is pretty.

"It's an easy way to figure out information about someone without talking to them," said Wang, 18, of Palo Alto, Calif., a sophomore at the University of Michigan.

Facebook, based in Palo Alto, is one of a handful of Silicon Valley start-ups that have tried to crack the hyped but elusive world of online "social networking." But while some others are either foundering or still working toward success, Facebook is seeing steady—even surprising—growth.

It has become so addictive that some students find themselves browsing it for hours.

"I wake up and check my e-mail, then I go to Facebook," said Tiffany Chang, 17, of Palo Alto, who goes to the University of California-Davis. "At night, I do the same thing. Facebook is like an ice cream sundae because you can do anything with it, and no matter what, it's still fun."

It's still too early to tell whether Facebook, founded in February 2004, is here to stay or is more like the flavor of the year. But for now, it's on a roll.

Facebook has 3.65 million users. In March, while school was still in session, Facebook had about four times as many visitors as Friendster, another social networking site, according to Comscore.

And these are loyal users: Even during the slow days of summer, more than half signed in every 24 hours. Facebook is now the top-ranking Web site for the hard-to-reach college

demographic: The 18- to 24-year-old future—and in some cases current—spenders.

Not surprisingly, advertisers have caught wind of Facebook's attractive audience. Companies like Victoria's Secret, Apple Computer and Electronic Arts have formed sponsored groups where students can discuss their products. Between 75,000 and 100,000 users have participated in each of these groups, according to Matt Cohler, the 28-year-old who runs daily operations.

And they're paying enough money that Facebook became profitable earlier this year, according to Cohler.

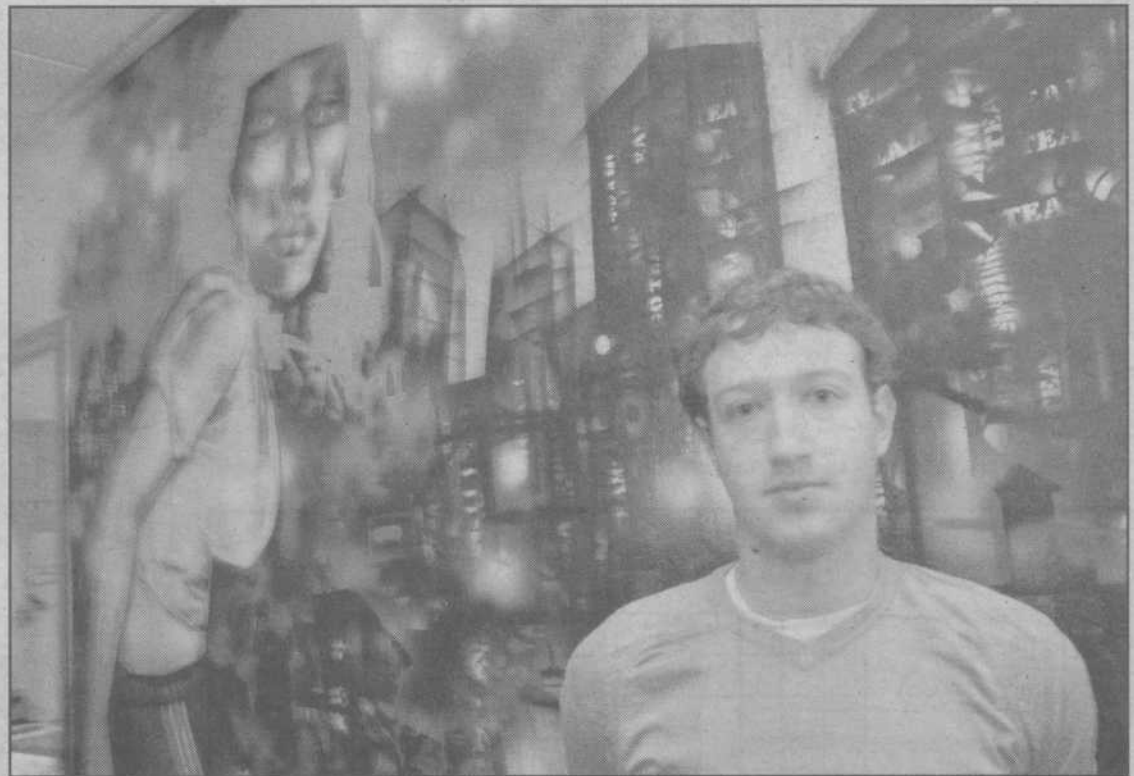
That was before the venture capitalists arrived. In May, Palo Alto's Accel Partners pumped \$13 million into Facebook, and encouraged the company to focus on further expansion before stressing too much about profits.

The magic recipe: Facebook has firmly rooted itself in the offline lives of its members. Facebook fans go to the site for daily activities like planning parties, finding the room numbers of classmates and just gawking at the lives of others.

Here's how. You fill out a profile, listing your favorite music, books and hobbies, for example. You can form or join groups, which may represent real-life clubs or may simply bear cheeky names such as "Ridiculously good-looking people." Each person's page has a "wall" where friends—and enemies—get to write what they think of you. And Facebook lets students know which of their colleagues is up for "dating," or maybe even "random play."

Facebook has become so pervasive on college campuses that if two students begin dating, their "coupledom" is only considered official once they "fess up on Facebook."

"One of my friends had been dating someone for awhile, and then one day I went on Facebook, and it said they were together," said Tim Pittman, 21, a senior at Harvard University and one of the site's first users. "And then I was like, wait a second, this is



Mark Zuckerberg, the founder of Facebook, a networking tool for college students that has become very popular. College students use it to meet people, re-connect with old friends, and arrange events. The company just redesigned their website and received venture capital funding, and intends to expand their website.

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serious!"

Even the campus police in East Illinois recently used the site to shut down plans for some beer-bout parties.

FACEBOOK WORKS PARTLY because its community is focused, said Dave Edwards, Internet analyst at American Technology Research in San Francisco. It's also an Internet-savvy community.

"It's catering to a demographic which is much more used to online interaction," he said.

One limiting factor to Facebook's growth is the requirement that users have a university (.edu) e-mail address. That helps provide some shelter from the outside world, and it's part of why people open up, said Chief Executive Mark Zuckerberg, 21.

"More information is available to less people," he said.

When 21-year-old Sushu Xia of Palo Alto, a senior at the University of Chicago, desperately needed a book, she asked the university's librarian who had borrowed it, then looked his room number up on Facebook. Minutes later, she was knocking on his dorm room door.

But she is also aware that this

information could be used in the wrong way.

"Facebook is helpful for stalking," Xia said. "You think that only friends care enough to look you up, but sometimes creepy people do."

Some say Facebook can offer valuable clues about a person.

"The Facebook is better for red flags than for reasons to be somebody's friend," said 18-year-old Becca Tisdale, a freshman at Stanford University, adding that she is wary of people who have lewd Facebook photos.

Of course, not everybody sees the point of Facebook. Tali Mamber, a 21-year-old senior at Stanford University, said she rarely logs in.

"If I was spending that much time online, I'd rather use that time to actually see people in person," she said.

THE COMPANY'S VISIONARY is its founder, Harvard student Zuckerberg. He launched the site last February with two of his roommates, Dustin Moskovitz and Chris Hughes. It now employs 40 people, though that includes some outside contractors.

It wasn't Zuckerberg's first foray into the online world. In late 2003, as a prank, he cre-

ated facemash.com, a site that popped up two student photos and asked people to choose who was more attractive. For that, Harvard's administration put him on probation.

And it hasn't all been smooth sailing. A competitor, ConnectU, sued Zuckerberg for allegedly stealing code. Zuckerberg denies the accusation. He has counterclaimed.

The management structure is "still relatively fast and loose," admitted Cohler, who at 28 was until recently the company's oldest employee.

Napster co-founder and former Plaxo Chief Executive Sean Parker, 25, is heading the business side.

Parker introduced Zuckerberg to Peter Thiel, the founder of PayPal, who invested seed money into Facebook.

Meanwhile, the company continues to expand. It hopes to reach 6 million college students by the end of the year, and make Facebook available at every four-year college in the United States by fall.

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