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Weather Forecast

Wednesday—Partly sunny. Highs in the lower 20s. Light winds.

Wednesday Night—Partly cloudy. Lows around 9. Light winds.

Thursday—Cloudy with a 50 percent chance of light snow. Highs in the mid 20s. Light winds.

Thursday Night — Decreasing clouds. A 40 percent chance of light snow. Lows around 9.

Friday—Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 20s.

Friday Night—Partly cloudy. Lows around 14. Highs in the mid 30s.

Saturday—Partly cloudy. Lows around 14. Highs in the mid 30s.

Saturday Night—Partly cloudy. Lows around 20. Highs in the upper 30s.

Sunday—Partly cloudy. Lows around 20. Highs in the upper 30s.

Sunday Night—Mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid 20s. Highs in the upper 30s.

Monday—Mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid 20s. Highs in the upper 30s.

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Parkland a flurry of activity before break

■ Campus featuring many events in upcoming weeks

“Play On!” opens at Theatre December 7

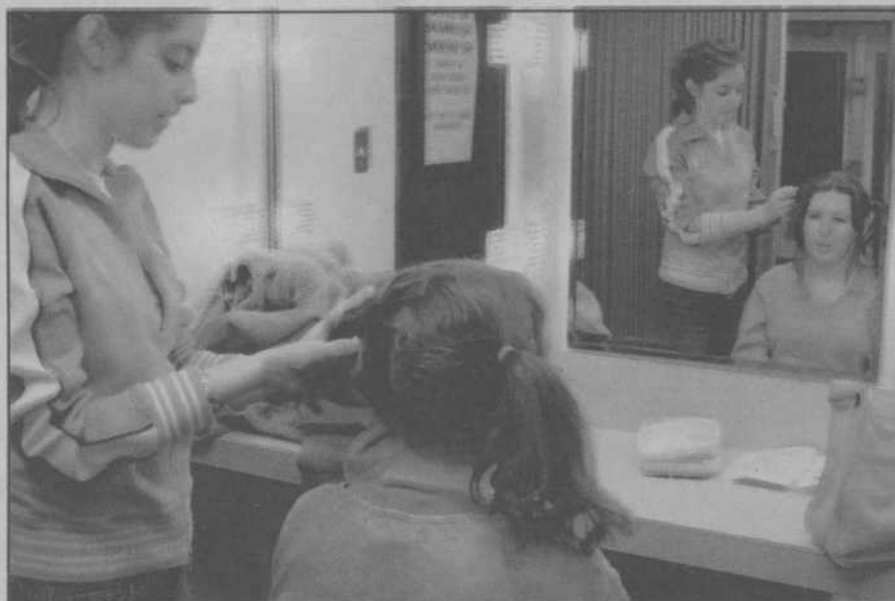
Backstage shenanigans will abound in Parkland Theatre’s 15th annual student show, “Play On!” December 7-11.

This riotous farce by Rick Abbot tells the story of a theatre group trying desperately to put on a play in spite of maddening interference from a haughty authoress who keeps revising the script.

Act I reveals a dreadful rehearsal. Act II displays the near-disastrous dress rehearsal, and in the final act—the actual performance—anything that can go wrong, does!

The play is directed by Ryan Mulvaney, a second-year Parkland student from Bement. The cast includes Logan Benedict, Jonathan Butler-Duplesis, Claire Cowley, Hannah Doty, Joshua Gegg, Mike Harvey, Rebekah Horner, Lexi Leaton, Lincoln Machula, and Barbara Teterycz.

Designed and directed by Parkland Theatre scholarship



Rehearsal for “Play On” which opens tonight (Dec. 7)

students, all proceeds from this production support the Randall Millas Scholarship for the coming year.

Performances are December 7, 8, 9, and 10 at 8 p.m. and December 11 at 3 p.m. General

admission tickets are \$8 for adults; student and senior tickets are \$5. Call 217/351-2528 for tickets and information or e-mail at theatre@parkland.edu.

Enjoy “Magic of Winter” concert December 12

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■ Financial Aid Myths

BY DONNA MEYER
For the Prospectus

When completing a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), you, the student, will be asked a series of questions to determine if you're a Dependent or Independent student for financial aid purposes.

Were you born before January 1, 1982? (For the 2006-07 school year, it will be before January 1, 1983.)

At the beginning of the school year, will you be working on a master's degree or doctorate program? (You can only do that at a four-year university, not at a two-year college.)

As of the date you complete your FAFSA, are you married?

Do you have legal dependents other than a spouse who receive more than half of their support from you?

Are you a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States?

Are you an orphan or ward of

the court, or were you until you reached age 18?

If you can answer "yes" to at least one of the above questions, the government will consider you an Independent student for financial aid purposes.

Q: Is there any way to be Independent even if I can't answer



"yes" to any of the questions?

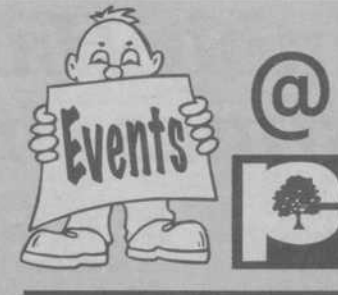
A: Exceptions to the above can be made in rare and extreme

situations. Contact your financial aid office for more information.

Q: Why do I have to include parental information on my FAFSA when I've been out on my own for several years?

A: The government operates under the belief that most parents financially help their college-age children—whether it's from saving for years for their college education, or by giving them money for some living expenses while they're in school. Since the government assumes that Dependent students are getting financial help from their parents, they would be expected to have more annual income than Independent students who aren't receiving that help. Therefore, Dependent students must provide parental financial information on their FAFSA's.

If you're unsure about how to answer any of the questions on the FAFSA about dependency—or anything else—please contact your financial aid office.



Staerkel Planetarium

Friday, Dec. 9:
7:00 p.m.—Fall Prairie Skies
8:00 p.m.—Rites of the Season
9:30 p.m.—Led Zeppelin's "Beads of Time"

Saturday, Dec. 10:
7:00 p.m.—Santa's Secret Star
8:00 p.m.—Rites of the Season
9:30 p.m.—Led Zeppelin's "Beads of Time"

Friday, Dec. 16:
7:00 p.m.—Fall Prairie Skies
8:00 p.m.—Rites of the Season
9:30 p.m.—Led Zeppelin's "Beads of Time"

Saturday, Dec. 17:
7:00 p.m.—Santa's Secret Star
8:00 p.m.—Rites of the Season
9:30 p.m.—Led Zeppelin's "Beads of Time"

Parkland Theatre

Dec. 7, 8, 9, 10:
8:00 p.m.—Student Production Play On!

Sunday, Dec. 11
3:00 p.m.—Student Production Play On!

Monday, Dec. 12
7:00 p.m.—"Magic of Winter" concert.

Thursday, Dec. 15
7:00 p.m.—"Holiday Winds at Parkland" concert.

Parkland Athletics

Tuesday, Dec. 13:
7:00 p.m.—Men's Basketball vs. Eureka

Wednesday, Dec. 14:
7:00 p.m.—Men's Basketball vs. Olivet

Friday, Jan. 6:
6:00 p.m.—Men's Basketball vs. Shawnee

Saturday, Jan. 7:
7:00 p.m.—Men's Basketball vs. John Wood

Friday, Jan. 13:
7:30 p.m.—Men's Basketball vs. Lewis & Clark

Friday, Dec. 9:
5:00 p.m.—Women's Basketball Parkland Invite
7:00 p.m.—Millikin JV vs. Lincoln Trail

Saturday, Dec. 10:
9:00 a.m.—Women's Basketball vs. Millikin JV
11:00 a.m.—Highland vs. Lincoln Trail

Parkland Art Gallery

January 9 — February 9:
Hand Painted Movie Posters & Other Pop Culture Influences Reflected in art from Africa
Reception: Thursday, January 12, 6-8 p.m.

Parkland College

Friday, Dec. 9:
Last Day of Classes.

Dec. 23—Jan. 1:
Winter Break: College Closed.

Monday, Jan. 9:
First day of Spring Semester.

Monday, Jan. 16:
Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday, college closed.

Prospectus:

Monday, Jan. 9:
12:00 p.m.—Welcome Back Meeting and Information Session, X155.

Wednesday, Jan. 18:
First Spring Edition.

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Features

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It has the best Christmas songs, wonderful costumes, amazing singers, the most beautiful high kicking chorus girls and fabulous Christmas scenery to make the miracle of Christmas come true in this high energy, beautifully produced magical Christmas spectacular.

This fabulous Holiday show stars Broadway's very own Santa Claus, joined by elves, reindeer and Frosty the Snowman and accompanied by a daz-

zling cast of singers and dancers. This dynamic Christmas extravaganza radiates so much fun, good cheer and electricity that it could turn on all the Christmas lights in New York!

Broadway's Spirit of Christmas takes the audience on a fabulous Holiday journey through the best songs and dance of Christmas and Broadway. It features famous hits from Broadway's greatest shows, and the most popular Christmas Songs of all times.

There are fabulous Christmas songs including, White Christmas, Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire, Happy Holiday, It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year, The Little Drummer Boy, Silent Night, O Come All

Ye Faithful, Joy to the World, The First Noel, I'll Be Home for Christmas, I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus, Little Drummer Boy, Hark the Herald Angels Sing and many more.

Tickets are on sale now for this family production at the Assembly Hall Box Office, Ticket Central at the Illini Union, Ticketmaster including Ticketmaster.com, or charge by phone at (217) 333-5000.

Special group discounts are available as well as a \$10.00 discount for a child 12 and under with a paid adult ticket.

For more information visit www.uofiassemblyhall.com.

Ticket Prices: \$28, \$32, and \$35.

Time: 7:30 p.m.

CrimeStoppers seeks information

This week, CrimeStoppers is seeking information on four residential burglaries that occurred on Commanche, Aztec, and Kingsway Drives in the Dobbins Downs area in northwest Champaign.

The first burglary occurred in the 1500 block of Commanche Drive on Saturday, November 19th, between 6:25 and 8:20 p.m. The second burglary occurred in the 1500 block of Kingsway Drive on Wednesday, November 23rd, between 6:00 and 9:00 p.m. The third burglary occurred

in the 1500 block of Kingsway between Wednesday, November 23rd and Saturday, November 26th. The fourth burglary occurred in the 1400 block of Aztec Drive on Friday, Novme-



ber 25th, between 1:00 and 8:00 p.m. Some of the items taken during these burglaries include jewelry, electronics, firearms,

and US currency. Champaign County Sheriff's Investigators are requesting information regarding these burglaries.

CrimStoppers will pay a reward for information leading to the arrest of the person or persons responsible for these crimes. If you have any information, please call CrimeStoppers at 373-TIPS. Callers do not have to give their names or appear in court. Rewards are also paid for information on other felony crimes of fugitives in the Champaign County area.

Local business gets international recognition

By E. CLARKSON
Prospectus Staff Writer



One of my part time jobs is off-campus. (If you can believe that I leave Parkland at all...)

On Sundays and one Friday evening a month, I work at a vintage clothing and antique store in downtown Champaign.

This business is a well-established downtown staple, it opened its doors 13 years ago. Patronage as of late, has taken a drastic leap upwards from its regular customers.

It was not long after, that I

was informed by my employer as to the origin of the noticeable increase in sales.

Alongside shops in glamorous locations like Milan and Paris, the store where I am employed was recently listed in *Elle Magazine* as one of the top twenty-one undiscovered fabulous addresses of places to shop.

Quite an amazing feat for a store that can be found in a building that has no air conditioning. This store has fantastic jewelry and vintage clothing, and pretty much anything you could think of. Working there is a lot of fun, and it's helping me build up and diversify my wardrobe.

Well, this national publicity

has brought in a great deal of business.

I must admit, however, that when I roll out of bed fifteen minutes before I need to be opening the store, and I am met by patrons whose ensembles cost more than my rent...it's a little disconcerting. If you happen to drop by, please excuse my disheveled Sunday afternoon appearance.

The media never ceases to amaze me in the multitude of avenues that it influences us. Never mind the scrutiny and criticism it may receive from the public, the fact remains that it shapes the individuals, com-

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Public Safety Presents:

The Watch

By OFFICER BRAND
For The Prospectus

The Watch is a monthly feature to raise awareness of crime and emergencies that occur at Parkland College.

The police officers of the Public Safety Department provide this information to remind students, faculty and staff that anyone can be a victim of a crime anywhere, at any time.

Our office is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and there is always a police officer on duty. If you witness a crime, contact public safety immediately at 351-2369.

In case of emergency use the SAD button on office phones or the emergency call boxes throughout campus.

Nov. 3: Burglary, student arrested trying to steal an overhead projector.

Nov. 7: Student conduct report forwarded to Dean of Students.

Nov. 11: Student conduct report, violation of Dean's restrictions.

Nov. 11: Student conduct report, four students vandalizing cars.

Nov. 11: Deceptive practice, theft of information and funds from online account.

Nov. 15: Deceptive practice, money stolen from bank account in deposit scam.

Nov. 18: Trespassing, banned student reported on property.

Nov. 19: Stolen vehicle recovered at off campus location.

Nov. 21: Disorderly conduct, harassment by phone.

Nov. 30: Possession of cannabis, drug paraphernalia and unlawful use of weapons by student.

Compiled:

Theft \$300 and under: 3
Theft over \$300: 1
Theft from vehicle: 1
Criminal damage to property: 2
Traffic accidents: 2
Traffic citations written for November: 2
Responded to medical calls for November: 12

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munities and what our society have become. Everywhere one looks, advertising bombards us with messages and attempts to sell attitudes, behaviors, lifestyles, even.

The seemingly most influential season for the media is this, the winter holiday season.

What, with the increased traffic and assumedly high sales of Black Friday and the satirical, but not so far from reality, "Cyber Monday", it is hard to ignore the social programming we integrate so seamlessly into our lives.

Television, the internet, radio-waves, even the dependable USPS shovels mounds of messages of what we "need," in order to convince us that we

are unable to survive without the iPod Nano, X-Box 360, a pair of Jimmy Choo's or Season 1 of "Queer as Folk" boxed DVD set.

While I definitely would not turn my nose up at a lovely kitchen island to replace my cheap-ass shelving I call the pantry, I feel lucky to have been given many, many life-changing experiences and opportunities this year. I want to tell every-

one this winter, that no matter what new fun gadgets or luxurious accessories tempt the buyer there is absolutely no substitute for a kind word or a simple smile.

Cheesy as it sounds, don't forget to tell those whom you hold dear, that you care about them. "I love you" is more valuable than anything that Best Buy can offer behind their tempting locked glass cases.

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The "Magic of Winter" Concert will be Monday, December 12 at 7 p.m. at Parkland Theatre.

This concert is free and open to the public; donations are accepted at the door.

The Chamber Singers and Chorus, conducted by Barbara Zachow and accompanied by Chris Corson, will perform arrangements of various holiday carols; a choral arrangement of Chopin's Prelude in C minor, Opus 28 (piano solo); "O Magnum Mysterium" by Victoria; "And the Glory" by Handel; and Elgar's "The Snow."

The orchestra, conducted by Jack Ranney, will perform selections including "A Christmas Festival" by Leroy Anderson; "Passacaglia for Orches-

tra and Solo Piano" by Vaclav Nelhybel (Emelinda Escobar on piano); "Greensleeves" by Alfred Reed; "Jubilee" by Ron Nelson; and "Stille Nacht" by Chip Davis and Calvin Custer (Rodney Mueller on cello and Linnea Mueller on piano).

Energy saving workshop December 13

Learn energy-saving strategies to help reduce this winter's home heating costs at the "Keep Illinois Warm" workshop, on Tuesday, December 13, from 7 to 8 p.m. in Room D244 at Parkland College.

The workshop is hosted in partnership with the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO).

Led by energy professionals from throughout Illinois, the one-hour workshop will feature home energy efficiency subjects includ-

ing insulation, weatherization, heating, water heating, energy-efficient appliances, and lighting.

Participants will learn important do-it-yourself tips for homeowners to reduce utility costs.

Business Development Center Workshop on December 14

Gain the skills to interact successfully with others, motivate employees and coworkers to excel, communicate in sensitive, nonthreatening ways, conduct performance reviews that identify problem areas, resolve conflicts, and promote improvement.

The course meets Wednesday, December 14 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Business Development Center, 1315 N. Mattis Ave., Champaign.

The course fee is \$195 (book included).

Call 217/351-2235 for more information.

"Holiday Winds at Parkland" concert December 15

The Parkland Wind Ensemble and the Parkland Community Concert Band will perform holiday music to lift the spirit on Thursday, December 15.

"Holiday Winds at Parkland" takes place at 7 p.m. in the Parkland Theatre.

The event is free and open to the public.

Among the Wind Ensemble's selections is an arrangement of music from Handel's "Messiah" and "Sussex Mimmers' Christmas Carol" by Percy Granger.

The band will perform a variety of holiday songs including a trumpet trio performing "Bugler's Holiday" by Leroy Anderson.

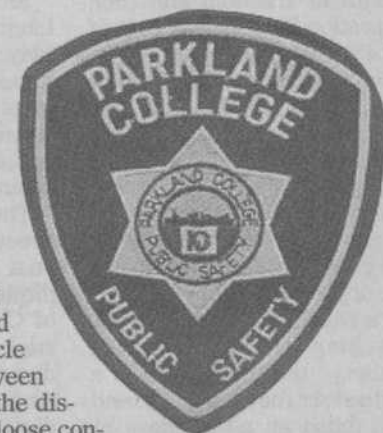
Audience members may also enjoy small-ensemble entertainment in the lobby before the concert, starting at 6:30 p.m.

Did you know that safety is everyone's business?

By OFFICER MEYER

Icy road conditions can happen with very little notice. Since winter weather has quickly come upon us, please keep in mind the following ways to insure safe travel. Roads are often icy at intersections so use caution. Remember, even though the car in front of you has a green light please give them enough time to build up traction to start through the intersection before you proceed with your car. The 2 second rule - Drivers should follow the 2 second rule when driving in fair weather. During rainy, icy, or other poor conditions drivers should use a 4-5 second rule. An example of the 2 second rule would be to stay approximately 75 ft. back from the vehicle in front of you when you are driving 25 M.P.H. So yes, there should a very large distance between you and the car in front of you in winter weather. As you drive faster remember to increase the distance between vehicles. As always please wear you safety belt. They can save your life if you loose control of your car while driving.

The use of student blogs and websites such as Facebook has become very popular for both college and high school students. Although they are a fun way to tell people about you and to meet others, please keep in mind they also make it very easy for criminals to steal your identity. Identity theft is on the rise and, even with a small amount of information; criminals are able to steal your identity. Additionally, reports of stalking crimes and harassment are growing. More and more of these reports conclude that the points of origin in these cases are from information obtained from blogs. When you post on sites such as Facebook, please do not give very specific information about yourself, such as your daily schedule or where you live. Furthermore, remember that a simple Google search can pull up pictures that you may have posted on a blog. Blog sites are not private so, to protect yourself, please avoid over sharing information to help protect you and your future career.



... In the Middle ...



By JON VOLKMAN
Prospectus Editor

Stuck in the middle.

As the holiday season descends upon us, and winter's ice cold claws tighten their grip, many think ahead to the new year.

Now many people see the changing of the calendar as the start to a fresh season, a new year symbolized by the actual year changing.

With the new year comes new resolve, and new challenges. The holiday season winds down, and one tends to get trapped in the lull of January. Even with school and a new semester starting, the reality of the winter doldrums is still present.

For me though, I don't see the changing of the calendar year as the changing of a year. Call me odd, or call me conditioned from school's schedule, but I do not see December as the final month of the year. I think of it as the middle, a nice break before the second half of the year begins.

It is not just because of school that I think this way either. Well, at least not because of college. Years of elementary and secondary education conditioned me to think of the long summers as a ending to the year. After all, with summer one has about a month of freedom and then preparation for the next year of school starts.

This mentality changes how I look at the seasons and how I look at the holiday. Winter break is a midpoint for me, a time to evaluate my goals and try to make the second half of the year better. I can also tie up loose ends, and work towards a more organized spring.

As a result, the winter break is exciting for me, and not because of the holidays. It is a time to start the final push, and try to finish up all of those little projects that tend to hang around.

I also encourage others to think like this, as the holidays tend to wear one down as they push for the new year. Some try to catch up those resolutions they let slip, cramming everything into the short two weeks after school and before the new year.

So this winter break, I might log many long hours playing video games. Yet I will dedicate just as much time to sprucing up my portfolio, finishing projects around the house, and organizing the paper jungle that has claimed my desk. After all, I still have half the year to procrastinate.

The holidays have been a source of debate lately, as the retail season kicks into full gear and political correctness forces its way into society.

With Thanksgiving in November, Christmas in December, and New Year's at the beginning of January, many see the trifecta of holidays complete.

Yet using the term "holiday" draws criticism from some individuals. Many retail businesses have struggled with employees and customers as to the proper greeting for the season. Some require employees to say "Happy Holidays," while others single out one holiday, telling their customers "Merry Christmas."

The struggle then comes in what is okay and proper for a business. In dealing with the public, businesses have always needed to be exceedingly careful. Unruly employees could be rude to the customer or say an off-color remark. Either way, it can affect business, and having a bad reputation could force them out of business.

Since many people dislike having a religiously singular holiday like Christmas being mentioned in a public places, and a business needs to be aware and conscious of the differences in people, walking a very fine line when dealing with the public.

The arguments about proper greetings during this time of year come from both sides. Traditionally, it has been the season of Christmas, and most people stick to this philosophy. They do not see the reasons why that singling out Christmas is so divisive. Many of these individuals come from Christian backgrounds, and Christmas remains one the major holy days for them, regardless of the increasing commercialism.

Others though, do not celebrate Christmas. They see this as the time of year when many religions celebrate holy days, including Christmas. They see the need for a business to be

fair and balanced publicly as to attract the widest consumer base possible. As a result, they see a very harmless "Merry Christmas" as alienating some customers, and possibly even take it as being offensive.

For me, a similar issue resides in Champaign-Urbana. All around town, the University of Illinois' supporters brandish orange and blue in show of support for the university's athletics. On game days, one can't even walk out the door without being blinded by the show of support.

Yet with a mascot that has divided and ignited so much debate within the community, I see ask myself how local businesses manage.

Do they take the risk, and show support for the local team? Or do they take a more balanced and fair approach by remaining neutral?

By remaining neutral, they risk losing the die hard fan who sees no problem with showing support for the team. They also risk losing those who see the mascot issue as a non-issue.

Yet in showing support, they risk losing the business of those who don't support the team. They also alienate those who find the mascot offensive. It is a fine line for a business to walk.

So when it comes to Christmas, I tend to try to remain very neutral. While I am not one to champion political correctness, I am one to believe this country was at one time founded one religious freedom.

Everyone has the right to choose how to believe, or not believe, as it may be the case. As a result, being a business in this country translates into appealing to the widest possible audience and not taking a potentially damaging side in any issue.

This is not limited to religion either, as politics, ethics, and local issues can become a potential land mine for a business.

Simply put, as a consumer, I expect to be able to shop and interact with employees of businesses without gaining insight into their beliefs.

If they support the local team, so be it. If they are diehard Christians, that is their choice. Just don't involve me in your beliefs when being paid as an employee of a business.

Being on campus for three

years, I have experienced quite a bit on campus. I have seen the good, bad, and the ugly in these times as well. While my time at Parkland has had its bumps, it is by no means a bad place to go to college.

I still remember being homeless temporarily in Wisconsin while at a college in LaCrosse. Being a full-time student, and with the college have dorms, I thought I might be able to find somewhere, even for a few nights, to stay.

Yet when I went to the head of housing and inquired, explaining that I was temporarily homeless, the response was underwhelming. I was told that if I was a female student, plenty of dorm space was available, yet their were over their maximums in the male dorms. I was also told that the dumpster on

the northwest side of campus that the police let the homeless sleep around.

Shortly afterward, I left that college and waited 4 years before returning to college. An experience like that leaves a really bad taste in one's mouth.

Here at Parkland, I have only recently become aware of only a couple of problems that I see. The first is in regards to the parking lots. It is a two-tiered problem of sorts.

This semester, I have been greeted by a dark parking lot more than once. While not afraid, I find it disconcerting that I have to get to my car in the dark.

I also have noticed how poorly the lines are painted on some of the lots. Especially in the lots outside of the B wing, it can be iffy when parking...

Final Examination Schedule December 12-16, 2005

DAY COURSES

If your first class meeting during the week is:

The final exam will be held:

Monday at 7 a.m.	8-10 a.m.	Tues. ...	Dec. 13
Monday at 8 a.m.	8-10 a.m.	Mon. ...	Dec. 12
Monday at 9 a.m.	8-10 a.m.	Wed. ...	Dec. 14
Monday at 10 a.m.	8-10 a.m.	Thurs. ...	Dec. 15
Monday at 11 a.m.	11 a.m.-1 p.m. ...	Mon. ...	Dec. 12
Monday at 12 noon	11 a.m.-1 p.m. ...	Wed. ...	Dec. 14
Monday at 1 p.m.	11 a.m.-1 p.m. ...	Tues. ...	Dec. 13
Monday at 2 p.m.	2-4 p.m.	Tues. ...	Dec. 13
Monday at 3 p.m. or 4 p.m. ...	2-4 p.m.	Mon. ...	Dec. 12
Tuesday at 7 a.m.	8-10 a.m.	Mon. ...	Dec. 12
Tuesday at 8 a.m.	8-10 a.m.	Tues. ...	Dec. 13
Tuesday at 9 a.m. or 10 a.m. ...	8-10 a.m.	Fri.	Dec. 16
Tuesday at 11 a.m.	11 a.m.-1 p.m. ...	Thurs. ...	Dec. 15
Tuesday at 12 noon	11 a.m.-1 p.m. ...	Fri.	Dec. 16
Tuesday at 1 p.m.	2-4 p.m.	Wed. ...	Dec. 14
Tuesday at 2 p.m.	2-4 p.m.	Thurs. ...	Dec. 15
Tuesday at 3 p.m.	2-4 p.m.	Wed. ...	Dec. 14
Tuesday at 4 p.m.	2-4 p.m.	Thurs. ...	Dec. 15
Any day class after Tuesday ...	2-4 p.m.	Fri.	Dec. 16

EVENING COURSES

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

The final exam will be held:

Monday	Mon. ...	Dec. 12
Tuesday	Tues. ...	Dec. 13
Wednesday	Wed. ...	Dec. 14
Thursday	Thurs. ...	Dec. 15

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

Abundance of bowl games slated for holiday season

By ERIC PHEIFER
Prospectus Staff Writer

With the holiday season fast approaching, one of the greatest sports traditions, the college football bowl season, is almost upon us. This year will feature 28 bowl games commencing with the New Orleans Bowl on Dec. 20.

On Jan. 4 the college football season will come to an end with the Rose Bowl where a National Champion will be crowned.

The two teams playing for the National Championship will be defending champion USC and Texas. Both teams are undefeated thus far. USC and Texas earned the right to be playing in the championship game by finishing first and second in the Bowl Championship Series (BCS) standings.

Other than the National Championship game there are three other BCS games. The Fiesta Bowl will have two longtime college football powerhouses, Ohio State and Notre Dame, colliding. The Sugar Bowl, which will fea-

ture Georgia and West Virginia, are both relative unknowns to big time college football bowls. Finally, the Orange Bowl is probably one of the most compelling games because of the great coaches involved. Bobby Bowden will lead his Florida State team into battle against Joe Paterno's Penn State side. The Fiesta and Sugar Bowls are scheduled for Jan. 2 while the Orange Bowl is slated for Jan. 3.

Some of the other notable bowls games, which I would consider second-tier (just below the BCS bowls), are the Cotton, Outback, Gator, and Capital Bowls. Alabama will play Texas Tech in the Cotton Bowl while Iowa will take on Florida in the Outback Bowl.

In the other two games, Louisville will take on Virginia Tech in the Gator Bowl; and Wisconsin will play Auburn in the Capital Bowl. All these games are scheduled for Jan. 2.

This year you might notice a big change with the bowl schedule. Over the years, major col-

lege football bowl games have become intertwined with New Year's Day. However, this year, due to Jan. 1st being a Sunday and NFL games getting in the way, there will be no bowl games on New Year's Day. This is definitely a sad sight to any diehard college football fan.

Each year I always look forward to the goofiest named bowl. This year my vote for that dubious honor would have to go to the Poinsettia Bowl, which will pit Colorado State and Navy against each other in San Diego on Dec. 22.



Texas quarterback Vince Young in action during the 3rd quarter as Texas beat Colorado 70-3 in the Big 12 championship game, Saturday, December 3, 2005 in Houston, Texas.

Ron Jenkins/Fort Worth Star-Telegram (KRT)

You can visit:

<http://sports.espn.go.com/ncf/news/story?id=2054429> for a list of all the bowl games.

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Top Ten holiday sporting moments

By JAKE MCGILL
Prospectus Staff Writer



(1) Ohio State vs. Miami (NCAA National Championship)

Even though this game was not played on an actual holiday (Jan. 3rd, 2002) it was close enough to one, to be eligible. This game was a great game from start to finish. Even before the game started there was great intentions, Miami had a 34 game win-

ning streak, and were looking to win their 2nd National Championship in two years. With Ohio State being 11½ point underdogs, the Buckeyes looked to knock off the Hurricanes and bring the National Championship back to Ohio State and the Big Ten.

As the game was back and forth for 60 minutes, the end of regulation came to a tie and the National Champion was to be settled in an extra frame of play. With both teams scoring on their

first overtime drive, the 2nd overtime was to be played. Maurice Claret, RB, Ohio State ran in for a five yard touchdown to put Ohio State up 31-24, as the Hurricanes had the ball and only one play remaining. The last play of the game came on a deflected pass by the Buckeyes. Ohio State wins and gains their first National Championship in 34 years.

(2) Green Bay Packers vs. Dallas Cowboys (Ice Bowl 1967)

We all know that New Year's Eve isn't a real holiday but in this case it is. Way back before the Super Bowl was even a figment of our imagination these two teams played their hearts out in -13° F, and a wind chill of -46° F. The game is better known as the Ice Bowl, the game to decide the NFL Champion. This game is one of the greatest NFL games of all time and should be.

With the Packers and Cowboys playing almost flawless football for 58

minutes the Packers lead by Hall of Fame quarterback Bart Starr won the game with 13 seconds to go on a one yard Bart Starr sneak into the end zone. Packers win NFL Championship.

(3) Pittsburgh Steelers vs. Oakland Raiders Dec. 23, 1972

What an early Christmas it was for the Steelers when Franco Harris came out of nowhere to catch an errant pass from quarterback Terry Bradshaw. This AFC semifinal

game was a great game and most people remember this game because of the one play that sets this game apart from most AFC semifinal games. The Immaculate Reception!

Simply one of the luckiest plays ever Franco Harris scooped up a tipped ball and ran for a 50-yard plus touchdown to win the game.

(4) Villanova vs. Georgetown April 1, 1985 (National Championship)

See **Holiday** on page 13

WOMENS 2005-06 Basketball

DATE	TIME	OPPONENT
NOV. 4	5:30 pm	Wayne County
NOV. 5	1/3 pm	TBA
NOV. 7	5:30 pm	Kaskaskia
NOV. 9	5:30 pm	Carl Sandburg
NOV. 12	5 pm	BLACK HAWK
NOV. 21	5:30 pm	ROBERT MORRIS
DEC. 1	5:30 pm	KANKAKEE
DEC. 8	5 pm	South Suburban
DEC. 9	5 pm	HIGHLAND
DEC. 10	9 am	Millikin JV
DEC. 17	2 pm	Lincoln Land
DEC. 26-JAN. 2		Florida Trip
JAN. 7	5:30 pm	JOHN WOOD
JAN. 13	5:30 pm	LEWIS AND CLARK
JAN. 18	5:30 pm	Danville
JAN. 21	2 pm	LINCOLN
JAN. 25	5:30 pm	Spoon River
JAN. 28	2 pm	Shawnee
FEB. 4	1 pm	Lincoln
FEB. 8	5:30 pm	ICC
FEB. 11	5:30 pm	John Wood
FEB. 15	5:30 pm	LINCOLN LAND
FEB. 18	2 pm	Lewis and Clark
FEB. 22	5:30 pm	DANVILLE
FEB. 23	5:30 pm	SHAWNEE
FEB. 25	12 pm	SPOON RIVER

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DATE	TIME	OPPONENT
NOV. 1	7 pm	Harper CC
NOV. 4-5		Logan Invitational
NOV. 12	7 pm	BLACKHAWK EAST CC
NOV. 22	7 pm	HARPER CC
NOV. 25-27	TBA	Milwaukee Tech Invitational
NOV. 29	7 pm	Malcolm X
DEC. 2	7 pm	MILWAUKEE TECH
DEC. 3	4 pm	MALCOLM X
DEC. 13	7 pm	EUREKA JV
DEC. 14	7 pm	OLIVET NAZARENE JV
DEC. 17	4 pm	Lincoln Land
DEC. 20	8 pm	Illinois Central
JAN. 6	6 pm	SHAWNEE
JAN. 7	7:30 pm	JOHN WOOD
JAN. 12	7 pm	Triton
JAN. 13	7:30 pm	LEWIS & CLARK
JAN. 18	7:30 pm	Danville
JAN. 21	4 pm	LINCOLN
JAN. 25	7:30 pm	Spoon River
JAN. 28	4 pm	Shawnee
FEB. 4	3 pm	Lincoln
FEB. 8	7:30 pm	ILLINOIS CENTRAL
FEB. 11	7:30 pm	John Wood
FEB. 15	7:30 pm	LINCOLN LAND
FEB. 18	4 pm	Lewis & Clark
FEB. 22	7:30 pm	DANVILLE
FEB. 25	2 pm	SPOON RIVER

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Shoppers scurry with only 18 days 'til Christmas

By ELLEN SCHMIDT
Prospectus Staff Writer



It's Christmas at Best Buy!

Shoppers are lining up to get the best and the newest electronics at their local store.

According to Dawn Bryant, a spokesperson from Best Buy Corporate in Minneapolis, Black Friday was considered a success at Best Buy's across



the country. People in Chicago lined up at 11 p.m. the night before in 15-degree weather in order to secure their purchases for Christmas.

Bryant said that there were no crowd problems at any of their stores. Their employees practice crowd control, working the crowd before the doors open to find out what items they are interested in. In order to avoid a stampede, employees would greet the crowd and hand out coupons to shoppers to secure that special item that they are looking for.

Gift Cards head the

Dawn Bryant's list of the 8 hot items for this holiday season

1. Gift Cards
2. MP3 Players
3. Digital Camera and Camcorders
4. Flat Screen TV
5. Gaming Devices
6. Notebook Computers
7. Satellite Radio
8. DVD & CD's

list of popular items this year. Rachel Siefken, the local manager at Best Buy in Champaign said, "The big purchase is gift cards." It's the perfect gift as it enables the recipient to choose an item for anything in the store or online.

Number two on the list is the MP3 player. These popular iPods can hold all your favorite songs and is very popular with students who are on the run and want to take their music with them. They are compact and portable; students don't have to deal with carrying around CD's. The initial investment is expensive, but considered worth the value.

The gaming devices are all the rage with the ever-popular Playstation2 developed by Sony and the equally popular Xbox 360 developed by its rival Microsoft. This is the generation of kids who grew up with video games who keep the companies on their toes to continue bringing them more realistic and creative games to keep them entertained. Students enjoy the realistic feel of playing these games.

A trip through the library will let you know how popular the notebook computers are. These compact portable laptops are popular with all the books and "stuff" that college students need to carry with them. Generally these are very pricey items, however with a little digging you might find some good rebates.

The list rounds out with a popular gift of a DVD or CD that is quite affordable when considering a gift for a friend.

In this electronic age, these gifts seem to be enormously popular with college students this Christmas.

Best Buy offers an interesting twist to shopping by allowing customers to purchase gifts online at bestbuy.com and arranging a convenient time for pick-up at the store.



Far left: the Apple iPod and the iDog are popular this holiday season; Top: Parkland students Christy Luth, Mallory Toliver, Richauna Harper and Vernon Clifton offer Gift Cards at Best Buy; Johnnie and Robin McConnell, former Parkland students, check out a laptop computer; Kylie Lenart and Silas Pepple, Parkland students, discuss sale techniques for camcorders; flat-screen TVs are also hot sellers this year.

Chad Thomas/Prospectus

What gift would you give yourself this holiday?

My Christmas list this year is quite single-minded. I am not asking for any material objects. All I ask for is inner peace. Why inner peace you may ask? Inner peace would guide me to be more successful in my goals and help me deal with all my projects that are causing me to be very frustrated with life.

Why am I so discontented? When a person like me is doing interviews, writing articles with many fascinating people, and then trying to find the time to work with my musical and science career, time is never

What do I want for Christmas for myself? This is a hard question. I could tell you all of the material possessions that I want but that never gets old and most likely won't do me any good for my general well-being anyhow.

So this year for Christmas I would like to get more sleep. This means I will get at least 7 hours everyday and I will take a 30 minute nap in the afternoon. Some of the best naps I have ever had were right here in the library this semester; and I have definitely woken up more refreshed and ready for class.

I am sure my body will thank me and make me a happier person for much longer than an Ipod or a cashmere sweater, though those both could contribute to a great power nap.



on your side. So when you think about giving gifts to yourself, inner peace is something to value.



If I could give myself any present for Christmas this year it would have to be a XBOX 360, and preferably not one of the systems that is defective. *Note:* See his article on page 8 for his other wish!



When I finally roll out of bed Christmas day, it's almost like another average day. Instead of the laying around and being lazy while slowly getting ready for class, as I usually do Monday to Friday, I'm proud to say that I'm the first one ready to start a new day. Every year for the past five years we have had Christmas at our house and as our house fills with mouth-watering aromas from food being slowly cooked overnight, it's almost like the fragrance is my motivation that morning.

Christmas is my favorite holiday of the year and I'm sure I'm not the only one that feels this way. But unlike others it really isn't because of the gifts trading hands, it's because of the great food, great company, and the beautiful snowy weather.

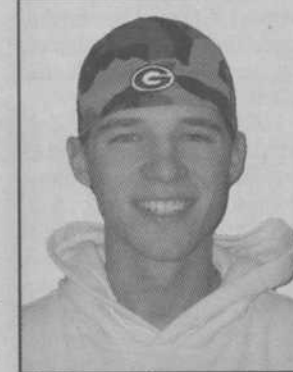
I agree with others in the since that I hate the cold but I love when the snow sits on the trees and glistens in the sun. Call me old fashion or a little soft but the additional elements that are involved in the holiday are what really make it Christmas.

Considering that I just saw my beloved White Sox win their first World Series in almost 90 years, I think it would be a bit greedy to include another sports triumph on my Christmas wish list.

That means I will not be asking for the Bulls to win the NBA title or for the Bears to win the Super Bowl. I will not be asking for the Blackhawks to win the Stanley Cup or the Illini basketball team to



If asked what I wanted for the holiday season I would say I don't need anything, I'm happy with what I already have. But since I have to think of an additional gift that I would give myself I would have to dig deep down and think of something I would like to change about myself. I've always thought that I had to go the extra mile to fit in or impress oth-



ers. I've always thought that I needed nice designers clothes, a nice expensive car with all the features of a stereo and rims, and talk to the right people, play the right sports just so people will like me. I hate to say, that I feel I'm not liked or approved of unless I look a cer-

tain way, drive a fancy car, and live in a nice big home. For my holiday gift and New Years resolution I will give anything to stop feeling this way. I have to understand and come to the realization that if people choose to judge me for who I really am then those are the type of people we can do without. But in addition to that, I don't know who I really am because my whole life I've been trying to be somebody I'm not so people will like me. I've had long talks with friends and family about this issue and we really can't come up with a solution. My final decision is to find myself and be the best that I can be, with whatever I decide to do. I'm sure you weren't expecting to hear my life story when you began reading my piece, but this is who I am. Believe it or not, I'm not really a lonely depressed guy, I have fun honestly, I swear. I hope you've enjoyed yourself, and even if I don't receive this unrealistic gift, I will still have a great holiday regardless. Happy Holidays to all!

make another run to the Final Four.

This Christmas, I am taking all the material wants out of my Christmas List and replacing them with something that I believe is much more important.

The thing that I want to see most this holiday season is that people would be more compassionate and caring toward others needs and beliefs. It seems to me that people are becoming more and more selfish and in order to follow what they believe in they walk all over someone else's dreams.

So the one thing I ask of everyone who reads this is to try to respect other's feelings even if what you think they are doing is wrong.

I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The Prospectus asks its staff...

This holiday season, while the snow is sparkling and the air is filled with joy, in my life there is something missing. My family doesn't "do" holiday gatherings very often. While three out of four members live in C-U, there seems to be no way to organize a time for all four of us to just sit down and enjoy each other's company. My father died last fall, and since then, we've been noticeably more involved in each other's lives. It's not always easy because, just as with everyone's lives, we're all extremely busy and my sister has her own family obligations.

I miss my dad, but if when one door closes, another opens, since his passing we make a concerted effort to be more involved with its members. If I could receive anything I wished for this year, I would wish for an opportunity where my mom, my brother, my sister and her family and myself could celebrate a cold and snowy night in front of my mother's fireplace, talking, laughing and reminiscing. If I could somehow arrange this, I am sure that my dad would make sure to be there, as well.



By **RICKY KENNEDY**
Production Staff

Every year when Christmas comes along I always have family calling me asking me what I would like. I know how pocket breaking this holiday season can be so it is always hard for me to say anything. The thing is I would be happy with just the break from school and going home to see family and friends.

Even if I had millionaire family members who could afford anything, I still don't know completely if I could make up a decision on what I would want. I usually just tell them to get me shampoo, soap, food; just regular living needs would be great. I already got



Ah it's December! The number one question of the month is Mom, what do you want for Christmas? This answer has changed somewhat over the years.

I have three children and when the kids were little I would love it when they would make something for me at school. While I still like those kinds of gifts, they aren't little so I don't get as many handmade articles anymore.

Since I feel like I've been blessed in my life, the things that I really want you can't buy in a store. I used to tell the kids that I wanted "World Peace". Not that I think it's possible but it would be a great gift. I really didn't know what I wanted and it's become a usual answer. It sounds a little different but I tell them that I want them to write me a letter. Just sit down and write to me. I have a bundle of letters from over the years

and I really cherish them, especially when I'm going through things at home and come across them.

I've told them that I'd really like is to sit down and have dinner together. It sounds so simple but everyone is spread out and is so busy that it doesn't happen as often as I'd like. So they'll give me a gift certificate to a restaurant and we'll all go out to dinner.

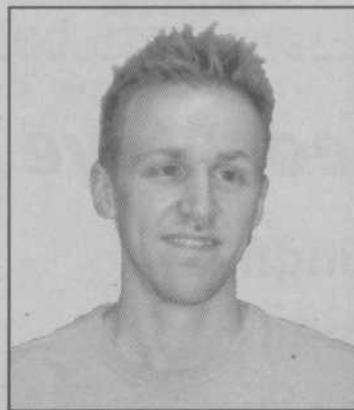
One of the best gifts that I will get this Christmas is that my son will be home from Washington, D.C. for 10 days, my daughter will be home from ISU for the break, my other daughter who is a sophomore in high school, my husband and I will all get to hang out together. Family is the most important thing to us.

The other gift that I'll have for Christmas is my diploma from Parkland College. I'm over half way on my journey to finish my degree that I will receive from EIU in the spring of 2007. I used to take classes as a hobby over the years while my children were young, then one day I decided that I should get serious about getting my degree so that is my wish.

With a great Christmas season coming up and the New Year just around the corner, I would like to say to everyone out there who is pursuing their degree, to keep hanging in there. Education is the best gift you can give to yourself. Merry Christmas! Have a safe and healthy Happy New Year!

By **BRIANNA WALDEN**
Office Staff

If I could give myself anything for Christmas, I would give myself a legal money printer. This would allow me to have a constant flow of money. This way I could pay all my bills, all my family's bills, and buy anything that I wanted. If this were possible I wouldn't have anything to worry about except being happy and doing fun things. I would take vacations, my family wouldn't have to work, and no one would be obsessed with bills to pay. That would be my wish.



Strangely, all I want is a home for the holidays. That sounds odd I know, especially considering I have a home, as in a roof over my head. Yet the home, house in this case, has been under in renovation hell for years. We've owned for two and a half years, and still are working on it. We haven't been able to enjoy having it at all.

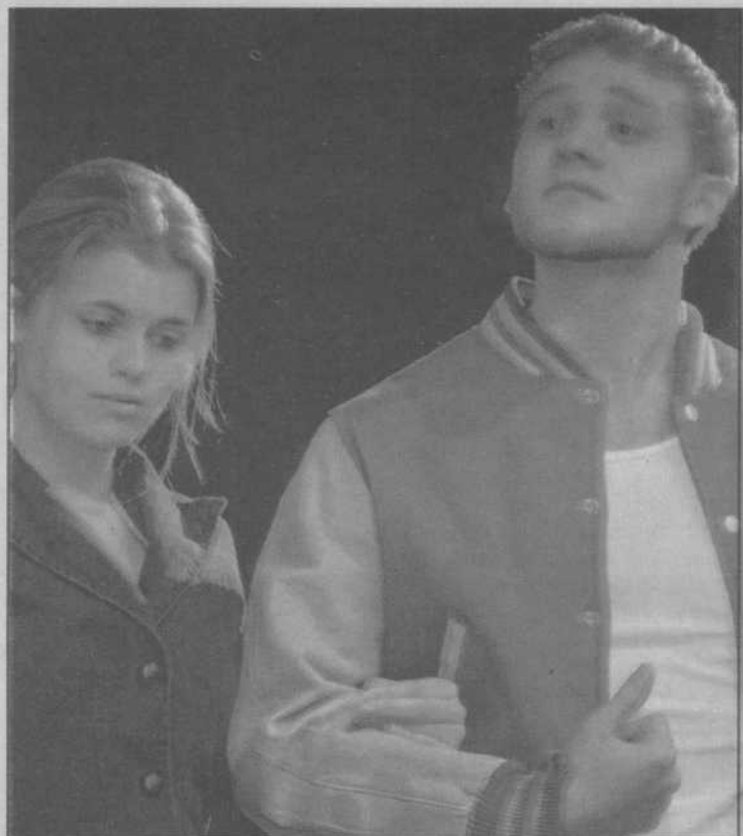
For the holidays, I want a home I can enjoy, and be proud of, and I want to share it with my partner and cats.



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Looking back over a busy semester



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HOLIDAY

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Everybody thought it was an April fool's day joke when #8 seeded Villanova upset #1 seeded Georgetown to win the NCAA National Championship. To this day it's the biggest and most memorable upset in March

Madness history. Georgetown looking to win back to back championships with future hall of fame players such as Patrick Ewing faced a Cinderella story in Villanova.

With no shot clock yet brought in the college game, the game was very slow paced. The most impressive stat of this game, Villanova shot an outstanding

78.6% from the field, eventually upsetting #1 Georgetown and no its not an April fool's joke, it really happened.

(5) Lou Gehrig's memorable speech!

On America's birthday Lou Gehrig probably made one of the most memorable speeches in sports history. With 60,000

fans watching and also Gehrig's teammates from his 1927 and 1939 New York Yankee teams, Gehrig was at the microphone shaking.

Two months prior to this event Gehrig was diagnosed with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis and his career was all but finished. When Gehrig approached the microphone all eyes were on him, he had this to say

"For the past two weeks you have been reading about the bad break I got yet today I consider myself the luckiest man on the face of the earth." One of the best MLB players of all time, as well as of the most well knows lines of all time.

(6) Doug Flutie throws Hail Mary all the to the Heisman Trophy

One day before Thanksgiving, Notre Dame quarterback Doug Flutie not only makes history, but he also breaks does something that's not easy to do.

With only six seconds remaining on the clock and the ball on the Miami 48, Doug Flutie has one chance to win the game, trailing 45-41. Defending National Champion Miami looks to win this game and proceed to their 2nd championship in a row.

As the ball is snapped, Flutie runs all the way back to his own 37 yard line, giving his receivers much needed time to get down the field. As Flutie throws the ball down field it passes all Miami defenders and lands in the hands of an Irish player, Notre Dame wins and Flutie sets record for all time yards in a season.

(7) Jackie Robinson becomes first black athlete to sign MLB contract

One day before Halloween Jackie Robinson becomes first African American athlete to sign a MLB contract.

No this was not a trick, but only a treat too many African Americans, Jackie paved the way for many future great athletes to play in any sport they want.

The day was Oct. 30, 1945 and Jackie Robinson signed with the Brooklyn Dodgers, now currently the Los Angeles Dodgers.

(8) California vs. Stanford (The Band)

Almost everyone recognizes this when they see it, the Stanford band runs on the field thinking they have won the game, but wait. The game was not over; California was still returning the ball.

After Stanford took the lead with only a little amount of time remaining they still had to kick off. I guess the saying "it's not over until the fat lady sings," is true.

(10) Parkland National Champions?

This isn't a holiday game or close to a holiday, but this is purely for a Christmas present. If I could have one thing for Christmas it would be that a Parkland team wins a National Championship.

Happy Holidays and have a great winter break, see you next semester.



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Photo from Parkland Singers Concert

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A busy semester at Parkland



By **LARRY V. GILBERT**
For the *Prospectus*

EVERY YEAR I seem to need a little boost to get into the Christmas spirit. This year the Hallmark Christmas Special did the job with "Silver Bells."

The family in the story owned a Christmas tree farm near New York City. Every year they spent a month from late November until December 25 in the city selling their trees.

The father had been left by the death of his wife to raise the two children, a boy and a girl. The guy, a high school student, was on the photography staff of the high school yearbook; and he displayed an outstanding talent with his camera.

The girl, younger than her brother, actually did not have a "childhood" as she assumed the role of lady of the house, doing the cooking, cleaning, and other house chores.

During a particularly busy time at the farm, the son announced that he would not be able to help with cutting, binding, and placing the trees in the trailer because he needed to be at school on a given Saturday to shoot organization group shots for the yearbook.

The father, of course, announced that the tree business was what put food on the table and clothes on their backs. The son did not shoot the pictures, and that's where the conflict started.

After a few days in the city, the son left the sales stand to "tour the city," a part of which was a photo gallery.

To make a long story short, the gallery director, upon viewing some of the exceptional photos, encouraged him to pursue his dream.

Later that week, he announced to his father and sister that he would not be returning with them to the farm, but rather would remain in the city and get his GED at night school.

For the next year, the father and sister worried about his well-being. In fact, the father

made contact with a policeman from the NYC department and requested that they look for him.

We learn later that he literally lived on the streets. The director of the gallery made sure he had food and a place to study for his GED.

The director of the gallery had lost her husband a few years before, and thus, did not have much Christmas spirit. Every year the son tried to sell her a Christmas tree, but with no luck.

Well, if I tell you the rest of the story, you won't want to find the DVD and watch.

I must say, though, that this video is based on a father-son conflict. The father wanted the son to follow in his footsteps and take over the farm. The son, on the other hand, had in mind a career in professional photography.

So the video is a lesson in how to settle such conflicts. I have heard several people say that they could put themselves in either role.

It is a tear-jerker, but a good program. More importantly, it is another example of the good job Hallmark does with all of their productions. The next TV special is scheduled for sometime in January, 2006.

THANK YOU FOR all the positive comments about the *Prospectus*. The staff has really put in some long hours to improve the paper this semester. I am proud of their accomplishments. Students from the Newswriting class have submitted more of their work than I can ever remember.

Our photographers have worked very hard to improve the quality of their work, too. Perhaps the most outstanding thing I can mention is that everyone has been very receptive to constructive criticism.

For the first time in many years the production staff have backgrounds in graphic design.

It may take you only a short time to read the paper, but let

me tell you — hours are spent in getting the paper on the stands every week.

And, of course, our regular staff of writers, under the leadership of Editor Jon Volkman have been very consistent in producing outstanding work.

Way to go, gang!

FINALLY, I WOULD like to make another trip down memory lane and share with you my most memorable Christmas.

The one that comes to mind right away is the year that I asked for a portable typewriter from ole Santa. Everyone else my age was probably asking for toys, clothes, etc. But not me. No sir! I wanted a typewriter. And I was only 12 years old.

I can hear typing teachers saying that no one that age should be messing with a typewriter. One would learn bad habits and would never be able to learn to type without watching the keys.

When others were going to toy stores, I coaxed my parents to go to an office supply store that was near Robeson's Department store in downtown Champaign. I needed them to see a portable typewriter so they could inform Santa.

I am not ashamed to tell you that my parents were very poor. We had everything we needed, but others in my class at school had parents who were floating in money.

We looked at a new typewriter, and that was just what I had in mind and what I wanted. My dad asked the salesman if he had something used. I wilted.

But he smiled and brought out a typewriter (Oliver by brand) that worked fine. The case was almost non-existent.

We left the store without a typewriter, and I was sure that I would not find one under the tree that year.

I still cannot sleep well on Christmas Eve. I kept one eye open to see what packages were being brought in. Nothing!

But the next morning I found the typewriter with a brand new case that my dad had made!

Holiday season spawns desire to list of a few of her favorite things

■ Sounds in stereo

So in the great tradition of all things New Year's related, E. Clarkson has decided that she would create a few important lists. These are a few of my favorite things; songs, albums, bands artists, anything music-related, really.

Plus, if you have no idea what to buy for YOUR college-age-relatives....spice up their collection with some of these artists.

Top 10 albums I was obsessed with in 2005 (listed in no particular order):

1. Sufjan Stevens — *Illinois*, the second in his absurdly ambitious 50 States series, this album is a little easier to jump into if you're unfamiliar with warty of the whole freak-folk scene. maybe he could simply combine all those little states like MD and VT. If he doesn't start cranking those puppies out, we'll still be going to his sets when we're 70.

2. Headlights — *Enemies EP* and *Alive EP*, even if it sounds cheesy, I really do love this band. They've grown by leaps and bounds, and the only thing we need is an album. (I burned both of these EPs onto one disc. Sometimes I just can't handle only four songs.) Gimme more!

3. Wilco — *A Ghost is Born*, while their earlier *Yankee Hotel Foxtrot* was a great commercial success, this album seems to get right at the heart of what we all love about Wilco. Take that as you will.

4. Yo La Tengo — *Prisoners of Love*, one of the best collections of music released this year. The tour for this release stopped in Chicago. Loved it.

5. The Decemberists — *Picaresque*, the antiquated diction and theatrical, if not overly dramatic, stories only improved. The silly single that someone chose to promote the album with, however, is the least exciting track listed. Seriously, this disc is infinitely better. I cried twice listening to it.

6. Mice Parade — *Bem-Vinda Vontade*, cute little singer from Mum. I liked the ethereal quality of the instrumentation.

7. Beck — *Guero*, all right, Beck is a complete surprise every-time. Somehow like Madonna, he alters everything about his music from one album to the next. Fortunately for us, he continues to offer something for everyone.

8. Andy Bell — *Electric Blue*, I wrote an article about this one already, but I can't stop listening to this one. It's so gay, in that fabulous upbeat kinda way.

9. The Living Blue — *Fire, Blood, Water*, these guys rock. Hard. I am pretty sure I wrote about these fools as well a few weeks ago. But according to my editor, I was apparently mistaken. Having known some of the members in this band for many, MANY years, when I actually purchased the album, I kinda felt like a groupie. Nonetheless, it's a must-have.

10. The Most Serene Republic — *Underwater Cinematographer*, a complete surprise discovering these guys. I went out to see Bailey, stayed for Pulsar47, and then ran around to some

other bar for a minute. When I returned, I walked in while these folks were playing. From the label that brought you Broken Social Scene, lemme just say that I love Canada.

The Top Five Worst Songs of 2005:

1. "My Humps"
2. "My Humps"
3. "My Humps"
4. That Damn Axel F Song so Delightfully Remixed by That jerkface Crazy Frog.
5. "My Humps", in all honesty, I find this song to be one of the most offensive, female-objectifying, sexist, and demeaning songs I have heard this year. When did the Black Eyed Peas start to really suck?

Best Music Festivals this year:

1. Intonation (because I went)
2. Lollapalooza (because its lineup had some heavy hitters)
3. That one Super Hippie Festival that Starts with a "B" (I'm sure they liked it).

Some artists that should not have airtime in 2005:

- Fall Out Boy.
Kelly Clarkson.
Nickelback.
Ashlee Simpson.

One band that I wish hadn't released their album in 2005:

Weezer.

That might be enough of things for me to praise and many more to whine about. I hope everyone enjoys their brief respite from homework and other school drudgery.

If you need help buying good music for friends, relatives, and whoever else you care about, check out <http://www.pitchfork-media.com>. They have the best selection of consistent and fair reviews of most albums you can buy. Also, go to Parasol Records. Just go there. You will see what I'm talking about. It's groovy.

Wednesday Dec. 7:

City on Film, The Reputation (ex-Sarge), Unique Chique, Eyes Like Knives @ Canopy Club, \$5, 9:30 p.m., 18+

Tango and Salsa Dancing @ Cowboy Monkey, free!, 7 p.m., 19+
Chef Ra @ Barfly. Free!, 10 p.m., 19+

Thursday Dec. 8:

Groovatron, Fotomana, Chicago Farmer @ Canopy Club, \$5, 10 p.m., 18+

Krukid, Sanya N'Kanta, DJ Delayney, The Few, The Agenda, Serengeti, Polyphonic @ Cowboy Monkey, \$5, 10 p.m., 19+ (LIVE HIP-HOP!)

Solace w/ J Phlip and DJ Mertz @ Soma, free!, 10 p.m., 21+

Friday Dec. 9:

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

Dropped Once, MER, Doxy @ Cowboy Monkey, \$5, 10 p.m., 19+
Trapt, 32 Leaves, Inept @ Canopy Club, \$20, 10 p.m., 18+

Saturday Dec. 10:

Benefit for Victims of Katrina w/ Arlo Guthrie, Sarah Lee Guthrie and Johnny Irion, Ramsay Midwood, Xavier @ Canopy Club, \$35/45, 4 p.m., 18+

The Living Blue, The Beauty Shop, Signsedso @ Canopy Club, \$5, 10 p.m., 18+

Candy Foster and Shades of Blue @ Iron Post, TRA, 9 p.m., All Ages

Sunday Dec. 11:

The Salamanders @ Borders, free! 2 p.m., All Ages

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

The Crystal River Band (country covers) @ Rose Bowl, free!, 9 p.m., 18+

Monday Dec. 12:

Love and Joy @ Canopy Club, \$3, 10 p.m., 18+

Open Mic Night w/ Mike Ingram @ Cowboy Monkey, free!, 10 p.m., 18+

Jazz Mondays @ Nargile, free!, TBA, 19+

Tuesday Dec. 13:

Greg Spero Trio, Horns of Happiness, Water Between Continents @ Cowboy Monkey, \$5, 9 p.m., 19+

J Phlip @ Boltini, free!, 10 p.m., 19+

Subversion w/ DJ Evily and DJ TwinScin @ Sidebar, \$2, 10 p.m., 19+

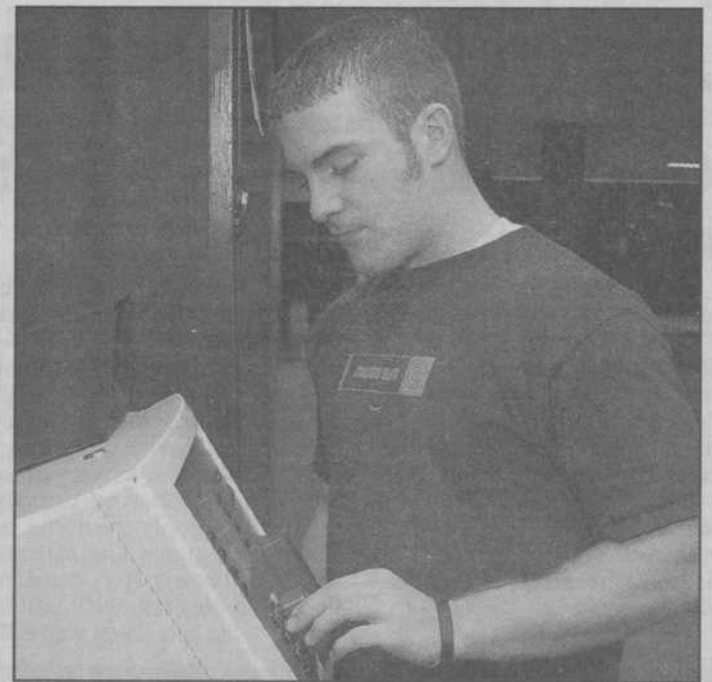
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Left: Picture of a float in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade.
Right: Dustin Dees uses the newly-updated ATM machine in College Center.



Just asking ... What's the one thing you'd like to do in 2006 that you didn't get to in 2005?



David

I would like to NOT procrastinate!



Lauren

The one thing that I would like to do in 2006 that I didn't do in 2005: visit Hawaii and learn how to surf.



Carmen

I would like to be more in touch with my friends in Mexico. Starting work on my paintings.



Chad

Do my homework.



John

Finish valve job on my '68 LTD.



Liz

Go from veggie to vegan. Oh, and make deadline with my news articles.



Joanne

Encourage all my students to mount all their work on black board. Exercise more.



John

Go to an Illini basketball game. Bison up!



Dustin

Graduate from Parkland.



Rebecca

Take a vacation.

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HOROSCOPES

Mystic Stars: weekly horoscope Dec. 5-11

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ARIES (March 21-April 20) Emotional decisions are unreliable over the next few days; after Monday, expect yesterday's social and romantic promises to trigger unique discussions. A forgotten friend or past lover may soon ask for a second chance. Carefully examine all progress; in the coming weeks repeated patterns, addictive behaviors or unresolved family disputes will continue to be problematic. Later this week, financial applications and job contacts offer startling opportunities; don't hold back.

TAURUS (April 21-May 20) Past romantic resentments and complicated friendships now require special attention: over the next eight days, expect friends or lovers to push for lasting change or reveal unexpected information. Don't hesitate to clarify yesterday's disappointments: although moody, loved ones now need to develop a deeper appreciation of your perspective. After Wednesday, family members may contemplate revised employment strategies. Be patient: calmer attitudes will soon emerge.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21) Over the next 12 days, workplace procedures are subject to sudden reversals. After Monday, expect key officials to announce controversial promotions, fast policy changes or unique assignments. All will be temporary: before next week trusted co-workers will re-establish old habits or take responsibility for outstanding projects. Wednesday through Saturday, a silent friend may offer a surprising romantic overture. Remain cheerfully distant: passions will be deeply felt.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) Younger friends or relatives may this week be restless and introspective. Complex romantic issues, disagreements between friends or social disappointment may be a key source of concern. Provide creative distractions: in the coming weeks outdoor activities and revised health regimes will prove invaluable to emotional wellbeing. Tuesday through Friday, colleagues may be socially aggressive or easily distracted by workplace gossip; don't press for meaningful answers.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Relations with older co-workers may be temporarily strained: before mid-week, watch for authority figures to offer subtle indications of impending promotions. Private competitions or hidden jealousy may be a strong influence: expect colleagues to be mildly critical of improved methods or revised assignments. Late Saturday, a powerful flash of intuition will reveal the underlying social tensions of a close relationship. Friends and lovers need new boundaries; go slow.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Quiet reflection is this week productive and meaningful. Some Virgos will now experience unique moments of social insight or wisdom. After Wednesday, family relations and ongoing differences of opinion may be particularly revealing: expect older relatives to ask for added consideration. Complex home decisions may soon be needed: study past habits for valuable clues. Later this week, romantic promises may require concrete actions. Don't avoid difficult choices: all is well.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Monday through Thursday, workplace instructions may be misleading or incomplete. Recent business and financial mistakes will now disrupt important schedules. After Tuesday, authority figures may be unresponsive: remain silent and wait for reliable procedures to return. Later this week, a long-term friend may propose unique travel plans or controversial forms of entertainment. If possible, rest and gain perspective: at present, quiet family celebrations will provide renewal.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Miscommunications between friends may this week cause unexpected tensions or bothersome delays. Before mid-week, social proposals and family events will require special diplomacy. Don't shy away from difficult emotions. Although friends and relatives express strong opinions, genuine compassion is an underlying theme. Remain dedicated to group harmony and expect steady improvements. After Friday, romantic invitations and love affairs are highlighted: stay focused.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Family discussions will work to your advantage early this week. Someone close may now be willing to expand their social obligations or accept complex proposals. Carefully explain all motives and consequences: at present, loved ones need to feel welcomed by the group or included in important decisions. Provide meaningful encouragement. Thursday through Sunday, trusted business may be proven faulty. Be flexible: creativity and new choices will be rewarded.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20) Financial paperwork, new contracts and detailed social planning is now unreliable. Before mid-week, expect friends and close colleagues to cancel group events or ask for extra private time. No serious or lasting affects can be expected, so not to worry. Do, however, encourage optimism, team compliments and revised schedules: your empathy will be appreciated. After Friday, romantic flirtation may quickly lead to passion. Remain cautious: emotions will be high.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19) Rekindled sensuality is a strong theme over the next few days. Old friends and potential lovers may soon offer unique overtures or witty observations. Respond only to serious and consistent invitations: before mid-December, new relationships will prove mildly unethical or emotionally unstable. Later this week, a close relative may require rare legal or financial advice. Inheritance, shared property agreements or long-term payment schedules may be at issue. Stay alert.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Extra training or improved workplace skills are a top priority this week. Over the next eight days, many Pisceans may encounter sudden employment reversals or fast job assignments. Although key officials may appear unfocused or disorganized, positive change is in operation. Offer diplomatic observations and wait for progress. Thursday through Sunday, love relationships may experience profound moments of intimacy, shared trust and renewal: ask for lasting agreements.

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by Aaron Warner

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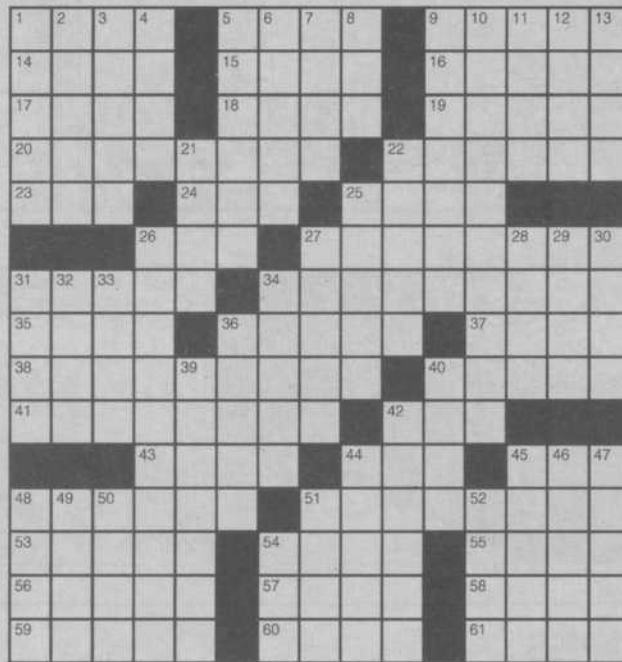
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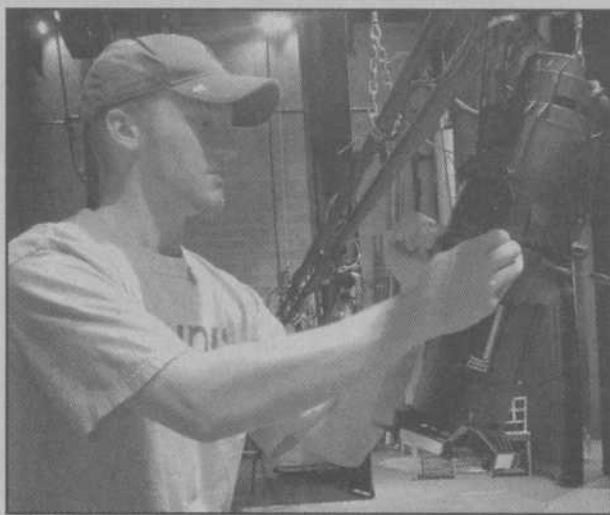
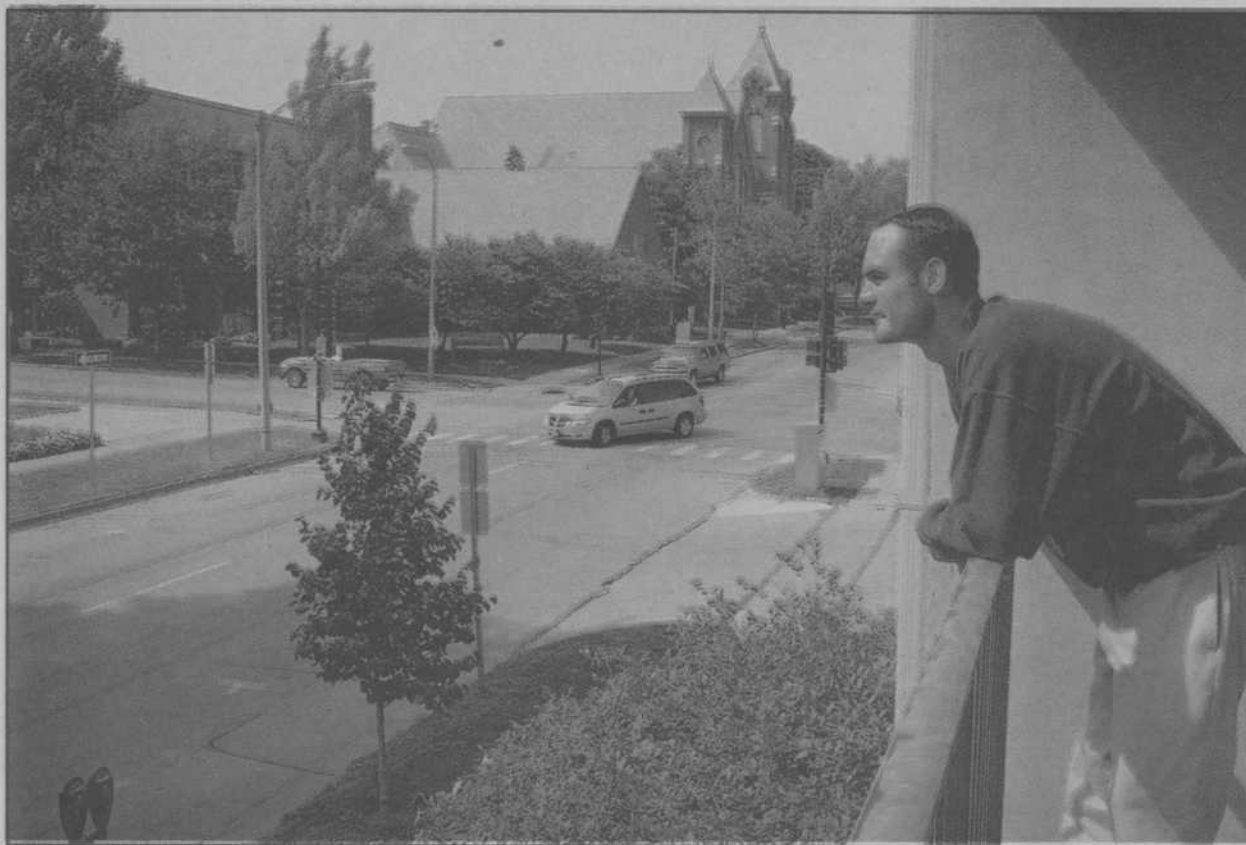
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