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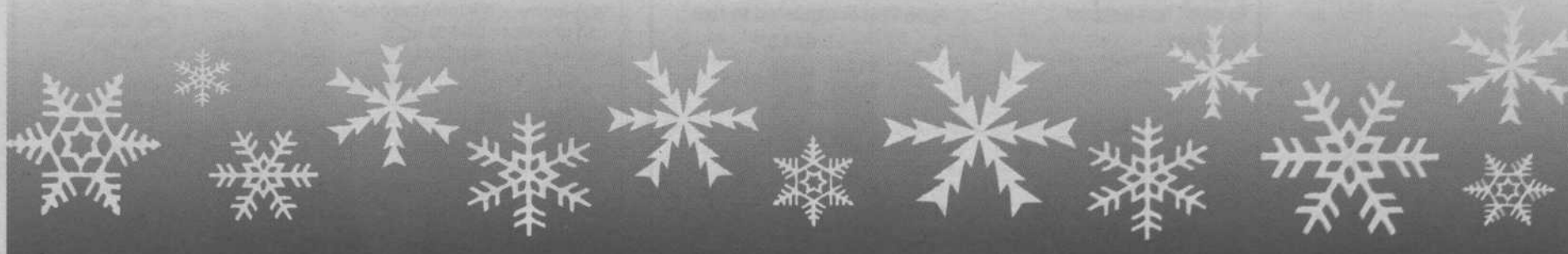
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From the Prospectus



This week's Web Winners:

■ Online shopping (and selling)

By REID KANALEY

The Philadelphia Inquirer (MCT)

Online shopping gets bigger every holiday season. So, here we are. Do you know how to make a purchase on the Web without getting rooked? We found some sites with good advice to help you avoid trouble. And if you've got stuff to sell, you can find out how to unload it online.

SHOPPING TIPS

Here's a rare thing: free advice

from lawyers. The American Bar Association gives tips for avoiding trouble during your online shopping spree.

The tips—including: Trust your instincts; make sure your Internet connection is secure; and hit the print button to save your records—are part of a larger site with details on maintaining your online privacy, judging a seller's reliability, and filing complaints if things go wrong.

www.safeshopping.org/tips.shtml

tion warns of the wide variety of online scams, and tells how to spot and avoid them. Of particular note are cautions about "phishing" scams and risky payment methods, including wire transfers to strangers. There is also a guide for buyers and sellers at auction sites. On a worrisome note, when we looked, the site hadn't posted notice of any online-fraud crackdown since April 2003. Knock, knock, FTC. What are you doing?

www.ftc.gov/onlineshopping/

agencies of 20 countries share information from online shoppers' complaints in an effort to stop cross-border fraud. From the home page, you can file a complaint, and learn of several methods meant to help resolve buyer-seller disputes, or learn how to get bogus charges off your credit card bill.

www.econsumer.gov/english/index.html

LEARNING EBAY

If you are new to online-auction shopping—or if you want to know how to start unloading the basement in an online auction—read the basics at eBay's Learn-

ing Center.

<http://pages.ebay.com/education/>

And, if you're intent on becoming an Internet tycoon, check out the possibilities for selling your widgets on a site such as Amazon.com:

www.amazon.com/gp/seller/sell-your-stuff.html

Or, start your own online store with the assistance of a big brand name like Yahoo:

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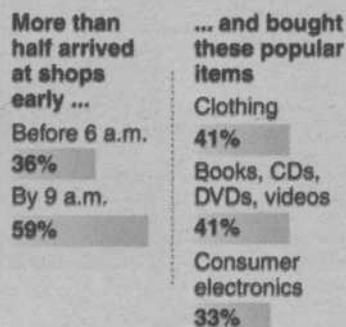
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7. All I Want For X-Mas Is You
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9. My Love (single v.)
10. It Ends Tonight

Early bird shoppers

Shoppers have spent more at U.S. retail stores and online sites this year than last so far this holiday shopping season.

At retail stores

More than 140 million shoppers hit the stores Black Friday weekend, Nov. 23-25, 2006



At online sites

Black Friday online sales jumped 42 percent over last year

Holiday spending to date* has jumped ...



... and total holiday online spending is expected to rise



*Nov. 1 through Black Friday

**Projected

Source: National Retail Federation Black Friday Weekend Survey of 3,090 U.S. consumers, Nov. 23-25, 2006; error margin: +/- 1.5 percentage points; ComScore Networks
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Campers wait in the cold overnight for a chance to buy a PS3 at Circuit City in Champaign, IL.

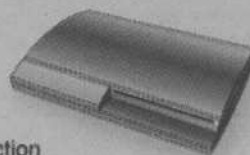
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Out of the box

Comparison of recently released game consoles:

Sony PlayStation 3

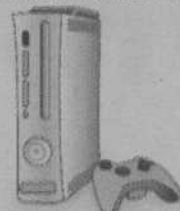
Advanced processor, Blu-ray Disc drive that plays high-definition games and movies, wireless Internet connection



Cost: \$500 for basic system with 20-gigabyte hard drive; \$600 for 60-gigabyte model with built-in wireless

Microsoft Xbox 360

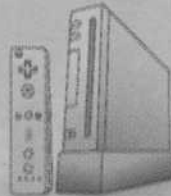
High-speed processor, separate graphics processor, high-definition video; those with high-speed Internet access can download games from Xbox Live Marketplace



Cost: \$300 for basic system; \$400 with 20-gigabyte hard drive, headset and wireless controller

Nintendo Wii

Unique wand that mimics motion, such as swinging a tennis racket, to control games



Cost: \$250

Source: Sony, Nintendo, Microsoft
Graphic: Pat Carr, Melina Yingling

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Holiday ideas

Compiled BY AARON GEIGER
Prospectus Editor

Go to Assembly Hall and take your parents to see Sandy Patty's Yuletide Joy Dec. 8 @ 7:30pm, or see the GAC Country Christmas Dec. 9 @ 7:30pm. Check out the ballet of The Nutcracker at The Krannert Center Dec. 9 @ 2pm and 7:30pm, Dec. 10 @ 2pm only.

The Virginia Theatre is hosting the Funhead-Parrothead Holiday Show Dec. 8 @ 7:30pm with the Tons O' Fun Band and the Boat Drunks. On Dec. 9 the classic movies White Christmas and Holiday Inn will be shown at 7pm and 1pm, respectively. On New Year's Eve, go see the Chorale perform. The show is for the family, and features sing-alongs, old-time piano playing, and songs for the season. It all starts at 7pm, Dec. 31.

Have kids? Are you watching somebody else's little ones? The Champaign Park District has some fun stuff. Come have Brunch with Santa Claus at the Douglass Community Center 11am-1pm Dec. 9, and stick around from 1pm-3pm for the Holiday Party with Santa. There will be games, prizes, toy giveaways, and watch the Lighting of the Douglass Park Christmas Tree at the end of the party. Children 3-12 and their parents are invited. Would you like your

child to get a Call from Santa Claus? You can fill out a form from the Bresnan Center, or complete the form in the Fall/Winter Funformation Guide (if you have it already). Forms must be submitted by Dec. 12, 5pm. Calls will go out from 6pm-8pm!

Do you want to make a senior feel special? Buy them a Charter Coach to East Peoria for the Festival of Lights, also on Dec. 12. You can get more information at the Douglas Annex. The fee is to be determined.

Come celebrate Kwanzaa at the Champaign Public Library Dec. 27 @ 6pm-8pm. The community is invited to wear traditional African attire for the celebration of the Second Day of Kwanzaa and the Principle of Kujichagulia—self-determination. Bring a covered dish to share.

The University of Illinois Hillel Foundation will have a Special Channukah-themed Oneg Shabbat, Dec. 8, 8pm-10pm.

See the Rantoul Theatre Group perform the Christmas Express, Dec. 8 and 9 @ 7:30pm-9:30pm (914 Arends Blvd., Rantoul).

Shop at the Holiday Market at the Lincoln Square Mall, downtown Urbana Dec. 9 from 9am-2pm.

Have Breakfast with Santa Dec. 9 from 9:30am-11am at the

Savoy Recreation Center.

Enjoy Candy Christmas Trees at the Urbana Free Library Dec. 9 from 11am-12pm.

Go to the Early American Museum in Mahomet for the program, "To Grandmother's House We Go." The event is Dec. 9, 1pm-4pm.

Like movies? Grab some popcorn and teeth-destroying candy and watch Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause, or The Nativity Story, all showing in town this season.

Visit the William M. Staerke Planetarium at Parkland College and check out Santa's Secret Star, Dec. 2, 9, and 16 @ 7pm. Go see A Christmas Story performed by the Parkland College Theatre, Dec. 6-9 @ 8pm, and Dec. 10 @ 3pm.

The Holidays have a different side, too. If you are Grieving, then you can go to the Philo Road Church of Christ for Holiday Hope for those who are Grieving, Dec. 9 @ 6pm.

The Trinity Lutheran Church will have a Live Nativity Dec. 9 from 6pm-9pm in Urbana.

Contact the Independent Media Center and volunteer for the Books2Prisoners program. Dec. 7, 9, 14, and 16 have 2pm-5pm work sessions. Dec. 13 has a 7pm-9pm work session.

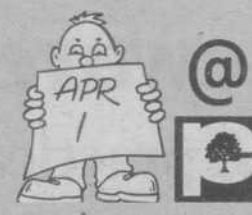
Visit the Angel Tree at the independent bookstore Pages For All Ages in Savoy. Buy a book

for a needy child or neglected senior citizen, pick out the wrapping paper, and maybe do some Christmas shopping.

Volunteer at the St. Jude Catholic Worker House, and serve in a variety of capacities, including serving food to the homeless. You can also volunteer for the Men's Transitional Living Program at the TIMES Center on East Washington St. Help is always needed at the Center for Women in Transition, which provides assistance to women and children in the form of transitional housing, after-school care, and refuge from domestic abuse. They are located on East Church St.

The holiday season has always been a time to remember, to share, to give, and to thank, no matter the reason. Take the time to cherish your families, those who are in the military overseas, those who are without a home, and those who are in a time of crisis. Enjoy the opportunities of your community, and maybe learn a little bit more about yourself or someone else this year. After, it is the spirit of the season. What are you going to do with it?

This list was made with a variety of community calendars, all of which are available by newsletter, the Internet, or by postings. Happy Holidays to you on behalf of the Prospectus.



26th Annual Live Nativity
Muncie Baptist Church & The Village of Muncie
6:00-8:30 p.m.—December 8, 9, 10

Parkland Planetarium

Friday, December 8:
7:00 p.m.—"Dusk to Dawn"
8:00 p.m.—Rites of the Season
9:30 p.m.—Ladies & Gentlemen...The Doors!

Saturday, December 9:
7:00 p.m.—Santa's Secret Star
8:00 p.m.—Rites of the Season
9:30 p.m.—Ladies & Gentlemen...The Doors!

Friday, December 15:
7:00 p.m.—Fall Prairie Skies
8:00 p.m.—Rites of the Season
9:30 p.m.—Ladies & Gentlemen...The Doors!

Saturday, December 16:
7:00 p.m.—Santa's Secret Star
8:00 p.m.—Rites of the Season
9:30 p.m.—Ladies & Gentlemen...The Doors!

Parkland Athletics

Saturday, December 9:
7:00 p.m.—Men's Basketball vs. Illinois Central

Friday, December 15:
5:30 p.m.—Women's Basketball vs. Lincoln Land
7:00 p.m.—Men's Basketball vs. Lincoln Land

Parkland Theatre

A Christmas Story
8:00 p.m.—December 6, 7, 8, 9
3:00 p.m.—December 10

Parkland Community Band & Parkland Wind Ensemble

Thursday, December 14 @ 7 p.m.

Parkland Jazz Invitational

Saturday, December 16 @ 3 p.m.

"Dear Santa" Dance Production

Sunday, December 17 @ 2 p.m. & 7 p.m.

Dollars and Sense from FinAid

■ FERPA and YOUR FINANCIAL AID RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES

By DONNA MAYER
Prospectus Guest Writer

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) is a Federal law that protects the privacy of your education records. Your parents are given certain rights regarding your education records until you become 18 years of age or attend a school beyond the high school level. At that point, your parents can no longer access your student information.

To we comply with FERPA, the Parkland Financial Aid Office only gives financial aid information to you, the student, in person, and only if you have a picture I.D. This includes looking up to see if we have a file

on you. Technology provides another option. If you are logged



onto the Parkland Connection, we can help you with questions

over the telephone.

FERPA validates our belief that you, the student, should be actively involved in and responsible for your financial aid process. By nature, parents want to help their children; and, we believe that a certain level of parental involvement is healthy. However, we also believe that as a college-age student, you should be responsible and involved in every facet of your college career.

That responsibility includes submitting your own FAFSA, following through to obtain any other items requested by the Federal government or Parkland College, and understanding your rights and responsibilities concerning your financial aid.

Our office is always happy to help guide you through the financial aid process, and we continue to adapt our policies and procedures in order to serve you better. Every aspect of the financial aid process is available online, and you can check your status and obtain needed forms anywhere you can access the Internet.

As always, if you have any questions about financial aid or FERPA, please check our FAQ's at <http://www.parkland.edu/ss/financial/FAQ-Students.htm> or you can contact us at finaid@parkland.edu, 217-351-2222, or come to our office at A-170 from 8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

Happy Holidays

Beware of holiday rip-offs

■ A practical guide for the consumer

By KEVIN DEMARRAIS

The Record (Hackensack, N.J.) (MCT)

You can argue about where Black Friday ranked among the busiest shopping days of the year or whether Cyber Monday or next Monday will be the biggest day for online shopping.

But there can be no disputing that this is the time of year time-pressured consumers face the greatest risk of being ripped off.

So before we get too far into the holiday shopping season, let's look at some of the new twists on old scams and other red flags in the marketplace, as well as how to avoid getting suckered into a legal, but needless, expense.

Specific examples I've seen recently involve PayPal, a popular, legitimate, secure system used for handling payments from online merchants and eBay shoppers, but similar tricks are likely to be used by others.

NOT YOUR PAL: With 78 percent of consumers expected to shop online this season, according to a survey by Opinion Research Corp., Internet-based scams are sure to increase.

It's a modern-day version of the old line attributed to Willie Sutton. When asked why he robbed banks, the legendary criminal was said to have responded, "Because that's where the money is."

For the past couple of years, consumers have received a steady stream of phony account verification e-mails supposedly from PayPal and other online businesses.

But they came from crooks seeking access to our passwords and account numbers, not from PayPal, Amazon.com or a large bank listed on the letterhead. By now, most Internet users are aware of these scams and do nothing except hit the "delete" button.

But I've recently seen new versions of the old ploy.

One was a confirmation order for a Dell computer being sent to some guy named Bakewell in Brownsville, Pa. The e-mail said that \$699.99 would appear on my next credit card bill, and if I had not made the purchase,

I should click on the "cancel transaction!" link provided.

Without thinking, a consumer might be tempted to "cancel" the order. But there is no order; getting us to click on the link, and provide personal information, is what the sender wants.

STILL NOT YOUR PAL: A second version said I had won a vacation for two to Paris. Adding to the authenticity is a bold-faced box hailing PayPal's commitment to privacy, prevention and protection. But this, too, is an attempt to get the recipient's personal information.

So how do you tell the real from the fake?

Start with the assumption that it is all phony, then look for the telltale signs.

For one, if you see the (AT SIGN) character in the URL—and that was the case in the two examples I cited—it is likely a phony, PayPal warns. Also, watch out for misspelled words, such as "Paypal" in my Paris prize e-mail.

NOT YOUR PAL III: The latest twist is a letter telling me that Ben Freckmann has opened a dispute for the PayPal payment made to me, and that I need to resolve it quickly.

As usual, there is the handy link.

Enough said.

UN-WARRANTED? If you buy a major appliance, chances are good the salesclerk will attempt to sell you, often aggressively, an extended warranty. Some stores even require you to sign a statement affirming that you were foolish enough to reject the coverage.

However, according to Consumer Reports magazine, almost all of the \$1.6 billion consumers spend on such warranties is money down the drain.

Retailers push hard to get consumers to buy extended warranties "because they're cash cows," the magazine warns in a special report. "Stores keep 50 percent or more of what they charge for warranties. That's more than they can make selling actual products."

But extended warranties are "notoriously bad deals,"

because the products seldom break within the extended-warranty window (typically, around three years), and when electronics and appliances do break, the repair often costs about the same as the cost of the warranty.

A possible exception is a rear-projection micro display television, the magazine says. It is three times more likely to need repairs than other types of TVs and repair costs can be high.

Also consider an extended warranty, including extended tech support, if you're buying an Apple computer, because it comes with only 90 days of phone tech support.

FRANTIC FEE-DING: Spend what you can afford, but make sure you pay your credit card bill on time, because late fees have risen steadily in recent years. A recent study by the Government Accountability Office shows the average late penalty in 2005 was \$34, up from \$13 in 1995.

But that's just the start, says Bill Hardekopf, chief executive of Lowcards.com, a Web site that tracks credit card rates and trends. Be late just once and your interest rate could soar to more than 30 percent, effective immediately.

And it's perfectly legal. "The punitive policy is described in the disclosure, but you have to look for it and read it several times to actually understand the consequences," he said.

The numbers tell the story. According to the GAO study, 11 percent of the 691 million active credit-card accounts had penalty interest rates above 25 percent, and 13 percent of active accounts had been assessed over-the-limit fees.



So make sure you pay your bill on time, even if it's a minimum payment, and don't forget that mail delivery is slower in December than the rest of the year.

Just make sure your payment arrives by the due date, because being late, by even one day, could be a costly error.

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Zune vs. iPod

A comparison between Microsoft's new music player Zune and Apple's 30 GB iPod.

Microsoft's Zune		Apple's iPod	
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4.4 in. (11.2 cm)		2.5 in. (6.4 cm) diagonal	
2.4 in. (6.1 cm)	5.6 oz. (158.8 g)	2.4 in. (6.1 cm)	4.8 oz. (136.1 g)
30 GB	Storage	30 GB, 80 GB	
PC	Compatibility	PC and Mac	
Portrait or landscape	Display	Portrait	
White, black, brown	Shell colors	White, black	
12 hours	Battery life	14 hours	
3.5 hours	Music	3.5 hours*	
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Holiday greetings from cyberthieves

By ERIC BENDEROFF
Chicago Tribune (MCT)

CHICAGO—'Tis the season to start receiving greeting cards, and a growing number of them, conveniently, will come via the Internet.

There's only one problem: Some of the e-mails saying that you have an e-greeting card from a friend or family member may instead be from a scam artist intent on obtaining your Social Security number, credit card data or even brokerage account information.

"People like receiving greeting cards this time of year, and they are likely to click on these greetings" if they are in their e-mail inbox, said Stu Elephant, senior product manager for McAfee Inc., an Internet security firm that markets products that detect unsafe Web sites or e-mail. "There is more cybercrime because peoples' defenses are down. They are in a more trusting mood, thanks to the holidays, and they are looking online for bargains."

That is an irresistible mix for increasingly clever cybercrooks as they realize more people than ever will shop online this holiday season, as well as seek to save postage—and time—by e-mailing holiday greeting cards.

Online shopping is already off to a fast start.

This year's sales are up 23

percent, to about \$8.31 billion, compared to a year ago, said Gian Fulgoni, the Chicago-based chairman of ComScore Networks Inc., which tracks Web activity. Those figures are from Nov. 1-24.

Holiday cybershopping will steadily increase over the next few weeks.

Overall, Fulgoni estimates that \$24 billion will be spent online this year during November and December, which should account for about 7 percent of all retail activity.

"That's probably up a full percentage point over last year," he said.

Indeed, more people than ever are comfortable shopping online these days, with 91 percent of adults saying they use the Web to shop, according to a survey released Friday from Harris Interactive and Check Point Software Technologies.

But as more people turn to the Internet for at least some of their holiday purchases—or simply for comparison shopping—more crooks, too, are tracking their movements.

The average loss per "phishing" scam grew from \$257 in 2005 to \$1,244 in 2006, according to a November report from Internet research firm Gartner Inc. Losses stemming from such attacks reached more than \$2.8 billion this year, Gartner found.

In Australia, a scam was uncovered in late October by Exploit Prevention Labs that was perpetrated through e-greeting cards. According to a TechNewsWorld story, accounts at nearly every Australian bank were affected when a major cybercrime group used fake Yahoo greeting cards to infect computers with malicious software that tracked keystrokes on PCs. This so-called "keylogger" software was used to steal credit card numbers, bank account user names and passwords.

Researchers with Exploit Prevention Labs added that the e-card spammers were also targeting computer users in North America, according to TechNewsWorld.

Indeed, since early fall, numerous computer users across the U.S. have noted a marked increase in e-card-based spam e-mail. The subject line typically reads, "You've received a greeting from a family member" or "You've received an animated postcard."

The text inside these "phishing" e-mail messages asks people to "click here" to see the card. Phishing scams are an attempt to trick people into revealing personal information. If they click on these links, they could unwittingly be downloading software that could be used to separate users from their hard-earned holiday bonuses.

Elefant warns people to exercise extreme caution when e-greeting cards enter your inbox and to open messages only from people you know. If you have any doubt, he warned, don't open the message.

The number of e-greetings sent this time of year typically doubles compared with the rest of the year. In October, for instance, visits to sites managed by American Greetings, where there are e-cards for holidays or birthdays, increased 66 percent over September, according to ComScore figures. That was the second-highest traffic increase for any Web site in October, ComScore reported.

Crooks are exploiting what security professionals like to call "social engineering," Elefant said. Because humans are social beings, they're more likely to open an e-mail they think is from a friend or family member than something unfamiliar.

"Social engineering is more prevalent this time of year because people want to click on an Internet greeting card or get a better deal at a store online. So it's more prevalent this time of year, and this year it's more prevalent than anytime it's ever been."

People also are helping the crooks more than before.

The growth of social networking sites like Facebook, MySpace and even YouTube are helping cybercriminals target computer users.

"There's more personal information about people online at these sites," Elefant said. At YouTube, for instance, many people who post videos also include a picture of themselves along with other personal information, such as an e-mail address.

A crook may then send a message to that user and write, "Hey, I saw your video at YouTube about skateboarding. If you want a new skateboard, come check out the deals at my site."

Elefant said this is a common technique used by sexual predators but increasingly is being used for financial scams.

Another reason for the online crime wave, according to the Harris survey, is that few people adequately secure their computers. The survey found that 74 percent of people do not install a hardware firewall and 53 percent don't use a software firewall. Only 22 percent have installed a proper suite of security software, according to the survey.

HOW TO AVOID ONLINE SCAMS

- Check for a little yellow lock at the bottom right corner of your browser window when making a purchase. This indicates a secure transaction.

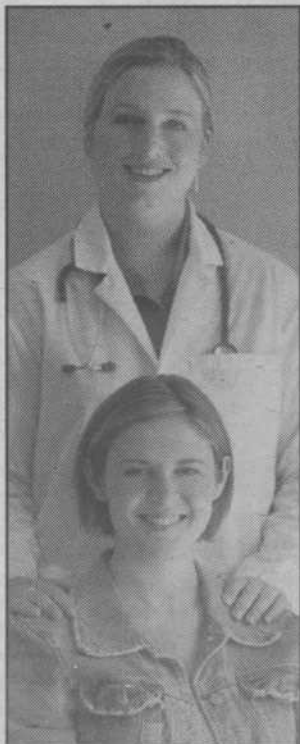
- Never give out personal financial information in response to an e-mail, including charity donations. Contact a charity directly on how to make an online donation.

- Do not click on links to Web sites embedded in e-mails. These links can direct a user to a phony e-commerce site that looks like a legitimate site.

- Use a separate e-mail account for online shopping. You can get free e-mail accounts through Google, Microsoft and Yahoo.

- Make sure your security software is up to date. If you use Wi-Fi, make sure your wireless network is secure.

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Parkland leadership carries on

■ Dr. Ramage, staff step up while president recovers

By ELLEN SCHMIDT
Prospectus Staff Writer

Parkland College enjoys a strong administrative staff that is showing great leadership by carrying on the working of the college. Although Dr. Robert Exley is missed in the day-to-day business of the college, there remains an air of normalcy in the habits of the college as carried on by faculty, staff and students.

Following a heart attack that Dr. Exley suffered during a basketball game as reported in the Prospectus during the Students v. Faculty basketball game, doctors inserted a stent. On Friday, November 17, Exley underwent quadruple bypass surgery. He has a good prognosis from his doctor and is expected to fully recover after a period of cardiac rehabilitation.

On the administrative side, Tom Ramage, Vice President of Academic Services for Parkland, is in charge of the daily duties usually performed by the president.

This is not to say that he is out there on his own. Jon Surma, V.P. for Administrative Services, and Dr. Linda Moore, V.P. for Student Services, work together to ensure continuity.

"The reality is there are three vice presidents and, of course, we work collaboratively every day," said Ramage. "There is a need to designate one person and I'm, at the moment, that person until Dr. Exley returns," he added.

Looking around campus life is seemingly normal. "Certainly we are interested in having the president on campus," said Ramage. But in the absence of the president, Ramage notes, "most of the decisions that we make on a daily basis are routine."

Ramage keeps in contact with Dr. Exley approximately every other day and on an as needed basis either by phone or email.

On most days, Ramage is in the office by 7:30am keeping the morning hours and later hours of the day open for department chairs. In his regular job he is responsible for all operations that have to do with curriculum, courses, programs, full and part-time faculty and related support services that support academics.

"Consequently, any issues, concerns or trouble with the curriculum, the process of students matriculating through the college, any sort of student concerns as they relate to academ-

ics, those are the sorts of things I take care of," said Ramage.

He likes the variety that his job offers. Every day is different, even looking toward his cal-

weather. On a normal day, the physical plant director would assess the conditions based on the snow and wind and make a recommendation as to the pend-



Aaron Geiger/Prospectus

endar; the day seldom maps out the way he imagines, "That's what makes the job fun," Ramage said.

Ramage is always connected with Parkland when he is at home by catching up in the evening with email and always available by telephone in the event of an emergency.

On this particular day (Nov. 30) the pressing issue is the

ing situation.

"In tandem, [the plant director and I] develop our recommendation, call the president and let him know—in this case we leave out this step," said Ramage.

Because of the way the semester has panned out, most of the bulk of Exley's time has been spent meeting with faculty, staff and administrators getting

to know their roles in achieving their goals within the college.

The challenging part of the absence of Dr. Exley is the interaction with the community. A few community speaking engagements have had to be postponed and some organizational meetings on campus have been pushed back until Exley returns, but overall not much has had to be delayed.

Pressing issues that come at the end of the semester have to do with sabbatical leaves that are due at this time. This process includes presidential approval. Exley has copies of the applications with him and is able to participate in the process from home.

Ramage would like the students at Parkland to know that the college is equipped to handle this situation.

"This is not necessarily a new situation," he said. "In the past, before Dr. Exley arrived, we've had both health situations and family situations where the president needed to be away for an extended period of time and so we're accustomed, we're equipped to handle these situations."

Dr. Exley is expected to return to his duties around mid-January.

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Do the smoking signs really deter students from smoking by the entrances to Parkland College? With winter conditions arriving in force this December, more and more students are crowding by the doorways to stay warm, rather than use the designated areas. Solutions for this problem have ranged from heated smoking areas to fines for violators.

Leah Zimmerman/Prospectus

What's that ringing in the classroom?

■ Parkland discusses the policy of cell-phone use

By ELLEN SCHMIDT
Prospectus Staff Writer

What is the buzz around campus about cell phones? A few weeks ago there was research was explored and discussion was conducted on behalf of the administration about the possibility of implementing a cell phone policy at Parkland College. Dr. Tom Ramage, Vice President of Academic Services, was asked to look into the matter of cell phone use.

"Dr. Exley's interest was to make sure faculty knew that they were supported in having a policy in their classroom that dealt with cell phones," he said.

This initiative did not come from a concern about cheating or a particular incident at Parkland but rather from a general discussion about respect in regards to cell phone use.

"I'm sure there are faculty concerns about that [cheating] but I had never heard that as part of the policy," Ramage said. "It came up from the classroom disturbance aspect."

"I think it's safe to say that there is general interest among the faculty in having some sort of policy whether its in the Policy and Procedures book, the Student Hand book or the class syllabus that outlines the fact to 'please put your cell phone on vibrate or better yet turn it completely off when you are in class or in a similar area,'" Ramage said.

Mary Severinghaus, associate Professor of Biology at Parkland College was asked by Ramage to research and draft a cell phone policy on behalf of the

policies and procedures committee. Severinghaus sent out a questionnaire to faculty and staff asking for their response

policy that addresses "disruption or obstruction of teaching" that can be found in Article III, Section B, No. 2 in the Student Pol-

for further review. The committee decided at this time that the language included in the student handbook was sufficient to address the question of cell phone use in the classroom.

Ramage said, "the committee looked at that proposed policy debated it, discussed it and basically came to the conclusion that the language seemed to be sufficient to cover faculty in their developing of their own individual procedures for handling cell phone issues."

Severinghaus said that she has not had a problem with the abuse of cell phones in her classes and implements a policy that is included in her syllabus. After getting acclimated during the first week, if a cell phone goes off, the class policy states that the student will be asked to leave class for the day.

Severinghaus is quick to point out that students are very good about respecting the policy. That is not to say occasional random ringing of a cell phone during class hasn't happened. The student's embarrassment and immediate deactivation are enough in those situations. Her own classroom policy makes an exception in the event of a sick child or important phone call. The understanding is that the phone will be placed in the vibrate mode with as little disruption to the class as necessary.

While there was no intent to ban cell phones from the classrooms there has been general buzz around campus about the possibility. The Prospectus conducted a short cell phone poll to get student reaction about cell

phones. Seventy students filled out a survey.

The results noted that 99% of the student population owns a cell phone. The question of cheating using a cell phone revealed that 96% had not used their cell phone to cheat but 27% knew of someone who had cheated using their cell phone.

As far as a campus wide policy was concerned, 19% were aware of some type of policy in regards to cell phone use, while 81% were unaware of a policy. It was noted that a majority of instructors address the use of cell phones in their syllabus. Additionally, 87% thought that cell phones should NOT be banned in the classroom, while 13% responded that they should be banned in the classroom.

Finally, the students were given a chance to offer additional comments. Most of the comments addressed the need to keep the phone on in case of an emergency or a sick child. Respect and the responsibility of students to keep the phones off in class were mentioned as well as keeping phones in the vibrate mode or on silence when in class.

As it stands today, the policy will remain as written in the Student Policies and Procedures Manual. The infractions from the "disruption or obstruction of teaching" are listed in Article IV: Judicial policies, and can be found under Section B, Sanctions. Depending on the degree of the violation a student can expect punishment from a warning to the more serious sanction of expulsion from the college.



Parkland student talks on her cell phone in the café.

Karen Johner/Prospectus

in regards to implementing a potential policy, she received over 130 responses.

The survey showed 76% thought there should be a college-wide policy regarding the use of cell phones by students. In addition, 73% felt that the faculty and staff should be subject to the same policy as the students. When asked if instructors should be allowed to impose restrictions on cell phone use in their classrooms in addition to those the college might dictate, 87% said yes.

Currently there is no official policy on cell phone usage in the classroom. There is a pol-

icies and Procedures Manual under the Parkland College Student Rights and Responsibilities Section.

Campus-wide, many teachers spell out rules in their class syllabus given to students at the beginning of the semester. The campus wide policy was meant to give teachers reinforcement from the college to implement those policies if it became necessary.

Based on the response to questions and comments concerning policy, Severinghaus came up with a preliminary draft presented before the Policies and Procedures committee

The International Meaning of American Thanksgiving

By MEGAN M. OLSON
Prospectus Staff Writer

Perhaps Americans take the celebration of Thanksgiving for granted. We may simply sit down to a meal with our families and friends because it is habitual. That is not to say that we don't enjoy ourselves, but it is a tradition that has been ingrained into American generation after generation. What does this custom consist of? We inhale an intolerable amount of food, primarily turkey, and pack on the poundage. Then we laze in front of the television usually in large

social units to watch football games. We may, if we are religious or sentimental, spout reasons why we are thankful for this and that in our lives. It seems like fun, right?

Not so fast. Thanksgiving has become somewhat commercialized. Think about it: How many retail stores have Thanksgiving decorations, Thanksgiving sales, and special Thanksgiving turkeys they persuade consumers to buy as a part of the holiday? The answer is an astounding number. Is it really that surprising that the biggest spending day of the year, Black Friday, follows Thanksgiv-

ing? What does this say about American values to people from other countries?

Parkland Community College has a significant amount of international students. Let's not forget to mention our close neighbor, the University of Illinois, with its staggering population as well. These individuals come to the United States to study abroad in another country and to be submersed in our culture. What kind of materialistic, superficial image of the United States are we offering them when we put a price tag on Thanksgiving? How are these guests in our society suppose to interpret a day of familial feasting

accompanied with capitalism? A large amount of international students probably have no idea what Thanksgiving is.

When Makiko Asato first began to attend Parkland back in 2003 after arriving from Japan, she had never heard of Thanksgiving. She said she learned about it by listening to American conversations. "People said Thanksgiving was about family and giving thanks," she recalls.

It was not until she married that she encountered her first American Thanks-

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giving. She spent it with her husband's family and got a sense of what the custom was about. "It's still very unfamiliar to me. There isn't a holiday like it in Okinawa."

Other international students have had an easier opportunity to experience an American Thanksgiving. Most universities and community colleges have programs set up with Amer-

ican hosts. These are Americans who volunteer to take foreign guests into their homes and share a Thanksgiving meal. The programs encourage the teaching of American culture and the exchange of the international students' cultures as well. Many international students claim they feel less homesick and more at ease. Some even say that Thanksgiving reminds them of similar customs from their homelands.

"It's nice to feel included," says Makiko. "You feel like

you belong if you can celebrate Thanksgiving with other people."

That is exactly what the Cosmopolitan Club of the University of Illinois seeks to do. Their goal is to make international students feel welcomed in the United States. They hold an annual Thanksgiving Benefit which a great number of international students attend. Last year's dinner was a big success. To read more about Thanksgiving 2005, visit <http://netfiles.uiuc.edu/ro/www/Cosmopolit->

[tanClubattheUniversityofIllinois/connections](http://www.prairienet.org/cosmo/). The funds raised by the dinner this year go to benefit the people of Lukoyanov, Russia. You can view The Cosmopolitan Club's website at <http://www.prairienet.org/cosmo/>.

All in all, it is extremely important not to forget two things. First, Thanksgiving is more than just turkey and retail heaven. Second, Americans are ambassadors to other countries. By sharing Thanksgiving with international students, they

show a wish to promote universal understanding and inject real meaning back into the holiday. Thanksgiving should be a happy time that everyone regardless of what nation they come from can celebrate. It is a beautifully diverse and large world we all share. However, we are not so different we cannot understand each other, nor is it so big we cannot touch another person's heart.

The Cosmopolitan club's Thanksgiving Benefit Dinner took place November 12th.

Does Hip-Hop define, or divide, a culture?

By PORCHA CLARK
Contributing Writer

This past Tuesday November 14 The Brothers of Lambda Upsilon Lambda Fraternity, Inc and Phi Rho Eta held a discussion on the University of Illinois campus, discussing the recent racial issues on campus.

Aside from that the topic of discussion was centered on "Is Hip Hop, Defining Culture or Dividing Culture?" At the discussion they addressed the stereotypes portrayed in Hip-Hop and Rap music, and how negative images can encourage blatant prejudicing and racism from those who are not familiar with

minstrel shows. The audience listening in on the discussion learned that DJ Webstar's "Chicken Noodle Soup" dance is the same exact dance performed as a part of a minstrel show in the 19th century.

Just to give a brief background on what a minstrel show is, here a definition from Wikipedia.com:

"The minstrel show, or minstrelsy, was an American entertainment consisting of comic skits, variety acts, dancing, and music, performed by white people in blackface or, especially after the American Civil War, African Americans in blackface. Minstrel shows portrayed and lampooned blacks in stereotypical

schools, fraternities, and local theaters. As African Americans began to score legal and social victories against racism and to successfully assert political power, minstrelsy lost popularity."

So what is this telling us? By dancing and supporting this song in the clubs and at parties, are we repeating history? This is something we should all seriously keep in mind and take note every time this song is used as a source of entertainment.

The Hip-Hop culture and community isn't unaware of the situational parody. On the XXL hip hop magazine website, xxlmag.com, a writer by the name of Marc Lamont Hill had this to say about

minstrel shows. Am I getting old or is this dance, with all of the shuffling and light footing, nothing more than new-school minstrelsy? Even DJ Webstar's name has circus freak show connotations as it calls to mind the hit '80s TV series "Webster," which starred an adorable 25-year-old black midget. No Neverland Valley Ranch."

Is Hip-Hop defining culture, or dividing culture?

When fraternity girls from the U of I decided to make the decision move to poke fun at Hispanic Americans, did they dress the way they did because of the way Latinos are portrayed in the media? Is that the way they see Lati-

AFRICAN AMERICANS' MUSIC

Black Americans' music — which is today some of the most influential in the world — began with the songs of the enslaved Africans. A look at how it evolved and spread from the South:

<p>1600s, 1700s</p> <p>Banjo Based on West African instrument</p>  <p>African musical roots</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Used a five-note scale; closer to Asian music than European Complex drumming Unison singing 	<p>Early 1800s</p> <p>Fiddle Slaves added African touch to English, Irish fiddling</p>  <p>Spirituals</p> <p>"Jubilees" and "shouts" used leader's call and group's response</p> <p>"Sorrow songs" combined African lullabies, European hymns</p> <p>Worksongs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> From African tradition of working in groups, chanting and keeping beat with tools Sung long afterward by blacks in prisons <p><small>SOURCES: "From Calverton to Concert Halls: An Illustrated History of African American Popular Music 1895-1930", World Book</small></p>	<p>Civil War (1861-65)</p> <p>Piano Black players' used banjo rhythms, invented ragtime</p> <p>Minstrel shows</p> <p>Some talented black players rose above degrading "blackface" shows</p> <p>Ragtime</p> <p>"Ragging": Adding playful, extra phrases and catchy, syncopated rhythm to serious songs</p>  <p>Scott Joplin's famous ragtime tune</p>	<p>Late 1800s</p> <p>Guitar Replaced banjo in blues and jazz</p> <p>Harmonica Cheap, soulful blues instrument</p> <p>Blues</p> <p>Born in Texas and Delta region of Mississippi, spread to Memphis, St. Louis; mournful "blue notes" came from African music</p> <p>Dixieland</p> <p>Small dance bands, up-beat playing, started in New Orleans, early form of jazz</p> 	<p>Early 1900s</p> <p>Saxophone Played by jazz greats Charlie "Bird" Parker, John Coltrane</p> <p>Jazz: "America's classical music"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invented by inspired singers and musicians like Louis Armstrong and Bessie Smith Driven by band leader-composers like Duke Ellington, Count Basie Constantly reinvented by innovators like Dizzy Gillespie, Miles Davis <p>Gospel</p> <p>Spirituals with modern beat and instruments, upbeat "good news" feel; training ground for great black singers</p>  <p>Duke Ellington</p>	<p>WWII and after</p> <p>Rock, funk, rhythm and blues, soul</p> <p>Black artists broke into commercial big time, international fame</p>  <p>Rap, hip-hop</p> <p>Rough urban dance and singing styles; lyrics grew out of old Black traditions of improvised poetry</p> 
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the culture.

By attending this discussion people became familiar and knowledgeable of negative images in order to inform others, so that they, too can help to stop the perpetuation of ignorance.

One topic that was shocking and stood out in this discussion was the relation to the recent Hip-Hop song "chicken noodle soup" by DJ Webstar to 19th century

and often disparaging ways: as ignorant, lazy, bufoonish, superstitious, joyous, and musical.

"The minstrel show began with brief burlesques and comic entr'actes in the early 1830s and emerged as a full-fledged form in the next decade.

"It survived as professional entertainment until about 1910; amateur performances continued until the 1950s in high

Chicken Noodle Soup by DJ Webstar, "Ironically, while minstrel show rap obviously has its origins in shitty southern hip-hop, it was a group of jigs in Harlem, New York who were the first to cross that line into actual minstrelsy. If you notice, there's hardly a difference between the Chicken Noodle Soup dance, which is all the rage on YouTube these days, and the actual dances performed in 19th century

nos, because they hardly hear about or see them being acknowledged for their accomplishments? Is that why they did not dress up as doctors or lawyers?

It could be, but hopefully we learn a lesson from these actions, so that they will not repeat themselves. Minorities have to step up and look at how we are being portrayed and find ways to close this door of ignorance.

Holiday messages from the Prospectus staff

As we closed out the semester with this final issue of the 2006 Prospectus, I asked the staff to share some holiday messages with you. The paper has taken some very big steps in terms of advancement in the semester, and as a team we have learned a lot of new information together. We are very grateful for all of you who have voiced your opinions, who have contributed articles, photographs, and ideas.

I want to express my sincere thanks to my staff, and I've made some side notes in italics with their messages expressing to you some of the great work they've done this year. Their hard work has helped to keep you, the reader, informed and aware. Thank you, and have a safe and heartfelt holiday season.

My love to Eva, Sarah and her family, my family in Hawaii and Texas, the Terrell Public Library staff, Siddartha, and my numerous friends who help me to keep working with positive gusto over seventy hours a week, every week, every month, all year long.—Aaron Geiger, editor, Prospectus.

John Eby, Advisor

A second grade teacher read it to my brothers and me in, maybe 1965. I went back to it in 1993. To date, I've read Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* nine or ten times. It's short! But even better, its brilliance never fades. Its message never diminishes. And, it's much better to read than just watch the movies.

"I don't mean to be a Scrooge" is a sentence many of us have heard or used. But recall, reread, or read for the first time, part of the story's ending:

"Scrooge was better than his word. He did it all, and infinitely more...He became as good a friend, as good a master, and as good a man, as the good old city knew, or any other good old city, town, or borough, in the good old world. Some people laughed to see the alteration in him, but he let them laugh, and little heeded them; for he was wise enough to know that nothing ever happened on this globe, for good, at which some people did not have their fill of laughter in the outset; and knowing that such as these would be blind anyway... His own heart laughed: and that was quite enough for him...and it was always said of him, that

he knew how to keep Christmas well, if any man alive possessed the knowledge. May that be truly said of us, and of all of us!"

I have a difficult time not associating this story just with Christmas. That is, after all, its setting. But, these are global ideals, and human aspirations meant for consideration throughout the year. So, in that sense we should all be more like Scrooge.

Erik Pheifer, Assistant Editor

There are two things I want to do when the New Year arrives. The first is to continue to become a better writer. The second thing is something I have wanted to do for a while and that is to go to a United States National Soccer Team match. Hopefully, I will be able to do both. I would also like to take this time to thank everyone who has been helpful to me with my writing over the past year and a half, especially my loving girlfriend and everyone in the Parkland Athletic Department. Have a happy holiday season! [Erik has been a tremendous help, including his close ties with the athletic department, and his choice to step into a leadership role as Assistant Editor. The Prospectus would like to wish him well as he continues his education at EIU.—ed.]

Kate Kaput, Advertising Sales and Business Manager

Wow, 2006 is almost over!?! It's Strange how fast a year goes by but also strange how many things can happen in just one year. I hopefully will retain the lessons I learned this year and use them in the years to come. I would also like to thank everyone who has continued to read our paper this year through its many changes! ~ Happy Holidays! [All of the classifieds and advertisements that keep the paper running are managed by Kate. Her position is very important in the day-to-day functioning of the paper.—ed.]

Ellen Schmidt, Staff Writer

Merry Christmas! I would like to share with you in part a column that my grandfather, Bill Reilly, ran on Christmas. He was managing editor of the Daily News-Record until his death in November of 1961.

What do I want for Christmas?

I want to know again the memories of Christmases gone by with some of the hope born of the season erasing the sadness that must come with such memories.

I want to find in my heart too, a bit of remembering and a bit of forgetting...remembering the friendships and all their blessings...forgetting ill will and grievances old.

And because it is Christmas, I want to find it in my heart to give...to give not for the smug satisfaction of giving, but because I want to give and for that reason alone. And if I receive, let it be with a grateful heart.

I want those whom I love who are far away, to be near me in thought and spirit, and over the miles I want to feel and know the love I have for them this day and every day. And though Christmas may not be ours to share this day, I want the faith to know that other Christmas days will find us together again.

These do I want for Christmas. These may it be my blessing to know.

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Porcha Clark, Contributing Writer/Photographer

To close the semester, I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thanks to all those who support the Prospectus and read our articles from time to time. Also thanks to Aaron for giving me good feedback. I can't wait to start off fresh next year. Until then, Ciao. [Porcha has been working with local Parkland groups, and has helped to develop the Diversity column that has been featured regularly this fall.—ed.]

Megan Olson, Staff Writer

To my fellow Parkland students, have a safe and happy Holiday. Please keep in mind no matter what you celebrate, be it Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Christmas, or a giving spirit, we are all one people. To my family and friends, I love you all and am looking forward to spending quality time with you! [Megan joined up in the middle of the semester, and has helped to add a few articles that contributed to the overall theme of the paper.

She will be back next semester—ed.]

Erika Porter, Photographer

Prospectus Readers—the end of the semester is just about to wrap, and now you need to start wrapping up those presents! I hope the semester has gone by smoothly. Everyone passed their classes, right? I know I did! Have a spectacular winter break and enjoy what little snow we have on the ground. We will see you in 2007! [Erika is one of the major forces behind all of the photography that has been featured throughout the semester. She has helped to bring Parkland and the community to your eyes, and we're glad to have her on the team!—ed.]

Takamichi Kono, Staff Writer

[Takamichi jumped on board in early in the semester. As an international student, his articles have been stellar by all accounts. He has been an important part of the staff, and we wish him a safe holiday journey as he travels back to Tokyo for the break.—ed.]

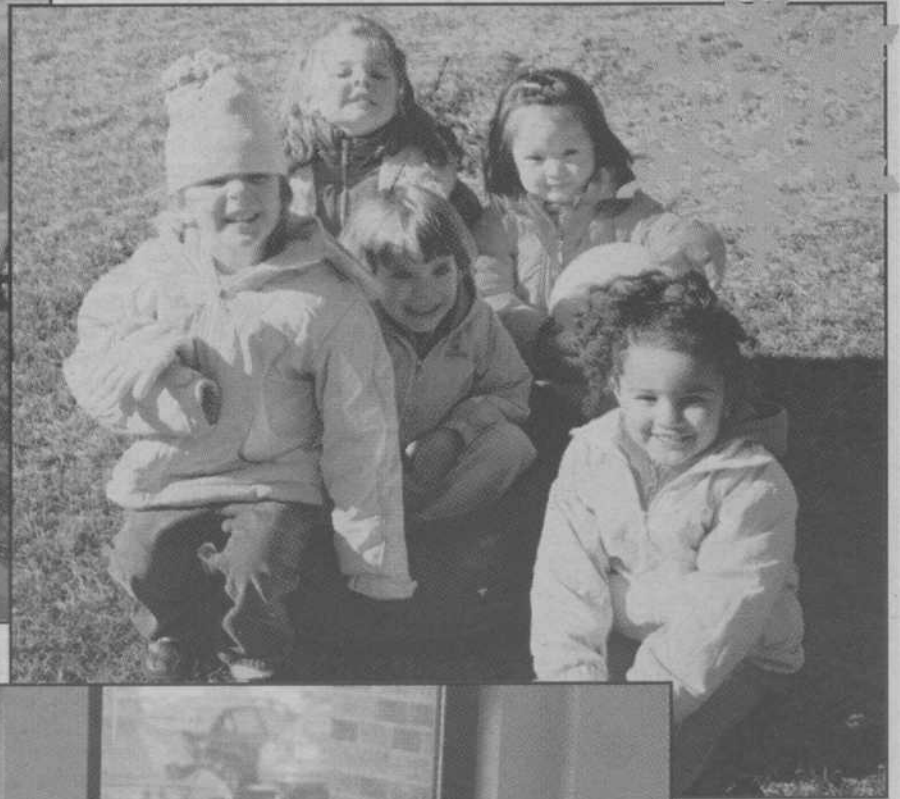
Karen Johner, Photographer

Love.
Christmas is the day of love. A day when the earth is as white as the dove. Presents to the ones we love. And mistle toes followed with a kiss. What a day, you'll always miss. Excitement, food, and warmth. Family, giving hugs and thanks. And the dreams of Old Saint Nick.

But there is something we must keep in mind. Not everyone has the imagined Christmas. We must give thanks and we must be kind. Because some are poor and house-less.

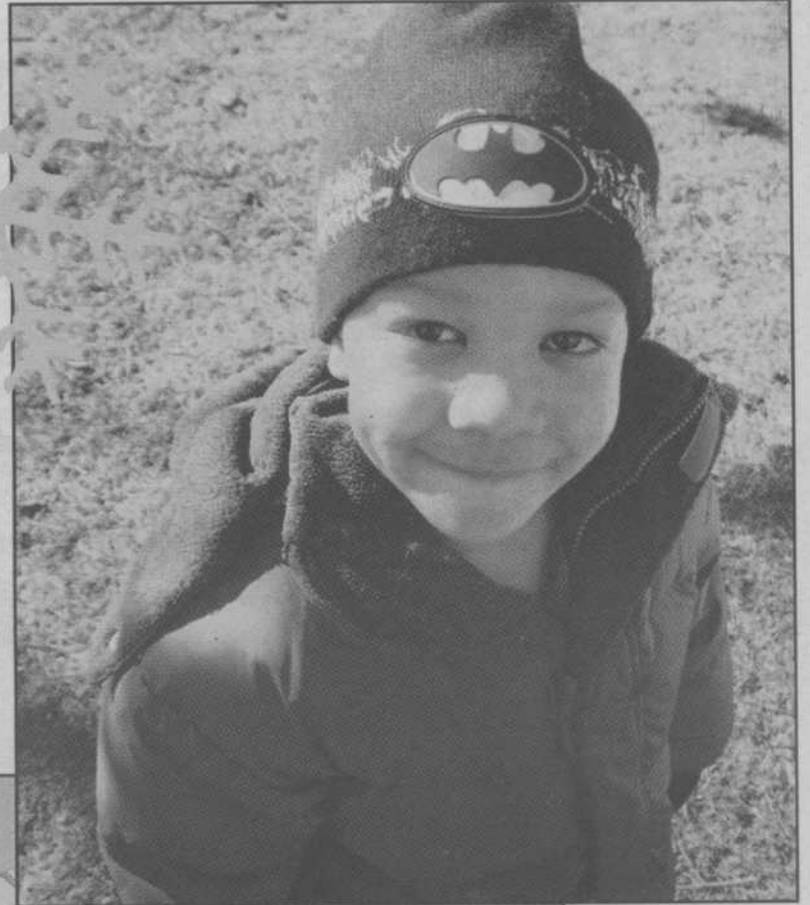
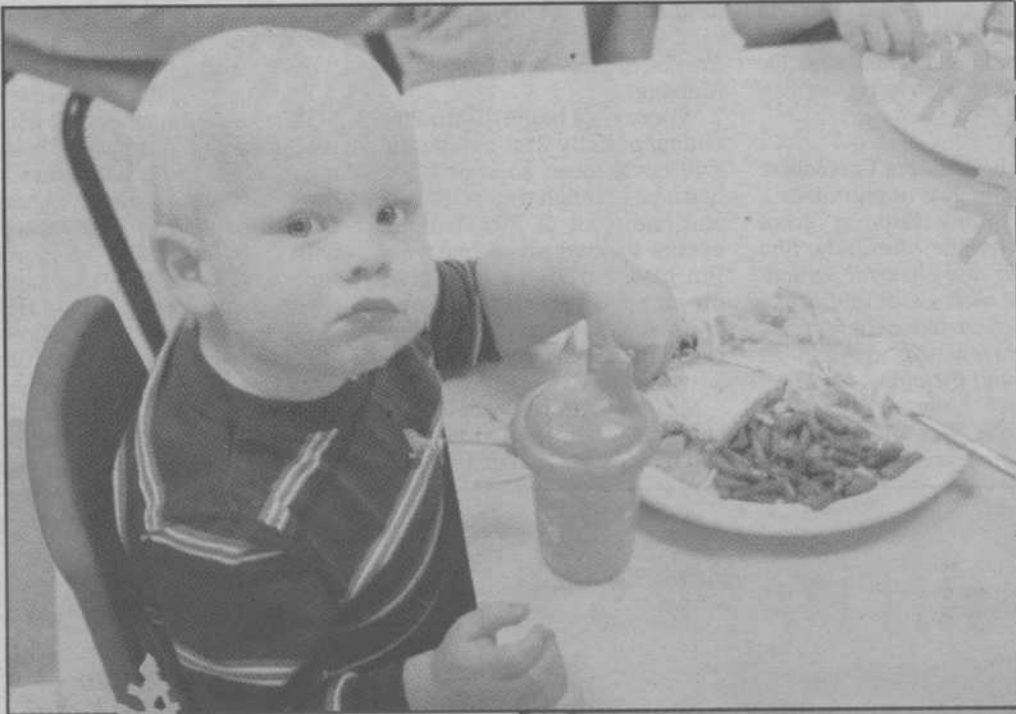
We must always keep those in our mind. And give, to those who can't provide. A special Christmas is when your spirit will life. Because you give someone else that special gift.

[Karen is a veteran of the Prospectus, and has brought you many pictures from behind-the-scenes. She, like the rest of the



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photog staff, have elevated the paper to a new standard in the way of visual imagery.—ed.]

Leah Zimmerman, Photographer/Staff Writer

Christmas is my favorite holiday. Sometimes, though, I get caught up in all of the presents and glitter and forget what Christmas really means to me. I always over spend and I'm always searching for that perfect present for a family member or friend that I don't see until the day after Christmas.

My suggestion for inexpen-

sive gifts for those fun, but not as close, friends or neighbors—go for baked goods. They're easy, fun to do, and you can make a lot at a time for numerous sweets lovers.

Wishing all at the bookstore a very Merry Christmas and safe travels. Also to Stephanie, Devin, Zack, Ahbleza, Rachel, Ryan, and I'm sure others I'm forgetting, "Happy Christmas."

[Leah is a new addition to the Prospectus, and joined us in full force. She has written several articles, and has also been the third musketeer in the photography team. Her contributions have helped the paper immensely. We're very thankful for all of her hard work.—ed.]

Brianna Walden, Parkland Calendar

[Brianna is the lady behind the events on the calendar, and is in her second year here. We would like to wish her a wonderful break.—ed.]

Judy Seyb, Resident Cartoonist

[Everyone has nightmares... but not many have a great sense of humor like Judy. She is a bright and cheerful personality that whizzes in and drops off loads of cartoons. In fact, we still have a few surplus drawings lying around the office.—ed.]

Nikki Blight, Web Mistress

[Nikki has been the resident

code-writing guru, and returned to put the paper back on the web this semester. Check out parkland.edu/prospectus.]

Travis Shoemaker, Production Manager

Where do I begin? With 2006 ending and my 21st coming up, I've never been so happy. I've had a lot of tough times this year and had a lot of life changing events happen all in one year. I'm glad 2007 is near, it gives me an opportunity to start over from scratch—new year, new resolutions, new goals, and new adventures.

My adventures this year have been just that, but mostly bad, 2006 is not a year I want to

remember and that's not good because it's the year I turn 21. With all of my other trials and tribulations I'll be glad to sacrifice one event to forget about a whole year.

I've yet to think of my New Year's resolutions and I don't really want anything for Christmas, other than happiness. I don't have a girlfriend to share the holidays with and shower with gifts, but I take the blame for that, I let her slip right through my fingers. Happy Holidays to everyone who follows and reads our paper, hopefully 2006 was better for you then it was for me. But, 2007 for me will be that much better! [Travis designs the paper—enough





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Weather Forecast

Wednesday: Scattered flurries before noon. Partly cloudy, with a high near 34. West wind around 14 mph.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 11. Wind chill values between zero and 5. Northwest wind between 11 and 14 mph.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 24.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 10. Wind chill values between 2 and 7.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 31.

Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 21.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 41.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 26.

Sunday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 40.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 30.

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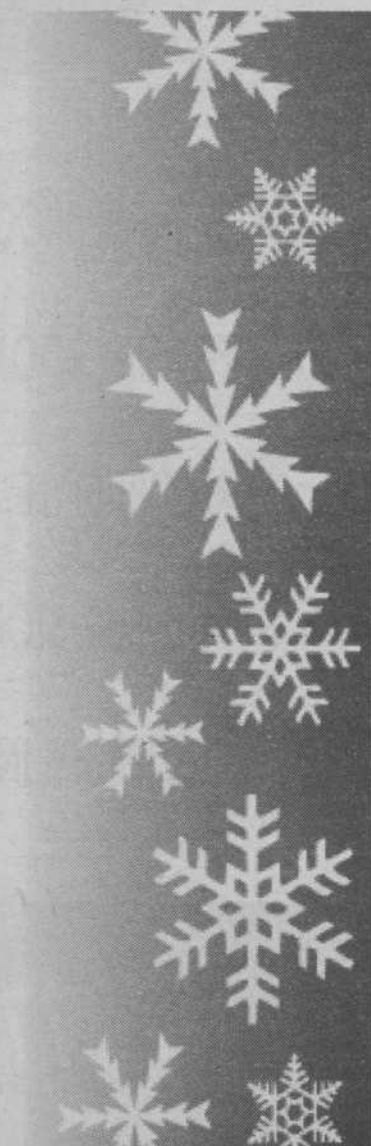
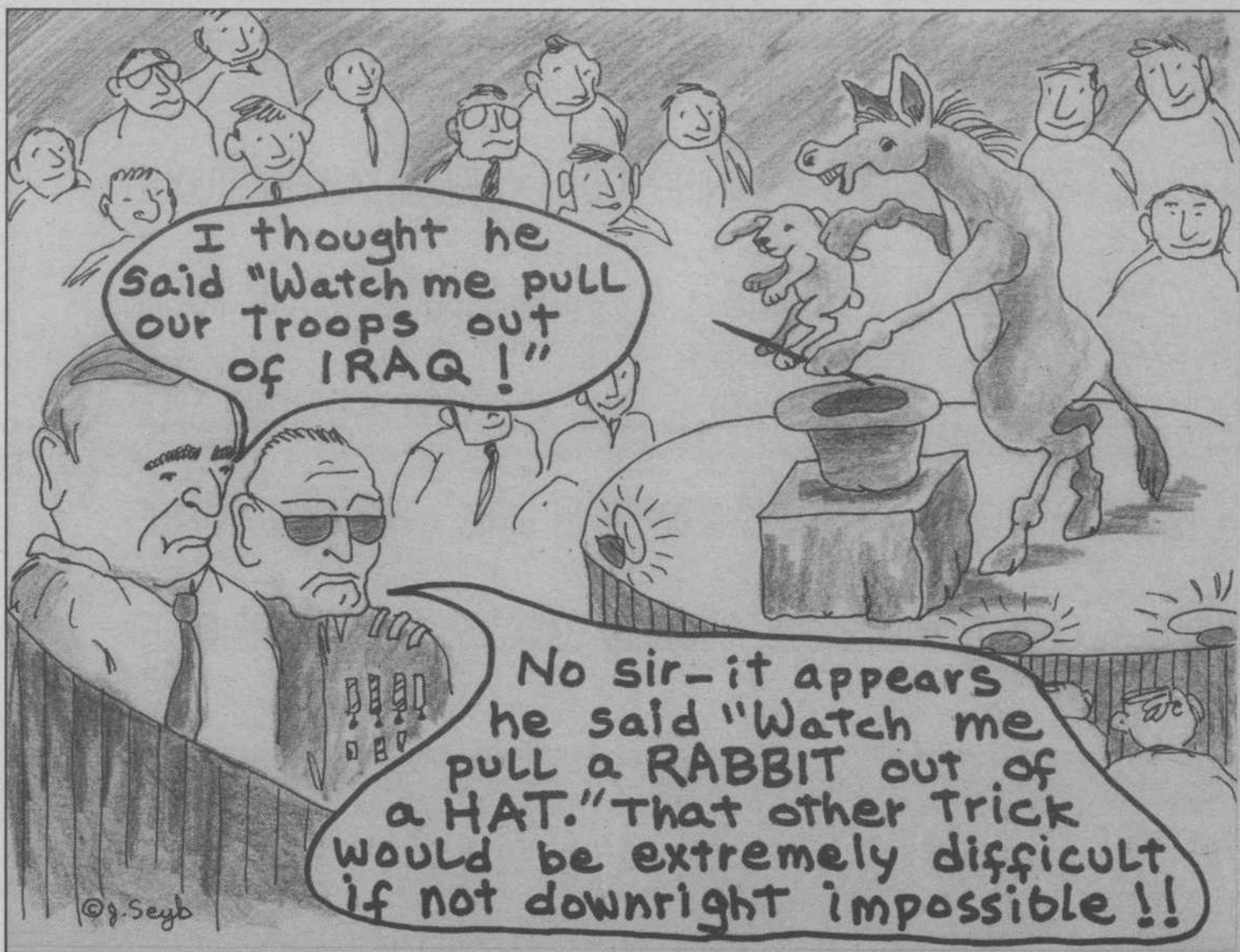
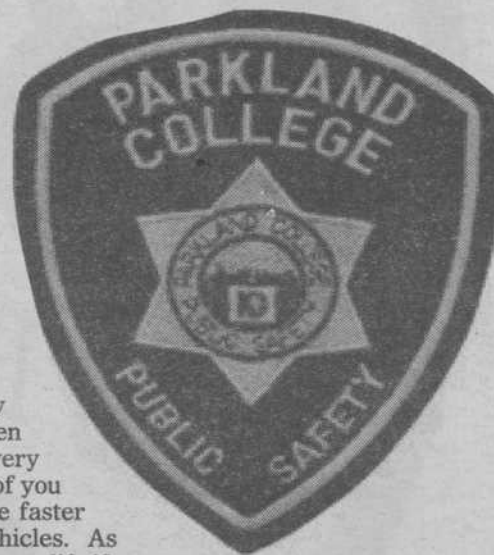
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Wednesday: Showers, high 41, low near 28

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Crossword

- ACROSS**
- Trolley sound
 - Surprised sounds
 - British racetrack
 - Beau number two
 - Help-page acronym
 - Strong point
 - Sharp
 - Prevent from succeeding
 - Friendly
 - Four-legged friend
 - All tied up
 - Funny
 - Bow skill
 - Flabbergast
 - Lack of success
 - Adjective-forming suffix
 - Hind part
 - Grassy field
 - Culpability
 - Capture
 - Sun-dried brick
 - Theater drops
 - Withstood
 - Take the gold
 - Hear visually?
 - Brad or William
 - Sea cow
 - Pose for again
 - Informed about
 - Actress Longoria
 - Hurried
 - Purple shades
 - Shoulder scarf
 - Rub out
 - Past
 - Provide quarters for
 - Spirited horse
 - Smoked salmon
 - Part of ICBM

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- DOWN**
- Rocky outcrop
 - Parasites on people
 - Benevolent like dad's brother
 - United States or Canada, e.g.
 - Flash of light
 - Switch position
 - Angel's strings
 - Tattle
 - Sternward
 - Poor loser
 - Want badly
 - Sea mammal
 - Itsy-bitsy
 - Guitar rhythm
 - Existence
 - "Thief" star
 - Squeaking sound
 - Bro's bros
 - Dusting powder
 - Angry
 - Send payment
 - Manage through sacrifice
 - Last bio?
 - Departed
 - Northern Italian cuisine
 - Wild hog
 - Velocity
 - German/Polish border river
 - Tell all
 - Detroit cager

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- Lounging slippers
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- In addition to stags
- Homer's neighbor
- Red or White team

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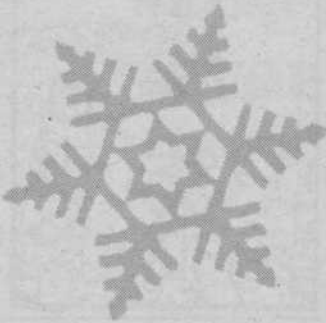
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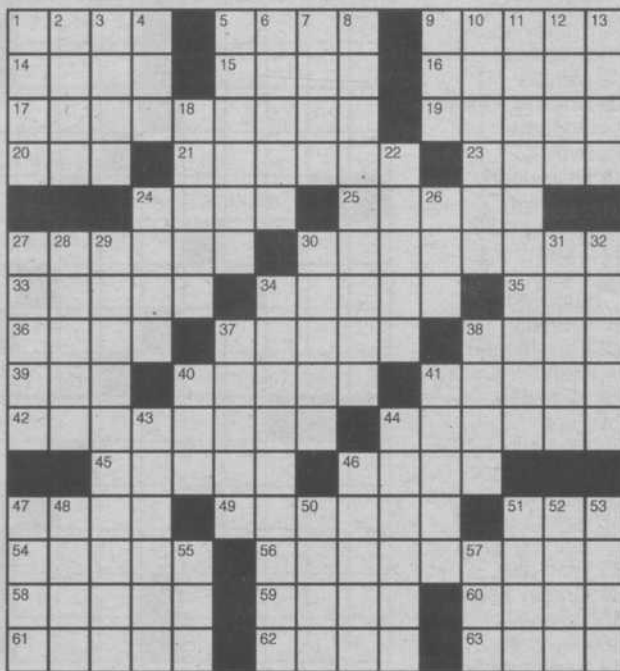
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Crossword

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- 5 Movie siren
- 9 One Gandhi
- 14 We've got a problem!
- 15 Mine, in Metz
- 16 Unicellular critter
- 17 Raining lightly
- 19 1998 Disney feature
- 20 Wd. in Roget's
- 21 Free, with a warning
- 23 Some cameras, briefly
- 24 Skinny
- 25 Kind of cat
- 27 Fancy ties
- 30 Kitchen bin
- 33 Fictitious
- 34 Well-known
- 35 Wind dir.
- 36 Kinks classic
- 37 Cosby kid Lisa
- 38 "Misery" star
- 39 Web address, for short
- 40 More devoted
- 41 Chutney fruit
- 42 Gym shoes
- 44 Marcus or Jackie of baseball
- 45 Rub it in
- 46 Hilo dance
- 47 Half of MCIV
- 49 Pollute
- 51 Actress West
- 54 Respond
- 56 "Sixteen Tons" singer
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- 63 Warrior princess of TV



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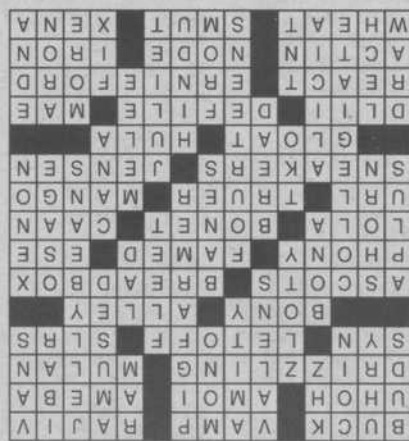
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DOWN

- 1 Flowers-to-be
- 2 "Driving Miss Daisy" writer Alfred
- 3 Meter insert
- 4 Freq. meas.

- 5 1950s rocker Ritchie
- 6 Concord
- 7 Like pre-stereo sound
- 8 Pork supplier
- 9 Aries animal
- 10 Tickled
- 11 Colorful candies
- 12 Building beam
- 13 Moving vehicles
- 18 Poland's currency
- 22 Naval force
- 24 ___ fide
- 26 Young boy
- 27 Stellar grade
- 28 Clipped
- 29 Of undergrads
- 30 Deadly poisons
- 31 Missouri feeder
- 32 Inert gas
- 34 XIVs
- 37 Dough
- 38 Water-to-wine city
- 40 Bout-stopping letters

Solutions



- 41 Free-for-all
- 43 "Clueless" star Silverstone
- 44 Ms. Capulet
- 46 Caste member
- 47 Gunslinger's challenge
- 48 Poland's Walesa
- 50 Beginning with
- 51 Extra amount
- 52 Elvis ___ Presley
- 53 Writer Best
- 55 Nobel explosive
- 57 Repair

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construction tools, including a generator, nail guns, and a circular saw.

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Wal-Mart is being built, was reported. Taken were various construction tools, including several drills and saws.

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On October 16th, a burglary to a small trailer parked in the 1200 block of Cypress Lane was reported. Taken were

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Parkland's Neaville sets NJCAA record

By **ERIK PHEIFER**
Assistant Editor

On November 14 the Parkland College Men's Basketball Team and their star player Matt Neaville took the court against Malcolm X in what started out as just another ordinary basketball game. However, by the end of the game, Neaville had completed what turned out to be a record setting night he will not soon forget.

Neaville actually started the

game off slow, missing his first five three-point shots. However, after the slow start he caught fire. He ended the first half with an impressive 25 points, but the best was yet to come.

In the second half, Neaville took full advantage of the zone defense that Malcolm X was playing. The zone defense allowed him to get open looks from long range all night, and he just kept making them. In fact, he hit an amazing ten treys in the second half. When the half

came to an end, he had scored another 33 points, bringing his total to 58 points for the game. This was enough to break the Parkland single game scoring record of 50.

Neaville finished the game shooting 19 for 29 from the field and 17 for 26 on his three point attempts.

After the game, it was discovered that Neaville had broke the NJCAA record for most three pointers made in a game. The previous record of 15 was set in

2001. This feat is also believed to be a national collegiate record (includes NCAA, NAIA, and NJCAA), but that is still awaiting confirmation.

Neaville wanted to give his teammates credit for continually giving him good looks throughout the game. He said it was amazing and a big accomplishment, but he says he couldn't have done it without them.

Neaville said he was aware what the scoring record was

going into the game.

"It wasn't my goal. It just happened," said Neaville.

Neaville outscored Malcolm X himself as he led the Cobras to a 100-54 victory. He is the leading scorer in the NJCAA averaging 36.3 points per game. He is shooting a mind-blowing 57.6 percent (53 for 92) on three pointers for the season.

Some of the information in this article was borrowed from a Parkland College Athletic Department Press Release.



Athlete Profile

Name: Matt Neaville
Sport: Mens Basketball
Position: Guard
Number: 11
Height: 6'0"
Grade: Sophomore
Favorite Athlete: Kobe Bryant
Favorite Sports Team: Lakers
Other Hobbies: Spending time with girlfriend, music, video games
Future Plans: Play pro basketball overseas or in the NBA
High School: Urbana High
HS Achievements: All area first team senior year, All-state special mentioned, 2nd place in state three-point contest, 3 all-tournament first teams during my career.

Q/A with Matt Neaville —

Why you chose Parkland: It was the best fit for me and a great school

Best sports moment: Hitting a game winning half court shot against Rantoul and breaking the scoring record at Parkland by scoring 58 points against Malcolm X

College Awards: Freshman and Conference Player of the year, Region 24 Player of the year, 3rd team all American, Pre-season 1st team all American.

Thoughts on Award(s): I just thank god, my girlfriend, my family, my teammates, and my coach for giving me the opportunity to play basketball

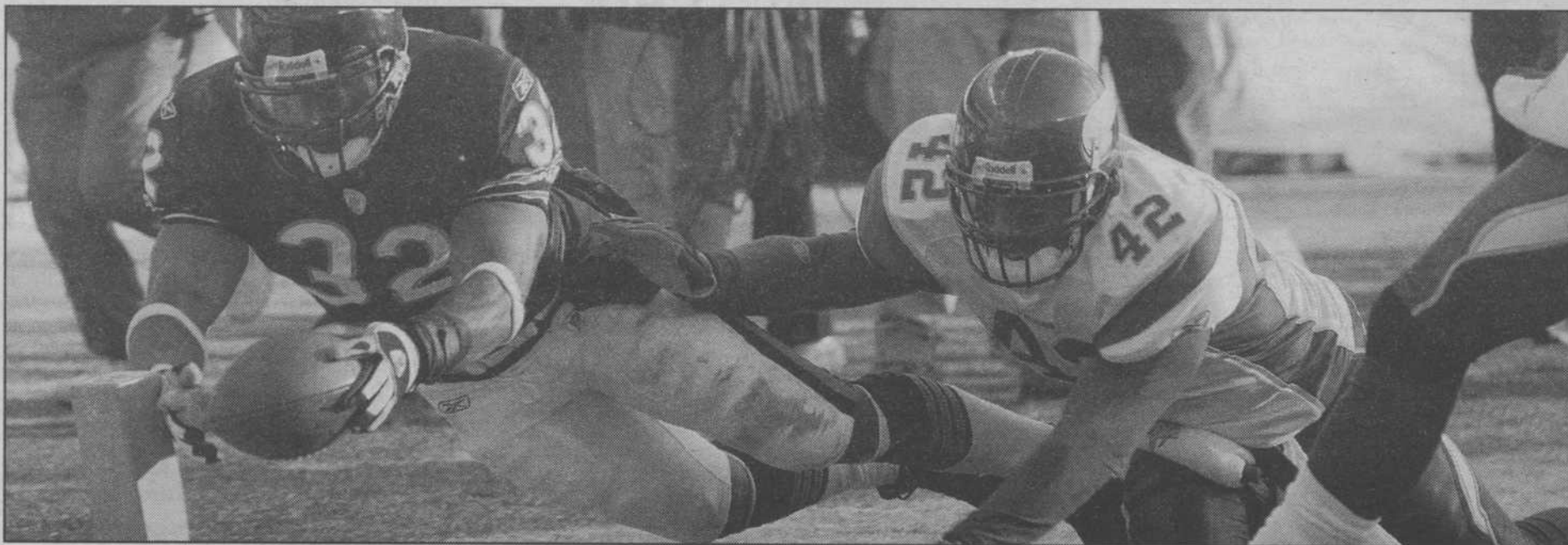
and achieve the awards that I have received.

College Stats: Freshmen—20 ppg, 3 apg, 3 rbg; Sophomore—36.3 ppg

Quote: "Practice makes Perfect"

People don't know what about you?: I like to cuddle

Other Interesting facts about yourself: I can't go Division I or NCAA—period—because my clock has been ticking to long. I started full time school in 2002 and you only get 5 years which this is my fifth year. I quit school for a year or two. So, I am going to go to Biola University, which is a NAIA Division I in California, or go Overseas.



Chicago Bears running back Cedric Benson (32) scores past Minnesota Vikings defender Darren Sharper in the third quarter. The Bears defeated the Vikings, 23-13, at Soldier Field in Chicago, Illinois, Sunday, December 3, 2006.

Jim Prisching/Chicago Tribune (MCT)

Softball coach overcomes Junior College recruiting hardships ■ Clutts turns program into powerhouse

By **ERIK PHEIFER**
Assistant Editor

In the world of college recruiting, there is a distinct difference between the top tier teams and all other collegiate teams. The top tier almost exclusively features NCCA affiliated schools. These schools have the luxury of being able to recruit all of the best players in the country. The big schools are often the ones most talked about.

On the other side of the spectrum there are smaller NCCA schools, NAIA schools, and NJCAA schools. The coaches at small schools have to approach recruiting in a whole different way. They have to be realistic on who they can get and where they can get them. They can't waste their time trying to get

blue chip recruits from all over the nation. These coaches often don't have scouts or numerous assistants to help them with their recruiting. They have to do it mostly by themselves.

Small college coaches have to be creative and flexible. In these ways, being a head coach at a small school is much more challenging than being a head coach at a larger school.

So what are the keys to being successful at this level? What do coaches at small schools have to do on a daily basis to ensure their program's success? How are small college coaches' jobs different from large school coaches'?

To explore the answers to these questions and many more, I interviewed very successful Parkland College Head Softball

Coach Chuck Clutts to get his insight on recruiting at a small school. In six years, Clutts has turned Parkland, an NJCAA Division II school, into a softball dynasty. They have advanced to Nationals five consecutive years finishing in 2nd three times, 4th, and 5th.

Each year Clutts reloads his team with top notch talent and puts his team in position to challenge for a National Championship. What makes this feat even more impressive is that he has been able to do this with constantly changing squads from year to year. Since Parkland is only a junior college school, his players only have two years of eligibility, which means he loses approximately half his players each year.

Clutts sees many differences

between the way small and big colleges recruit. He commented that at the junior college level you have to recruit players that are college ready. He can't take on "projects" like four years schools can because there is not enough time to develop their talent.

Clutts also doesn't usually recruit by position, but looks for players that are flexible and can play multiple positions. This is much different from bigger schools because they recruit to fill specific positions.

He usually has to wait after the NCAA early signing period to see what players are going to do. However, after this passes, he will pursue players that he thinks he can get harder.

He has as many as 65 girls who are interested in playing

at Parkland and the number continues to grow each week. He recruits from the smallest towns to the biggest cities in the state of Illinois. Bigger schools will usually just focus on bigger areas. Recruiting in smaller communities can be tedious but can also be rewarding when you find that diamond in the rough that no one else knew about.

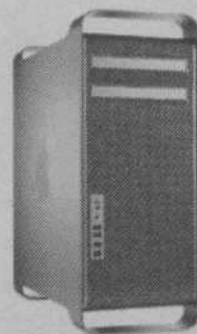
Clutts has many keys to his success at Parkland. He recruits all year long and travels the state to watch dozens of games each week during the summer.

"You have to recruit better than you have," said Clutts. He said he can't be satisfied with the players he has. He continually needs to try and improve his

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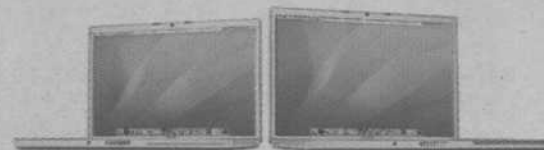
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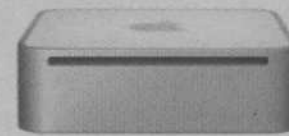
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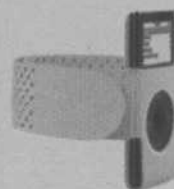
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team. This is not a knock on his players; instead, it is the reality that exists if you want to be good and stay good.

"If I recruit well, my job is a lot easier," added Clutts.

Clutts recruits players as early as their freshman year in high school and will continually keep in touch with them by email. Through their high school years, Clutts will go to multiple games of a prospective player. This takes the pressure off the player of having to perform well during only a few games.

The fact that he shows up to so many games goes a long way with the players and means a great deal to them.

Another one of Clutts' keys is that he has fun with recruiting. It is the second most fun

thing about his job only behind his games. He really enjoys getting to know the girls, watching them develop into extraordinary young women, and seeing them be successful.

"Recruiting is the only game you win and lose at [as a coach]," commented Clutts.

The success of the program has often gone a long way in helping recent recruiting. Players like to win, and at Parkland they will win a lot. The team's success has generated some interest from players from places as far away as Connecticut. Recruits love the idea of having a chance to play for a national title every year.

Clutts and his current players also send out postcards to recruits during Christmas time and other times during the year to make them feel welcome. He also makes use of a questionnaire on the recruiting process to try and improve things in the

future. He also lets prospective recruits and their parents ask questions and voice their concerns to current players.

Maybe the biggest key to his success is Parkland itself. Parkland has a tradition of being one of the best academic junior colleges in the country. Also, the location of Parkland makes things much easier on him. With Parkland being within a short drive of many population clusters, Clutts can recruit and follow a variety of players.

Clutts believes in always being honest with his recruits even if that means losing a player. He will also never say anything bad about another school and will never pressure a player into doing something.

Clutts is a class act on and off the field and future coaches all over the nation would do well to follow the examples he has set in his short and successful time at Parkland.

Men's Basketball

Record: 5-4

The Cobras dropped a close game to 10th ranked Wilbur Wright 73-70. The loss dropped their record to 5-4. The men's upcoming schedule has them playing hosts to Kankakee, Illinois Central, Lincoln Land on December 7th, 8th and 15th, respectively.

They will travel to New York to play two games on the 19th and 21st. They will then close at Winter Break with road games against Shawnee on January 3rd and John Wood on

January 6th.

Women's Basketball

Record: 4-3

Despite a loss last Saturday to Kankakee, the Cobras have still won three out of four games. Their record now stands at 4-3.

They will travel to Lincoln Trail on December 7th, play hosts to Lincoln Land on the 15th, and close out the year with a trip to ICC on the 19th. They open up the New Year with trips to Shawnee and John Wood on the 3rd and 6th.

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