

## Will GOP's Christian base stay at home?

By CARRIE LEVINE

McClatchy Newspapers (MCT)

CHARLOTTE, N.C.—The Rev. Dan Burrell of Northside Baptist Church has lost faith in politics.

Two years ago, Burrell, an outspoken Christian conservative, registered voters, distributed Christian Coalition voter guides, and urged the 3,000 members of his church to the polls.

Not this year.

Burrell said his disillusionment with the national Republican Party—sparked by the war in Iraq, the Mark Foley scandal, and lagging action on conservative social issues—won't stop him from voting.

But his extra effort these days is focused on saving souls, not electing politicians.

"In terms of major get-out-the-vote campaigns, frankly,

we're going to be focused more on the work of the Gospel and ministering to our local community," he said.

As Election Day looms, political activists are eyeing Burrell and others like him, trying to perform a critical election-year calculation: Will the religious right turn out as strongly as in the past?

The question is an especially important one for Republicans fighting to maintain control of Congress. The party credited Christian conservative turnout two years ago as a major factor in President Bush's re-election. Their votes could prove decisive this year in an election that Democrats—motivated by years of losses—are eager



Gov. Jennifer Granholm gestures during an appearance at Hartford Memorial Baptist Church in Detroit, Michigan, Sunday, November 5, 2006. Granholm visited churches Sunday two days prior to the election.

Mandi Wright / Detroit Free Press (MCT)

to win.

"They are the bulwarks that the Republicans have against really catastrophic losses," said Matthew Wilson, a political science professor at Southern Methodist University in Dallas. "If Republicans are going to hold on to really either house of Congress, it's going to be important on Election Day that conservative religious voters turn out in significant numbers."

Conservative religious voters will likely turn out in force in states that have gay-marriage bans on the ballot, including South Carolina, where most say it is almost certain to pass. Hotly contested races—such

as the one between U.S. Rep. Charles Taylor, a Republican, and Democrat Heath Shuler to represent the 11th Congressional District in Western North Carolina—also are expected to generate higher turnout.

A controversial recent ruling on gay marriage in New Jersey might help energize the conservative voting base nationally.

Jack Joyce, 52, sits on the session of elders at Calvary Church, and said he isn't disillusioned with the Republican Party, but he's spoken to many other evangelical voters who are.

"I think they feel as though they have rallied, and they have gone to the polls and they have supported candidates and they don't always feel as though those candidates have in turn supported them," he said.

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## The Paradox of Religion

### 'Sexually immoral conduct' noted in pastor's dismissal

By PAUL ASAY, DEEDEE CORRELL AND BILL VOGRIN

The Gazette (MCT)

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo.—The "moral failings" and "sexual misconduct" of one of the country's most influential evangelists led to his dismissal Saturday from the helm of the megachurch he founded in his basement.

The Rev. Ted Haggard was removed as leader of New Life Church after a group of pastors investigating allegations against him determined Haggard had "committed sexually immoral conduct."

"We have decided that the most positive and productive direction for our church is his dismissal and removal," said a statement from the four pastors outside New Life Church.

Haggard agreed with their decision, which was made "in consultation with leading evangelicals and experts familiar

with the type of behavior Pastor Haggard has demonstrated," according to a statement released by the board.

The Rev. Mike Ware of Victory Church in Westminster, a member of the independent board, declined to characterize what investigators found, but their inquiry apparently isn't over.

The board "will continue to explore the depth of Pastor Haggard's offense so that a plan of healing and restoration can begin," read a statement from the church.

The news stunned and saddened people at the church, who



In a log cabin at the Praise Mountain prayer and fasting center, Ted Haggard digs into prayer requests from members of his New Life Church.

Andy Rogers / Colorado Springs Gazette (MCT)

were busy Saturday afternoon setting up for what they expect

to be an overflow crowd for Sunday morning services. A letter of explanation and apology by Haggard and a "word of encouragement" from his wife, Gayle, will be read at the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. services.

"He wants to be finished with this," said Stephen Larson, an assistant to Haggard. "He's broken. He surely knows the shame he brought on his family, his church, his friends. He's not thinking about himself."

Haggard will remain in communication with the church, Larson said. "By no means will he be excommunicated or gone. He's still our loving brother," he said as he walked a New Life hallway lined with framed newspaper articles about the church, including their 1990 groundbreaking and the February 2005 Time Magazine cover.

However, he said, Haggard probably won't be around for a little while.

Larson said Haggard wasn't

upset or emotional when they spoke Friday on the telephone. "He's strong. He's going to push through this," he said.

Haggard apologized for what Larson characterized as a sin that shocked him but was understandable.

"It's a shock but it's not surprise that he would sin. He's a man. We're all prone to temptation. Pastor Ted was tempted, and he fell."

Haggard has preached in sermons that if he ever was kicked out of the church, he would still serve the church—even by picking up soda pop cans.

Saturday afternoon, Christian rock music played in the background as some people walked the church halls praying.

Most said the revelations of the past few days have strengthened their faith and their resolve that New Life Church will survive without the man who built

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## All denominations welcome in Parkland organization

By ZACHARY KEAGLE  
Contributing Writer

Is what some people believe the same as others? That's the main point of the question that is asked when Christians of all denominations get together on Thursday's in room B-134 for Parkland Christian Fellowship. Parkland Christian Fellowship is a group that is non-denominational—meaning no denomination supports it—is open to the public, and costs nothing. Group leader Daniel Kolb, said, "This semester we are doing much better, and it is a great encour-

agement! I'm thrilled for the opportunity to get the group 'out there' and it means a lot that we are willing to take a stand for Christ!"

Before this semester, the group really had been down in attendance, because they had meetings in the lecture hall and it may have seemed that the Lecture Hall in C-118 was too big for the group. They had planned some activities for doing things at Parkland, but they really didn't turn out good. "Well, to be honest it has been difficult, last semester was very discouraging in that regard. A lot of the problem I think is that we haven't done enough to advertise ourselves. Organization has always been a weakness of the group, in addition there has been confusion as to where it meets."

As of now the group has been doing better then compared to last year. "Right now we are watching a DVD series called 'The Truth Project' for the first half of the meeting, and then discussing it the second half. The DVD deals with the concept of truth and whether truth is something that is universal or relative. It is interesting because it

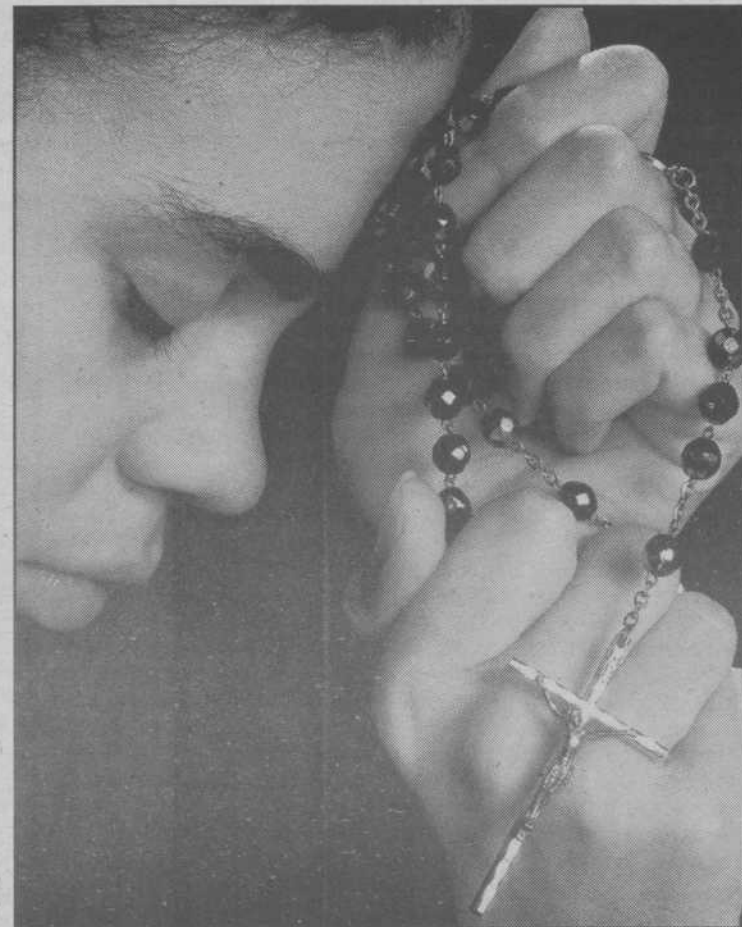
shows why truth is important, how it shapes our worldview, and the reason a biblical worldview seems to be at odds with a purely secular worldview," Kolb said.

"Some segments are interviews of people from all different walks of life such as an improv comedian, a homeless person, and a tattoo artist, and what they believe about truth. Some parts of it are lecture and other parts are an open discussion."

We will be continuing in this format for quite sometime, in addition social events are being planned such as a cookout, and a retreat."

The group usually averages about 10 to 12 people and they meet in a regular classroom. When asked about how to get involved with Parkland Christian Fellowship, Kolb said, "It's really easy. Just show up at a meeting. PCF meets every Thursday 12-1pm in B134."

I should mention that PCF is completely non-denominational. It doesn't matter if you have a background in the church or anything like that, everyone is welcome."



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## Dollars and Sense from FinAid

### ■ How do committees judge scholarship applications?

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In order to submit a winning scholarship application packet, you need to know what scholarship committees look for.

The following tells how you can give yourself the best chance of winning a scholarship.

**1st Round** – Committee members usually spend only 15 to 30 seconds looking at each application.

Give your application one last check to be sure yours has what it takes to make it to the 2nd Round.

- Do you have the basic qualifications? Nothing will disqualify you more quickly than not meeting the minimum requirements.

- Is your application neat? Stained applications with messy handwriting won't make it past the first viewing.

- Have you included all the required documents? Be sure

all required references, transcripts, and other items are submitted with the application.

- Have you answered all the questions? Check your application again to make sure you haven't left anything out.



**2nd Round** – The committee separates the applications that made it through the first round as "okay" or "great." Your appli-

cation will only make it into the "great" pile if your responses are thorough and well-thought-out.

Make sure your responses answer the question, and that your grammar, spelling, and punctuation are correct. Check and double-check your essays. Have someone else look it over for you, also.

**3rd and final Round** – The scholarship committee will now examine and compare every detail of the remaining applications for the following, depending on the scholarship requirements:

**Leadership** – The committee will look at the activities you've listed, paying particular attention to leadership positions you've held—or the lack of positions you've held.

**Service** – If you have been involved in community service, the committee will look at whether or not you consistently

volunteer. If volunteer work is required for your program of study, the committee will look to see if you also volunteer in places not required for school.

**Creativity** – If you play an instrument, write stories, paint pictures or act in plays, put that in your essay. Be sure to include information about any awards you've won.

**Special circumstances** – The committee will want to know if you've overcome any obstacles to achieve your goals.

Include details about how you accomplished everything that you have in spite of any challenges.

Scholarship committees take the responsibility of selecting winners very seriously.

If you apply for scholarships in an equally responsible way, and follow the above guidelines, you will greatly increase your chances of winning one or more scholarships.

## HAGGARD

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it from the ground up.

"We will get through this together," Associate Pastor Ross Parsley wrote in an email to church members. "Remember, New Life Church has never been a man, or a building or anything else—we are a family."

"New Life Church is about its members, not its pastor," echoed Adam Poelstra, 20, of Monument. "He always said, 'If I make a mistake and have to leave, New Life Church will go on. Pastor Ted always taught us we're all humans and we all make mistakes. We never viewed him as a super saint. He didn't want us to.'"

Some viewed Haggard as one who succumbed to evils that exist.

"This makes my faith stronger knowing the devil roams the earth like a lion devouring people," said

Rick Ricchi, 49, a church member for five years. "It tells me how much I need Jesus in my life... It makes me realize anyone can be tempted."

Ricchi, an admissions counselor for the Air Force Academy, said he worries that the incident will shake the faith of younger Christians.

"It's been hard, personally hard," said Jordan Snell, 22, a church member for more than three years. "The systems in place are working and Pastor Ted put them in place. New Life Church will continue to serve the people of Colorado Springs."

"I haven't processed everything yet, but I'll continue to support and love Pastor Ted."

The investigation that led to Saturday's action by the church came quickly after a Denver man on Wednesday alleged that Haggard paid him for sex over a three-year period. The investigating pastors—a board of overseers created under the governing structure of New Life church—met at length with Haggard Friday and also met Saturday to deliberate on Haggard's "moral failings."

When Haggard learned of Mike Jones' allegations Wednesday, he immediately denied them.

Thursday, Haggard resigned his leadership post at the National Association of Evangelicals and placed himself on administrative leave from the 14,000-member New Life

Church.

Haggard on Friday admitted he bought methamphetamine from Jones, but maintained he never had sex with Jones and never used the drug.

"I bought it for myself but never used it. I was tempted but I never used it," he said in an impromptu interview with reporters from his pickup as he left his home with his wife and three of his children.

Haggard said he met Jones through a referral for a massage from "a hotel I was staying at."

Jones dismissed the explanation, telling MSNBC, "No concierge in Denver would have referred me." He said he had advertised himself as an escort only in gay publications or on gay Web sites.

### "As evangelicals, we have not done a very good job of addressing it (homosexuality)."

Jones told The Gazette his acquaintance with Haggard—whom he knew as "Art"—lasted about three years, with Haggard calling him every month or so and paying him for sex. Haggard's middle name is Arthur.

Jones said he first learned Haggard's real identity about six months ago when he spotted him on a television program. When he learned about Haggard's positions on same-sex marriage, "I got to tell you, I started getting pissed."

Jones said he wanted to expose Haggard partly because this year's election includes two gay rights issues on Colorado's ballot. Amendment 43 would define marriage as between a man and a woman, and Referendum I would give same-sex couples certain legal rights.

Haggard has been an outspoken supporter of Amendment 43—and made a reference to the upcoming election in his Oct. 29 sermon.

"Father, help us this next week and a half as we go into national elections," he said. "Father, we pray that lies would be exposed. We pray that deception would be exposed."

Haggard also was a strong advocate for the environment and exhorted evangelicals to broaden their "moral values" beyond abortion and homosexuality.

He advocated accountability among clergy, saying that pastors should be held accountable

for their actions.

"As soon as we believe that we can think, say or do secret things, there is a greater opportunity for the enemy to violate God's Word (sic)," Haggard wrote in his book "Primary Purpose." "After all, the newspaper's best headlines are accounts of people doing things they thought would remain a secret."

Jones, 49, said Saturday the minister was lying about what transpired between them. Appearing on NBC's "Today" show in New York, Jones said Haggard contacted him for sex, and that Jones arranged to get him meth, which he saw Haggard use.

"I think he's already damaged his credibility. He denied even knowing me to begin with," Jones said Saturday.

He said he wrestled with the decision to come forward, but decided to do so because of Haggard's public stance on gay marriage.

"He's up there saying, 'Believe in the sanctity of marriage,' but he's cheating on his wife. That's not right," Jones said.

He also said he felt sorry for Haggard. "I'm sorry about his family, but he contacted me. He initiated it. I did not," he said.

This is an extremely difficult time for Haggard's family, said Rob Brendle, associate pastor for New Life Church.

"I know that his (Haggard's) primary emphasis is on spending time with his family, and you can imagine the duress under which they find themselves," he said.

It's not yet known whether the allegations could produce criminal charges. Denver police said they are "watching this situation unfold and plan on reaching out to the involved parties for information on crimes that may have been committed."

Possession of meth is a felony.

Parsley, the associate pastor, has been named interim senior pastor, and a release Saturday said a process to appoint a permanent pastor will begin immediately. A senior pastor is expected to be named by the end of the year.

The National Association of Evangelicals' executive committee voted to accept Hag-

gard's resignation after they learned of his admissions.

The Bible holds Christian leaders to a higher standard of accountability, a statement read.

"Therefore, it is especially serious when a pastor and prominent Christian leader deliberately violates God's standards of conduct."

Because of the "seriousness of Rev. Haggard's misconduct," the statement read, "an extended period of recovery will be appropriate."

The dismissal left local faith leaders shocked and sad.

"I would call this a 911 in this city," said the Rev. Kelly Williams, senior pastor for Vanguard Church.

Williams said local pastors should rally around New Life Church and its congregants who "are going to be traumatized." The scandal will add

to cynicism about the church, he said.

"As evangelicals, we have not done a very good job of addressing it (homosexuality)," Williams said. "It is a huge issue in our city, and we have neglected to see that."

The Rev. Benjamin Reynolds, who left his own church, Emmanuel Missionary Baptist Church, last Sunday after revealing he was gay, said that "the whole body of Christ is hurting. I'm not a member of New Life, but I'm certainly hurting."

Rabbi Howard Hirsch, executive director of the Center for Christian-Jewish Dialogue, said, "We are all in a state of shock and disbelief. He has been my friend for a very long period of time and I want to remain his friend and be as helpful to him and his family as I can."

Other pastors declined comment. Focus on the Family said it would not issue an immediate statement over Haggard's dismissal. In a statement the organization released Friday, James Dobson said that "sexual sin, whether homosexual or heterosexual, has serious consequences, and we are extremely concerned for Ted, his family and his church."



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Saturday, November 11:  
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Marilyn Ryan

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## Britain engages in debate about Muslim women in head scarves

By TOM HUNDLEY  
Chicago Tribune (MCT)

LOUGHBOROUGH, Eng-land—When you meet Rahmanara Chowdhury, she tends to look you straight in the eye. Given that her eyes are the only part of her face that most people are permitted to see, this is significant.

Chowdhury, 26, is one of a small but growing minority of Muslim women who have decided to wear the niqab, an extremely conservative form of hijab, or modest dress, in which a veil is used to cover the entire face except for the eyes.

She first began wearing the niqab six years ago while she was a student at Loughborough University, where she now works as a sports education instructor.

"I did a lot of reading and thinking, trying to understand the different Islamic viewpoints. My main concern was the effect it would have on my university studies, and how other people at the university would react to me," she explained over tea at a student canteen.

"Then I realized that I am not doing it for other people. It is a very spiritual journey, between God and me. When I understood that, I woke up the next morning and it was decided. It is one of the best decisions I ever made," she said.

It also is a decision that places her at the center of a complex and emotional debate that is testing the limits of multiculturalism and tolerance in Britain. The question is whether an individual's right to freedom of religion and expression takes precedence over the cultural norms of a society that expects interpersonal exchanges to be face-to-face.

Prime Minister Tony Blair has criticized the niqab as a "mark of separation" that inhibits integration and makes non-Muslim Britons "feel uncomfortable." David Davis, a leader in the opposition Conservative Party, said that wearing the full-face veil amounted to "voluntary apartheid."

Feminists, among them many Muslim women, say the niqab is a medieval manifestation of female subjugation, but Chowdhury and others who have chosen to cover their face insist that it liberates them from superficial Western notions of female attractiveness and from the

unwanted attentions of men.

It all seems rather strange that in a country where half-naked females are daily fare in tabloid newspapers, a woman can be censured for displaying too much modesty.



Mahnaz Shabbir of Stilwell, Kansas, does not always wear her hijab, the traditional head scarf worn by Muslim women, but she always carries one with her.

Delores Johnson/Kansas City Star (MCT)

The niqab became a national topic of conversation last month when former foreign minister Jack Straw, now the leader of the House of Commons, wrote an article explaining that he has decided to ask women who visit his district office to remove the niqab, saying he found it to be an obstacle to communication.

Straw, whose district in Blackburn is about 20 percent Muslim, made clear that had no problem with head scarves that did not cover the face, and that he only suggested—never demanded—that the veil be removed.

A few days later, a labor tribunal in Yorkshire upheld local school authorities who suspended a 24-year-old teaching assistant for refusing to remove her niqab in the classroom. Aishah Azmi's job was to teach language skills, and after monitoring her classroom performance, the school decided that the niqab was hindering her ability to teach. The story was front-page news.

Blair said he supported the suspension, but critics accused the government of discrimination and Islamophobia.

Most of the girls in the pro-

gram are Muslim, and when Chowdhury is coaching them, a portion of the gym is temporarily closed off to males. In that environment, Chowdhury removes her niqab. She also said she had no problem removing it

the niqab, Chowdhury said she was "gobsmacked."

"A racist might not be comfortable around black people, but that doesn't give him the right to go up to a black person and say, 'Look, your skin color makes me uncomfortable. Would you mind changing it?'" she said. "I think Jack Straw needs to get involved in a more constructive dialogue."

But other Muslim women have applauded Straw.

"There's no other culture or religion that expects people to walk around with their faces covered up," said Saira Khan, 35, a businesswoman who dresses in stylish Western clothing.

"We're not talking about covering your hair; we're talking about covering your face. This is not about freedom of speech or freedom of religion, it's about taking something to an extreme," she said.

Khan recently achieved a measure of fame when she was runner-up in the British version of Donald Trump's reality TV show, "The Apprentice." Like Chowdhury, she is Midlands-born and bred, and she is the daughter of Kashmiri immigrants.

"My parents were typical of the generation that came over in the 60s. They always felt a danger that we might assimilate and forget where our roots were," she said. "My father was quite strict, but he came to believe

that his children should have all the opportunities of this society, and not see life from behind a barrier."

Khan's mother wore the traditional salwaar kameez—a long tunic over trousers—and a chador that covered her hair. But she never thought twice about removing the chador to comply with safety regulations at the auto plant where she worked, and putting it back on when she went home.

Khan never had worn any kind of head covering until last month, when she agreed to wear the niqab for a television documentary that she helped produce.

"I felt like I didn't exist. It was a very isolating experience," she said. "People didn't treat me with disrespect or look at me like I was an alien. I was the one who felt uncomfortable. By the way I was dressed I was telling people, 'Don't come up to me.'"

Khan and Chowdhury agree on one thing: There is no religious requirement for a woman to cover her face.

"So wearing the niqab doesn't make you a better Muslim," insisted Khan.

Chowdhury disagreed. "It's not an obligation, but if you do it, it's a very good thing," she said.

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## Are we ignoring our veterans?

By MEGAN M. OLSEN  
Prospectus Staff Writer

Veteran's Day is upon us. Ideally we should be remembering the men and women who have fought bravely for our freedom. Surprisingly enough, many of us tend to overlook this holiday as an excuse to have leisure time from work and school. We tend to disconnect ourselves from wars and all the sacrifices that accompanied them. How can we so easily dismiss the extinguished lives, the emotional and mental traumas, and the physical scars of these individuals?

The War on Terrorism is a battle that will be waged for a long time to come. America is already paying the price. Our loved ones have been wounded and killed. Our country's economy and reputation have been put on the line. We risk the criticism of our allies, the weakening of diplomatic ties, and the harsh retaliations of a coun-

try that does not want us there to begin with. Where are these weapons of mass destruction our government was so certain of? There are none. America rushed into battle without so much as a pause to consider what it was doing. As a result, we are locked in another Vietnam War.

Dr. Richard Morris, an English professor at Parkland, has seen both the Vietnam War and this one. He remarks that, "There are too many similarities between Vietnam and Iraq to count. They were rushed decisions that weren't well thought through. Our troops were sent into countries where they had very little understanding of the native peoples and their cultures."

"Vietnam and Iraq both caused mass destruction for each side fighting," said Anita Taylor, a secretary working at Parkland. "I am against war in general. It makes dysfunctional

families and increases substance abuse. The psychological trauma inflicted upon the fighters is terrible."

Now a whole new generation of veterans is being shaped. These individuals are engaged in a unique fashion of warfare. Advanced technology, differing war tactics, and high homeland sympathy make the War on Terror something the United States has never seen before.

"There is a lot more support for the American troops than in previous wars," Dr. Morris added.

Rashaun Carter, Engineering major at Parkland, commented, "The Iraq veterans will still take a heavy impact mentally from the war. At least they aren't dealing so much with things like lethal drugs and gases."

"It really is a different kind of war. The U.S. troops don't have a definite enemy. Anyone could be a friend or trying to kill them," Freda DeCerbo, a professor of

Psychology at Parkland, said.

What benefits can the Iraq veterans expect? When the Vietnam veterans returned home, some of them received grotesque neglect. Many of them did not obtain the medical aid that they were entitled to. These were the men and women who were disabled and mentally challenged from all that they had suffered through. Those that had no families or friends wound up homeless.

"It's horrible," said Shelly Whitlow, a Dental Hygiene major. "The veterans should have more recognition and care."

Anita Taylor said, "It's an injustice to the people who have fought. These veterans are victims of war. They could have been spared if countries had been more willing to discuss their differences. The least the government could do is to assist the veterans with medical needs and housing."

Why are the men and women of the armed forces even involved with Iraq? That really depends upon each individual. It may be the benefits of the armed forces or a sense of obligation to protect the country. They may be proud to serve as defenders of the United States or forced to endure a war they never wanted. Every one of these Iraq veterans will have their own unique story to tell.

"They should be recognized with more ceremonies and services," said Ms. Whitlow.

"The government could build places for homeless veterans to live. It could also offer more benefits and better enforce what the veterans are entitled to," Mr. Carter said.

One thing is for certain; all our veterans deserve more praise and attention. They should not be heroes and heroines that we ignore.

*Veterans Day will be observed on November 11.*



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# A slow path to a college degree

By **NOAH BIERMAN**  
*McClatchy Newspapers (MCT)*

MIAMI —Luis Lopez Florez sees South Florida from the speckled blue cloth seat of a bus. Screeches, bells and the deep bass of a diesel engine provide the background noises of a complicated five-and-a-half-hour commute.

This 38-year-old man lugs a backpack across busy streets and under bridges, to bus stops and rail stations, as part of a slow path to a college degree.

"This is part of the sacrifice I have to do," he explains. "My goal is to get a college degree and some day have a good job, have some good money—to be somebody."

He is one of more than 100,000 students attending Miami Dade College, the nation's largest community college, a launching point for two generations of immigrants. Lopez's efforts are extreme, but not unique in a school that serves a majority low-income population, with more minorities than any other college in the country.

MDC president Eduardo Padron frequently calls his school "democracy's college," the engine of social mobility in a community that is among the nation's poorest. But the big-

gest obstacle to an education, he says, is relatively mundane: traffic.

Students are working and taking care of families between classes. So extra minutes or hours in traffic often dip into class time. And, with gas prices rising, students increasingly rely on a sprawling public transportation grid that can prove difficult to navigate.

It may take Lopez many years to get his degree in hospitality management—if he doesn't run out of money first. But Lopez, who left Peru and spent 10 years on cruise ships working his way up from dishwasher to waiter, is patient.

He rides five bus segments and two Metrorail cars and walks about 25 blocks on Mondays and Wednesdays. In the time it takes to get home on those days, he could take a plane to Atlanta. Other days are easier, with fewer stops, but his weekly commute still runs close to 24 hours.

The most recent national commuting study tracking MDC students, in 2004, showed 29 percent spend at least six hours a week getting to and from class. That does not include time spent getting to jobs, held by 79 percent of students. More than 1 in 10 MDC students, like Lopez, spends more than 10 hours a week headed to and from class in a car, bus or rail car.

The next commuting study will be conducted in spring and it is expected to get worse, said Joanne Bashford, MDC's associate provost for institutional effectiveness.

Padron says 26,000 students rely on Metrorail, using a subsidized fare card.

"The average student can't afford a car, so the bus is a big deal on our campus," said Antonella Scarano, student government president at MDC's downtown Wolfson campus.

Lopez wakes up at 6 a.m. in a small bedroom he rents for \$500 a month, in a house a few blocks from the Golden Glades Interchange. As he eats buttered bread and drinks Nesquik, one of three other immigrants who lives in the house arrives home after working all night as a busboy at Mansion, a South Beach night club.

Stacks of route schedules and an umbrella weigh down Lopez's

knapsack and two route maps shape the decor of his bedroom. By 7:15 a.m., Lopez is walking five blocks from his house in north Miami Beach to the bus stop along the 826 Expressway. Class at the downtown campus does not begin for three hours and 15 minutes, but he doesn't want to miss a bus and class.

He learned to wake up early when he worked on cruises—seven days a week, 16 hours on most days, he said. It was a hard life—he knew two crew mates who committed suicide—but he occasionally had three or four hours to see ports throughout Europe, South America, the Middle East, the Caribbean and elsewhere.

Lopez knew how to charm passengers with his quick sense of humor and optimism. He earned tips and made friends. He has visited former passengers from Little Rock, Ark., to Niagara Falls, N.Y., to Silverton, Ore., where one former passenger owns a dairy farm.

"He showed me how to milk a cow, and I did," he says, laughing at the memory.

He has photographs of himself standing in front of Hard Rock Cafe restaurants around the globe and often sprinkles in unexpected pop-cultural references when discussing the world's landmarks.

"In Jerusalem, I found a restaurant where Elvis Presley was there," he says.

He saved carefully on the cruise ships, avoiding the gambling temptation that snared fellow crew members, and saved about \$30,000 for his education, which he began at MDC a year ago.

"What I'm doing now, studying here, it was my plan" 10 years ago, he says, while riding through Liberty City on Bus No. 22.

By 8:30 Wednesday, he reaches the Earlington Heights Metrorail station. From there it takes 18 minutes to get downtown on Metrorail. Walking to campus, he finally arrives at 9:05, one hour and 50 minutes after he began.

The class, Introduction to the Hospitality Industry, begins 15 minutes late and ends half an hour early—meaning Lopez spent all these hours on the road for a half hour of instruction. Today, the teacher is reviewing



Luis Lopez waits for the bus home to North Miami Beach, Florida, after a long day of work and classes on October 11, 2006.

Ronna Gradus/*Miami Herald (MCT)*

questions for an upcoming test.

Lopez takes careful notes, though he seems to know hospitality pretty well. But this is his major and this class is a requirement.

Class ends and he heads to work.

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## GOP

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But still, Joyce said he believes evangelical voters will turn out strongly, and will support Republicans.

"Even though they're frustrated, I think most evangelicals feel they have to be a part of the civic process," he said.

Other conservative religious voters interviewed echoed Joyce, saying they will consider their faith when casting their vote.

The Rev. Loran Livingston of Central Church of God said he doesn't believe politics should be in the pulpit, though he asks the church to pray for politi-

cal leaders. He said he doesn't expect much from politicians in general.

Livingston said he often is "voting for the lesser of two evils," and "will vote one party because I think it will most adhere to my fundamentalist beliefs."

Alan Cudney, 44, said he doesn't believe either political party has "a corner on morality." He said he will look carefully at each candidate—and whether they are in accord with his views, which he said are heavily influenced by his faith—before he decides how to vote.

"I think that it's important for every citizen to be engaged in politics," said Cudney, 44, who lives in Concord, N.C., and

attends Northside Baptist. He believes the Bible urges Christians to participate in government.

John Green, a Pew Forum senior fellow on religion and public life, said polls show "potential" for Christian conservatives to sit the election out, but many groups—including the Republican Party—are aware of that, and are using phone banks and other methods to boost turnout.

A summer poll sponsored by the Pew Forum found the number of white evangelical Protestants who said the GOP is friendly to religion had steeply declined—falling 14 percentage points over the past year—to 49 percent. That is still higher than

the percentage that believed the Democratic Party is friendly to religion.

Most evangelical voters interviewed locally said they plan to vote, and will do their best to find candidates whose ideas they support. And large churches—including Hickory Grove Baptist Church and Central Church of God—are allowing N.C. Family Policy Council voter guides to be distributed at the church.

"I believe every Christian ought to get out and vote," said Carol Ownbey, 57, an insurance company customer service representative who attends Central Church of God in Charlotte.

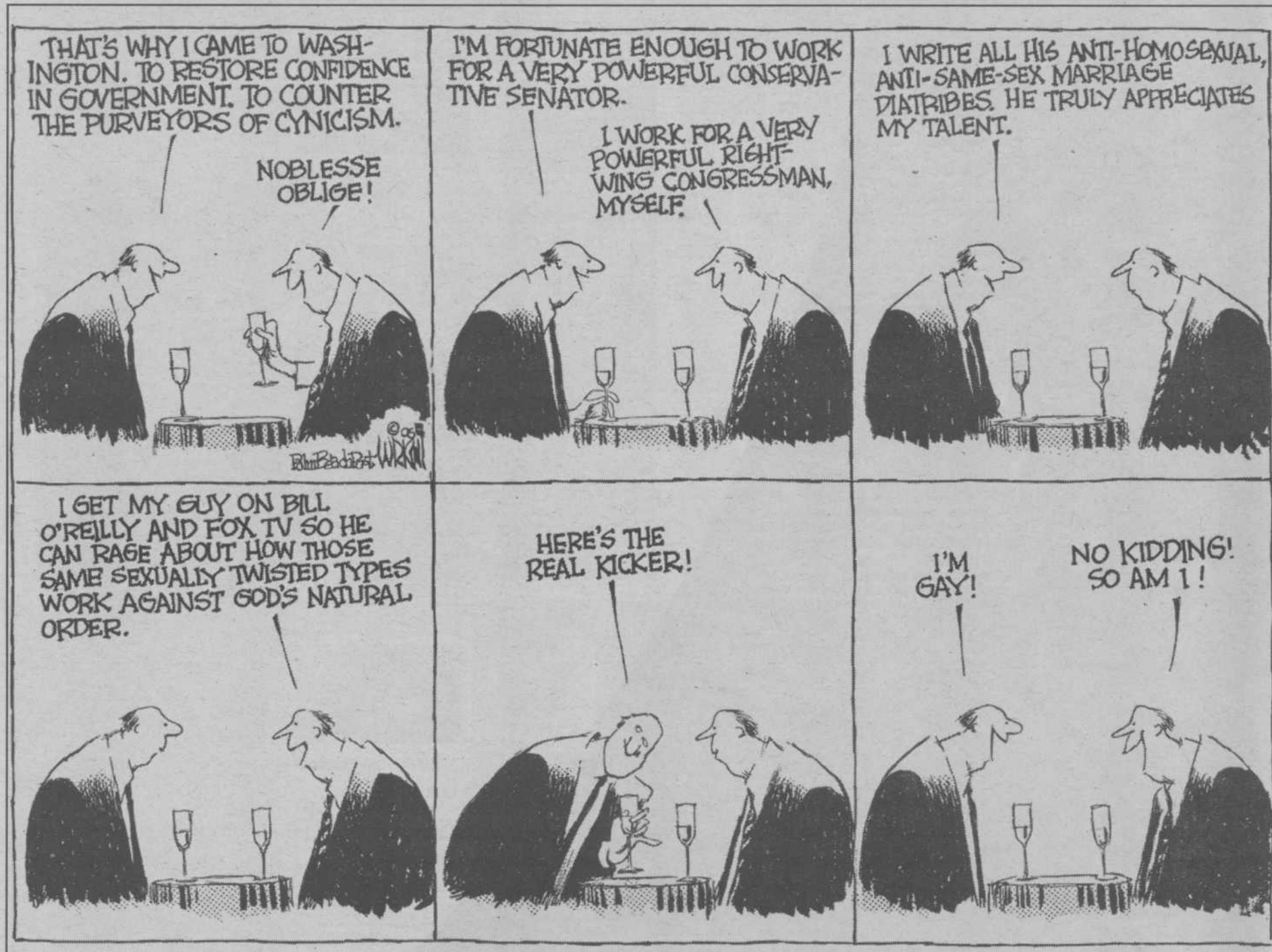
"If we just let anyone get in office who has no values like we believe, then how can we dis-

agree?"

Burrell said he isn't telling people to stay at home, and he plans to support local Republicans. But if only 20 percent of the Christian right have the same attitude he does, he believes it could swing the national results.

"I literally know of some people who are so angry at the Republicans, they're going to vote straight Democratic just to make a statement," he said. "I think (the Republicans) are going to be shocked on Election Day."

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## AMERICAN HISTORY LESSON

### Celebration honors the nation's earliest inhabitants

By KAREN MILLER  
For Diversity Prospectus

In November, millions of people will take time to honor and recognize the significant contributions that the first Americans made in the development of the United States. National American Indian Heritage Month is marked with events and celebrations nationwide.

The observance offers a special opportunity to celebrate the gifts, or the contributions, historical culture, traditions and struggles of the American Indian and Native American.

The monthlong observance stems from the efforts of people almost 100 years ago who fought to have a single day to honor the heritage of Native Americans.

#### When did National American Indian Heritage Month begin?

In 1900, President George H.W. Bush approved a Senate Joint Resolution designating November as National American Indian Heritage Month.

Thus, however, came after years of work and dedication by many to create the monthlong observance.

In 1914, Red Fox James, a member of the Blackfoot tribe, rode horseback

from state to state to gain support for a day of tribute. He presented the endorsements of 24 state governments to the White House. However, no record exists of a national day being proclaimed at that time.

The following year, Dr. Arthur C. Parker, a member of the Seneca tribe, persuaded the Boy Scouts of America to designate a day of recognition for American Indians. They approved and celebrated the day for the next three years.

#### When was the first American Indian Day?

In May 1916, New York became the first state to observe American Indian Day. Other states gradually adopted the same observance.

Several states have designated Columbus Day as Native American Day; however, Native American Day is not recognized as a national legal holiday.

In 1976, through a Senate joint resolution, Oct. 10-16 was declared Native American Awareness Week. And in 1987, President Ronald Reagan designated Nov. 22-28 American Indian Week.

#### What is the National Museum of the American Indian?

The \$220 million museum, which opened its doors in September 2004 in Washington, D.C., provides the public with a rich, broad history

and understanding of the American Indian story.

Rather than focusing on the past, the museum focuses primarily on present American Indian culture. The process is meant to present non-Indian visitors that American Indians are still here. In the United States alone, there are 4.3 million American Indians.

The museum showcases artifacts and stories from the first inhabitants of North and South America. Among the many exhibits are American Indian artifacts made of gold, which was initially sought by European explorers, and a display of U.S. government treaties signed and their broken.



National Museum of the American Indian

MAIN ART: The entrance to one of three permanent exhibitions at the National Museum of the American Indian, in Washington, D.C.

"Our Universes: Traditional Knowledge Shapes Our World" focuses on indigenous views and philosophies related to the creation and order of the universe — and the spiritual relationship between humankind and the natural world. Organized around the solar year, the exhibition introduces visitors to indigenous peoples from across the Western Hemisphere.



The art used in the entrance is from a glass sculpture, "Raven Stealing the Sun," by Preston Singletary.

SOURCE: NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN'S WEB SITE

#### NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN

LOCATION: The National Mall in Washington, D.C., at Independence Ave. and 4th St. SW. The closest metro stop is Federal Center SW on the Orange or Blue lines.

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#### MORE INFORMATION

To find out more about Native American culture check out these links:

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There are more than 562 federally recognized tribes in the United States.

### A feast of emotions: Holiday sparks debate

Without American Indians, there would be no Thanksgiving. The Pilgrims would probably have starved to death.

Today, while many American Indians happily participate in the nation's Thanksgiving Day celebration, it also leaves a sour taste for some who believe the holiday perpetuates stereotypes and signals the beginning of the end of the indigenous spirit in America.

Diane Woodward, executive director of the American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Texas, has mixed feelings.

"As humans we should all

come together and be thankful," said Woodward, a member of the Caddo Nation.

"I appreciate that part of it, but the stereotype of the Indian being a savage really bothers me. The worst implication is that the Pilgrims taught the Indians how to grow thanks. This feeds into the notion that the Indians were godless and didn't know how to grow thanks."

Jovanna Galbraith, a member of the Wichita Tribe, said her son had feelings.

"My perspective on Thanksgiving is probably similar to everyone's," said Galbraith, former chairman of the North Texas chapter of the 62nd Airborne Division.

"It is a good time for feasting, the start of winter, the warming kitchen fires, remembering the past good Thanksgiving meals with family and friends. I wish that all our warriors could be home for the holidays."

Robert Sink, a Kiowa, grew up in Oklahoma and has fond memories of tribal feasting and giving thanks, but said there was never a mention of Pilgrims.

"I could never really understand what the big deal was with white people's fascination with these early colonial people," said Sink, who lives in Fort Worth, Texas. "What did they do other than abuse slaves to death?"

"Why not celebrate the Indians' way, for once, by a day of fasting for life and pride in who we are, and forget the Pilgrims? After all, we're still here and there are no more Pilgrims."

—Paul Baumgardner/Cadence Newspapers



LORETTA DE VINCENZO

381,000 people in the U.S. speak a native language at home.

### Test your American Indian knowledge



1. This Shoshone woman acted as an interpreter and guide for Lewis and Clark.

- A. Sacajewea
- B. Pocahontas
- C. Maria Tallchief

2. This American led both Dylans' backup band and wrote music for the films "Raging Bull" and "The Color of Money."

- A. Jay Silverheels
- B. Robbie Robertson
- C. Delano Prophet

3. This Puritan man befriended the Plymouth colonists and acted as guide and interpreter for William Bradford.

- A. Squanto
- B. Popo
- C. Montezuma

4. This Sioux leader won the battle of the Little Bighorn, when he defeated Custer on June 25, 1876.

- A. Quanah Parker
- B. Uteah
- C. Sitting Bull

5. This Northern Cheyenne chief and U.S. senator switched political parties in the mid-1990s, from Democratic to Republican.

- A. Manton Colvocores
- B. William McLean
- C. Don Nighswander Campbell

#### Answers:

1. A. Sacajewea, whose image graces the gold coin dollar, which was released in 2000. 2. B. Robbie Robertson. 3. C. Squanto. 4. C. Sitting Bull. 5. C. Don Nighswander Campbell, below, was captain of the U.S. Olympic judo team in 1964 and is a three-time U.S. judo champion.



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Aho'ee: Navajo for "thank you."

### What's in a name?

Which is correct — Native American or American Indian? Sometimes both. The term Native American generally refers to all native people, including Alaska Natives, Hawaiians and Samoans. Alaskan natives such as Inuits and Aleuts are not Indian and many don't like to be referred to as such.

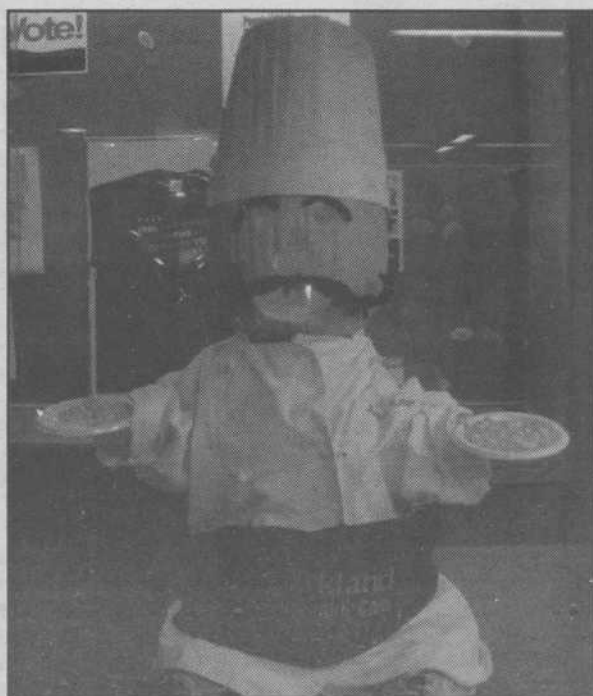
But some people question whether anyone is a true "Native American," since many scientists believe the very inhabitants crossed onto the continent over a land bridge.

The term American Indian generally refers to the people who were native to the U.S. mainland.

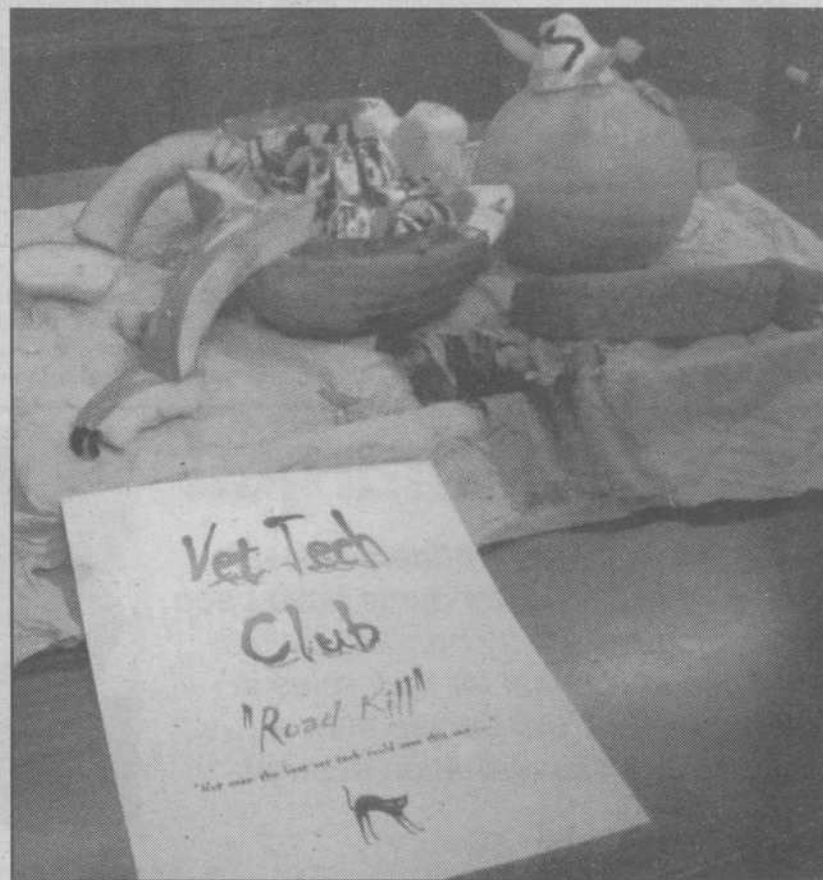
Many native people tie the terms inextricably.

—McClatchy Newspapers





# Halloween at Parkland



Top: The Hospitality Industry Club entry for the Pumpkin carving contest. Right: The Vet Tech Club entry for the Pumpkin carving contest.

Karyn Johner/*Prospectus*

Left, Bottom: International Student Association's Halloween party.

Takamichi Kono/*Prospectus*



## Being non-religious no excuse for being religiously illiterate

By **DAVID C. STEINMETZ**  
*The Orlando Sentinel (MCT)*

The Puritan settlers who founded Harvard College in 1636 did so for religious reasons. They were convinced that the Calvinist God they worshipped wanted to be loved with the mind as well as with the heart. And so in the midst of clearing the wilderness, building houses and establishing communities, they erected a small college, dedicated to the pursuit of truth. They were buoyed in this endeavor by the serene confidence that all truth was, in one way or another, God's truth.

The Puritans were particularly interested in the education of a learned ministry for the church. Unlike the Irish Roman Catholics who came to Boston later, they venerated the pulpit over the altar. The pulpit was for them the "throne of God" because the sermon was the principal means through which men and women heard in their own time and place the voice of the living God.

Because preaching was such

serious business for Puritans, their ministers were expected to read the Bible in Greek and Hebrew and to have mastered the fine points of dogmatic theology in Latin. Indeed, the standard Puritan compliment for a well-crafted sermon was that it had been "well studied."

Even Harvard undergraduates who were not destined for the ministry were expected to read in Latin the classic exposition of Christian faith and morals by the great Puritan divine, William Ames. Harvard's God was no mere spectator of history, but the Calvinist God who ordered history by his mysterious providence to the ends he intended.

Over time the Calvinist consensus at Harvard broke down, although Harvard still retains symbols of its explicitly Christian past: e.g., the Memorial Church with a full-time minister, a Divinity School, and even in places like Sanders Theater reminders of its original motto, "Truth for Christ and the Church."

Harvard, like many other

American institutions of higher learning, became increasingly secular throughout the 20th century. Which is not to say that religion disappeared entirely from the Harvard landscape. Almost every form of religion and irreligion that flourishes on American soil can be found somewhere in the great intellectual mix that is the Harvard faculty and student body.

Still, a fairly large proportion of the members of any academic community—including Harvard—is made up of people who are not religious. Some have concluded that religion is nothing more than superstition by another name, while others have found it impossible to reconcile a scientific account of the world with the religious views of their childhood. Such people are not only disinclined to practice a religion; they are often disinclined to study it.

Which is why the recommendation of a Harvard faculty committee that undergraduates should be required to study religion came as such a surprise. Was the committee in the grip of

a nostalgia for the Puritan Harvard of Increase Mather?

Not exactly. What the committee observed was that most Harvard graduates assume positions of responsibility in the world outside the academy. Only a relatively small group become academics.

While it is possible for academics to avoid religion if they are not religious, it is not equally possible for non-academic graduates to imitate them. Religion is a powerful social force in the modern world, too powerful and too pervasive to be ignored by decision-makers, including decision-makers who are Harvard alumni.

What the committee recommends is that undergraduates engage in a critical study of religion. In its view, such study belongs to the essential knowledge that defines the Harvard vision of a liberally educated man or woman, one equipped to set policy in a world more like Baghdad and Belfast than Harvard Square.

The committee's recommendation (which has not yet been

adopted) should not be misinterpreted as the thin edge of the wedge for the re-Christianization of Harvard. Nothing could be further from the truth. It expresses rather the hard-won recognition that being non-religious is no excuse, if it ever was, for being religiously illiterate.

This is not exactly what the Puritans had in mind. The Puritans, after all, wanted Harvard undergraduates to be religious. The faculty committee only wants them to be religiously informed.

However, if Harvard adopts the recommendation of its faculty committee (by no means a sure thing) it will send a strong signal to other institutions of higher learning in America that religious illiteracy among its graduates may have become a luxury our society can no longer afford.

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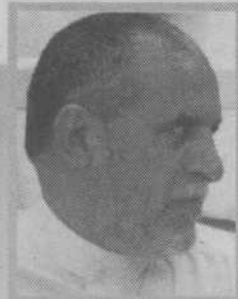


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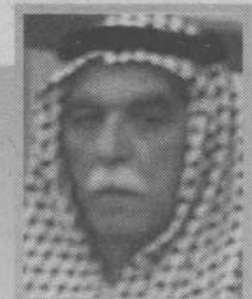
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## Will seafood nets be empty?

### ■ Grim outlook draws skeptics

By HAL BERNTON  
The Seattle Times (MCT)

SEATTLE—Global fishing trends point to a collapse of most wild seafood harvests by mid-century, according to a team of international researchers who pored through historical data, catch records and studies to document the decline of marine species all over the world.

The researchers found that harvests of nearly 30 percent of commercial seafood species already have collapsed. Without major changes in fisheries management, they say, the trend will accelerate.

"It looks grim, and the projections into the future are even grimmer," said Boris Worm, a marine biologist and a lead author in the peer-reviewed study, which was published this week in the journal *Science*.

But other scientists question that forecast.

"It's just mind-boggling stupid," said Ray Hilborn, a University of Washington professor of aquatic and fishery sciences.

"I'm worried about some areas of the world—like Africa—but other areas of the world have figured out how to do effective fishery management."

For example, most of the harvests in the North Pacific off Alaska—where most Seattle fleets fish—are not in sharp decline.

Worm, from Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia, led a 14-person study team that included researchers from Stanford University, Scripps Institute of Oceanography, Stockholm University, the University of British Columbia and other universities. They analyzed studies that looked both at coastal estuaries and at the broader areas of the ocean.

Their goal was to quantify the impacts of shrinking marine biodiversity on human welfare.

They concluded that declining species diversity could have profound impacts, creating more unstable marine ecosystems that are quicker to crash and slower to recover. For humans, the decline in diversity was tied to declining seafood harvests, water pollution and a stagnation of maritime economies. And as more species col-

lapsed, they concluded, the overall ecosystems may unravel at a faster rate.

They define collapse as harvests of less than 10 percent of

But that midcentury projection was highlighted Thursday as the researchers announced the study's findings.

In a note to colleagues that

takes made in other areas of the world.

The North Pacific yields the largest North American harvests, worth more than \$2 billion annually.

Seafood Watch, a consumers' guide to sustainable fisheries launched by the Monterey Bay Aquarium in California, lists Alaska pollock, salmon, halibut and some other North Pacific species as "best buys."

U.S. management of the 200-mile zone off Alaska began in 1976, and was forged by distaste for years of unregulated foreign fishing off the state's coast. A federal fishery council made some areas off limits and imposed a cap on fish harvests in the Bering Sea.

Still, there are some trouble spots.

Stocks of Pacific perch, for example, remain seriously depleted from overfishing. This year, there are new uncertainties about the stocks of pollock, the largest fishery in the North Pacific, and that could lead to new harvest restrictions.

Even so, Worm said that if

Alaska management stays on course, the North Pacific could buck the global trend and continue to yield harvests past the midcentury.

"Alaska is the place where—for whatever reason—people early on started to steer away from the usual approach to overfishing, where you move on to the next species until you scrape the bottom of the barrel," he said.

#### KEY FINDINGS

- Losses of marine populations and species are accelerating.
- Those losses can reduce the ocean's ability to resist disease, filter pollutants and rebound from stress such as overfishing and climate change.
- As of 2003, 29 percent of commercially fished species had "collapsed," meaning harvest rates were less than 10 percent of historic peaks.
- If the trend continues, almost all commercially fished species could collapse by 2048.



A Japanese fishing boat, front, is detained by Russian coast guards after being caught in Russian waters off Tanfilyev of Minor Kuril Islands. The vessel has been escorted to Yuzhno-Kurilsk port, Russia on August 16, 2006.

NTV channel/Itar Tass/Abaca Press (MCT)

historic highs.

The researchers also found hopeful signs.

They looked at marine conservation areas where fishing is off limits or severely restricted. In those areas, they found marine species were able to increase, reversing previous declines.

The researchers also used past commercial-catch records to predict future harvest trends.

They found that in 1950, only six commercial seafood species worldwide had collapsed. By 2003, more than 2,200 species—29 percent of all commercially fished species on the planet—had collapsed.

Based on that rate of decline, the study then projected that most world fisheries could collapse by 2048 if something isn't done soon.

Some marine scientists who were impressed by the overall article were uncomfortable with that projection.

"They are flagging a really serious problem, but I don't buy that extrapolation," said Jane Lubchenco, a marine biologist at Oregon State University.

was mistakenly sent to The Seattle Times, Worm wrote that the projection could act as a "news hook to get people's attention."

"One reason why nobody cares about marine biodiversity is that there seemed no clear end in sight," he continued. ". . . Well, it's time to wake up—IF the current trend continues we will see drastic consequences in our own lifetime."

When asked about the e-mail, Worm said the 2048 projection is accurate, and he reiterated he is very confident that the trend could lead to a global fisheries collapse. He noted that the study's prediction of worldwide collapse is based on an average fishery of the future, and that some fisheries could end up well above the dismal average.

Worm also is optimistic that the trend could be turned around with more marine conservation zones and other efforts.

"We have a whole portfolio of options," Worm said. "What it takes is political will."

Worm cited the North Pacific fisheries off Alaska as a success story, where harvest managers have avoided many of the mis-

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## Weather Forecast

**Wednesday:** Patchy dense fog before 9am. Otherwise, partly cloudy, with a high near 66. South southwest wind between 3 and 8 mph.  
**Wednesday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 49. South southwest wind between 8 and 10 mph.  
**Thursday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 68. North northwest wind between 7 and 9 mph.  
**Thursday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 47. East wind between 7 and 9 mph.  
**Friday:** A 30 percent chance of showers after noon. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 66.  
**Friday Night:** A 40 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 46.  
**Veteran's Day:** Partly cloudy, with a high near 56.  
**Saturday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 36.  
**Sunday:** Partly cloudy, with a high near 54.  
**Sunday Night:** A chance of showers. Partly cloudy, with a low around 38.  
**Monday:** A chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 52.  
**Monday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 40.  
**Tuesday:** A chance of showers. Partly cloudy, with a high near 53.

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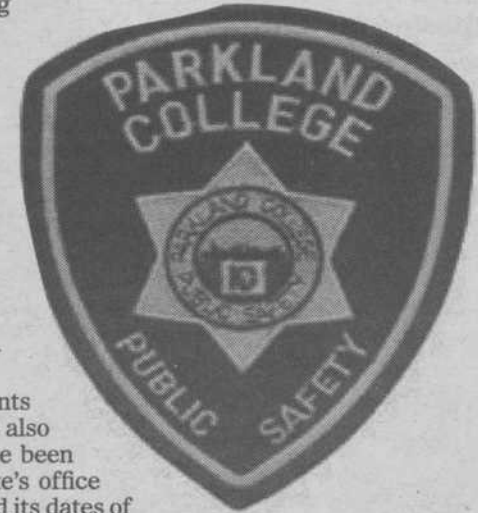
Many students at Parkland College are being affected by the new graduated driving program implemented this past year. This new law went into effect to help achieve safer driving conditions on Illinois roadways.

Statistics show that motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for people age 15 to 20, so the graduated driving program was adapted by Illinois to improve the amount of education and behind the wheel time for new drivers.

One of the stipulations of this program is that if you are under the age of 20 and you receive 2 or more traffic citations in 24 months or less, then your driving privileges will be suspended or a minimum of one month.

This part of the law is what is affecting our students the most. Additionally, the one month suspension is also based on the driver's past history and if they have been suspended before. The Illinois Secretary of State's office will send a letter to notify you of the suspension, and its dates of effectiveness once the citation has been settled or paid in court.

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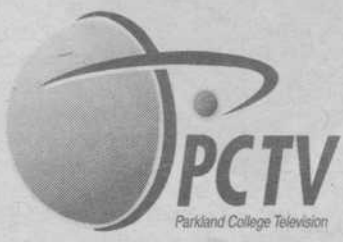
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All of these vehicle burglaries occurred during the overnight hours on October 26 and October 29. The first vehicle burglary occurred in the 2400 block of East Nevada Street on October 26. The

other vehicle burglaries both occurred on October 29; one in the 200 block of South Dodson Drive and



the other in the 600 block of Pfeffer Road.

Some of the items taken during these burglaries include stereo equipment

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## Local track star speaks at Parkland

### ■ Abe Jones uses language to overcome odds in life

By **AARON GEIGER**  
*Prospectus Editor*

"When you move around a lot, then you have trouble with language...with expressing yourself."

In front of about 50 students and faculty in the flag lounge, Abe Jones debunked many stereotypes of the "rags to riches" athlete on Monday, November 6.

The stereotype that athleticism alone can make you a better person—as long as you have talent—was effectively laid to rest during his speech.

"I didn't know who I was..."

Jones confided in the audience his gloomier days of childhood. He moved to 30-40 different foster homes by his junior year in high school. The stress of adapting to new environments kept challenging Jones, who often reacted in anger.

Fights were a common occurrence. Although Jones was a talented athlete, his difficulty in communicating with other people gave him challenges his athleticism couldn't fix.

"I was at [football] practice one day, and the police came. [They came] to remove me from practice. I knew they were there [to remove me from my foster home]. I started running, because I knew what was going to happen."

Although his speed didn't ultimately help—Jones was arrested—his life was about to turn around. With the prodding of his coach's wife, Jones was bailed out of jail, and began to turn his life around.

"You can either take the help,

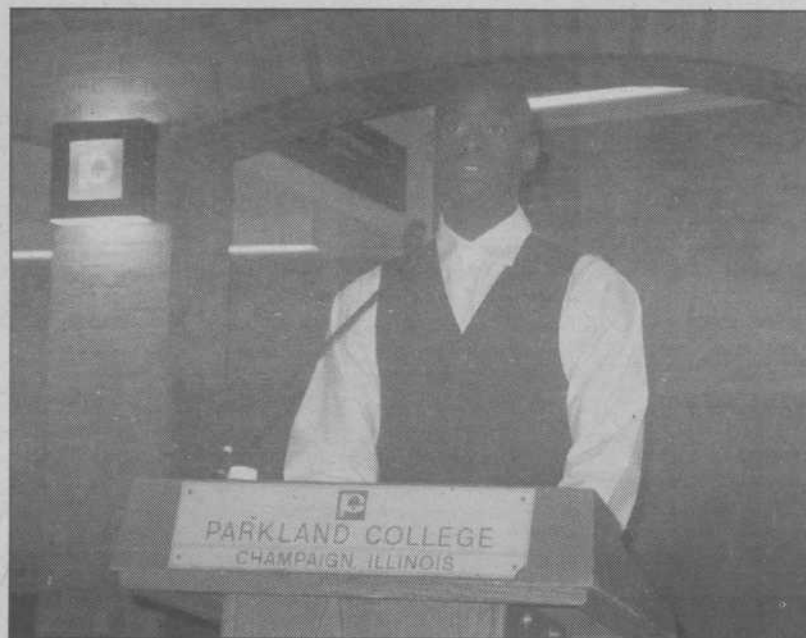
or disregard the help (that people offer). I chose to take the help."

During the course of his speech, Jones appeared to take away the personal success of going to the Sugar Bowl while on the football team. He modestly talked about his super star successes on the track team. He casually mentioned, in

regarding his tryouts for the 2004 Olympics?

"I was there more for the experience...I mean, I was competing against professionals, who have spent their whole careers doing this. There was a lot at stake. I'm just an amateur."

Composed and refined, char-



Abe Jones speaks to Parkland Students and Faculty Monday, November 6.

Aaron Geiger/Prospectus

private, how his relay team was ranked 5<sup>th</sup> in the world at one point. He didn't even mention, in his speech, that he was a three-time All-American hurdler. His quote

ismatic and friendly, Abe Jones stated that he was nervous, but gave the entirety of his speech without looking at notes, and gave his direct attention to the audience. If there was any trace of hardship in his past, it was a pressing challenge to find a hint of it in his demeanor and sincerity.

"I couldn't read or write very well, but [I] ended up finishing the U of I with a Rhetoric degree."

Jones is a graduate—a professional—on the one barrier that kept him from achieving as a young man. He not only learned "language" and the art of communicating it, he made it a tool for his life to come. Running and sports simply is a way for him to feel the winning sensation. Abe Jones overcame a variety of challenges and adversity in his life, and turned his weaknesses into powerful tools.

"Adversity is something that can make or break someone."

It is apparent that Abe Jones didn't break, and he also is helping to ensure that others can and will make it, too.

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## 107-34

### ■ ...enough said

By JAKE MCGILL

Prospectus Staff Writer

Starting off your season at home is always nice, starting off your season with a win is even better, but starting off the season with a dominating victory over your opponent is a sign of only good things to come. With all this said, we can only hope that Parkland Men's basketball team will emulate their season home opener against Malcolm X College throughout the season.

The Cobras were led once again by Matt Neaville who had a team and game high point total with 31.

The game started off very exciting; the pace was quick and the scoring was very high. However, in Malcolm X Col-

lege's case very little of the scoring was from their players. Returning starter and leading scorer from last season Matt Neaville (Urbana, IL) started the game right where he finished last season, scoring, and scoring a lot.

The Cobras started the game with 14 unanswered points, with 11 of the points being scored by Neaville. A majority of the first half was all Neaville. He started the game with three consecutive baskets from beyond the three-point arc.

While Neaville scored 23 points in the first half to out-score the opponent by him-



self, the Cobras led 57-14 at the intermission.

Starting off no different

from the first half, the Cobras came out striking once again after the break. While Neaville led the first half in points, the rest of the Parkland team picked it up during the second half to take some of the load off Neaville's back. Robert Hubbard (Champaign, IL) and Devin Johnson (Chicago, IL) added double doubles to the Cobra's rout, and Derek Mason (Casey, IL) added a career high scoring 18 points to help the Cobras cruise past Malcolm X College.

The Parkland Cobras put together a full team effort as all ten Cobra' players who entered the game scored.

The Cobras never looked

back as they routed Malcolm X 107-34. The Cobra defense was almost as good as their potent offense, only allowing their opponent to make 19 percent of their field goal attempts. While their opponent could not shoot well all night, they could not pull down a rebound either, being out rebounded by Parkland 58-23.

The Cobras have an upcoming game at home against South Suburban on November 12<sup>th</sup>. Currently, the Parkland Cobra men's basketball team is ranked 15<sup>th</sup> overall and only looks to improve after their season opening rout of Malcolm X College.

*Editor's Note: Some of the above information was taken from a Parkland College Athletic Department news release.*

# Triumph And Heartbreak

## The ever-annoying Illinois Central College

### ■ Volleyball team knocked out of otherwise stellar tournament

By ERIK PHEIFER

Prospectus Assistant Editor

The 4<sup>th</sup> ranked Parkland College Volleyball Team ended their season in disappointing fashion with a runner-up finish in the Region 24A/District J Tournament. The Lady Cobras were upset by a quality Illinois Central College team, ranked 18<sup>th</sup>, on Friday and Saturday, as the Lady Cougars from ICC advanced to Nationals yet again at Parkland's expense. The two teams had met once earlier in the season; a match Parkland swept in three games, but unfortunately the Lady Cobras could not duplicate their earlier success.

In the championship match on Saturday, the Lady Cobras needed to defeat ICC twice in a four hour span in order to win the championship. As if beating ICC twice wasn't going to be hard enough, Parkland was forced to play an elimination

game before the match with ICC. This meant that Parkland would have to win three consecutive matches in six hours. The Lady Cobras never got the chance to play that third match as they were edged by ICC in a very competitive and exciting five game match.

Parkland came out fired up, jumping out to a quick 9-2 lead in the first game. The Lady Cobras never let ICC back within four points the rest of the game and won 30-19.

ICC came out as a different team with more intensity in the second game. The Lady Cougars scored the first six points of the game and led throughout, winning 30-21 to knot the match up at one game apiece.

Parkland returned the favor with a quick start in the third game. The Lady Cobras started with a 5-0 lead. ICC managed to crawl back into the game, but a seven point spurt by Parkland gave them an 18-10. This effec-

tively ended the game as Parkland went on to win 30-25.

In the fourth game, ICC again started quickly and jumped out to an insurmountable 17-5 lead and won the game easily 30-12. This tied the match at two games all and created a winner take all fifth game.

In the match's final game, each team had their nervous moments. The action was fierce with neither team able to assert control of the game. Parkland took an early lead and looked prime to force a second match, but it wasn't meant to be as ICC rallied and held on for a 15-13 victory.

Earlier in the tournament No. 1 seed Parkland knocked off No. 4 seed John Wood in their first match in three games 30-15, 30-21, and 30-18. This set up an important match-up with ICC in which the winner would have the luxury of only needing one more victory to claim the title, while the loser would

need three. ICC ended up beating Parkland for the first time on the weekend 30-27, 35-33, and 30-27.

Parkland returned to play on Saturday with a rematch against John Wood with the loser being eliminating. Just like their previous encounter the day before, Parkland dominated winning by scores of 30-20, 30-16, and 30-14 to advance to the championship match against ICC.

Despite having their season end without a trip to Nationals as they would have liked, the Lady Cobras still had an extremely successful season. They finished their season with a very impressive 42-8 record and were highly ranked for most of the season in the NJCAA Division II poll. The Lady Cobras won the regular season and tournament championship of their conference. The also won the highly touted St. Petersburg Tourney against high-quality opponents.

Parkland defeated many

ranked opponents along the way including 11<sup>th</sup> ranked St. Petersburg (Division I), 2<sup>nd</sup> ranked Kishwaukee, 7<sup>th</sup> ranked Vincennes, 16<sup>th</sup> ranked Southwestern Illinois, and 18<sup>th</sup> ranked ICC (All rankings are current rankings and not from when Parkland actually played them). The Lady Cobras played what is arguably one of the most difficult schedules in the country and proved they could play with anyone on any given night. So while the season didn't turn out exactly how they wanted, they still have plenty to be proud about and build on for the future.

*Interesting Fact: The Parkland Volleyball team is the third Parkland athletic team that an ICC team has eliminated from postseason play this Fall, the others being the men's and women's soccer teams. Further, each of these three ICC teams won their respective Region 24 tournaments.*