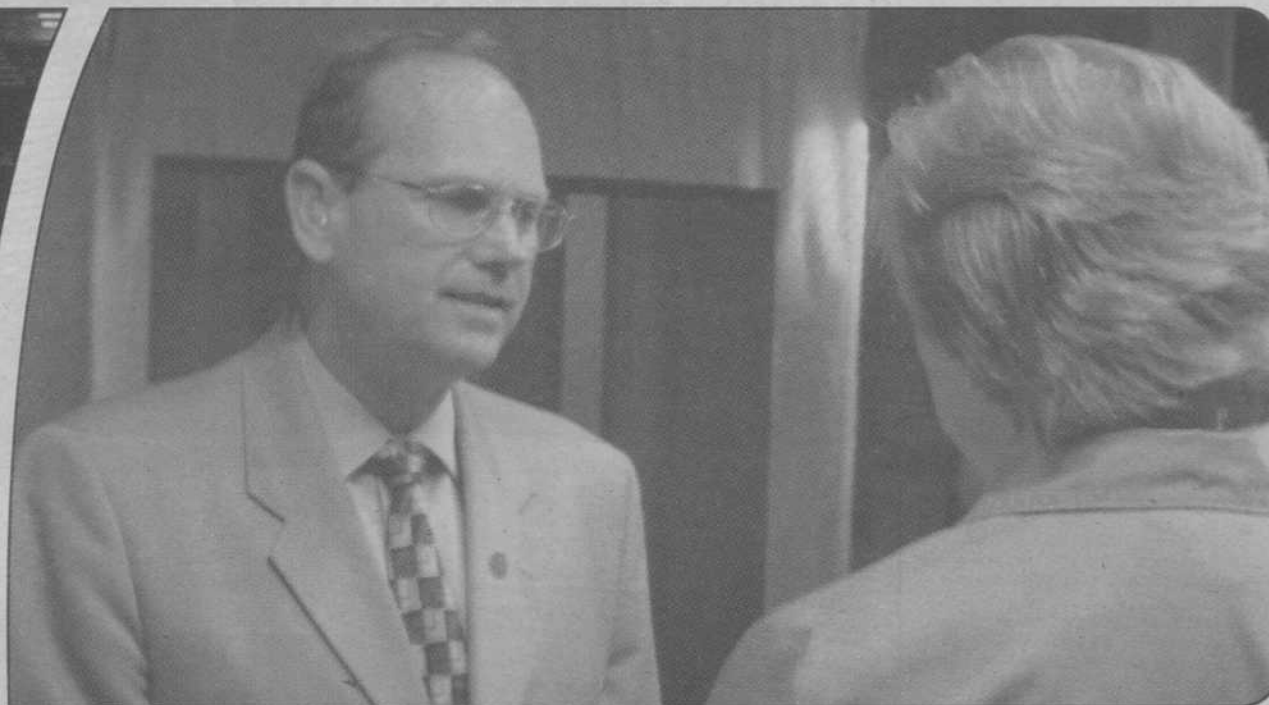


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President Exley resigns

By ELLEN SCHMIDT AND
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Prospectus Staff

Last week the board voted to interview for the position of interim president that will be conducted in June. This action comes as a result of Dr. Robert Exley's resignation as President of Parkland College. Nancy Willamon confirmed that the board will interview two candidates for the position; Dr. Tom Ramage, Vice President for Academic Services and another candidate from outside the college.

The separation agreement between Dr. Exley and Parkland College has been somewhat of a mystery, however. Parkland College has repeatedly refused to provide the Prospectus with additional information. The News-Gazette is currently appealing Parkland College's denial of a request for a copy of the separation agreement.

According to the News-Gazette, they received a May 21 letter, stating the denial of request, from attorney Lorna Geiler, who represents Parkland. The News-Gazette's executive editor, John Beck, said in a

May 25 article, "...the agreement contains a financial settlement and the taxpayers have a right to know about it."

The Prospectus has been unable to contact Dr. Exley.

Parkland College will continue under the current leadership of Dr. Ramage in tandem with Mr. Jon Surma, Vice President for Administrative Services and Dr. Linda Moore, Vice President for Student Services. This team has worked together much of this year to help maintain the continuity and quality of Parkland College.

The situation in the office of the President of Parkland College is a little like history repeating itself. Faced with the resignation of Dr. Exley, the board is finding itself in much the same position as it did in the late 1980s.

Near the end of his career as the first President of Parkland College, Dr. William Staerkel suffered health problems that made it necessary to appoint a Vice President to act in his capacity. Upon Dr. Staerkel's decision to retire in the summer of 1987, the college started the search for a new president.

In July 1987, Paul Magelli was named the second president. His tenure lasted approximately two years. Upon his resignation the board set out to find an interim president. Dr. Robert Poorman filled that position in September of 1989.

In June 1990 Dr. Zelema Harris was selected as Parkland's third president.

After 15 successful years as president Dr. Harris announced her plans to retire from Parkland College, effective June 2006.

Dr. Exley was named the fourth president July 1, 2006. He endured personal hardships during this past year. Among his challenges are the heart attack suffered during a student-faculty basketball game in the fall, to the subsequent death of his father.

It was during his four-week medical leave recently that Dr. Exley submitted his resignation. Now the board is looking to hire an interim president as they prepare to begin a search for the next Parkland president.

Jody Littleton shared that Dr. Exley has left the Champaign area and is spending time with his family in Houston.

Littleton talked about the responsibilities of the president. "A lot of what the president does is he works internally but also a lot externally, so some of that will probably be put on hold until a new president is appointed, an interim president is appointed, or a new search of the president is found."

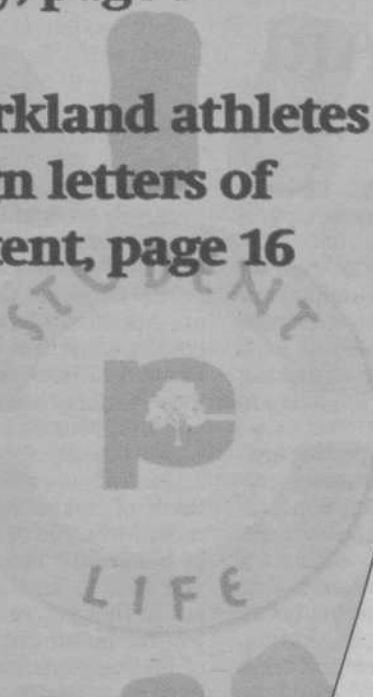
Littleton wanted to reassure the students that everything is working well at Parkland citing the faculty and staff as the main reason. "They're the ones that are there for the students and make things happen for them," she said.

"So as far as that goes they have nothing to worry about," she said.

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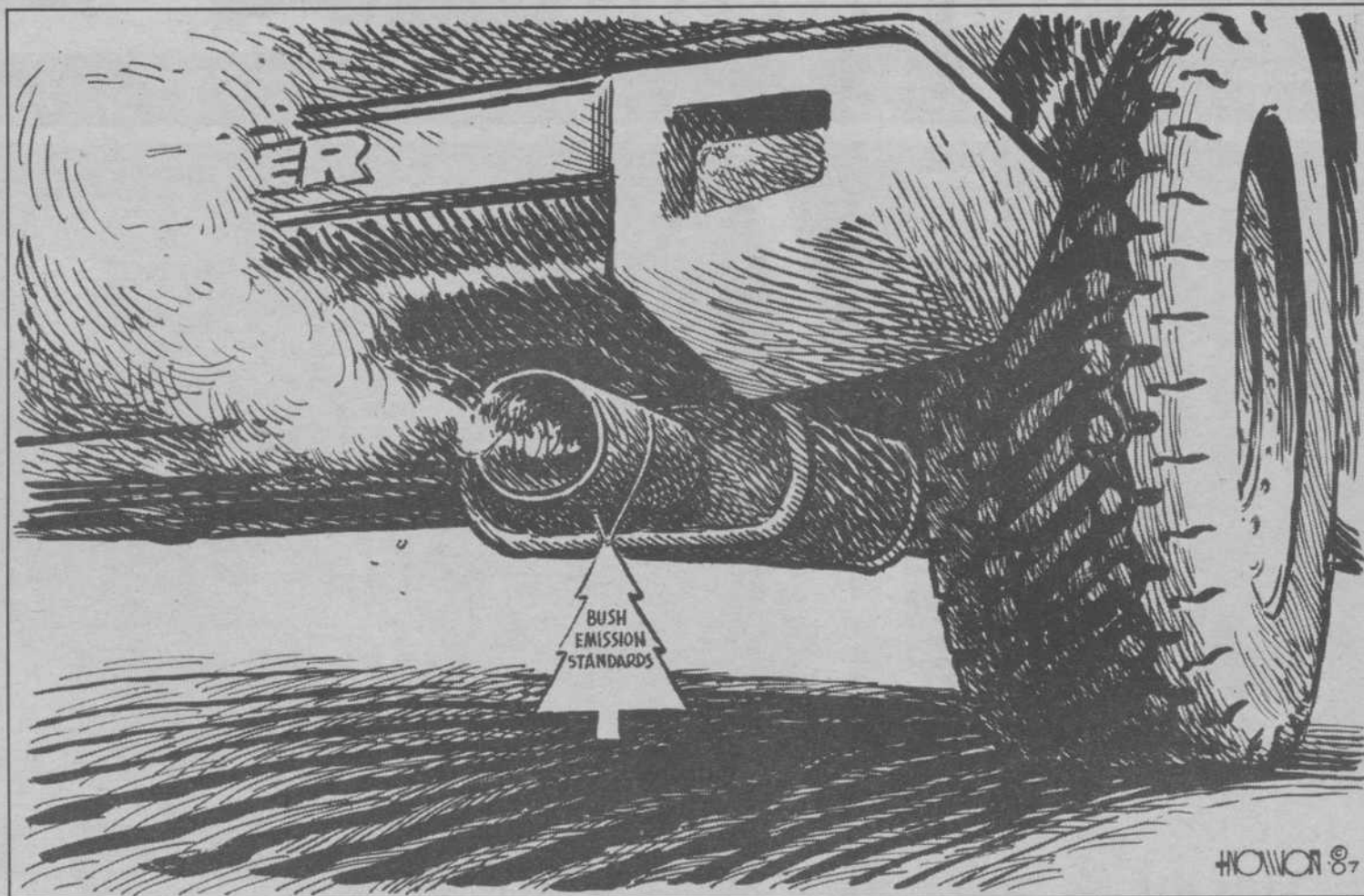
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"This kind of thing doesn't happen everyday." —Arthur Du Mosch, an Israeli nature guide, after a wild leopard climbed in his open window and jumped into his family bed while they were sleeping. He had to pin the cat down for 20 minutes until help arrived.

"We just want him to be caught because they say he is very dangerous and he has a deadly bite. We don't want him around all of the children who are here." —Ilene Gothelf, a resident of a neighborhood in Casselberry, FL, who was referring to a five-foot Nile Monitor lizard that authorities have been trying to catch. They recently shot it twice, but failed to stop it from escaping.

"This is the funeral pyre for thought today." —Bookstore owner Tom Wayne, who burns the used books that he cannot sell. He plans to burn them monthly until he reaches 20,000, citing the Internet and TV as the reason.

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■ Summer jobs—Where to look

By **DONNA MAYER**
Prospectus Guest Writer

You know you want to work during the summer. You know what type of work you'd like to be doing. Now you need to find the job.

Let people know you're looking for a summer job. Tell your family, friends, and anyone else you know or talk to, and ask for a referral or a job.

In addition to looking for jobs in the usual stores and restaurants, check out amusement parks, camps, country clubs, parks and recreation departments, museums, historical societies, and resorts. You may

find jobs listed in the newspaper under Employment Opportunities—Seasonal.

Another option is to sign up with a temporary employment agency. You'll have a chance to work a wide variety of jobs, with a better chance of picking the hours and days you'd like to work.

Watch the newspaper for articles about new businesses or programs that might have opportunities for summer employment.

Self-employment offers a chance to set your own hours. Consider mowing yards, house painting, child care, dog sitting, or anything else you might think of.

Check bulletin boards wherever you go, including grocery stores, libraries, and at colleges or universities.

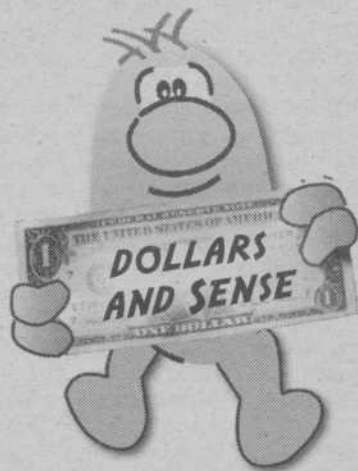
The Parkland Career Center at <http://www.parkland.edu/ss/cpes/employment.html>, or in Room A-175 has job listings, and they're more than happy to help you with your search.

Don't be shy about looking for a job. Talk to everyone you can think of, including people you meet while you're in their place of business. The more people you talk to and get the word out to that you're looking for a job, the better chance you have of finding something you really like.



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Illinois vies to tie its Springfield to the Simpsons' celluloid hometown

By **BOB SECTER AND RICK PEARSON**

Chicago Tribune (MCT)

SPRINGFIELD, Ill.—Forget Lincoln. Illinois' state capital, renowned for its ties to Honest Abe and other less honest politicians, now wants to be known as the home of Homer Simpson.

Like many things these days, this it has to do with dough—or in this case, perhaps, D'oh!

"The Simpsons," the television cartoon satire that inspired cult-like loyalty among millions of viewers worldwide over its 18 years, is set in a never clearly defined, but incredibly dysfunctional place called Springfield. That has led to a raging debate about which of the more than 30 U.S. towns named Springfield is the model.

Twentieth Century Fox is now exploiting that dispute to gin up publicity for its new full-length Simpsons movie, due out in July. Fox has challenged Springfields coast-to-coast to prove why they're the most fitting template for the show. The winning Springfield gets to host the premiere.

Several have taken the bait, including Springfield, Ill., where Mayor Tim Davlin vowed in a recent state of the city address to prove "we are indeed THE city that best represents the community on television."

All of that might seem a great honor if the mythical town in question was the idyllic one portrayed in *Father Knows Best*, the sappy 50s sitcom set in another Springfield.

But the Simpsons' Springfield is filled with pollution, deceit and residents who are utter doofuses. And that, argues Jason Danenberger, a lifelong resident of the Illinois version, is precisely why his town must be the Simpsons' inspiration.

"Lincoln slept here and there, he worked here and there," said Danenberger, 27, a cook. "But let's be honest. There are a lot more people here who you'd think are related to Homer Simpson than Honest Abe."

The criteria for the contest and the judging are still a little vague, but Fox says it will ship each contender a replica of the lumpy family couch that figures in the opening of every show. The towns are then supposed to

include it in a short video that boasts of their Simpson-like credentials, and perhaps trashes the bona fides of the others.

Davlin, who keeps a five-foot tall cutout of Bart Simpson in his office, has issued an online plea for help.

The city's web site, www.springfield.il.us, recently added a pop-up image of Bart's father, Homer, next to the mayor's own picture. There's also a link to an online form that allows fanatics

time in Springfield. (END OPTIONAL TRIM)

Kim Rosendahl, tourism director for Springfield's visitors bureau, says she is peppered with more questions about "The Simpsons" than Lincoln when she goes abroad to promote the city.

"I just came back from the United Kingdom and everywhere we went when people asked, 'Springfield—isn't that where Homer Simpson lives?'"

certain is that its not in Alaska or Hawaii," said Hughes, who lives in Nottingham, a spot with its own rich fictional backstory.

That fuzzy reality is hardly dissuading the U.S. Springfields.

In Springfield, Ore., Mayor Sid Leiken has scheduled a community meeting for Thursday to plot strategy for his community's Simpsons campaign. The big selling point there will be the Oregon roots of Simpsons' creator Matt Groening.

Across the continent, in Springfield, Mass., officials have already held two similar public brainstorming sessions. Azell Murphy Cavaan, the community relations director, said her city, founded in 1636, could brag about being the nation's first Springfield. It's also the birthplace of Dr. Seuss, another icon of animation, not to mention being the birthplace of frozen food.

Back in Illinois, Springfield officials insist they've got that all beat. Homer's father is named Abe, just like you-know-who. The fictional Springfield has a rival town named Shelbyville. And lo and behold, there's a real Shelbyville, Ill, not far off from the real Springfield, Ill.

But officials in the real Springfield think their ace-in-the-hole is Todd Renfrow, the general manager of the city's municipal power plant. In the show, the richest and meanest man in town is Charles Montgomery Burns, the owner of the fictional Springfield's nuclear power facility.

Renfrow is being touted in Springfield, Ill., as a dead-ringer for Burns, right down to the long nose and bald head. At 72, Renfrow admits he doesn't know much about the Simpsons but has lately been hearing a lot about Burns.

"He really does look evil," said Renfrow. "People tell me he has this trap door in front of his desk and when people come in and ask for a raise he pushes a button and they disappear. Sounds to me like he's got some good ideas."

(Secter reported from Chicago and Pearson from Springfield, Ill.)

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to suggest clues gleaned from the show's 400 episodes that point to Illinois as the locale.

Who cares about the state-house and the new presidential museum and Abraham Lincoln's old restored neighborhood? Springfield, Ill., is home to a doughnut factory, while doughnuts play an integral role in the TV show.

Since Homer and his gang thrive on junk food, Springfield can also boast of its trademark horseshoe sandwich, the gloppy blend of meat, french fries and melted cheese, all heaped on toasted bread, which passes for haute cuisine.

And speaking of Homer, wasn't that the middle name of disgraced former Gov. George Ryan? He was the last Illinois chief executive to spend much

With its portrayal of Americans as slovenly oafs, "The Simpsons" has developed a huge overseas fan base. A tiny Scottish town called Springfield has already raised its hand to compete for the movie premiere in Great Britain, should Fox want to repeat the contest on the other side of the Atlantic.

Simpson fans from across the globe have compiled an exhaustive volunteer archive of trivia on www.snpp.com. The Springfield history section is kept by Sam Hughes, a recent graduate of Cambridge University in the United Kingdom. Hughes said the inspiration for Springfield is a running gag in the show, with contradictory hints dropped that could point to almost anywhere in the U.S.

"The only thing I can say for



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A few tips for grads

By **KARA MCGUIRE**
Star Tribune (Minneapolis) (MCT)

Most college commencement speeches instruct graduates to follow their dreams and to make a difference in the world. Inspirational as those addresses are, wouldn't it be great if they ended with a few practical financial tips about juggling debt and building a credit history?

In honor of graduation season, here are the 10 financial "to-dos" for grads entering the "real world."

1. Save something. Stop with the excuses about being too poor and automatically put at least \$20 a month into a savings account. Then, when your car needs repairing or you must fly to an out-of-state wedding, you won't reach for the credit card.

Then there's retirement. It's a long way away, but start putting

money into your 401(k) at work, especially if your employer gives you free matching money. Or open a Roth IRA.

2. Insure your stuff and your body. You may think you have nothing of value, but think about the cost of replacing your TV, computer and closet-full of clothes. Renter's insurance will set you back roughly \$10 to \$15 a month.

Buying health insurance if you're healthy may seem like a waste of money, but without it, a broken leg or appendicitis can put your finances on life support for years. Depending on the coverage, you can find a health insurance plan for less than the monthly cost of a fancy Internet and cable TV package.

3. Bye-bye school, hello loans. If you find it hard to make your student loan payment, don't ignore those bills. Talk to your

college financial aid office and your lender about options such as consolidation, changing your repayment plan or applying for a deferment or forbearance. (Generally, the last two allow you to postpone repayment.) Remember, the longer it takes you to pay off your loans, the more expensive they become. See www.finaid.org.

4. Pinch pennies with your peers. You're not the only recent grad living on a shoestring. Instead of trying to hide that from friends, make it a group goal to spend less than you make and still have fun.

5. Keep tabs on your spending. Track how you spend your money for a while to get a sense of how much your new life costs. If noting every penny spent sounds tedious, pick an area such as eating out or shopping, where money often flows

like drinks at happy hour, and focus on it.

6. Have a plan for debt. If you graduate with credit card debt, waste no time in coming up with a plan to pay it off and don't let it grow. Consider transferring your balance to a zero percent interest card.

7. Check your credit reports. Everyone is entitled to one free credit report yearly from each of the three big credit bureaus. Visit www.annualcreditreport.com, or call 1-877-322-8228.

8. Read the fine print. It's boring, you have to squint and it's written in mumbo-jumbo. But you could pay dearly for not taking the time to struggle through the terms.

9. Take a homebuyers' class. Many nonprofits offer such classes, which cover everything from hiring an agent to budgeting for a mortgage payment.

Sitting in class is probably the last thing recent graduates want to do, but shouldn't you take as much time learning about buying property as you did learning about ancient Greece? In Minnesota, visit www.hocmn.org for details.

10. Get some goals. It's much easier to be smart with your money when you're on a mission, whether it's saving \$1,000 or reaching a loftier ambition—like paying for a master's degree.

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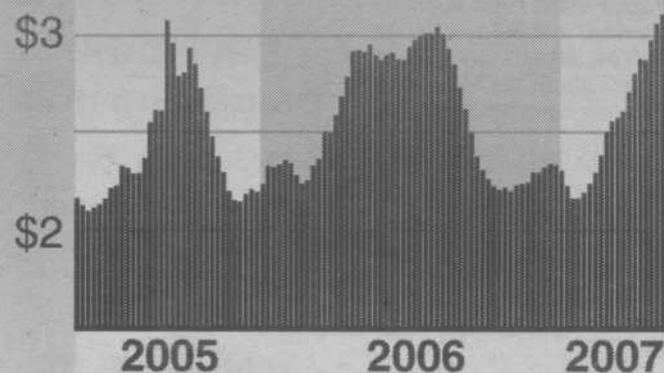
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Defense attorneys worry about 'rush to judgment' of Fort Dix suspects

By **GEORGE ANASTASIA**
The Philadelphia Inquirer (MCT)

PHILADELPHIA—It's a case splattered with the emotional buzzwords of 21st-century America.

Jihad.

Terrorism.

Radical Islamists.

But at the end of the day, say several court-appointed attorneys representing the men charged this month with plotting an attack on Fort Dix, it has to be about the validity of the evidence and the credibility of the witnesses.

"These types of cases test the system," said Michael Huff, a Philadelphia lawyer representing Dritan Duka, 28, one of three accused brothers. "They test our integrity as a society. If this is terrorism, do you suspend the rules, suspend the Constitution? . . . No. We treat everybody fairly. That's the strength of this country."

"Everybody has a right to be tried based on the evidence," added Rocco Cipparone, the attorney for Mohamad Shnewer, a 22-year-old Cherry Hill, N.J., cabdriver who in government documents appears to be the ringleader.

Cipparone, a former federal prosecutor, said he was concerned about a "rush to judgment" given the case's already extensive global media attention.

When the top federal law enforcement official in New Jersey, U.S. Attorney Christopher J. Christie, says the alleged plot is "the model for post-Sept. 11-era terrorism," the case is going to generate that kind of publicity.

But will that undermine the presumption of innocence and the concept of "guilty beyond a reasonable doubt"—two building blocks of a fair criminal trial—when the case is presented to a jury?

Shnewer, the Duka brothers—Dritan, Shain and Eljvir—and Serdar Tatar were arrested May 7 on charges of plotting an attack on Fort Dix. The Dukas, like Shnewer, live in Cherry Hill. Tatar is a former Cherry Hill resident who lives in Philadelphia.

Agron Abdullahu, 24, faces a lesser charge of supplying weapons to the Duka brothers, who were in this country illegally.

All six are being held without bail. An indictment is expected shortly, possibly this week. But a trial is months away.

To date, the only information the defense has received is contained in two public documents,

as "paid informants" who had worked for the FBI in the past.

In that regard, the lawyers say, the case is not unlike a major drug or organized-crime investigation that uses informants and wiretaps.

Challenging the meaning of the tapes and attacking the credibility of the informants are standard defense tactics.

One crucial piece of evidence,

arrived here in 1999.)

Within weeks, the FBI had placed an informant in the group and launched an intensive investigation.

The video was made in the Poconos, where the group went in January 2006. The group made a second trip in February 2007, according to the government. Authorities described both trips as training exer-

the source, who expressed concern that the FBI informants might have done more than just gather evidence. Authorities said Dritan and Shain Duka, 26, were arrested moments after paying for three AK-47s and four M-16 rifles at an apartment on Cooper Landing Road in Cherry Hill in a deal set up by the informant.

But the affidavit also says the Duka brothers and Shnewer backed away from a chance to buy a rocket-propelled-grenade launcher and an M-60 machine gun, other weapons that the informant said he could provide.

Another twist in the investigation is Tatar's alleged role in supplying the map of Fort Dix.

Tatar, according to the FBI affidavit, went to Philadelphia police Nov. 15 with a vague reference to the alleged plot, saying someone he suspected was involved in "terrorist-related" activities was pressuring him to get a map of the military base.

Tatar was present, authorities said, when police contacted federal investigators.

But he denied any involvement when the FBI questioned him three weeks later, just days after he allegedly gave the map to the informant.

"Why would someone who is organizing an attack on Fort Dix go to the Philadelphia police?" asked Richard Sparaco, Tatar's lawyer.

The question underscores some of the confusing and inconsistent information that has surfaced.

But other tapes secretly recorded by the informants appear to support the charges. These include specific references to killing soldiers—at Fort Dix, at other military installations, or, perhaps most troubling, during the Army-Navy football game in Philadelphia.

Defense attorneys caution that until those tapes are put in context—until the entire conversation is disclosed—criminal conclusions are speculative.

"Is this a bunch of guys spouting off . . . or is it a real plot?" Cipparone asked.

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Family members and supporters arrive outside the federal courthouse in Camden, New Jersey, Friday, May 11, 2007, for bail hearings for the six Muslim men being held in an alleged terrorist plot to murder soldiers at Fort Dix.

Michael Perez/Philadelphia Inquirer (MCT)

a 27-page FBI affidavit filed with the arrest warrants and a 20-page prosecution memo filed last week in opposition to a motion by Abdullahu's lawyer seeking bail for her client.

The documents provide what one defense lawyer called "snippets" of the case. They are, by legal design, the prosecution's version and interpretation of events.

Eventually the defense will receive more detailed information, including tapes and transcripts of all the conversations secretly recorded by two cooperating witnesses whom authorities insinuated into the group during a 16-month investigation.

Defense attorneys also will be given background information on the witnesses, both described

for example, is the videotape that launched the investigation. The FBI learned of the group only after workers at a Circuit City in Mount Laurel, N.J., contacted police about a "disturbing" video that customers had asked a clerk to dub from a VCR tape to a DVD.

The tape, authorities said, showed a group of young men firing assault weapons at a firing range "in a militialike style while calling for 'jihad and shouting in Arabic, 'Allah Akbar,'" which means "God is great."

(All six suspects are foreign-born Muslims. The Dukas and Abdullahu are ethnic Albanians from the former Yugoslavia. Shnewer is Jordanian. Tatar is from Turkey. Most came to this country as young children. Abdullahu was 16 when he

cises where the men practiced shooting and watched al-Qaida-inspired "mujahideen and terrorist training videos."

But attorney Lisa Evans Lewis argued at Abdullahu's bail hearing last week that, for her client, at least, the trips to the Poconos were "vacations" with friends. In fact, she said, he took his two younger brothers, ages 18 and 13, along.

Another source familiar with the Duka family's version said last week that the entire video that sparked the investigation would show a group of young men "goofing off."

In addition to the video from the shooting range, that source said, the tape shows the men horseback-riding and fishing.

"Were they going to attack Fort Dix on horseback?" asked

Britain accuses ex-KGB agent in former spy's death

By **TOM HUNDLEY AND ALEX RODRIGUEZ**
Chicago Tribune (MCT)

LONDON—The plot to poison Alexander Litvinenko, a former KGB colonel and outspoken critic of the Kremlin, seemed to have a cast of characters from a John Le Carre novel. It captured the imagination of the international media and raised unsettling questions about the alleged involvement of the Russian government and its ruthlessness in dealing with political enemies.

On Tuesday, the convoluted tale took another twist as Britain's Crown Prosecution Service made a formal request for the extradition of Andrei Lugovoi, another former KGB agent who had tea in a London hotel with Litvinenko on Nov. 1, the day Litvinenko fell ill.

But Russia's response to the extradition request was blunt: "In accordance with Russian law, citizens of Russia cannot be turned over to foreign states," said Marina Gridneva, a spokeswoman for the Russian prosecutor general's office.

As a result, Russia's relations with Europe appeared to be heading toward a post-Cold War low.

"We are not talking about a

liberal democracy here," said James Nixey, a Russia analyst at Chatham House, a London research institute.

Tuesday's extradition request, in which British officials said they had sufficient evidence to charge Lugovoi with "deliberate poisoning" in the "extraordinarily grave crime," had been expected for weeks.

"We knew for some time that Lugovoi looked like the guilty party. We knew the Crown Pros-

ecution Service would have to ask for his extradition—and we knew the Russians would have to refuse," said Nixey.

"I think this decision is a political decision."

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A deepening chill between Russia and the West was apparent last week in an icy summit between Russian President Vladimir Putin and European Union leaders. The two sides traded barbs over energy policy and human rights. Russia also is angered by the Bush administration's efforts to place missile defense installations in eastern Europe.

"Relations have been bad for quite awhile. This adds to it,"

Nixey said of the extradition request.

Legal experts and diplomats say there is little chance that Lugovoi will ever see the inside of a British courtroom and little that Britain can do about it. But as long as the issue remains unresolved, it will pose a serious impediment to Britain's relations with Russia.

Lugovoi maintained his innocence Tuesday and called the charges politically motivated.

"I think this decision is a political decision," Lugovoi told the Russian news agency RIA Novosti. "I didn't kill Litvinenko. I have no relation to his death and I have all the grounds to express my distrust for the so-called evidence that the British justice system has gathered."

Although the Russian Constitution prohibits the extradition of Russian citizens, the law does allow for the prosecution of a Russian citizen within Russia if there is evidence that the person committed a crime on foreign soil.

Gridneva, the spokeswoman

for the prosecutor's office, said that Russian investigators would be willing to look at the evidence amassed by British prosecutors against Lugovoi but that they have yet to receive such material from British authorities.

Lugovoi worked at the KGB and its successor agency, the Federal Security Service, from 1987 to 1996. He spent much of that time as a presidential bodyguard for Russian leader Boris Yeltsin.

His relationship with Litvinenko dates back a decade, when Lugovoi headed up security at ORT, a Russian television channel then owned by Moscow oligarch Boris Berezovsky, who has angered Moscow by openly calling for the overthrow of the Russian government by force. Litvinenko and Berezovsky became friends after Litvinenko publicly accused his FSB bosses of asking him to help assassinate Berezovsky.

After leaving the FSB in 1998, Litvinenko was jailed on charges of disclosing classified information. The charges were

later dropped, and Litvinenko left Russia with his wife and son, eventually gaining asylum in Britain.

Lugovoi, meanwhile, became a partner in a soft-drinks enterprise and a security company co-owned by Dmitry Kovtun, also a key figure in the Litvinenko investigation. Kovtun accompanied Lugovoi to the meeting with Litvinenko at the Millennium Hotel on Nov. 1.

German investigators also found traces of polonium—the radioactive poison used against Litvinenko—in the apartment of Kovtun's ex-wife in Hamburg, in two cars he used there and in a government office he visited.

In an interview with Russia's Ekho Moskvy radio late last year, Lugovoi said Litvinenko had called him in 2005 and offered to introduce him to some new business contacts in London. Lugovoi and Kovtun met with Litvinenko in London on Oct. 16, and again on Nov. 1, the day Litvinenko fell ill.

Although Litvinenko said in his deathbed statement that President Putin was linked to his poisoning, no ties between Lugovoi, Kovtun and the Kremlin have surfaced.

Shortly after the extradition request was announced Tuesday, Russia's ambassador to Britain was summoned to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and told that Britain expects "full cooperation" in bringing the suspect to justice.

That message was backed up by Prime Minister Tony Blair's office.

"Nobody should be under any doubt as to the seriousness with which we are taking this case," said a spokesman for Blair.

"There are major issues, such as Iran, Kosovo and climate change, where we have to have-given the nature of the world today—serious dialogue with Russia. However, what that doesn't in any way obviate is the need for the international rule of law to be respected, and we will not in any way shy away from trying to ensure that that happens in a case such as this," the spokesman said.

(Hundley reported from London, and Rodriguez reported from Moscow.)

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April 17

Sergei Yushenkov

Liberal lawmaker and government critic; gunned down in Moscow

July 3

Yuri Shchekochikhin

Journalist investigating high-level corruption; allegedly poisoned

2004

Feb. 13

Zelimkhan Yandarbiyev

Former separatist president of Chechnya; killed by car bomb

2006

Oct. 7

Anna Politkovskaya

Russian journalist and fierce government critic; shot dead

Nov. 23

Alexander Litvinenko

Former Russian spy turned Putin critic; poisoned; traces of poison found in spy's wife and a security agent

Sickened

2006

Nov. 24

Yegor Gaidar

Former prime minister; liberal opposition leader; allegedly poisoned, now recovering in Moscow

Exiled

Boris Berezovsky

Russian billionaire now living in London; Litvinenko accused his KGB superiors of ordering him to kill Berezovsky; Kremlin sources now accuse the tycoon of Litvinenko's death

Leonid Nevzelin

Former CEO of oil giant Yukos, which was sold to a state-owned firm; now living in Israel to avoid criminal charges; says Litvinenko's death may be linked to his probe into the Kremlin's forced takeover of Yukos

Imprisoned

2004

March

Mikhail Kodanyov

Liberal politician and head of a party group that supports Berezovsky; serving 20 years for allegedly ordering Yushenkov's murder

2005

May

Mikhail Khodorkovsky

Former leader of oil giant Yukos; serving eight-year sentence in Siberian prison for fraud and tax evasion; Kremlin critics say trial was rigged

Investigated

2005

July

Mikhail Kasyanov

Prime minister during Putin's first term, turned critic; accused of illegally acquiring property, a claim widely seen as a warning to say out of the 2008 presidential race

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Senate, White House agree on a compromise immigration bill

By **DAVE MONTGOMERY**
McClatchy Newspapers (MCT)

WASHINGTON—Ending three months of closed-door deliberations, Senate negotiators unveiled a massive immigration bill Thursday that would enable more than 12 million illegal immigrants to step out from their shadow existence to live and work in the United States legally.

The bipartisan bill, which includes a temporary guest-worker program and an employee verification system that ultimately would affect all employers and U.S. workers,

now heads toward an uncertain outcome in the Senate, which is scheduled to begin debate on the measure late Monday afternoon.

"I don't care how you try to spin it, this is amnesty," said Sen. Jim DeMint, R-S.C., echoing the central opposition theme that began befalling the bill even before it was officially released.

But proponents, including DeMint's home-state colleague, Republican Sen. Lindsey Graham, a member of the negotiating team, vigorously defended the multifaceted bill as the best—and perhaps last—shot Congress will have in protecting

Democrats, who now lead Congress, generally have seemed more sympathetic to Bush's views on immigration. But the same diverse pressure groups that collided in the previous congressional debate already are stepping forward for the next round, making the outcome virtually impossible to predict.

"There will be people trying to pull it apart from both sides," said Joel Kaplan, a White House policy adviser who also participated in the talks on Capitol Hill.

The bill won early endorsements from pro-immigration groups, which have pressed

the majority from Mexico and Latin America.

Those who entered the United States before Jan. 1 would be eligible for a newly created "Z visa," which would enable them to live and work in the country after paying a \$1,000 fine, passing criminal background checks and maintaining employment. They would be required to renew the visa every four years but could remain in the United States indefinitely as long as they continued to work and obeyed the law.

They eventually could apply for green cards to become permanent residents—the first step toward citizenship—but they

a year between each renewal.

A "trigger" feature placed in the bill at the insistence of conservatives would prevent the guest-worker program from going into effect until the administration declared that the U.S. borders had been adequately secured.

Other prerequisites include increasing the Border Patrol to 18,000 agents, deploying 70 ground-based radar and camera towers and constructing 370 miles of border fencing, which already has drawn overwhelming opposition in Texas and other border states.

Another potential lightning-rod feature is an electronic verification system that employers would use to screen applicants and ensure that job-seekers aren't illegal immigrants. Employers would check documents such as passports or driver's licenses to make sure that the document photos and Social Security numbers match those in a national database.

Employers initially would be required to verify new hires, and three years after the bill is enacted, they would be required to verify all employees.

In a fundamental shift in U.S. immigration policy, the bill would create a point-based merit system in determining future immigrants, giving preference based on such factors as education, skills, English-language proficiency and their overall ability to contribute to the economy.

The bill also would curtail family-based migration by eliminating green cards for the siblings and adult children of families now in the United States. The Bush administration pushed for the feature to end what it called a pattern of chain migration under which nearly two-thirds of green cards are awarded to relatives of U.S. citizens.

(McClatchy Newspapers correspondents James Rosen, Ron Hutcheson, Maria Recio and Barbara Barrett contributed to this report.)

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Immigration deal

Highlights of the bill agreed to by the Senate and White House:

Undocumented workers

For those in U.S. before 2007

- **Would be offered temporary-residency permit**, then could apply for "Z Visa"
- **"Z Visa" would let immigrants legally live, work in U.S. after paying fees, \$5,000 fine**; head of household must return to home country to apply for permanent residence for household; permanent residency could take 8-13 years

Guest workers

For 400,000 workers a year

- **Temporary two-year work visa; can be renewed twice**, but worker must leave U.S. for a year between renewals; little chance to gain residency, citizenship

Point system

For prioritizing immigrants

- **Education and skill level would count more** than family connections in deciding who gets green cards except for spouses, minor children of U.S. citizens

Border, worker security

Must be in place before other parts of bill enacted

- 18,000 new Border Patrol agents
- 370 miles (595 km) new fencing
- Electronic employee verification system

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"I really am anxious to sign a comprehensive immigration bill as soon as I possibly can." — George W. Bush

the nation's borders and addressing the widely dispersed population of illegal immigrants.

"If, for some reason, this agreement falls apart, it will be a disaster for the country," Graham said.

Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., another negotiator, acknowledged that the bill had flaws, but she urged Americans and fellow lawmakers: "Please, please, please don't let the perfect be the enemy of the good."

The bill, which ultimately could end up at more than 1,000 pages when it reaches the Senate floor, is the result of negotiations between senators from both parties and two high-ranking emissaries from the Bush administration: Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff and Commerce Secretary Carlos Gutierrez.

The two Cabinet secretaries' involvement underscored President Bush's commitment to push an immigration overhaul through Congress after the previous Republican-led Congress rebuffed his initiatives.

"I really am anxious to sign a comprehensive immigration bill as soon as I possibly can," Bush said after a briefing by Chertoff and Gutierrez. "Today, we took a good step toward that direction."

for years for legalizing undocumented workers. But those on the opposite side of the debate—including conservative members of the president's Republican Party—said the bill is merely an updated version of a widely discredited 1986 law that granted amnesty to more than 2 million illegal immigrants.

"The Senate's proposal is nothing more than amnesty wearing make-up—it's easier to look at, but it's just as ugly underneath," said Rep. Patrick McHenry, R-N.C.

Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, who participated in the negotiations but didn't attend the news conference announcing the deal, said he "expressed serious concerns" with the package, but suggested he would try to alter the measure through amendments on the floor.

"I simply cannot, and will not, support any legislation that repeats the mistakes of the 1986 amnesty," he said.

The measure differs substantially from an immigration bill that passed the Senate a year ago but later died in a stalemate with the House of Representatives. A cornerstone feature—and presumably the most contentious element—is its treatment of the estimated 12 million illegal immigrants now in the country,

would have to go to the back of line and wait for eight years while immigration officials clear a backlog of more than 5 million other green card applicants.

Those who wanted to get on the citizenship track also would have to leave the country to file their green card applications. They also would be required to pay an additional \$4,000 fine and complete accelerated English requirements.

"There's broad consensus that 12 million undocumented workers who are here should be offered the chance to earn their legalization," said Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass, who led the bipartisan negotiating team. "If this bill becomes law, it will provide an historic opportunity for millions of people right away."

The bill also would create a temporary guest-worker program to bring in up to 440,000 foreign workers each year—and possibly as many as 600,000 if the need existed—to fill what U.S. businesses say is a chronic shortage of unskilled workers. They would be given temporary "Y" visas, which would enable them to work for two years.

The temporary workers could twice renew the visa to work in the United States for a total of six years, but they would have to stay in their home countries for

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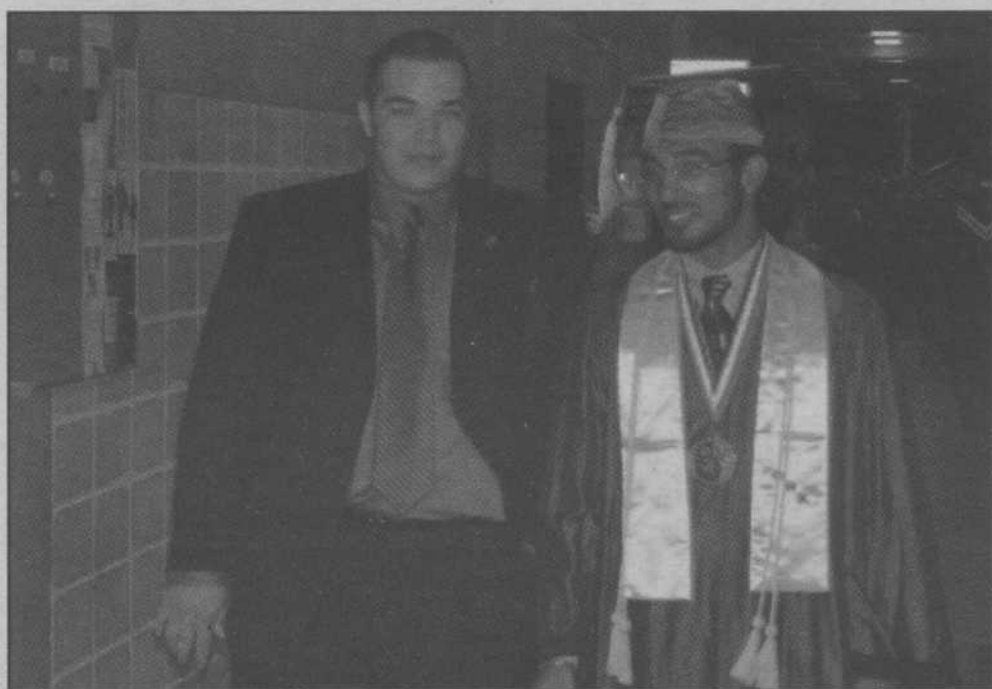
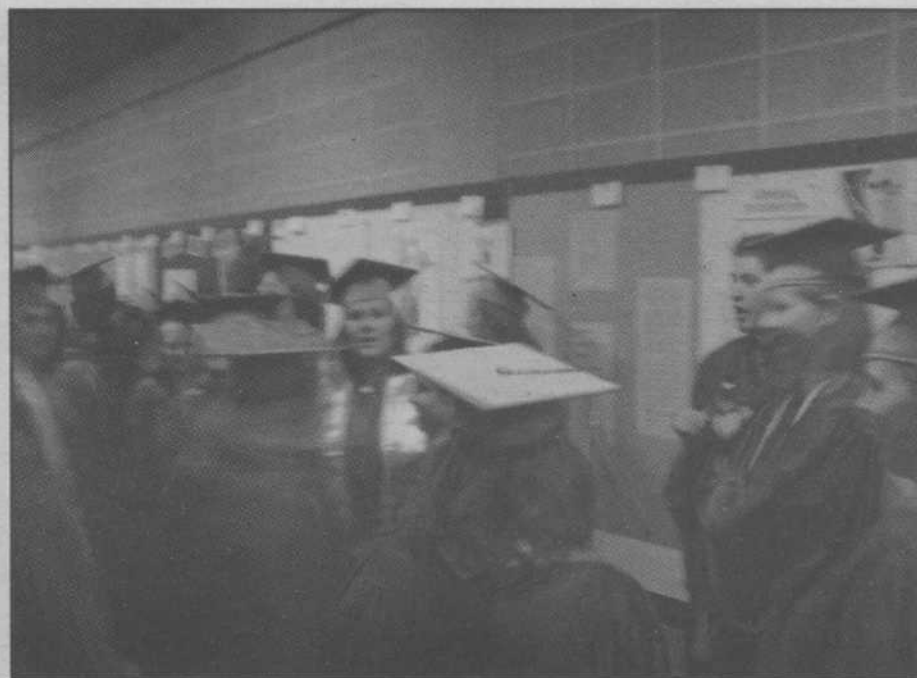
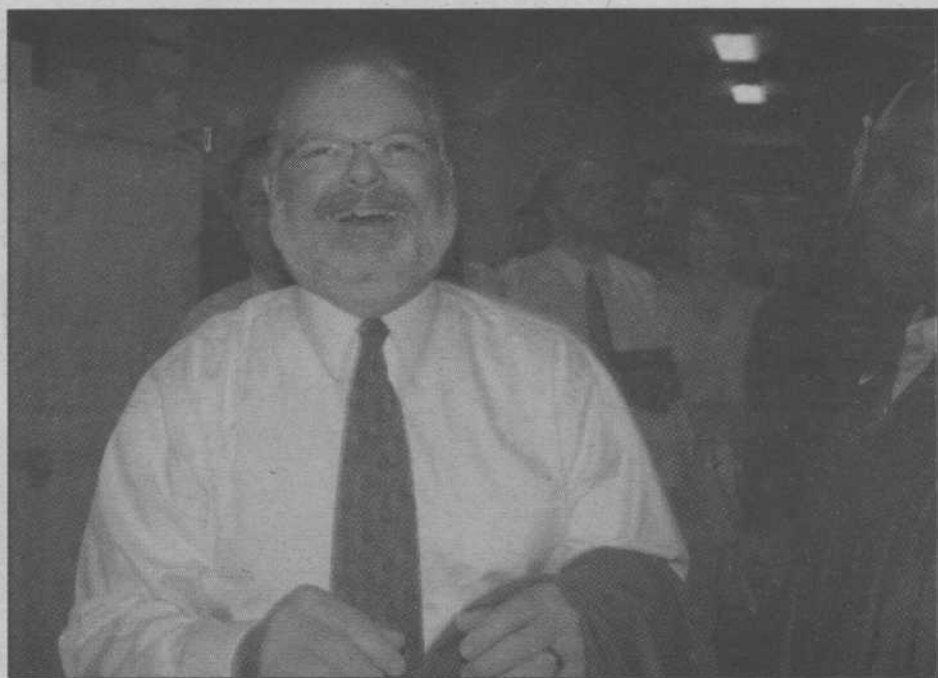
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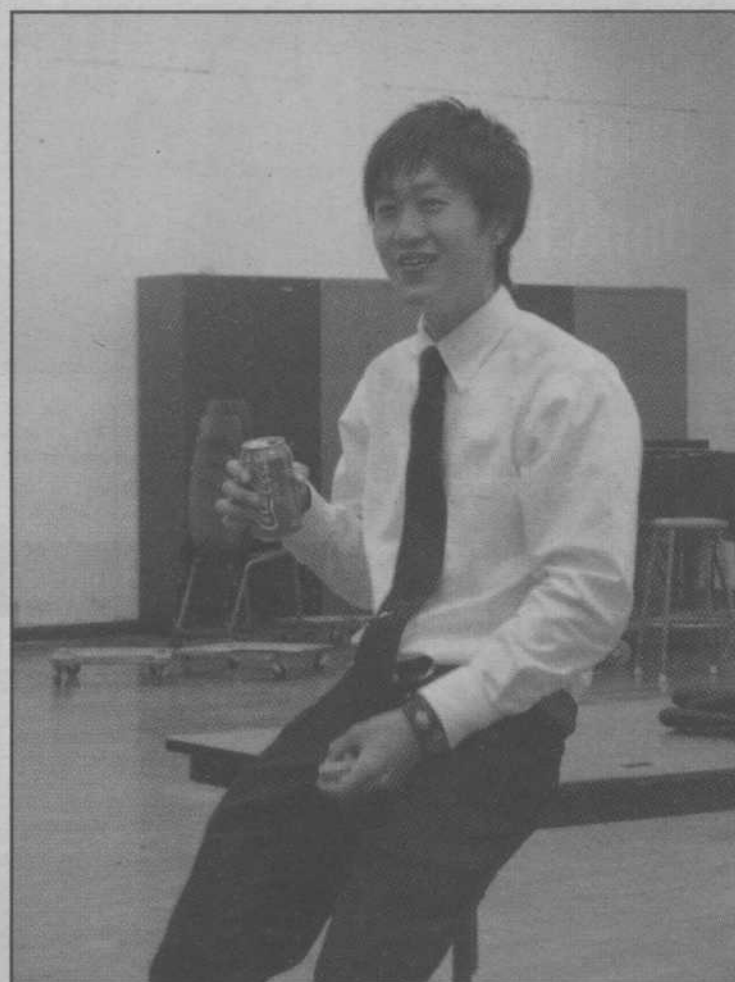
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Firm turns recycling practices up a notch

By JON VAN

Chicago Tribune (MCT)

CHICAGO—You could say that Brian Brundage treats recycling like a sausage-maker handling a pig: He throws nothing away.

Every day tons of old computers, calculators, copy machines, TV sets, cell phones and other electronic waste enter Brundage's Chicago Heights, Ill.-based operation, and not one scrap winds up in a landfill.

"This stuff was made in factories, starting as raw materials and coming off an assembly line as a product," said Brundage, chief executive of Intercon Solutions. "We put old products on a disassembly line. We break each item down to raw materials and send them off to be smelted and reused."

It is an unusual, labor-intensive approach for a U.S. recycler, but Brundage believes it is best for the environment and, as more corporations embrace green values, a smart competitive move for his company's

future.

His 250,000-square-foot facility now employs about 15 full-time disassemblers, up from a half-dozen 18 months ago, and Brundage expects that he will employ about 50 within two years.

Intercon takes electronic waste from large businesses, including Texas Instruments Inc., Ericsson Wireless Communications and Tribune Co., which publishes the Chicago Tribune. It also serves large government agencies such as the Department of Energy.

While European countries have stringent regulations that require recycling, government mandates in the United States are less demanding, said Tom Theis, director of the environmental science and policy institute at the University of Illinois at Chicago. In the U.S., large corporations are at the forefront in pushing for electronics recycling.

"A lot of companies are multinational," Theis said. "They prefer process uniformity. They

want common solutions that work in all countries."

So they like a North American recycling operation that

we can assure that everything was done responsibly both for data security and for the environment."

"Most electronics recycling outfits like to crush," said Neiman. "They'll strip out the valuable metals and crush the rest,



Brian Brundage, CEO of Intercon Solutions, stands by parts taken from various computers to be recycled in Chicago Heights, Illinois, on May 1, 2007.

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also meets European standards, he said.

Corporate managers also want to be sure that sensitive information stored in hard drives never winds up in the wrong hands once old computers, fax machines and other electronics are scrapped.

Practices at Ericsson are likely typical in this regard. Before a piece of electronics is retired, managers assess what kind of information it may have processed and how much still may be stored, said Tom Przelomicz, the company's national materials disposition manager.

"We don't resell our old equipment because we don't want even a little chance of it being put to use with any data in it," he said.

The company installs commands to wipe hard drives clean and then sends the old machines to Intercon Solutions, where the recycler keeps records of when the old equipment arrived, when it is dismantled and when and where the constituent parts are sent to be melted for reuse.

"We need to track it from start to finish," Przelomicz said, "so

To assure customers of proper handling, Intercon has sought and received certification of its processes from the International Standards Organization. For many firms that do business in Europe, the ISO certification is a must-have.

"For European companies, this is just part of their practice," said Jason Teliszczak, an Elmhurst-based environmental consultant who worked with Intercon to obtain its certification. "If you don't have ISO, many companies won't even talk to you."

As part of its monitoring processes Intercon has numerous video cameras in its plant that enable customers to log on to secure Web sites and watch as waste materials are dismantled and sorted. "Some of our governmental clients require video monitoring, and we make it available to any customer who wants it," Brundage said.

Such attention to detail is unusual in a U.S. recycler, said Stuart Neiman, a senior consultant based in Lombard for American Environmental Consultants.

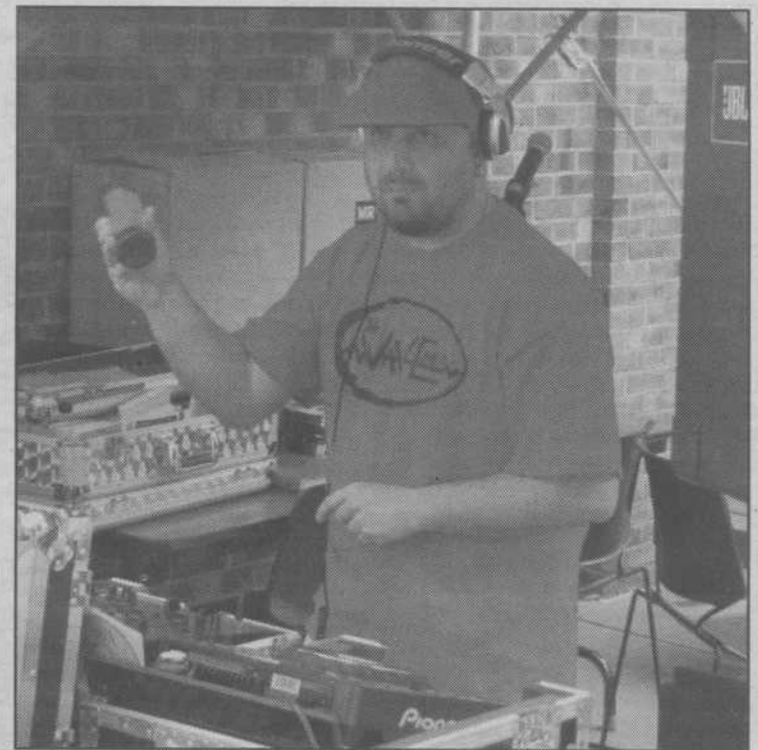
shipping it overseas, supposedly for recycling. But once it goes to a foreign country who knows what happens? Probably a lot ends up in dumps."

Because toxic materials such as lead, mercury and other heavy metals are used liberally in making electronics devices, burying them in landfills poses a future hazard if the metals leak into ground water.

Experts estimate that only 10 percent to 15 percent of electronic waste is recycled. Most of that comes from large companies that get rid of old machines in bulk. Consumers who dispose of a computer or TV set every few years are likely to just set it out with the trash.

Brundage said that every day he gets four or five consumers who drive to his plant to leave a few old computers, TV sets or stereos.

"We always take anything from anyone," he said, "although our business is working with large companies."



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Movie picks

- ★ Outstanding
- Worthy effort
- ▼ So-so
- A bomb

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		Local critic	Chicago Tribune	Dallas Morning News	Detroit Free Press	Miami Herald	N.Y. Daily News	Philadelphia Inquirer	Sacramento Bee	Seattle Times
✓ Away From Her	PG 13	★	-	■	★	-	★	-	★	
✓ The Ex	PG 13	▼	-	▼	●	●	▼	-	■	
✓ Georgia Rule	R	▼	-	●	●	●	▼	-	■	
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✓ Lucky You	PG 13	■	▼	■	▼	●	▼	-	▼	
✓ Shrek The Third	PG 13	▼	▼	■	▼	▼	▼	■	▼	
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A College Girl Named Joe by Aaron Warner

BOY, I REALLY BLEW IT WITH RYAN. I'M SO STUPID. WHAT WAS I THINKING?

WHAT HAPPENED?

I DON'T KNOW. I JUST STARTED FREAKING OUT ABOUT LEAVING SCHOOL AND US STILL BEING TOGETHER, AND I GUESS I'M JUST FEELING REALLY INSECURE WITH EVERYTHING ABOUT TO CHANGE.

DON'T WORRY. HE'LL FORGIVE YOU, AND EVERYTHING WILL BE OKAY.

REALLY? DO YOU THINK SO?

NO. BUT AREN'T FRIENDS SUPPOSED TO SAY STUFF LIKE THAT?

A College Girl Named Joe by Aaron Warner

I THOUGHT EVERYTHING WAS GREAT BETWEEN US AND NOW YOU'RE SAYING YOU WANT TO BREAK UP?!

NO, THAT'S NOT WHAT I SAID.

IT'S GOING TO BE DIFFICULT TO STILL SEE EACH OTHER, THAT'S ALL. I STILL HAVE ANOTHER YEAR AND YOU'LL BE OUT THERE MEETING ALL KINDS OF NEW PEOPLE.

BUT I'M HAPPY WITH YOU. CAN'T YOU SEE HOW HAPPY I AM?

Two Dudes by Aaron Warner

SOME DAYS I WAKE UP AND ASK MYSELF, "WHY AM I HERE, DUDE?"

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Two Dudes by Aaron Warner

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- Oil acronym
- Plot on a chart
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- Baby's first word, maybe
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- Winning margin, maybe
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- Still sealed
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- "Sopranos" star Falco
- Alexander the Great's tutor
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- Tiny amount
- Play divisions
- AWOL part
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- Debatable
- Key PC key
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- Landers and Jillian
- Back of a boat
- Cravings

DOWN

- Smell
- Lay asphalt
- Early garden
- Walks of life
- Freon or neon
- Sunken grooves
- French farewell
- Fir leaf
- Dragster
- Trailblazer
- After-market item
- Singer Della
- Let up
- Court document
- Very long time
- Abys
- Andrew Lloyd Webber play
- Operatic song
- Orange coat?
- Cinderella's guardian
- Zodiac sign
- Going by yacht
- Ring around a castle
- Perspiration opening
- Jaffe and Huff
- Checks
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- Stone near Cork
- Bass coat?
- "Battlestar Galactica" role
- City in Georgia
- "Rocket Man" rocker John
- Express
- At any time
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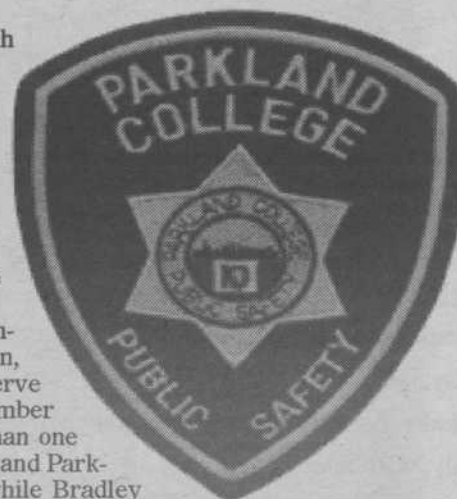
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Friday Night: A chance of showers. Partly cloudy, with a low around 59.

Saturday: A chance of showers. Partly cloudy, with a high near 77.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 59.

CrimeStoppers seeks assistance

This week, CrimeStoppers and Rantoul Police detectives are seeking information on the whereabouts of Jamie Harper.

Harper, a twenty year old white female from Paxton, Illinois, was last seen in Rantoul during the early morning hours of March 10, 2007. She had attended a party in the 1300 block of Laurel Drive and was last seen at that location.

Numerous leads as to where Jamie Harper may have been received by the Rantoul Police Department, but thus far, she has not been located. Detectives

are still following certain leads and are working to locate her. Rantoul Police have received various reports about Harper, some indicating she is safe and does not want to be found. Other



reports have provided details that foul play was involved in her disappearance.

The Rantoul Police Department is encouraging anyone with information concerning the whereabouts of Jamie

Harper, known friends and associates of Jamie Harper, or other information about this case to please call the Rantoul Police Department at (217) 892-2103 or call CrimeStoppers at (217) 373-TIPS or (217) 373-8477.

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- "Frost/Nixon"
- "The Little Dog Laughed"
- "Radio Golf"

Best actor (play)

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- Frank Langella, "Frost/Nixon"
- Brian F. O'Byrne, "The Coast of Utopia"
- Christopher Plummer, "Inherit the Wind"
- Liev Schreiber, "Talk Radio"

Best actress (play)

- Eve Best, "A Moon for the Misbegotten"
- Swoosie Kurtz, "Heartbreak House"
- Angela Lansbury, "Deuce"
- Vanessa Redgrave, "The Year of Magical Thinking"
- Julie White, "The Little Dog Laughed"

Best musical

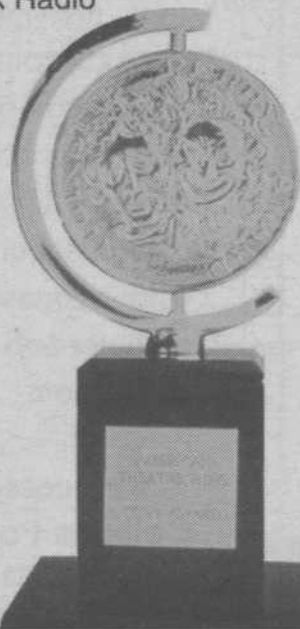
- "Curtains"
- "Grey Gardens"
- "Mary Poppins"
- "Spring Awakening"

Best actor (musical)

- Michael Cerveris, "LoveMusik"
- Raul Esparza, "Company"
- Jonathan Groff, "Spring Awakening"
- Gavin Lee, "Mary Poppins"
- David Hyde Pierce, "Curtains"

Best actress (musical)

- Laura Bell Bundy, "Legally Blonde ..."
- Christine Ebersole, "Grey Gardens"
- Audra McDonald, "110 in the Shade"
- Debra Monk, "Curtains"
- Donna Murphy, "LoveMusik"

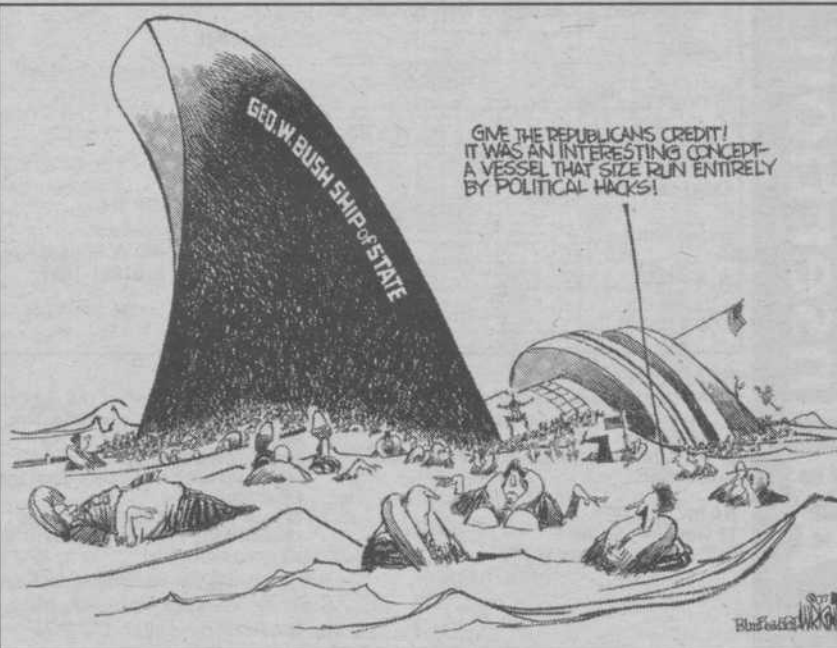


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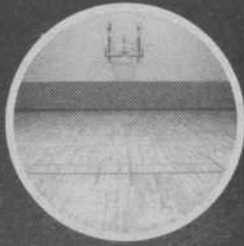
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Four PC athletes sign letters of intent

By JOHN EBY
Prospectus Advisor

Head Basketball Coach Chris Warren is proud to see his players graduate, and is always happy to see several moving on to play at the next level. Four of the 2006 - 2007 team members will be doing so this fall semester. The coach has high praise for Robert Hubbard, Andrew McCool, Matt Neaville, and Mark-Daniel Renelique. Each will continue playing, here in the Midwest, after transferring to four-year schools.

Earlier this month, the four players signed their letters of intent in the lobby of the Parkland Gymnasium, and were happy to talk in brief interviews about their experience on our Champaign campus. Speaking to the Prospectus, The News-Gazette, and television News-channel 15, each was obviously excited about their future college homes. In addition, they were genuinely proud of the athletics program at Parkland College, and complimentary about the work of Coach Warren and his assistants, Ryan Sosamon, and Jermyn Bracey.

Hubbard, McCool, Neaville, and Renelique mentioned the team's December 2006 trip to New York City as a highlight of their season. Their matchups against Technical Career Institutes College and Globe Institute of Technology, both NJCAA Division I schools, were more than road games and a field trip to America's greatest city. Neaville believes the team

accepted it as an opportunity to pull together and function as a well-practiced unit.

Individually, the players have had great learning opportunities while on the Parkland team. One certainly unwished for by passionate athletes is spending the season on the bench. Marc-Daniel Renelique was disabled for the season, recovering from two surgeries for an ACL - ligament - tear, yet managed to stay in the game mentally. He com-

disappointed about not playing during 2006 - 2007, he continues with therapy and workouts to be prepared for the upcoming season at Chicago State University, his new basketball home. CSU is an NCAA Division I school.

Andrew McCool looks forward to the next two seasons playing at Eastern Kentucky University, an NCAA Division I school. Named an All-State player in high school, he played for Maroa-Forsyth High School,

regret his decision to move out of district. For McCool, Parkland College's "atmosphere was fun"—as were the classes. He is proud of his academics, and his work with the team. McCool was named 2006 - 2007 Defensive Player of the Year.

As a post forward for the Parkland team, Robert Hubbard had seven double-doubles—points and rebounds in double digits—in conference play during the season. His decision to play

Crookston Golden Eagles team, a NCAA Division II school.

Numerous honors have come to Matt Neaville of Urbana, mostly likely because he has worked the longest and hardest for them. Arriving at Parkland in Spring Semester 2003, hoping to play basketball, he worked his way up from a grade point deficit to capture several NJCAA Division II awards, including 2005-2006 All-American team placement, first team All-Conference and first team All-Region #24 rankings. He broke the national record for three-pointers in a game; finished second all-time in national records for three-pointers made in a season, and broke Parkland's single season and individual game scoring records. Coach Warren's praise for Neaville is well deserved, but it is his team play for which Warren reserves his strongest praise. While Matt is "extremely competitive" as an individual and player, "he will always do whatever's asked to help the team win." This is obviously Warren's test of character, which Neaville has passed.

As Parkland College Athletics continues to have nationally teams and players, four-year colleges and universities will continue to scout here for great young talent. Without a doubt players coming from Champaign bring with them commitment to their sport, successful academic records, and memories of outstanding coaches and staff who will continue to influence their play during future seasons.



Mark-Daniel Renelique, Matt Neaville, and Andrew McCool smile for the cameras as they sign their letters of intent. Robert Hubbard, not pictured, also participated.

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mented that the game "looks simple from the outside, but is very complex from the inside." In the midst of on-court action, it always "seems like it's going 20 MPH faster." Although he is still

a in Community College District #537. Richland Community College does not have a basketball team, and McCool's desire was to continue to play throughout college. In no way does he

for University of Minnesota-Crookston, was initiated by his acquaintance with former Parkland College basketball player B.J. Jenkins. Jenkins is now an assistant coach with the UM-

Softball team places 6th at Nat'l's Athletics Press Release

The Parkland College Softball team finished in 6th Place at the recently completed NJCAA Softball National Tournament held at Champion Fields in Normal. The Cobras, who were making their sixth straight trip to Nationals, have now placed second three times, third, fourth, and sixth. Phoenix College won their fourth straight title defeating Johnson County CC 5-0 in the championship game.

Lansing CC 10 Parkland 3

In a game that was much closer than the final score appears, PC was tied at 3 going to the final two innings but made five errors which led to seven Lansing runs. PC fell behind 2-0 but Beth Current's line drive home run tied the contest. After Lansing scored, Jenna Haley's solo home run retied the game at 3.

Parkland 8 Community College of Baltimore County-Catonsville 1

Robyn Koch (14-3) went the distance allowing just one run on five hits while striking out four. PC scored twice in the first and put the game away with a three run third. Beth Current added two more runs for PC with a two-run home run in the 5th.

Parkland 9 Kirkwood CC 0

Kelly McMahon tossed a four-hit shutout allowing just four base runners for the entire game. McMahon struck out four and was helped by two Cobra double plays. Beth Current put PC ahead with a two-run double in the first inning. PC struck again in the third as Holly Nichols drove in two runs with a single and Megan Riggs added an RBI double. Jessica Gourdier's towering home run to center in the 5th inning ended the contest. Nichols had three hits and 3 RBI while Riggs, Gourdier, and Lindsay Watkins each had two hits.

Johnson County CC 9 Parkland 8

JCCC rallied for four runs in the bottom of the sixth to eliminate the Cobras. Tied at 5 in the top of the sixth, PC got a two out single by Lindsay Watkins, a walk to Holly Nichols, before Jessica Gourdier hit her 17th home run of the season to left center to give the Cobras an 8-5 lead. Unfortunately, PC gave up four runs in the bottom of the inning on three hits and an error. The Cobras got the tying run on in the top of the 7th but could not score thus ending their season at (45-17).

Freshman outfielder Beth Current (Bloomington HS) was named to the All-Tournament team hitting .538 (7-13) with 2 home runs, seven runs batted in, and five runs scored in the Cobras five games.

Congratulations to the team and especially the sophomores who compiled a record of 95-25 over two-seasons. The Cobras won two conference and regional titles and finished 2nd and 6th at the National Tournament the past two seasons.