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## Judge Mathis visits Parkland

### ■ Speaks on second chances and responsibility

By LEAH ZIMMERMAN  
*Prospectus Staff Writer*

Judge Greg Mathis lectured at Parkland College, February 26, on giving ex-offenders second chances. He stressed that the benefits of doing so would improve some of the social and economical problems that our society faces today.

Judge Mathis is the youngest judge in Michigan and is the star of his own reality TV show, called Judge Mathis. He also co-wrote the autobiography, "Inner City Miracle".

Parkland Theatre hosted the event, and Brothers United Network, Dwell Properties, LLC, and Community Management Systems provided sponsorship.

"With my organization, I try to have a significant speaker every semester. Last January we had Dr. Jwanza Kunjufu, who came to talk to educators for elementary, middle school, and high school. Last fall we had Dr. Samuel Vatanis come. He came to talk to educators as well but he talked about specifically teachers having higher expectations of students and challenging students," said Terrance

Stevenson, a member and administrator of Brothers United Network.

Brothers United Network requested Judge Mathis due to his background and struggle for success.

"He [Judge Mathis] came from a challenged background. He had a similar experience with a lot of students here and I thought it was good to expose not only Parkland, but the community to someone who grew up like they did, went through the same struggle and overcame them. [To see] it's possible to be successful regardless of what your background looks like," said Stevenson.

During his early life Mathis, the youngest of four boys, quickly learned how to steal, cheat and lie to get the desirable things for a man of his age. He began selling drugs, stealing purses, and he shot at the Detroit police from his family's housing project. His life showed little potential, yet his mother held onto her faith in religion and had hope. Mathis was arrested several times. While imprisoned at age 17, he received a visit from his mother who informed him she had colon cancer. It was her wish that he would turn his life around. Mathis pursued a GED program, and immediately after he was released from incarceration, he tried to change his life.

Mathis still associated himself with drug and criminal activity, but began to break away from his old life. He main-

tained a job at McDonalds which introduced him to the diversity among his coworkers and helped tear down previous stereotypes and prejudices. He then enrolled at Eastern Michigan University, thanks to the help of a friend. He earned his degree in Public Administration and left the university with an interest in politics and social justice.

As an intern and assistant to Clyde Cleveland he applied to law school and joined fellow students at the University of Detroit School of Law. Mathis worked hard to become a judge. Only fifteen years after he was released from jail did he find success. He is known for his no-nonsense rulings in the courtroom and his emphasis on self-improvement. He regards himself as a fair judge, and believes that the punishment should fit the crime. When asked how many second chances ex-offenders should receive, he responded, "It depends on the offense. If stealing candy, who knows how many opportunities they should receive. If committing violent crimes, it may be that they should not be given a chance at all."

His advice for people headed toward a life of crime like he was at an early age to turn their life around, two things must happen. "One, they must change their heart. You can't change your life until you change your heart and your mind. So once you change your heart

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# Vox Populi (The Voice of the People)

By AARON GEIGER  
*Prospectus Editor*

It takes a decorated soldier, hurt in the line of duty, to inspire change in the heart of the hospital system that takes care of US military veterans. Until this point, hundreds of thousands of men and women have been inching their way along in the system of neglect and ineptitude.

Recently the Washington Post broke a scandal. Walter Reed hospital, the pride of the Army's health care system, has been treating wounded war veterans in squalid conditions. Witnesses testified that they lived with rats, mold, and substandard service. Top officials relieved Major General George Weightman of his duty, Vice President Cheney said, "There will be no excuses, only action," and currently the House is listening to eyewitness testimony.

If the best of the Army's health care is infested with rats and mold, what does that say about the satellite network of support? The closest Veteran's Affairs hospital is in Danville. The complex accompanies a military cemetery just outside the downtown area. All veterans, no matter their age, must travel to Danville for their appointments, medications, physical therapy, surgery, evaluations, and physicals. Last year I saw a man who drove himself from Rantoul. He was once a scrappy Marine that fought at Tarawa, and an inkblot that patched up his forearm once used to be a detail of the Marine Corps insignia. He used a four-pronged walker, and had

soiled himself while waiting for blood pressure medication. No hospital staff helped him.

"You gotta clean yourself up in that bathroom over there, sir," a nurse told him. Another man, wearing a WWII Navy ballcap had to help the man up. A group of us, from the era of WWII to Vietnam to Grenada to Afghanistan huddled together and griped about the system, and listened to the old-tim-

nois, and deprived almost 9,000 veterans of health care. Nationwide, 260,000 veterans were denied access to VA hospitals, clinics, and medications that year. Now the Bush administration is demonstrating compassion to the apparently surprising conditions that the current and recent soldiers have been living in. But Bush and Cheney, as well as the government, are acutely aware of the inade-

\$33,000 on their taxable income will be denied. This also means that long-term health issues that arise from military service—like cancer, asbestos poisoning, chronic pain, joint degeneration, hearing loss, mental health issues, and substance abuse—will not be covered, even though the military may have caused the issues that need attention.

When in active duty, a doctor explained that many of her peers were unable to practice in civilian conditions; the military re-tested the candidates with a "new" (and less rigorous test, like the ASVAB does for the SAT/ACT) test. This makes sense, especially when it's hard to recruit distinguished doctors with less pay, a rigorous hierarchy and ranking system, even more thankless days and long hours, and the promise that if anything goes wrong, they would hang you out to dry for the sake of maintaining a healthy image for the military. Just ask Maj. Gen. Weightman, who was fired from Walter Reed.

Locally, while Carle and Provena grow exponentially, the VA continually faces downsizing. Why would any dedicated or talented doctor, nurse, or technician work for a shoddy, low-paying position at the VA, when they could work with a growing hospital system that uses state-of-the-art technology, receives healthy funding, and advertises their picture on billboards above Neil Street?

There is a problem with health care for veterans—it is neglect, and Walter Reed Hospital is only the scab on huge infection.

## VA missing performance goals

How the VA has measured up to performance goals for accuracy and for processing claims and appeals:

	Average time to process		Long-term goal
	2005	2006	
Disability claims	167 days	177 days	125 days
Original education claims*	33 days	40 days	10 days
Disability appeals	622 days	657 days	365 days
Error rate on disability claims	16%	12%	2%

\*Education benefits

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er's story of how he was worried that he would no longer be able to drive himself to the VA. He also earned too much on his pension—\$15,000 a year, and was ineligible for travel reimbursement because he made too much money. That day, the average wait time for a prescription pick-up was at least ninety minutes.

In 2005, the Bush administration's cost-cutting policy for the Veteran's Affairs budget hit Illi-

quacy of a system that is sorely strained in terms of budget, staff, and responsibility.

President Bush started his fund slashing in 2003, and denied moderate-income veterans health care, unless they had a service-connected disability. This came on the heels of deliberate government under-funding, ultimately losing \$1.3 billion dollars.

In Champaign County, veterans who claim more than

## Dollars and Sense from FinAid

### ■ Would You Like to Earn \$250 An Hour?

By DONNA MAYER  
*Prospectus Guest Writer*

You've found a scholarship that sounds perfect. You meet all the requirements, and feel sure that you can win the scholarship. It would be great to have a cushion of some extra money, that you wouldn't have to pay back. But, you keep putting off writing the essay and submitting the application.

The scholarship award is only \$500, and it costs you over \$7,000

for two full-time semesters at Parkland. What good would it do to use your time to apply for that small amount?

Time runs out, and you end up not applying for the \$500 scholarship. Two days after the application submission deadline, your car breaks down and you don't have a way to make the thirty mile round-trip to classes four days a week. Nor do you have \$500 to make the needed repairs to your vehicle.

Your options:

Borrow \$500. If you take out a student loan, it will take anywhere from two to three weeks to get a loan refund check to make the repairs. You still won't have a car to go to school, and you'll have to pay the loan back later, with interest.

If you use a credit card to pay for the repairs, and then take a year to pay off the balance, assuming an interest rate of 17%, you'll end up paying \$547.23, or almost 10% more than the amount you originally borrowed.

Earn \$500. If you can find a part-time job that pays \$8.00 an hour, it will take you 62-1/2 hours to earn the needed \$500. But, you won't have a vehicle to get to the job, much less to school. If you had taken the time, approximately two hours, to write a one-page essay and complete an application, you may have won the scholarship. You would have had the money to make your car repairs much sooner and cheaper. AND, you would have been paid at the rate of \$250 per hour for your work.

## Rate my (Parkland) professor

By **TERRENCE STUBER**  
*Contributing Writer*

Are bad professors getting you down? How do you make your feelings known? Do you treat them like a bad business and rant to ten friends, who then tell ten more friends, and so on...? Do you tell them by objectively filling out the end-of-semester evaluations in class...you know, the infamous blue folder? Or do you go to an on-line rating site?

What do a school administrator, a professor/program director, and a college student think about these sites? Vice President for Student Services Linda Hamman Moore, PhD, Mass Communication Program Director and professor Tom McDonnell, and Erica Cooper-Peyton, a student, shared their thoughts on a couple of online professor-rating sites: [Ratemyprofessors.com](http://Ratemyprofessors.com) and [Myspace.com](http://Myspace.com).

When asked if comments they read on the Internet validated comments they have heard in person, Dr. Moore and Mr. McDonnell had slightly differing opinions.

"The online ratings seem less 'filtered' than what students might report in person," Moore said, "but whether student feedback is shared with others online or in person, it often is shared to communicate extreme feelings. But yes, I see some consistencies in the kinds of comments made online with those that students make in person."

Mr. McDonnell said, "No. I think anyone who takes the time to post something on a website either really likes you or really dislikes you. I don't put much faith in it. In my mind, one or two comments on a website does not constitute validity given the numbers of students we see on an annual basis."

After finding out the thoughts of two faculty members, we need a student's point-of-view. For that, we turn to Erica Cooper-Peyton, who one day hopes to be an educator herself.

"I have used [ratemyprofessor.com](http://ratemyprofessor.com) to see what others have

thought of my professors, but never before choosing a class," she said. I like to form my own opinion without having any preconceived notions. If I feel like my professor is particularly awful I check the website to see if others agree with me, and when they don't, I assume that maybe it is me being overly-sensitive or irritated."

We also asked Cooper-Peyton how she uses the information she might find on these sights.

"I've just used it for checking my attitude. If I really dislike a

thoughts and feelings like, "Not this again, I just did two of these earlier." Or, "I didn't even bring a pencil."

My new favorite, which I heard last spring, has to be "Oh, Christmas Tree..." which refers to a technique some students have resorted to, in an effort to finish their forms quickly, instead of taking their time and being honest. It involves filling in bubbles to form a pattern of alternating diagonals all the way down the form (as some of you may already know).



teacher and tell everyone that the teacher is horrible, without checking the site to see what others think, I'm being unfair to the teacher."

Okay, we know that administrators and professors might not consider this online information to be a valid gauge of a teacher's performance, so what do they find valid?

Remember that blue envelope? That's right, the same blue envelope that when you see it, and hear the dreaded phrase, "I need a volunteer," evokes

Dr. Moore feels that there are effective ways for students to critique faculty performance.

"Faculty members are more interested in the day-to-day feedback they get from students in their classes." She went on to say that, "Students also complete evaluation forms on their instructors at the end of every semester, so there are regular opportunities for faculty to get anonymous student feedback."

Tom McDonnell said, "I believe the student evaluation instrument we administer

in each class every semester gives a better indication of student perceptions of my teaching style."

Do you think your professors think this way, also? Ask them.

Of course, this story would not be complete unless we asked our resident student, Erica Cooper-Peyton for her thoughts on the dreaded blue envelope.

"I think it [[Ratemyprofessor.com](http://Ratemyprofessor.com)/[Myspace.com](http://Myspace.com)] is a much more useful tool than the evaluations that we fill out at the end of the class, because students

often don't put a lot of time or thought into filling out the evaluation form. [Ratemyprofessor.com](http://Ratemyprofessor.com) is much more of a social networking tool, so students feel more like they are socializing than doing "homework,"" said Cooper-Peyton.

Dr. Linda Moore was asked about the idea of allowing students to see what other students have said about their professors, or prospective professors.

She let me know the course evaluations are part of each faculty member's performance evaluation. She also told me that at this time, faculty contracts require that this information be kept confidential.

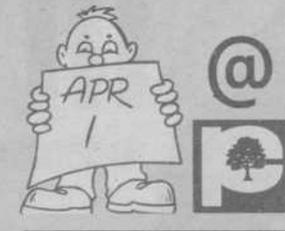
At this point, department chairs have access to all evaluations in their department, and faculty has access to their own individual evaluations. Dr. Moore did however reassure me that all hope is not lost.

"We're always looking for better ways to get information communicated to students, and for better

ways for us to stay informed about student concerns. I'm sure our students have noticed that more and more services are becoming available to them in easy-to-use, appealing, Internet formats.

What should we do until Parkland comes up with a viable solution or alternative to these and other ratings sites? How about filling out those course evaluations honestly?

They are the only things our administrators are looking at right now.



### Parkland Planetarium

Friday, March 9:  
7:00 p.m.—World of Science Lecture—Heather Miller  
8:00 p.m.—Spirits From the Sky, Thunder on the Land  
9:30 p.m.—Pink Floyd's Dark Side of the Moon  
Saturday, March 10:  
7:00 p.m.—Zubenelgenubi's Magical Sky  
8:00 p.m.—Spirits From the Sky, Thunder on the Land  
9:30 p.m.—Pink Floyd's Dark Side of the Moon

### Parkland Art Gallery

Monday, February 19—  
Wednesday, March 28, 2007:  
National Biennial Watercolor Invitational curated by Robert Barnum

### Parkland Athletics

Saturday, March 10:  
12:00 p.m.—Men's Baseball @ Rend Lake  
1:00 p.m.—Men's Baseball @ Rend Lake  
Sunday, March 11:  
1:00 p.m.—Women's Softball vs. Muskatine @ Pensacola, FL  
3:00 p.m.—Women's Softball vs. Blackhawk @ Pensacola, FL  
Monday, March 12:  
9:00 a.m.—Women's Softball vs. Kirkwood @ Pensacola, FL  
Tuesday, March 13:  
1:00 p.m.—Women's Softball vs. Pensacola JC @ Milton, FL

### Chorus, Chamber Singers

Sunday, March 11:  
3:00 p.m.—First United Methodist Church  
201 West Church Street, Champaign

### "Blue Winter" Concert

Thursday, March 15:  
7:00 p.m.—Faith United Methodist Church  
1719 South Prospect, Champaign



"Becoming a Man"—Curly Lee, owner of the Ford Dealership in Danville, speaks to Parkland's African American male students about, "making something out of nothing."

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## Cap and Gown Measurement in X-150

Cap and Gown must be ordered by  
3:00 p.m. on Friday March 16, 2007.

Orders will be charged  
to your student account.

Measurement dates and times are:

Monday	March 12	9 am - 5 pm
Tuesday	March 13	9 am - 3 pm
Wednesday	March 14	9 am - 7 pm
Thursday	March 15	9 am - 5 pm
Friday	March 16	9 am - 3 pm

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and determine you want to do what's right for yourself and your community. And then you change your mind set, you determine that you want to focus on building you mind as opposed to destroying it with the wrong information and the wrong input. You empower yourself by building your mind through education or through self empowerment. Those are the two main tools."

Getting the funding for the event was a bit of a challenge when the grant was originally denied, but Stevenson contacted a friend—a former Parkland student and former felon who was able to fund the event.

"It was his opportunity to give back," Stevenson said.

The event was a great success and every seat was filled. Even a few people watched on the TVs outside the theatre.

As far as what Parkland students can do to help with some of these social and economical problems, Judge Mathis suggests, "Get their education and then go back and make a difference in the community that they come from or the community that could use their help."

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**Feb 1-** Battery, unknown suspect in M6 lot struck a male victim twice in the face and then fled when the victim pushed him.

**Feb 5-** Burglary, unknown suspect forced entry to a janitor closet.

**Feb 8-** Burglary to motor vehicle, radio and laptop stolen from vehicle in B1 lot.

**Feb 10-** Criminal damage to property, graffiti found in library men's room.

**Feb 12-** Domestic violence incident occurred in dental clinic. Unable to locate suspect. Suspect returned on February 21 and was arrested for Domestic Battery.

**Feb 21-** Evidence of a controlled substance found in a men's restroom. Under investigation.

**Feb 21-** Student arrested on a Champaign City warrant.

**Feb 26-** Notice to Appear issued to a non-student for underage consumption of alcohol.

**Feb 26-** Student conduct report for a student repeatedly panhandling at Gullivers.

**Feb 28-** Student conduct report for a student suspected of being intoxicated.

**Feb 28-** Student conduct report for a student "playfully" slapping another in the face.

- Theft under \$300- 2
- Theft \$300 and over- 1
- Traffic accidents- 2
- I.V.C. Citations- 5
- Medical calls- 9

## Writing problems at Parkland

By **JOEL HICKMAN**  
Contributing Writer

There is a reason why more writing-intensive classes are required throughout a student's career, compared to other subjects like mathematics and science. This is due to the fact that for the majority of jobs in the career world, the ability to write well is vitally important. From assembling a résumé, to writing detailed reports concerning a given profession, the ability to write clear, cohesive and focused work is a big determinant of success. But how prepared are today's college students for such writing tasks?

Unfortunately, at least at Parkland College, the future for many students in the area of writing does not look as bright as it could.

"I would say," said Jeffery Hickman, English professor at Parkland College, "that a majority of my students have quite a bit of trouble thinking critically and expressing themselves."

Hickman thinks that it may be less of a problem with writing than it is with analytical thinking—it does not come naturally to a lot of people. Furthermore, thinking and writing skills can be affected by the environment in which they were raised, as well as the quality of previous education.

"I can't work miracles. I can help them improve their technique and give them guidelines, but I can't get inside their head and help clarify their thoughts."

Another Parkland professor, Seth Mendelowitz, sees things in a similar way.

"A student who I had a couple of years ago in my 099 class might come to the writing center seeking help for a paper for their 102 class. A lot of time, I see the same level of writing that they used to do for me, only they have learned to lengthen their work a bit."

Mendelowitz says that there is no doubt that the writing level of students at Parkland is "weaker

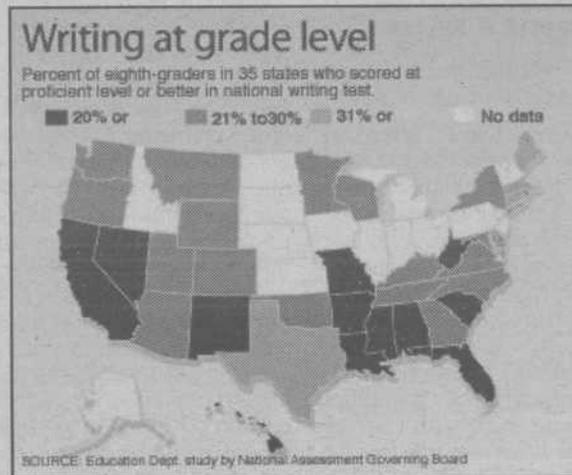
than it should be. Most need to learn to write better in their formative years. It's just like a language; the younger you learn it the better you'll be." Mendelowitz says that unfortunately, poor writing skills seem to persevere throughout the student's college career.

Many students have trouble with basic tasks, such as staying on topic, following the assignment, and providing specific details.

"Students seem to have a very difficult time writing well in classes that aren't formative writing classes," said Annie Macmanus, a Fine and Applied Arts teacher at Parkland.

"For example, my literature classes are more concerned with reading and analyzing than writing, students don't apply the same skills that they have learned in their writing classes on their papers or essays," Macmanus said.

Macmanus no longer assigns individual research papers because she says she found too



many students plagiarizing. She says she is now forced to use essay exams which, given the time constraints, adds yet another obstacle for the students.

On the positive side, there seems to be consensus that in general, students are strongest in the areas of grammar and mechanics. There are exceptions of course, particularly in the lower level classes, but we still ought to be glad that not all is lost. One might ask how the writing standards would differ at a major University as oppose to a community college. Almost certainly better results would be seen. However, it must be understood that such schools select their own academic elite for

themselves. Parkland serves to us as a much better sample of the general population. It allows us to sample the writing ability from different people of different backgrounds, some who have already made their way in the world.

Is the current college generation heading for catastrophe? If the writing is generally poor will any of them be successful in the job market? It doesn't seem that we need fear the end of civilization just yet. Perhaps we should all take a better look at the importance of polished writing in our society. All of us could use work on it; and those who have the greatest influence on children should begin to stress such skills to that generation.

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## Judge acquits three in nightclub stampede

By CARLOS SADOVI AND  
MICHELLE S. KELLER  
*Chicago Tribune (MCT)*

CHICAGO—Tears streaked the face of Pamela Greene as a judge on Friday cleared three men of criminal charges in the E2 nightclub stampede that left 21 people dead four years ago.

For the friends and relatives of the victims gathered at the Cook County Criminal Courts Building, it was a disappointing end. Greene's niece, Danielle, an easygoing spirit with a broad smile, had been among the 21 killed on Feb. 17, 2003.

"My heart was heavy," Greene said. "I could not believe that he was going to acquit them and these 21 victims are dead," she said. "My tears were tears of hurt—tears of frustration. But I needed to be there for her, I needed to let her know that her auntie was going to be there."

In a 13-page ruling, Judge Dennis Porter, who presided over the non-jury trial, said prosecutors had failed to prove their case against E2 owner Calvin Hollins Jr., his son and floor manager Calvin Hollins III and promoter Marco Flores.

Had the men been convicted of involuntary manslaughter, they could have faced up to 10 years in prison, prosecutors said. The trial of a fourth man, club co-owner Dwain Kyles, was postponed pending an Illinois Appellate Court ruling on whether prosecutors can bring up a Housing Court order pertaining to the club. Prosecutors declined to say if they would pursue a trial for Kyles if the order can't be admitted.

After Porter's decision, Hollins Jr. reached over and briefly embraced his son, patting him tenderly on his cheek.

"It's been a rough one," Calvin Hollins Jr. said as he shook his head in the courtroom and hugged defense lawyer Tom Breen. "I feel relieved, vindicated and, most of all, humble."

Flores said that during the trial he kept thinking of his own two children and hoped the judge would rule in his favor.

"It's been hell," he said. "I'm just glad it's over. I honestly knew I didn't do anything wrong."

Friday's acquittals won't hinder the E2 victims' civil lawsuits, said Melvin Brooks, an attorney for the plaintiffs. To

win the criminal case, prosecutors needed to prove their case beyond a reasonable doubt. In the civil lawsuits, the plaintiffs need only prove that it is more likely than not that the defendants bear legal responsibility for the tragedy.



Marcus Brown, brother of Robert Brown who was killed in the stampede, holds a cross with the name of his brother close to his face as he pays his respects at a makeshift memorial in front of the Epitome night club on Tuesday, February 18, 2003.

John Lee/Chicago Tribune (MCT)

E2 plaintiffs have already settled their claims against Kyles, Calvin Hollins and the corporate entity behind E2 for \$1.5

million. Of the three acquitted defendants, only Flores remains a defendant in the civil lawsuits.

use pepper spray to break up the brawls, witnesses said. The spray set off a stampede as people rushed down the front

stairwell. In the panic, 21 people were crushed to death at the bottom of the stairs. Witnesses said the stack of bodies reached nearly 6 feet high.

Prosecutors had argued that there weren't enough exits for the size of the crowd—estimated at more than 1,150. Expert witnesses had testified that only 240 people should have been in the dance hall even though there was no record that the city issued an occupancy placard for the hall. In his ruling, Porter called the event a "nightmarish situation" but said the state did not prove that the men were responsible for the pepper spray's being used or the people's rushing down the front stairwell.

Porter said that under the involuntary manslaughter charges that were filed in the case, prosecutors were required to prove that the men acted recklessly. "There is not a scintilla of testimony that Calvin Hollins Jr., Marco Flores or Calvin Hollins III did any of these things," Porter wrote.

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## Court announces two suspects of war crimes in Darfur

By SHASHANK BENGALI  
McClatchy Newspapers (MCT)

MOGADISHU, Somalia—The International Criminal Court on Tuesday named a junior Sudanese Cabinet official and a top commander of pro-government militias as the first war crimes suspects in the five-year-old conflict in western Sudan's Darfur region.

The announcement—the result of the court's 20-month inquiry into a conflict that's claimed an estimated 450,000 lives—signaled that investigators had found evidence of direct ties between the Sudanese government and the militias known as the janjaweed, which are blamed for most of the carnage in Darfur.

The U.N.-backed court's chief prosecutor said that Ahmed Haroun, who's now Sudan's minister of state for humanitarian affairs, and Ali Kosheib, a "colonel of colonels" among the janjaweed, "jointly committed crimes against the civilian population of Darfur," including persecution, torture, murder and rape. The evidence presented Tuesday—which includes 51

counts of alleged crimes committed during an eight-month period in 2003-04—will go to pre-trial judges, who'll determine whether to issue summonses for the men to appear in court at The Hague, Netherlands.

The Sudanese government, which rejects the international court's authority, dismissed the allegations and said it wouldn't extradite these or future suspects. Thus, the chances of either man facing trial seemed slim.

"So far we haven't seen any willingness from Sudanese officials and janjaweed leaders to appear before this court, and we are hard-pressed to believe a summons will bring these two men to The Hague," said Richard Dicker, the director of the international justice program at New York-based Human Rights Watch. Still, the announcement figured to raise pressure on the Sudanese government, which denies links to the janjaweed and maintains that the Darfur war is a low-level regional conflict that's claimed only 9,000 lives. The conflict began in 2002 when African tribesmen in Darfur rebelled against the Arab-led Sudanese government,

which they accused of neglect. The government is thought to have armed the janjaweed to put down the uprising, a campaign that the Bush administration has labeled genocide.

The prosecutor, Luis Moreno Ocampo of Argentina, said that the investigation—which

major acts of violence. Because of the violence and their inability to obtain protection for witnesses, investigators didn't visit Darfur itself, so Moreno Ocampo's team pieced together disparate accounts like "a big puzzle," he said.

The janjaweed's counterin-

Zaghawa, Moreno Ocampo said.

Documents that the court assembled provide unique insight into the violence. Haroun was appointed to the junior-level Cabinet position of minister of state for the interior and tasked to head a "Darfur security desk" in 2003, the documents showed. His key job was to manage the recruitment of janjaweed, a force that eventually would number in the tens of thousands, and officials said he met regularly with janjaweed leaders in Darfur.

"The evidence shows that Ahmed Haroun provided funds... from a budget that was unlimited and not publicly audited," Moreno Ocampo said. The janjaweed "were paid in cash, and Ahmed Haroun was seen traveling with well-guarded boxes."

At one point, according to the court filing, Haroun said in a public speech that he had been "given all the power and authority to kill or forgive whoever in Darfur for the sake of peace and security."

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A Sudanese soldier walks through the charred remains of the village of Kailek which was attacked by pro-government Janjaweed militias in February 2004.

Evelyn Hockstein/ (KRT)

has taken more than 100 witness statements in 17 countries—was focusing on individuals who were thought to bear the greatest responsibility for

surgency campaign, backed by Sudanese government forces, targeted civilians from the major African tribes in the region: the Fur, Masalit and



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## Tension among Latinos, African Americans

### ■ The rise of new hate crimes

By **AURELIO ROJAS**  
McClatchy Newspapers (MCT)

LOS ANGELES—It took political officials nearly a month to respond to the slaying of Cheryl Green. Since then, the 14-year-old African-American girl has become the face of brown-on-

lene Lovett said recently of the youngest of her four children. "She wasn't raised to see colors. I couldn't understand how everyone wouldn't be horrified by this."

African-American activists came to her aid, holding rallies to call attention to similar attacks in South Los Angeles

the governor conceded "we have a big gang problem." But he said the girl's death did not represent a larger problem in California.

"No matter which country you go to, you always have some instances like that," he said. "You know, the Russian mafia or some kind of gang violence in some country."

"Or if it is soccer fans going crazy and trying to kill each other on the soccer field. . . . You know, there's crazy things all over the world."

Members of the California Legislative Black Caucus responded to Schwarzenegger's comments with dismay.

The governor, said Democratic state Sen. Mark Ridley-Thomas, needs "to raise his IQ about the problem."

Assembly Speaker Fabian Nunez, D-Los Angeles, told the caucus racial violence is escalating in other cities and will require a unified response.

"We've got to put our heads together and work hard to eliminate what we're seeing in places like Oakland, San Diego, Fresno, Santa Ana and Los Angeles, where we see far too much brown-on-black crime," Nunez said. "We have to put

an end to that."

Cheryl Green was gunned down in a hail of bullets while standing near her scooter in the Harbor Gateway area of Los Angeles, east of Torrance.

She was with a group of friends when they were approached by two men. Witnesses and police said that without a word, one suspect pulled a gun and opened fire, killing Cheryl and wounding three others.

Investigators classified the incident as a hate crime. They concluded that members of a predominantly Latino street gang killed her as part of their effort to intimidate black residents in the area.

Five days later, the body of a 21-year-old white man, who police said witnessed the slaying, was dumped on a street in nearby Carson. Investigators said he was stabbed 80 times and his throat cut to keep him from testifying.

Ernesto Alcaarez, 20, was arrested Dec. 21 in connection with the girl's murder. Jonathan Fajardo, 18, the alleged triggerman, was arrested on Jan. 4.

Both are charged with special circumstances murder, attempted murder, and hate crimes. They can face the death penalty if convicted.

Last year, four members of a Latino gang were convicted in federal court of killing a black man in the northeast Los Angeles community of Highland Park, as part of a plot to terrorize African-Americans.

Charlene Lovett recalls that when she was going to high school in Los Angeles in the early 1980s, violence between Latinos and blacks was rare.

"We got along like brothers and sisters," she said. "That's why what happened to Cheryl is such a shock to me."

The day after the killing of her

daughter, Lovett, still in a daze, looked across the street from her apartment and was shaken anew by what she saw.

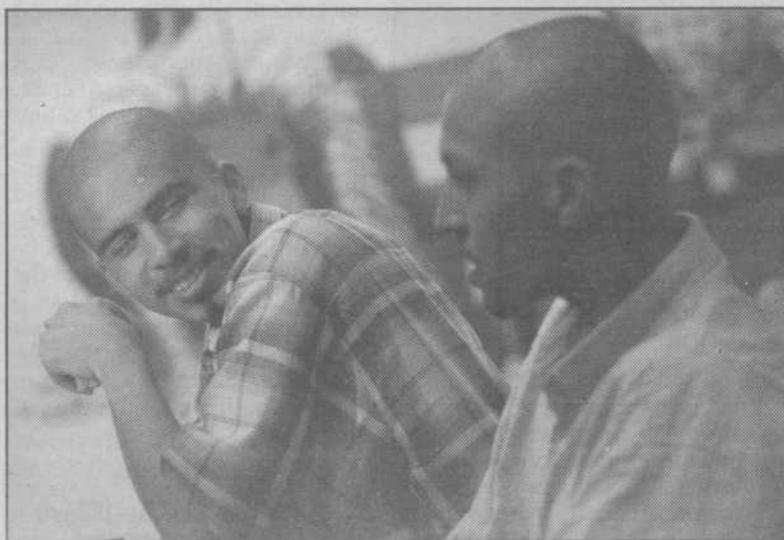
There, on a garage door, in freshly painted graffiti were the initials "NK"—short for the N-word and kill—and the name of the gang blamed for her daughter's killing.

Lovett has since moved to another neighborhood, but she has taken her pain and fear with her.

Political officials, she warned, should wake up to the terror that African-Americans are facing in many communities.

"If the governor believes we're living in harmony, he should stand in my shoes," she said.

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Junior Guevara, 17, of Orange, and Robert Rodriguez, 17, of Tustin, share a laugh at the Tustin Boys and Girls Club. The Tustin Boys and Girls Club is one of only two of the 3,000 Boys and Girls Clubs in the nation to work directly with young gang members in jail.

Cindy Yamanaka/Orange County Register (MCT)

black violence in this city.

The FBI has joined the Los Angeles Police Department in cracking down on gangs. The police department, breaking with tradition, has publicly named the city's worst 11 gangs.

And a city-sponsored report has called for an anti-gang "Marshall Plan," a reference to the post-World War II tactic of making massive investments to win the peace in former enemy territory.

The racially-motivated shooting of the eighth grader, which occurred Dec. 23 in broad daylight as she chatted with friends, was one of 269 gang-related murders citywide in 2006.

Outside the African-American community, widespread outrage that a school girl could be killed because of her color was muffled by the cacophony of the holiday season.

"She was my baby," Char-

neighborhoods where Latinos have supplanted African-Americans as the dominant group.

Hate crimes rose 34 percent in 2005 in Los Angeles, the latest year for which statistics are available, and African-Americans were the main target. Overall crime is down in the city for the fifth straight year, but gang crime rose 14 percent in 2006.

On Jan. 18, Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa held a news conference near where the teenager was killed to announce a plan to "dismantle" the Latino gang blamed for the girl's slaying. He was joined by Police Chief William Bratton and FBI Director Robert Mueller.

By then, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger had delivered his second inaugural address, which he began by boasting that "people from all over the world live in harmony" in California.

In an interview with The Sacramento Bee two weeks later,



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## In the news this week...

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*Prospectus Editor*

Watauga, TX — Two boys, aged 2 and 5, were given pot to smoke by two teenagers. Police discovered a video that allegedly showed the two teens persuading the boys to inhale a joint. The video was found when Fort Worth police executed a search warrant to look for stolen goods at the apartment of Demetris McCoy, 17. Among the equipment was a stolen camera, which contained the tape.

Detroit, MI — After police found a torso of a body, a warrant was issued for Steven Grant, accused of murdering and dismembering his wife. Last Sunday, police located Grant in the snowy woods of northern Michigan, running in the snow without shoes on. Grant later gave a detailed confession of the crime to investigators, admitting to strangling and dismembering his wife, Tara Lynn Grant. He was treated for frostbite and hypothermia, and released to jail.



Michael Goulding/*Orange County Register* (MCT)

Nashville, TN — Al Gore faces a new inconvenient truth: his own energy waste. After winning an Academy award for "An Inconvenient Truth" information surfaced that Gore's Tennessee digs utilizes over \$1200 a month in electricity costs—well over 10 times the average household. His Tennessee home is only one of several properties that he owns. Gore also flies on private jets overseas, and in general seems not to heed his

own advice on energy waste and renewable resources.



Chuck Kennedy/*(MCT)*

Washington, D.C. — A House panel listened to witnesses who complained of nightmarish conditions at the US Army's Walter Reed Hospital. The Washington Post had previously documented a series of long-term problems at the Hospital, observing that severely wounded soldiers had been quartered in moldy and rat-infested rooms, with inadequate service, for months at a time. Maj. Gen. George Weightman, in charge of oversight of the hospital, was fired by top brass last week in the wake of the fallout.

Atlanta, GA — Two 19 year-old girls, dubbed the "Barbie Bandits" by local media were arrested for a string of bank heists. A bank surveillance camera recorded the girls handing a note to a bank teller, and casually waiting for the money. They smiled at the camera, and witnesses said that the girls were giggling.

Champaign, IL — Two University of Illinois football players—Joseph "Jody" Ellis, 19, and Derrick McPhearson, 20—were arrested and charged with residential burglary. The men were involved in an accident, and fled the scene. Although Ellis and McPhearson were not at fault in the accident, their erratic behavior warranted a thorough investigation by an officer that found their car on campus. The players were found to be in possession of numerous stolen items, including laptops and digital cameras. Coach Ron Zook has indefinitely suspended

the players, who face 4-14 years in prison if convicted.

Palm Coast, FL — A man and woman set fire to the sporting goods section of the local Wal-Mart, which exploded a propane tank. It appeared that they used camping fuel to start the fire, but it was unknown if it was Wal-Mart camping fuel. The couple also kissed before setting the fire.



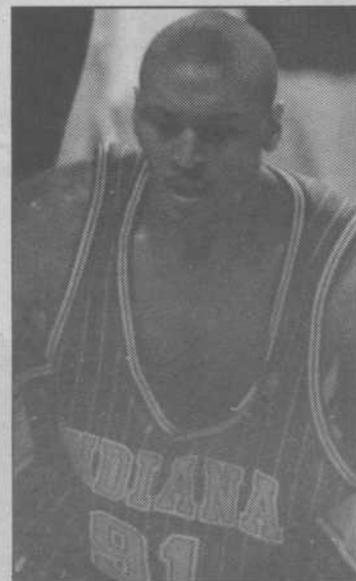
Handout/*(MCT)*

Chapel Hill, N.C. — Presidential hopeful John Edwards extends his feelings towards Jesus on his website just days after Ann Coulter insinuated that Edwards was a "faggot." "I was going to have a few comments on the other Democratic presidential candidate John Edwards, but it turns out you have to go to rehab if you use the word 'faggot,' so I—so kind of an impasse, can't really talk about Edwards," Coulter said.

Bosnia—Sulejman Talovic, the suicidal teenager that went on a shooting spree in a Salt Lake City mall, was given an Islamic burial at home. Talovic, who was 18, killed five pedestrians. His Islamic prayers that he recited while shooting his victims have been posted on the Internet, as well as a cell phone video from a witness. The FBI, "have no reason to believe" that Talovic was acting out in "extremism or act of terrorism." However, Talovic's local paper, Serbianna, headlined "Utah killer rewarded with Islamic burial in native Bosnia." Talovic's father bemoaned the fact that his son purchased a gun in the United States at a time when he could not purchase cigarettes.

Sacramento, CA — Ron Artest

is in trouble again. Artest was arrested on suspicion of domestic violence and using force of violence to prevent a victim from reporting a crime. Police responded to a 911 call from a woman at Artest's residence. Investigators declined to detail the nature of the offense, but Artest was jailed and released on \$50,000 bond. Previously, Artest had been involved in an NBA brawl, and assaulted fans in the courtside seats. He was later suspended for the rest of the season (73 games) and lost almost \$5 million dollars. Just two months ago, Artest had to pay \$1,942 in boarding fees for his dogs, which were impounded for 77 nights after neighbors complained that the dogs weren't being fed or confined. Artest also had to complete anger management courses for domestic assault on the mother of his children in 2004.



Julian H. Gonzalez/*Detroit Free Press* (MCT)

Selma, AL — The town that is known as the heart of the civil rights movement became a political battleground for presidential hopefuls Barack Obama and Hilary Clinton. Obama, although young and strong with the African-American population, faced a trump card—the man once hailed by Toni Morrison as the "First Black President"—Bill Clinton. During her campaign, Hilary has been rarely seen with her husband, unless he brings more of a positive image. In this case, it was obviously with the potential black vote, which is crucial in

the Democratic Party's aspirations in 2008.



Chuck Kennedy/*(MCT)*

Nassau, Bahamas — As if the world hasn't had enough tabloid fodder from the likes of Anna Nicole Smith. She was laid to rest last week, after a vicious cycle of lawsuits, court orders, and requests regarding her body, her DNA, and her burial rights. Although the funeral was touted to be a celebrity extravaganza, less than 100 guests actually attended the funeral. Among the attendees were men who were fighting for a paternity test regarding Smith's new child. She was laid to rest next to her son, who died mysteriously while visiting his mother, who had just given birth.



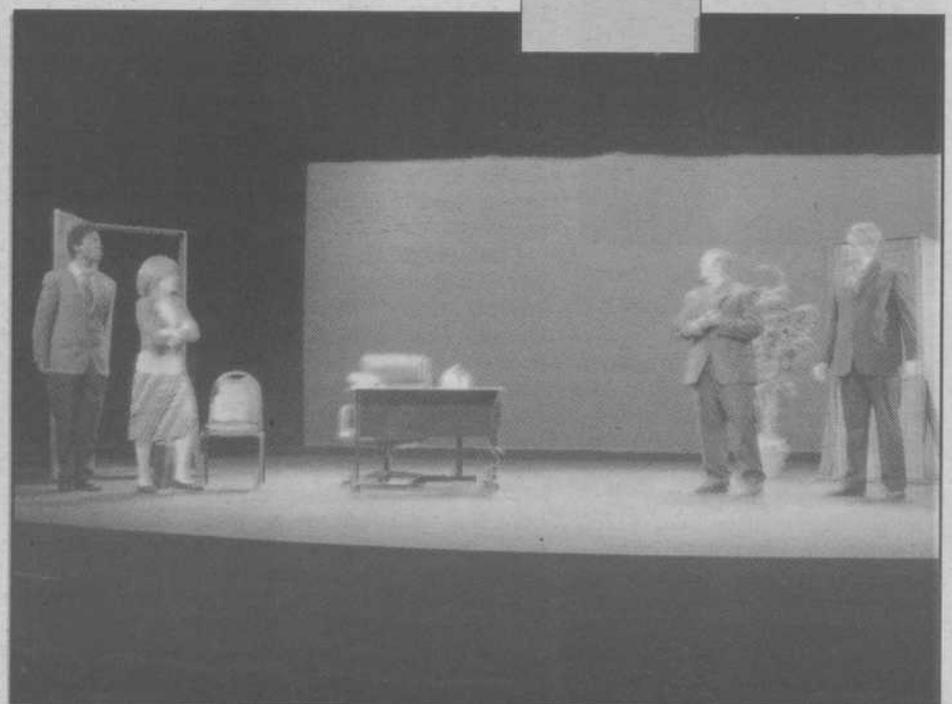
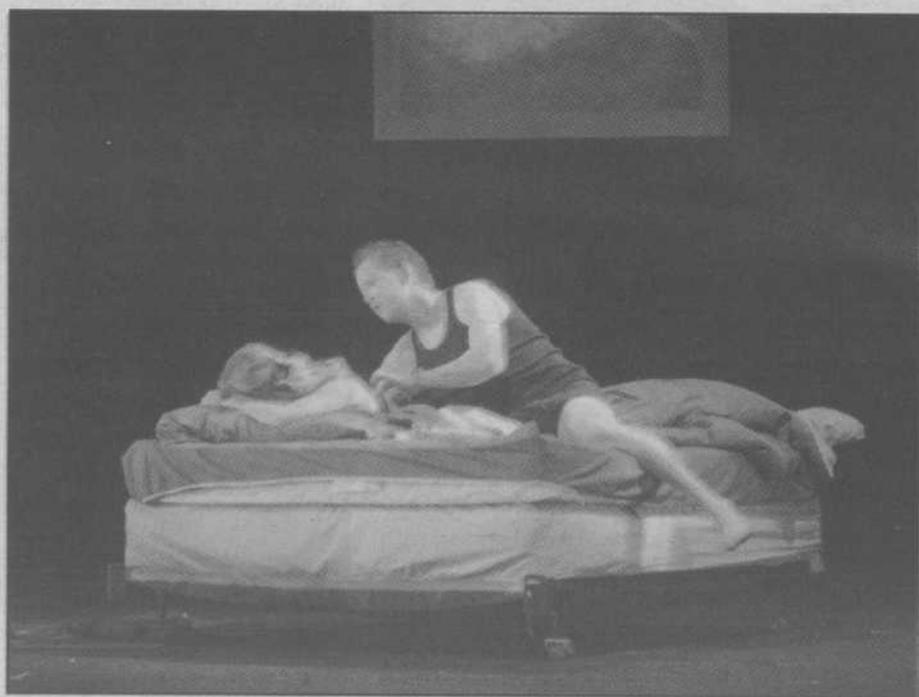
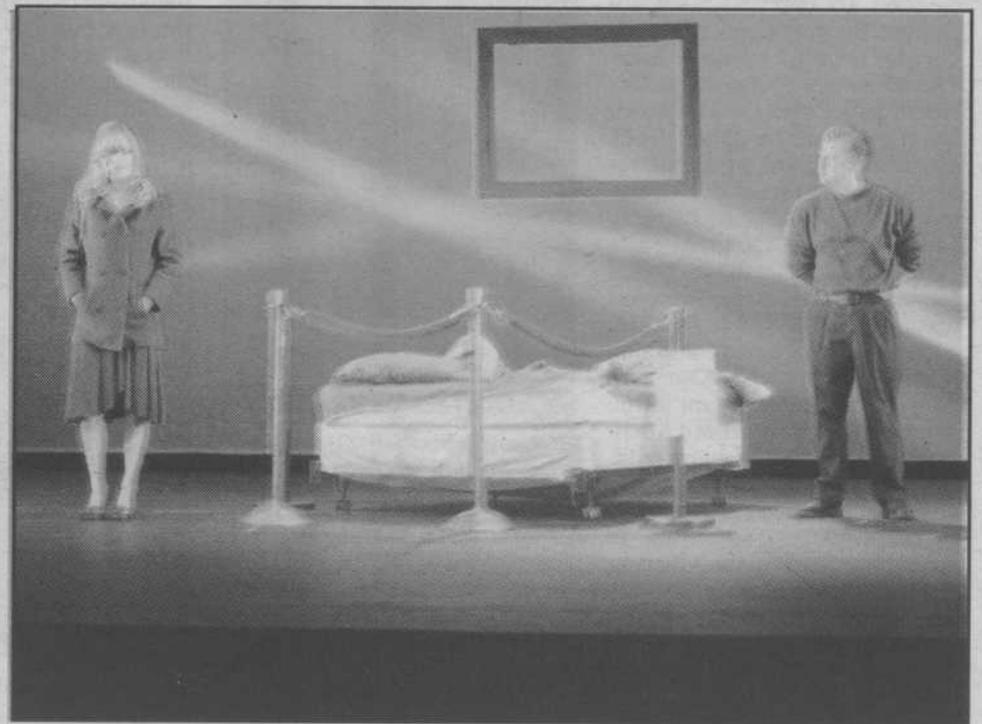
Carl Juste/*Miami Herald* (MCT)

Indianapolis, IN — A father took his 8-year-old daughter for a ride in his single-engine Cessna airplane, and crashed it into his mother-in-law's house. Police believe it was intentional.



# One - Act

## Dress Rehearsal



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## Student:

**Paige Harrison**



**Major:** *Surgical Technician*

**Student Since:** 2007

**Groups involved with:**

None.

**What's after Parkland?**

Work.

**Favorite Parkland course(s):**

English with Ms. Harden

**What would you change at Parkland College?**

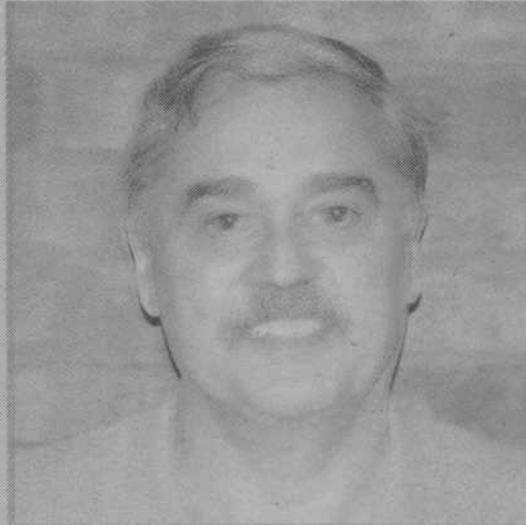
How everything has a price.

**Best part of the Prospectus?**

The Student Profiles.

## Staff:

**Marshall Huffman**



**Title:** *Hospitality Program Director*

**Employed Since:** 1992

**Previous education?**

MBA

**Favorite quote/saying?**

"In failing to prepare you are preparing to fail."

— Author Unknown

**What would you change at Parkland College?**

A better area for students to relax in, with part set up for study. An area that everyone can enjoy.

**Best part of Parkland College?**

Atmosphere, hands down. The students have a real advantage of instructors that have real world experience and are willing to share it with their classes.

**Best part of the Prospectus?**

A huge improvement in the past three years. Everything from content to the layout has improved significantly. Better writing and better content has made it much more enjoyable to read.

## Staff:

**Thomas M. Caulfield**



**Title:** *Director of Student Life*

**Employed Since:** 1998

**Previous education?**

BS, Masters, Specialist, and Doctorate

**Favorite quote/saying?**

"It really doesn't matter who is right but rather what is true."

— Author Unknown

**What would you change at Parkland College?**

To have new student services center with more space for students to have their activities.

**Best part of Parkland College?**

Student centered focus.

**Best part of the Prospectus?**

Openness to all sorts of new ideas and different points of views.

# New wonders of the world

Most of the seven ancient wonders of the world no longer exist; in the largest worldwide poll ever taken, seven new world wonders will be picked; the winners will be revealed July 7 in Lisbon; the 21 finalists:

## 1 Stonehenge, U.K.

3000-1600 B.C.

• Each stone weighs about 50 tons — an amazing feat of engineering; unclear who built it and why

## 2 Timbuktu, Mali

12th century

• One of the first universities established; 20,000 students studied law, medicine, rhetoric

## 3 Taj Mahal, India

1630 A.D.

• Mausoleum built on orders of Shah Jahan, fifth Muslim Mogul emperor, to honor his late wife

## 4 Sydney Opera House, Australia

1954-73

• One of the most distinctive and famous 20th century buildings; abstract interpretation

## 5 Acropolis, Athens, Greece

450-330 B.C.

• Famous architectural landmark of ancient and modern history; Parthenon in particular is an international symbol of Greek civilization

## 6 Alhambra, Granada, Spain

12th century

• One of world's finest examples of Moorish architecture; renowned for its stunning frescoes, interior details

## 7 Pyramids of Giza, Egypt

2600-2500 B.C.

• The only ancient wonder still standing; built to serve earthly rulers who were also considered gods

## 8 Great Wall, China

220-200 B.C.

• At 3,948 mi. (6,350 km) long, the wall is the largest structure in the world; today the Great Wall is in poor condition, but some portions near tourist centers have been preserved

## 9 Colosseum, Rome, Italy

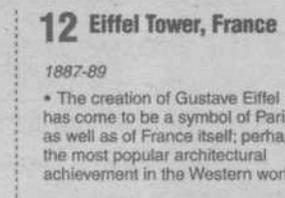
70-82 A.D.

• The Amphitheater's design concept still works to this very day, and virtually every modern sports stadium bears the imprint of the building's original layout

## 10 Statues of Easter Island, Chile

10th-16th century

• Discovered on Easter Sunday in 1722 by Dutch explorer Jakob Roggeveen, this collection of stone sculptures (Moai) still puzzles scientists as to its origins



## 21 Statue of Liberty, U.S.

1886

• Gift from French government to the U.S.; symbol of hope and freedom for people who immigrated to the U.S. in the 20th century

## 20 Petra, Jordan

9 B.C.-40 A.D.

• Petra was capital of Nabataean empire of King Aretas IV; city featured impressive tunnel constructions and water chambers

## 19 Kremlin and St. Basil's Cathedral, Russia

1156-1850

• Kremlin was official residence for the czars until the 1917 Russian Revolution; St. Basil's built to commemorate Ivan the Terrible's capture of the Mongol stronghold of Kazan

## 18 Kiyomizu Temple, Japan

749-1855

• Buddhist temple; "Clear Water Temple" in Japanese; name from the waterfall that runs within the complex; present buildings constructed in 1633

## 17 Hagia Sophia, Turkey

532-537 A.D.

• Constructed at the height of the Byzantine Empire; converted into Ottoman mosque after the fall of Byzantium; serves both Christians and Muslims today

## 16 Neuschwanstein Castle, Germany

1869-1884

• Built at a time when castle and fortresses were not strategically necessary; tribute to fantasy and imagination; combination of various architectural styles

## 15 Machu Picchu, Peru

1460-1470

• City built by Incan emperor Pachacutec; abandoned because of smallpox outbreak around 1527; rediscovered in 1911

## 14 Angkor, Cambodia

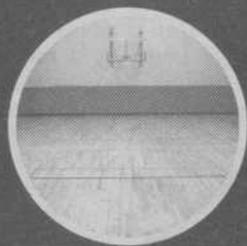
12th century

• Most important monument of the southeast Asian Khmer Empire and the world's largest sacred temple

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## Could you make it without media for 4 days?

By **NICK PERRY**  
*The Seattle Times (MCT)*

SEATTLE—Four days unplugged? LOL ... RU crazy?

It's tough tuning out in today's world. Just ask a dozen communications students at Seattle University who recently attempted a 96-hour "media deprivation" experiment:

No listening to iPods or car radios. No checking e-mail. No chatting on cellphones. No surfing Web sites such as MySpace.com or Facebook.com. No watching "Desperate Housewives" or "The Daily Show with Jon Stewart."

The experiment originally was supposed to last a week, but it was scaled back when the students protested. But even four days was too much—each of the students cheated, some more than others.

Which perhaps proves professor Mara Adelman's point: The art of alone time is increasingly lost in our hectic, frazzled, wired lives.

Adelman believes her new upper-level course "Restorative Solitude" is unique. It explores the importance of quiet time for

clarity, creativity and spirituality, and touches on techniques ranging from long-distance running to meditation. It also explores the darker side of solitude: loneliness and isolation.

Students spend time in each class trying such meditative techniques a slow walking and focusing in on breathing, and they complete projects examining various aspects of solitude. Seattle University, with its Jesuit underpinnings, offers a range of liberal-arts courses that attempt to mesh academics with spirituality and well-being.

Before attempting Adelman's media diet, students kept a log of their consumption. On a typical Thursday, junior Blaire Babcock, 21, found she checked her e-mail five different times, turned on the TV three times, checked her phone messages twice, browsed Facebook.com once, and once listened to her radio while jogging.

"After reviewing my media log I noticed that I compulsively check my e-mail and phone messages for a fear that I will miss something. I found that I become anxious before I check my e-mail," she wrote in

a course paper. "I turn on the TV as soon as I am up or return home. I enjoy the background noise but I rarely give it my full

"The silence was deafening," said junior Cheryl Lee, 20. "You have to get comfortable with just listening to your-



Seattle University students in Mara Adelman's "Restorative Solitude" class do walking meditation near the campus fountain in Seattle, Washington, February 13, 2007. The class explores the importance of quiet time.

Erika Schultz/Seattle Times (MCT)

attention. I'm often multitasking."

The diet came as a revelation to Babcock and the other students.

self and your thoughts because there's nothing to keep you distracted."

Lee and the other students said they felt better able to con-

centrate and discovered they had more free time to spend reading and doing homework.

Lee also found one unexpected benefit. Because her CD player didn't start blasting the moment she turned the key in her 2005 Toyota Corolla, for the first time she noticed an unusual rattling noise in the engine: "like there's marbles inside a box and someone's shaking the box." She is planning to consult a mechanic.

Lee said her undoing came with her cellphone, which she switched to vibrate and mostly left at home, but which she couldn't face turning off altogether.

"There's some things that need to still be communicated via the cellphone," she said.

Cecile Andrews, a guest lecturer and author of the book "Slow is Beautiful," told the class recently that it seems people across the U.S. have ratcheted up the pace of their already crazy-busy lives.

"It's a bizarre way to live," Andrews said. "It just doesn't work."

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## A College Girl Named Joe

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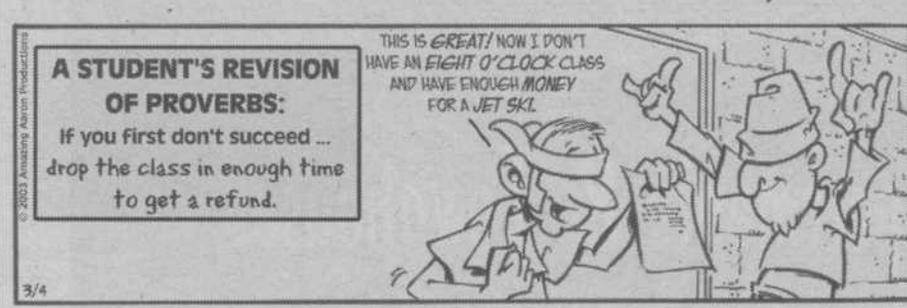
## Two Dudes

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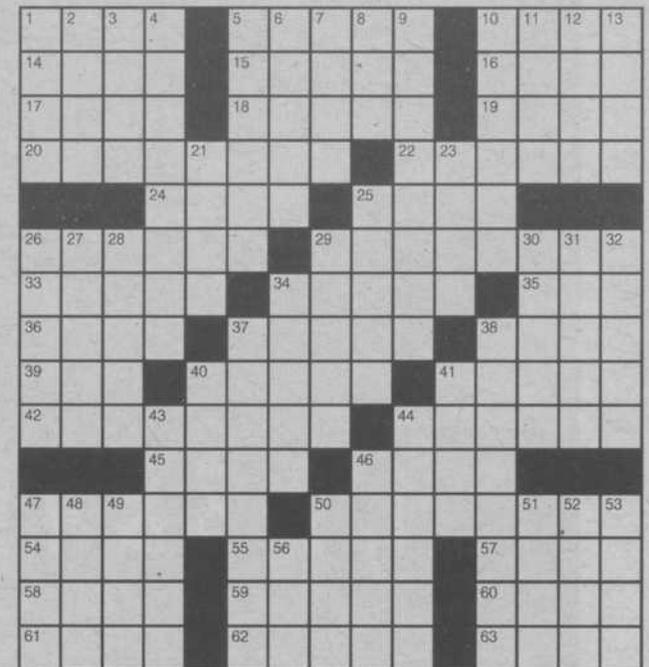
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## Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Ringlet
  - 5 Thick slices
  - 10 Gullible dupes
  - 14 Fabled canal
  - 15 Lama's land
  - 16 The Police or Green Day, e.g.
  - 17 Computer input
  - 18 Fossil resin
  - 19 Lively dance
  - 20 Granary adjunct
  - 22 On a plane
  - 24 Alimony recipients
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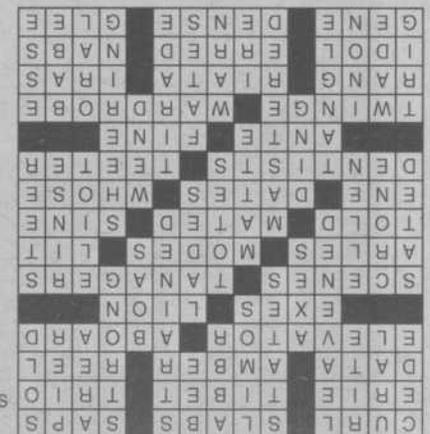
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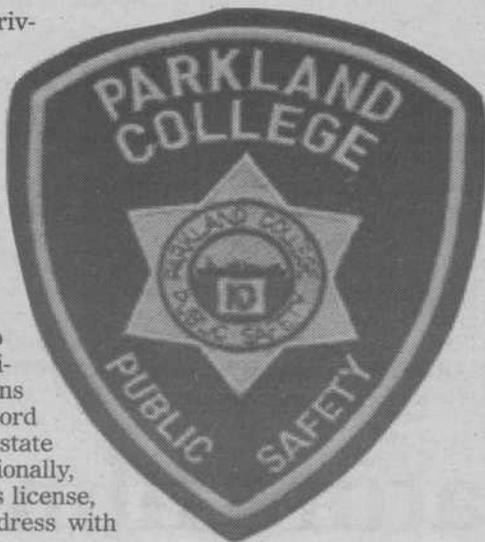
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## Did you know that safety is everyone's business?

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**Sunday:** Partly cloudy, with a high near 49.  
**Sunday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 32.  
**Monday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 53.

## CrimeStoppers seeks assistance

This week, CrimeStoppers and the Champaign Police Department are seeking information on the whereabouts of two subjects wanted on warrants for felony charges of Robbery and Unlawful Use of a Credit Card.

used the victims' credit cards.

Wanted on warrants are:

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# Capsule reviews of feature films

By STEVEN REA AND CARRIE RICKEY

*The Philadelphia Inquirer (MCT)*

**AMAZING GRACE (\*\*\*)**. A compelling period drama about real-life anti-slavery crusader William Wilberforce, the British legislator, who, in the late 1700s, fought to abolish slavery—and changed the face of British politics in the process. 1 hr. 56 PG-13 (adult themes)—Steven Rea

**THE ASTRONAUT FARMER (\*\*)**. Billy Bob Thornton plays an eccentric farmer and family man who's building a rocket ship in his barn so he can launch himself into space. An old-fashioned, follow-your-dream yarn, albeit one serving up a kind of Plains State brand of "Rocky"-esque hoey. 1 hr. 44 PG (adult themes)—Steven Rea

**BLOOD & CHOCOLATE (\*\*)**. A disappointing romance dressed up as horror, adapted from Annette Curtis Klause's young adult novel about a young American artist (Hugh Dancy) traveling in Romania who falls in love with a mysterious woman (Agnes Bruckner) who's actually a werewolf. Bruckner is terrific as the reluctant lycanthrope who is expected to marry the pack leader. Film lacks any real horror elements. It has some fascinating themes, but too much melodrama. 1 hr. 38 PG-13 (violence, sexuality, drug use, lupine behavior)—Tirad Derakhshani

**BLOOD DIAMOND (\*\*)**. Leonardo DiCaprio, Djimon Hounsou and Jennifer Connelly chase around civil war-torn Sierra Leone in this bloody mix of action, intrigue and earnest pronouncements about Western exploitation of the Third World. 2 hrs. 23 R (violence, gore, profanity, adult themes)—Steven Rea

**BREACH (\*\*\*)**. Riveting real-life thriller starring Chris Cooper as FBI agent Robert Hanssen and Ryan Phillippe as specialist Eric O'Neill assigned to spy on the man who was a traitor selling intelligence to Moscow. 1 hr. 50 PG-13—Carrie Rickey

**BREAKING AND ENTERING (\*\*)**. Smart, classy, over-orchestrated soap about various Londoners—some old, some newly arrived—whose paths cross after a burglary. Jude Law, Robin Wright Penn and Juliette Binoche head the cast in Anthony Minghella's meditation on the adulterous, angst-filled lives of people searching for connection—cultural and connubial. 2 hrs. R (nudity, sex, profanity, adult themes)—Steven Rea

**BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA (\*\*\*)**. Katherine Paterson's much-loved children's novel is brought to the screen faithfully, if a little too fancily (computer effects-wise), in this tale of friendship, loss and the powers of the imagination. 1 hr. 34 PG (kids in jeopardy, fantasy

violence, adult themes)—Steven Rea

**CHILDREN OF MEN (\*\*\*)**. Alfonso Cuarón's stunning adaptation of P.D. James' novel is set in near-future Britain, where the government surveils all, where illegal immigrants are corralled, and where cops act like storm troopers. Clive Owen is the accidental hero, shepherding a mystery woman through this dark, terrifying but sometimes very funny film. 1 hr. 54 R (violence, profanity, nudity, adult themes)—Steven Rea

**DREAMGIRLS (\*\*\*)**. This dazzling and energizing adaptation of the Broadway musical rockets at warp speed from Detroit to the stratosphere, boosted by the performances of Eddie Murphy and Jennifer Hudson as singers left behind in soul's crossover to the pop charts. With Jamie Foxx and Beyoncé Knowles as figures inspired by Motown Records' Berry Gordy Jr. and Diane Ross. 2 hrs. 11 PG-13 (sexual candor, profanity, drugs)—Carrie Rickey

**FACTORY GIRL (\*\*)**. Sienna Miller shines as meteoric '60s It Girl Edie Sedgwick in this exploitative biopic that suggests she is important mostly because she inspired artist Andy Warhol and troubadour Bob Dylan. 1 hr. 30 R (nudity, sex, drugs, profanity)—Carrie Rickey

**HAPPILY N'EVER AFTER (\*)**. Garish and shrill revisionist

retelling of Cinderella, beneath the standards of Saturday-morning cartoons. 1 hr. 27 PG—Carrie Rickey

**THE ITALIAN (\*\*\*)**. A powerful indictment of Russia's illegal adoption industry—and a story of pipsqueak resolve and resilience—this mostly clear-eyed, tough little tale follows a 6-year-old foundling as he makes a run from his orphanage and goes looking for his real mom. 1 hr. 37 PG-13 (violence, profanity, adult themes)—Steven Rea

**THE LAST KING OF SCOTLAND (\*\*\*)**. A Scottish doctor (James McAvoy) on a mission in Uganda is chosen as Idi Amin's (Forest Whitaker) personal physician. Forest Whitaker is brilliant as the dictator whose brutality stuns his new doctor. 2 hrs. 01 R (intense violence, gruesome images, nudity, sex, profanity)—Carrie Rickey

**LETTERS FROM IWO JIMA (\*\*\*\*)**. Clint Eastwood's companion piece to "Flags of Our Fathers" looks at the battle of Iwo Jima from the Japanese side. With its simple structure, and superb performances, this unflinching and bloody take on the historic World War II battle is one of the great war movies—or anti-war movies—of all time. 2 hrs. 21 R (violence, profanity, adult themes)—Steven Rea

**THE LIVES OF OTHERS (\*\*\*\*)**. Florian Henckel von Donnersmarck's astonishing

debut feature, a duet for a bohemian and bureaucrat who never meet but whose lives decisively intersect in 1984 East Berlin, is illuminated by Ulrich Muhe's performance as the functionary. 2 hrs. 17 R (sex, violence, profanity)—Carrie Rickey

**MUSIC AND LYRICS (\*\*\*)**. Frothy rom-com starring Hugh Grant as a has-been popster and Drew Barrymore a never-was poet who collaborate on a hit love song for a pop tart. Irresistible. 1 hr. 36 PG-13 (profanity, sexual candor)—Carrie Rickey

**NOTES ON A SCANDAL (\*\*)**. Juicy, high-class trash full of sex, blackmail and betrayal, with Judi Dench and Cate Blanchett as colleagues at a London secondary school—and actors who never really find the heart of their roles. But it's fun watching them look. 1 hr. 38 R (sex, profanity, violence, adult themes)—Steven Rea

**THE PAINTED VEIL (\*\*\*)**. Edward Norton and Naomi Watts star as a mismatched British couple in 1920s China in this quiet but roiling melodrama, where marital infidelity and a cholera epidemic collide with profound results. Rich with history and heartbreak, it's stirring stuff. 2 hrs. 05 PG-13 (violence, sex, adult themes)—Steven Rea

## Players' criminal charges stun Illinois' Zook

By **TEDDY GREENSTEIN**  
*Chicago Tribune (MCT)*

CHICAGO—He warned them to stay out of trouble last weekend.

He pulled newspaper clips off the Internet to provide examples of college athletes misbehaving.

He mentioned the DUI charges that Illinois basketball player Jamar Smith is facing, as if they didn't already know.

Illinois football coach Ron Zook reminded his players not to give into the temptation of the campus's Unofficial St. Patrick's Day celebration.

"Remember all the work you've put it," he told them. "In five or 10 seconds, you make a bad decision and it can ruin your life."

Then Zook got the news Saturday morning that two of his players, Derrick McPhearson and Jody Ellis, had been arrested and charged with possession of stolen property and obstructing justice.

Champaign Police Chief R.T. Finney said the two wide receivers were arrested Friday night after police found suspected stolen wallets, cell phones, elec-

tronic devices and at least six laptop computers inside Ellis' car, after the two attempted to leave the scene of an accident.

Ellis and McPhearson, both 20, pleaded not guilty Monday to four counts each of residential burglary and two counts each of theft of property and requested jury trials. A pretrial hearing was set for April 10. Zook then acted, kicking both off the team.

Zook was stunned, mostly by the severity of the charges.

"This is the first time in my career there's been something as serious as this," he said Monday. "We've had players get into fights (at Florida). But this is the first of this nature."

During one of those fights, then-Florida linebacker Taurian Charles was accused of throwing a half-full keg of beer at another student.

Charles, who later pled no contest to a misdemeanor charge of culpable negligence, had his football scholarship revoked.

Zook knows there's a perception he was lax in disciplining players at Florida.

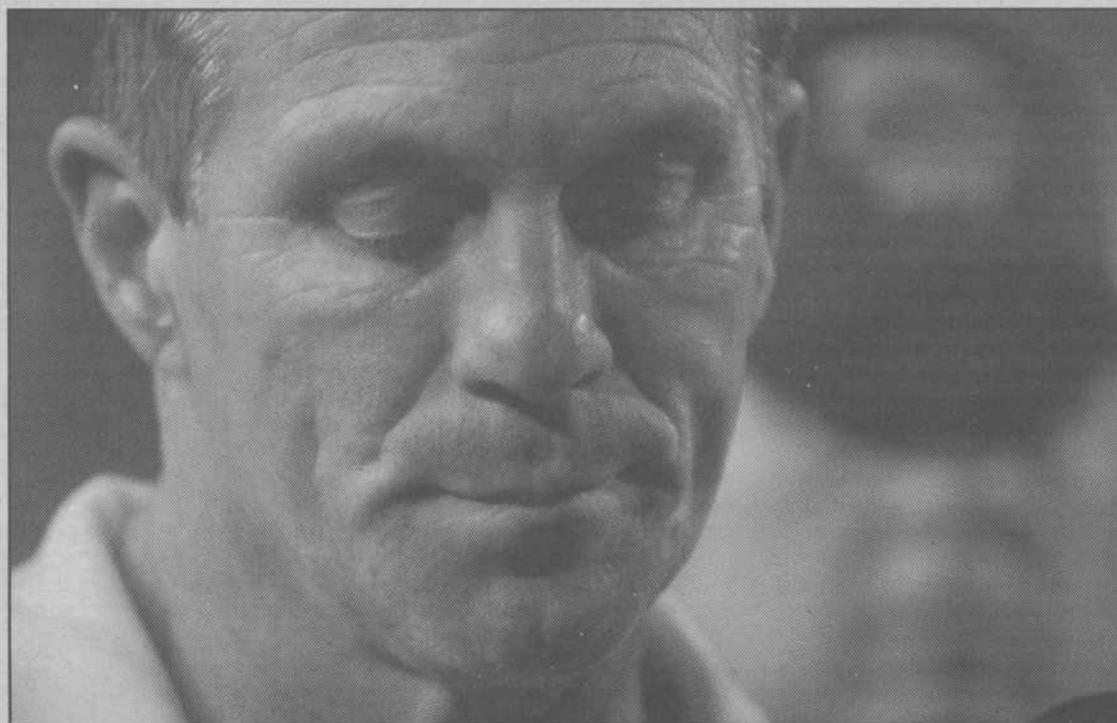
"Of all the things that have been written about me, that's the one that stirs me the most," Zook said. "That is as far from

the truth as there is. It's a perception and somebody writes it, and that's the way it is. I can

ers like his own children, and that means punishing them when necessary.

Nebraska.

As a sophomore last season, he caught 11 passes for 179 yards.



Gary Green/Orlando Sentinel (MCT)

assure you that's not the way it is."

Zook said he treats his play-

"You have to be careful with physical punishment," he said. "The best form of punishment is to take away their time—Saturday and Sunday. But we've only had to discipline our guys for missing class or study hall."

Two Illinois players inherited by Zook—running back Marcus Mason and quarterback Kisan Flakes—were essentially kicked off the team.

Mason left for Division I-A Youngstown State after taking money from a booster and Flakes was charged with marijuana possession.

"Our players know how they're supposed to carry themselves," Zook said.

Then how to explain the alleged actions of McPhearson and Ellis? Zook said they were about the last players he would ever suspect of being involved in a crime.

Zook has known McPhearson, a talented receiver from Hyattsville, Md., for about five years. He was one of the nation's top 20 receiving prospects when he signed with Florida to play for Zook.

But he failed to qualify academically, attended Fork Union Academy for a year, and then chose Illinois over schools such as Clemson, Maryland, and

His father, Gerrick, played for the New England Patriots after starring as a defensive back at Boston College.

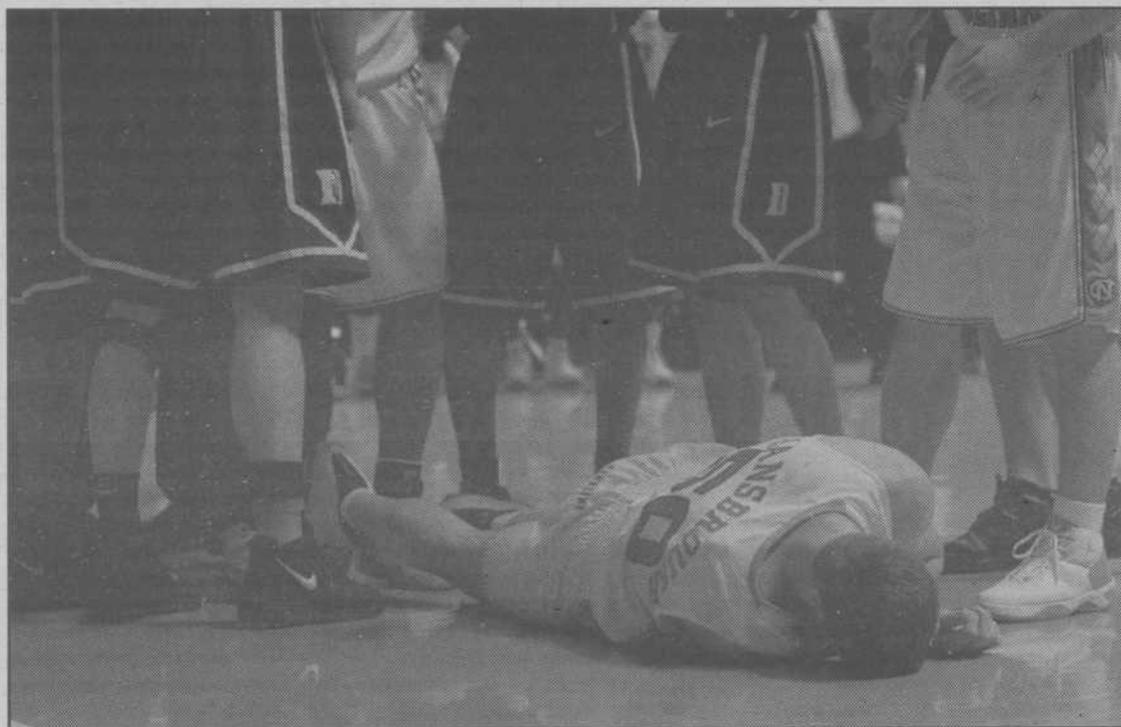
"He comes from a good family with a very strong faith," Zook said. "His mother is constantly reciting gospels. It's got to be awful for them. Same with Jody's mother."

Zook called Jody Ellis' mother, Mona, to tell her of the suspension. Ellis, who played at Evanston High School, caught eight passes for 121 yards last season.

Illinois student Breanna O'Day told the Daily Illini that she had been the victim of a robbery Friday and had been told that Ellis and McPhearson were the suspects.

According to the newspaper, she did not know anyone had broken into her apartment until police told her that her wallet and laptop had been recovered.

"It was a really weird feeling," she told the paper. "I didn't want to stay at my apartment, I had someone come pick me up and I stayed at my friend's apartment."



North Carolina's Tyler Hansbrough lies face down on the Smith Center court late in the second half after being struck in the face by Duke's Gerald Henderson (15) at the Smith Center in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, Sunday, March 4, 2007. The Tar Heels defeated the Blue Devils 86-72.

Ted Richardson/Raleigh News & Observer (MCT)

# Men's baseball chomping at the bit

By ELLEN SCHMIDT

Prospectus Assistant Editor

Mitch Rosenthal never imagined that he would be a head baseball coach when he was growing up. During his senior year at Eastern Illinois University, Rosenthal suffered a season ending injury. EIU Coach Jim Schmitz offered him an opportunity to stay on and help out the team. That started his journey from volunteer assistant to head coach in four years.

"I got lucky and hit the quick track, which is very unusual in college coaching. I've enjoyed it every step of the way," Rosenthal said.

Coming from a Division I school has given him an edge.

The contacts and friendships that he made at the DI level have helped him to place the kids after their tenure at Parkland is up.

Rosenthal enjoys the support from Rod Lovett, Director of baseball operations and pitching coach Rich Hyde.

Coach Rosenthal is excited about this season. The Cobras have ten returning players from last year with an impressive effort being seen from the freshman class.

"I really like the group of guys, they get along so well."

One of the challenges of bringing the best athletes together to play is the fact that they all come from being the superstar at their high schools.

"You put 24 to 27 of those guys on one team and it's hard for some people to adjust from being 'the guy' for so many years to being just part of the team," Rosenthal said.

Rosenthal spends time with the players with team building activities and says that very quickly they respond as a team.

"They are just probably the best kids that I've ever had as far as being personable and easy to get along with."

Each game in the win column will place the team on the way to realizing one of the goals set by the squad in the pre-season—to win 50 games this year. Coach Mitch Rosenthal shared another goal set by this young team.

"The guys kind of set some

goals and the goals would be to win the conference which I think that's very important because if you win your conference obviously you are having a good season." He adds that list a trip to the NJCAA World Series that Parkland has enjoyed four out of the past six years.

Coach Rosenthal is impressed with his group of players this year; he sees assets in some very key areas.

"I guess some of our strengths might be starting pitching. Starting pitching looks good and our line-up [batting order] one through nine is very tough."

Rosenthal is looking towards the effort of second baseman Scott Gladstone who is coming off an injury he sustained

half way through his freshman year.

"He's back, he's healthy, and he's a really good offensive player for us," Rosenthal said.

Rosenthal is also looking to Scott Kuhns who returns to the mound this year for the Cobras.

Rosenthal said that if the team stays healthy they would be in good shape this year. He sees a lot of talent and is anxious for the team to move out doors when the weather breaks.

Last but not least, Rosenthal looks to the fans for support when the weather breaks. "We'd like for everybody to come out during our home games once the weather gets nice."

# Creighton stops Southern Illinois in its tracks

By VAHE GREGORIAN

St. Louis Post-Dispatch (MCT)

ST. LOUIS—Since Creighton clobbered Southern Illinois Carbondale by 24 points in the 2003 Missouri Valley Conference tournament title game, SIUC had beaten the Bluejays eight straight times.

"I joked with our players that we just got them really upset," Creighton coach Dana Altman said. "And they've been paying us back ever since."

At least until Sunday before 22,612 at Scottrade Center, where the Bluejays terminated 11th-ranked SIUC's 13-game overall winning streak with a 67-61 victory to claim the MVC tournament and secure an automatic NCAA Tournament berth.

When it was over, Altman and SIUC coach Chris Lowery embraced, with Lowery unable to contain a smile as Altman said, "We finally beat you."

To what degree SIUC's first defeat since Jan. 17 will affect its NCAA Tournament seeding is a matter of speculation. The Salukis through Saturday had been projected by a number of so-called bracketologists as a No. 3 seed. But Lowery didn't care to take a guess.

"That's bad karma," said Lowery, adding, "I'm more interested in trying to console our kids and be there for them."

Tournament most valuable player Nate Funk led the second-seeded Bluejays (22-10) to their sixth MVC tourney title in nine years with 19 points, following a 33-point performance against Missouri State on Saturday.

Just as vital to the Bluejays' win was their dominance in the lane, where they scored 34 points, including 22 in the tone-

setting first half. Forward Anthony Tolliver (15 points, 13 rebounds) zoomed in unmissed for a layup 12 seconds into the game, in contrast to how SIUC established itself in other recent meetings.

"No one got to him, no one fouled him, no one was in the area," said SIUC's Jamaal Tatum.

Thus began the rare game in which the Salukis (27-6) were outthusted, outmus-

Although Falker had 12 rebounds Saturday, he went one of five from the field Sunday for the second day in a row and contributed little defensively. Falker was battling a cold and said he was having trouble breathing at times, but Lowery was unmoved.

"He wasn't sick. ... When you allow guys to make excuses when they're that talented, then they always have a crutch

chance at.

"They beat us to all of them, the whole game" until the final two minutes, Tatum said.

On a day that starters Falker, Tony Young and Bryan Mullins fouled out with a total of 18 points, Tatum, the MVC player of the year, had 14 of his 21 points in the second half.

He triggered a rally that cut a 14-point Creighton lead to five with less than a minute to play, but the Bluejays regained a seven-point lead on free throws by Josh Dotzler. SIUC never got closer than six again.

"Today is over," Tatum said. "We're going to eliminate this from our minds and not think about it any more."

But Lowery, who had been 6-0 against Altman, had different plans.

The game, he said, should be handy as the team prepares for the NCAA Tournament.

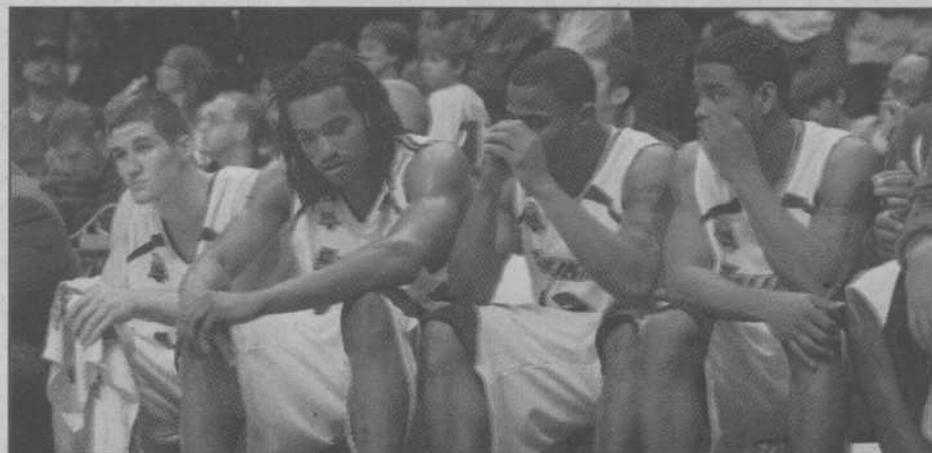
He can remind the team it has to set tempo and tone immediately, and that it has to "play above things when you're a little bit fatigued and you're a little bit sick, because it's one and done."

He can refocus on some bad habits that have been accumulating but perhaps been disregarded simply because SIUC has been winning.

"We've been doing (some) things wrong for quite a while," he said.

And he can reiterate the most essential point of all, one that apparently already was taking.

"If we don't come to play," Mullins said, "we're just a mediocre team."



Southern Illinois' Randal Falker (second from left) joined with Bryan Mullins (left) sit on the bench with teammates after five personal fouls with 2 minutes left to play against Creighton in the Missouri Valley Conference Championship, Sunday, March 4, 2007, in St. Louis, Missouri. The Bluejays defeated the Salukis 67-61.

Derik Holtmann/Bellefonte News-Democrat (MCT)

pled and out-tussled.

Part of the issue for SIUC was that junior forward Randal Falker (Gateway Tech), the MVC defensive player of the year and MVP of last season's MVC tournament, sputtered for the second straight game.

when they don't play well," he said. "He just didn't play well."

Creighton outrebounded SIUC 32-27 and dominated a defining area that doesn't show up in box scores: what Lowery calls "50-50 plays," such as nabbing loose balls that either team has an equal