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The parking gauntlet

By **MEGAN OLSON**
Prospectus Staff Writer

You are running late for class and know that your instructor will roast you alive for being tardy again. You speed through the stoplights on Bradley Avenue and swing a sharp turn into Parkland. As you are cruising through the parking lot you scour the area for an open parking space. Suddenly, a pedestrian that you had not noticed before comes into your line of sight. You slam on the brakes and careen to the left to avoid the person. The result is that you crash into a parked car.

Does this scenario sound outlandish? It should not. Car collisions are commonplace in the parking lot. Just earlier in the month on January 9th at approximately 9:45 a.m., a female Parkland student rammed her truck into a handicap sign. She left the campus by ambulance, and the truck was severely damaged. The cause of the crash was the simple fact that the student was going too fast.

"That same handicap sign has been struck five times within the last two years. All those times the students have been injured," reported

Public Safety Officer Yvonne Meyer.

Apparently, the main reason for traffic crashes is speeding. New signs have been erected which boldly proclaim the twenty-mile an hour limit and go unnoticed. People still drag race through Parkland grounds on their way to class. More stop and yield signs have also been added in hopes of discouraging this phenomenon. Drivers intentionally do not yield or fail to stop altogether.

"It gets worse around the weeks of finals. Students are in hurry to get to or leave their classes," comments Officer Meyer. "There is a huge increase in crashes during that time."

Officer Douglas Bluhm adds, "Students in cars should go even slower than the speed limit. The Student Handbook has a five-mile-an-hour policy for driving in the parking lot."

A second cause for automobile crashes is the failure of drivers to pay attention to their surroundings. Students are preoccupied with talking on their cell phones, putting on makeup, or listening to loud music. With their attention divided between tasks, they endanger themselves and others around them. This extends beyond their fellow drivers to pedestrians as well. There was an instance last winter where a Parkland student was walking through the parking lot on his way out of class. The driver of a vehicle did not give him the right of way. The pedestrian was struck by the vehicle's rearview mirror. Fortunately, the pedestrian was only scraped up and

frightened and otherwise unharmed.

"All standard traffic laws are enforceable here at Parkland. People must stop at stop signs and yield to pedestrians," Officer Bluhm warns.

"We do write traffic reports and issue citations," says Officer Meyer.

Public Safety Chief Von Young points out, "The biggest thing students need to recognize is that driving is a full time obligation. It isn't something that should be taken for granted."

Parkland students themselves are divided about if there is a problem with parking lot safety or not. Many students have been involved in car collisions as victims, perpetrators, or witnesses. They believe that there are issues that need to be addressed in regards to the parking lot. To them there is too much vehicle over crowding and speeding and not enough prevention methods.

Kohei Jimmura, who is studying mathematics and English, admits, "I saw one car hit another just a few days ago."

"It's dangerous out there, because there are just so many cars. It doesn't take much for something to happen. Someone could be talking on a cell phone or a kid could run out in the road," mentions Sheree Hall, an Elementary Education student.

"I think Public Safety does a pretty good job of handling everything in the parking lot, but it is still dangerous.

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Vox Populi (The Voice of the People)

By AARON GEIGER
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The best things can be found by changing routines. The other day I decided to follow a couple of my staff to the event for Dr. King in the flag lounge. I don't know why I put my work aside, because there was a lot of it, but I had to see what was going on. To be brief and succinct, I heard Professor Redmon reenact the "I have a dream" speech that is oft quoted, and justly so.

When I say, "reenact", I must emphasize that I literally had chills spreading all over the tactile senses of my body. It would be dismissive of me to say that Professor Redmon was impressive. It was as if Dr. King were alive, for a moment, with a small audience. I could feel how much heart went into reliving the speech. I could sense how much hunger was still exhibited by the audience, and how everyone was transfixed.

I could begin to sense why thousands upon thousands of people would want to travel across the United States, or even from overseas, simply to be engaged by the oratory of Martin Luther King, Jr.

All of this, just by taking a few minutes off of work to listen to a few respected individuals at

Parkland College.

The New Year is all about changing routines. At the *Prospectus*, we decided to tidy up the paper a bit, and give it a new look. We have set a few goals this year that we hope find use-

be focusing on more local coverage of events and news, as opposed to national and global events. We will still be adding a global perspective, but most local coverage will be provided by Parkland students and con-

coverage initially.

Our assistant editor, Erik Pheifer, has moved on to Eastern. Ellen Schmidt has taken his responsibilities, and I'm sure you, as an audience, will find her work particularly engaging.

The *Prospectus* will be directing a lot of energy to the areas of diversity, the environment, technology, and people. We will be featuring a three-person page of "Who's Who" at the college, which will profile staff, faculty, and students on a regular basis. If you know somebody that should be recognized for their achievements, please contact the *Prospectus* and let us know!

I hope that you have found a tremendous improvement in the paper throughout the last semester, and I trust that you will see some wonderful improvements that are taking place this year. Remember, feedback is always appreciated. We want to know how to serve you the best that we can, and we are committed to raising the standard of the community.

Dr. King always believed that the ability to serve can allow anyone to achieve greatness. Here's to servitude and the New Year.

Welcome back.



tributing writers. The sports column will be back shortly, and we apologize for not providing

ful, beneficial, and uplifting for the community and for Parkland College. Primarily, we will

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By DONNA MAYER
Prospectus Guest Writer

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If you need help completing your FAFSA, come to the Financial Aid Office, A-170, and there is always someone available that can help you submit your online FAFSA.

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Parkland College celebrates Martin Luther King Jr.

By **ELLEN SCHMIDT**
Prospectus Staff Writer

"I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: 'We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal.'" Martin Luther King, Jr. (Excerpt from "I Have a Dream")

January 15 commemorated the 21st official holiday celebrating the life of civil rights activist, Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr. King spent his life working to make this world a better place for all Americans.

In addition to national and state celebrations, the Champaign-Urbana community enjoys a wide array of tributes to Dr. King.

Parkland's Black History Month 2007 Committee hosted an event celebrating the holiday on Friday before the official holiday.

Cypress Hughes, a recruiter from admissions and records, and Marva Nelson, Associate Professor of English and critical studies, joined Professor Kent Redmon, of fine and applied arts, in fielding questions and reflected on the impact that Dr. King had on their lives.

Many Parkland students were either very young or not yet born when King delivered his speech.

Both Hughes and Nelson talked of Dr. King's legacy.

"King preached we are all tied in the single garment of destiny," Nelson said. "And that is the beauty of Dr. King's legacy, that he believed that no one was less than any other."

Hughes shared that Dr. King wanted to be known not for his awards or accomplishments but for the things that he tried to do in making this world a better place for every person.

Professor Kent Redmon stepped inside Dr. King's shoes and gave a moving rendition of his famous speech, "I have a Dream." His attention to the details of King's voice and man-

nerism's were quite impressive. Redmon has a long history of presenting this famous speech. "I can't even count how many times I've done this speech now." He added, "I do this speech about every year."

As he recalls it he believes that he has presented the speech for nearly 17 years.

Redmon enjoys the experience of delivering the famous speech. "I get a joy out of it because I get to give people a little taste of how it was like back

make people feel the tension that comes out in the speech, I can make people feel the hope that comes out in the speech and so it gives me a good feeling to get up there and do that."

Redmon recalls fondly standing in the same place where Dr. King delivered his speech at the Lincoln Memorial on a trip to D.C.

"I actually stood in the place where he delivered that speech and it is just awesome to stand there and to think about all that

sion and legacy of Dr. King in the years since his death.

During her life, she witnessed the commemorative plaque that was placed at the Lincoln Memorial where her husband presented his famous "I have a Dream" speech.

Another event that occurred in the past year was the groundbreaking ceremony for the MLK monument that took place on November 13, 2006 in Washington, D.C. The site encompasses a 4-acre plot located on the Mall along the Tidal Basin, situated visually between the Lincoln Memorial and the Jefferson Memorial. It will include excerpts from the many speeches that Dr. King made in his life.

This site is meant to be experienced in many different ways and will contain the physical elements of water, stone and trees that will signify issues that were very important to Dr. King: justice, democracy and hope. The central focus of the memorial will be a 30-foot statue of Dr. King.

The vision of the memorial is to honor not only Dr. King but also the ideals for which he stood for. Included in the tribute are many people that gave their lives in the name of civil rights.

The memorial that is to be constructed in D.C. is set for completion at a future date in 2008. Redmon stated, "We should at least honor his memory by paying tribute to his accomplishments." The monument will strive to do just that.

Champaign-Urbana enjoys a variety of events commemorating Dr. King. There is still time to catch upcoming activities including a film screening of *After Innocence* at the Virginia Theatre on January 18, the University of Illinois Family Friendly Community Event held at the Krannert Center on January 20 and a film screening of *American Blackout* on January 23.



Parkland Professor Kent Redmon delivers the famous "I Have a Dream" speech as panelist Cypress Hughes observes in the flag lounge.

Karyn Johner/Prospectus

in August of 1963, how sweltering hot it was, not in terms of just the geographical temperature but also the social climate was just sweltering," he said.

"It's amazing to me how many of our students have never heard the complete 'I have a dream' speech. So when I do that it really makes me feel good because I give them a taste of what it must have been like back then," Redmon said.

Redmon prepares not only by putting the speech aside for awhile in order to keep it fresh but also by working out and getting into physical shape as well.

"I do go into character, I can

space being filled by all those people from all walks of life," he said. "It's just a fascinating thing to see."

Redmon hopes that students can get a sense of the sacrifices that King endured and the importance of what he stood for.

"The man put his family on the line, his future on the line, he put everything on the line so that other people could better themselves," Redmon said. "He opened a lot of doors."

Since the last MLK celebration, Dr. King's beloved widow, Coretta Scott King passed away. Mrs. King carried on the mis-



Parkland Planetarium

Friday, January 19:
7:00 p.m.—Winter Prairie Skies
8:00 p.m.—Spirits From the Sky,
Thunder on the Land
9:30 p.m.—Ladies and Gentlemen...The Doors!

Saturday, January 20:
7:00 p.m.—Follow the Drinking
Gourd
8:00 p.m.—Spirits From the Sky,
Thunder on the Land
9:30 p.m.—Ladies and Gentlemen...The Doors!

Parkland Art Gallery

January 8-February 8:
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Parkland Theatre

Open Auditions
Sunday, January 21:
1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.—A Weekend
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Thursday, January 18, 2007
Film Screening: *After Innocence* (2006)
Directed by Jessica Sanders
7:00 p.m. @ The Virginia Theatre, 203 W.
Park, Champaign
*Q & A will follow with Director Sanders
and Professor Stephen Hartnett (UIUC)

Saturday, January 20, 2007
Justice and Activism: Then and Now
A University of Illinois Family Friendly
Community Event
2:00 -4:30 p.m. @ Krannert Center for the
Performing Arts Lobby

Tuesday, January 23, 2007
Film Screening: *American Blackout* (2006)
directed by Ian Inaba

Winner - Special Jury Prize 2006 Sundance
Film
7:00 p.m. @ Allen Hall Main Lounge, 1005 W.
Gregory Dr., Urbana

Wednesday, January 24, 2007
Speak Café: Justice and Activism: Then and
Now
7:00 p.m. @ The Courtyard Café; Illini Union,
1401 W. Green St., Urbana

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There could be more signs and some speed bumps. It would be a good idea to have pedestrian crosswalks as well," Cornelias Clark, an English Literature major, says.

This particular group's counterparts hold just the opposite to be true. These people have not had any incidents involving vehicle collisions. They think that Parkland could be more lenient about its rules concerning the parking lot.

"I have never had a car crash or any problem like that in the parking lot," John Maxwell, an Industrial Technology major, says. "Actually, I think the speed limit is set too low."

The worst vehicular incidents are hit-and-run occurrences. There are no security cameras out in the parking lot. Unless there are witnesses, many drivers who have hit another auto-

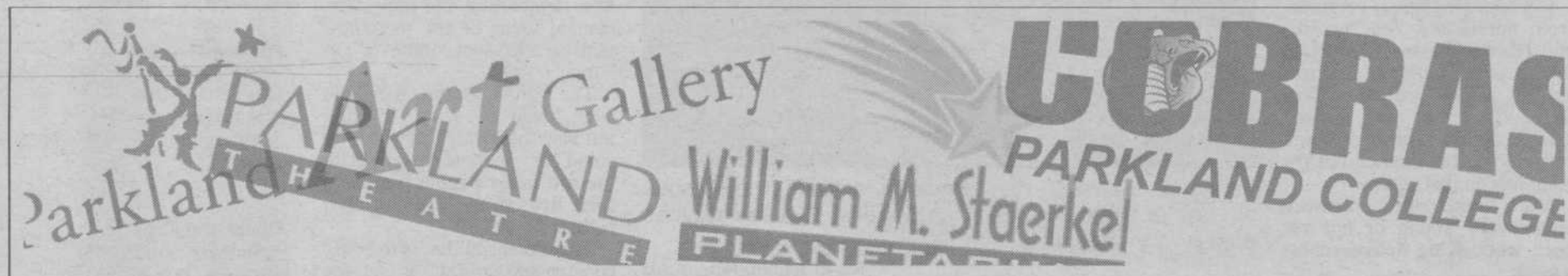
mobile leave the scene.

Chief Young explains, "By law anyone who strikes another vehicle must leave their information or contact the police. The penalties of not doing so and getting caught are more severe than if it was originally reported."

The Public Safety officers offer these tips to student drivers to help preserve the parking lot safety as well as their own. First, reduce your speed. Second, stay focused on driving. Third, take responsibility for your actions if there is any kind of crash.

"Stay off of cell phones. Slow down and turn down the music. It's easy to hit another car and not realize it, because you can't hear it over the music," suggests Officer Meyer.

Officer Bluhm further advises, "Parkland students should keep in mind that driving is a privilege. It can be taken away. Stay alert and watch out for other people."



S. Illinois student wins \$100,000 on game show

By **TERI MADDOX**
McClatchy Newspapers (MCT)

A Southern Illinois University Edwardsville student won \$100,000 as a contestant on the ABC game show "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire."

Alyx Mark, 18, of Wood River, Ill., won by correctly answering the multiple-choice question, "In degrees Fahrenheit, what is the temperature range on the sun's surface, also known as the photosphere?" The answer is "6,000 to 11,000."

"(Host Meredith Vieira) was messing around with me," Mark said. "She gave me that 'You didn't get it right' look, but then she said, 'You got it right.' I put my hands over my mouth and said, 'Oh, my gosh! Oh, my gosh!' It was surreal."

Mark appeared on the show for two nights during College Week. Both episodes were taped in New York City on Oct. 26, but she couldn't discuss her winnings until after the broadcast during the week of Thanksgiving.

Mark already has decided what to do

with the money. She will invest half of it, take her roommate, Michelle Marek of St. Louis, on a spring-break trip to the Caribbean island of Curacao, use \$5,500 to study in South Africa next summer and spend \$3,800 on an "extravagant and frivolous" Chanel tweed jacket.

"Either I'm taking my mom to Australia or I'm buying her a new patio door," Mark said. "She hasn't decided what she wants yet. Those patio doors are really expensive."

Mark is the daughter of Dawn Means of Wood River, an art teacher in Bethalto, and Michael Mark, a safety coordinator for a St. Louis subcontractor. Her father turned down a gift offer, even though he helped her reach the \$25,000 mark on "Millionaire."

Michael Mark was one of four people on his daughter's list of telephone "lifelines." She called him for help with the question, "On the Princeton Review's 2007 list of top party schools, what college was ranked most 'stone-cold sober' for the ninth straight year?" He recommended the correct answer, "Brigham

Young University."

Alyx Mark graduated from Roxana High School in 2005. She's attending SIUE on a full scholarship and majoring in political science with plans to become a professor or lawyer in international affairs. She lives in an apartment on campus and works in the dean's office in the university's department of education.

On "Millionaire," Mark won \$50,000 by correctly answering the question, "Pop singer Dido shares her name with a prominent character from what classic work of literature?" The answer is "The Aeneid."

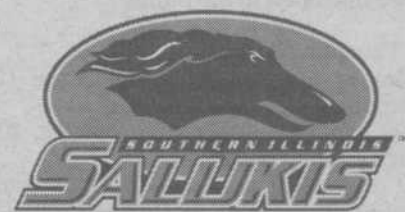
Mark won \$100,000 after declining to answer the \$250,000 question, "Which of these locales is not mentioned in Martin Luther King Jr.'s famous 'I Have a Dream' speech?"

Mark wasn't sure if the answer was "Hilltops of New Hampshire," "Stone Mountain of Georgia," "Rockies of Colorado" or "Blue Ridges of North Carolina." (The latter is correct.) If she had guessed incorrectly, her winnings would have dropped to \$25,000.

"My makeup lady put things into perspective (before the show)," Mark said. "She said, 'If you were in Las Vegas, would you really put \$75,000 on the table if you only had a 25-percent chance of getting it right?' And the answer definitely is, 'No.'"

Mark auditioned for the game show on Aug. 14 in a Chicago suburb. She drove 4 hours and 30 minutes, arrived at 5 a.m. and waited in line at a medieval dinner theater for four hours to do a one-minute interview and take a multiple-choice trivia test.

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House votes to raise the minimum wage for the first time in a decade

By MARGARET TALEV
McClatchy Newspapers (MCT)

WASHINGTON—The House of Representatives voted Wednesday to raise the federal minimum wage from \$5.15 an hour to \$7.25 by 2009, giving millions of poor Americans who work their best prospects in a decade to earn higher standards of living.

The legislation, which passed 315 to 116, doesn't include tax relief for small businesses, which President Bush says must be part of any increase he signs. Many Republicans say any such wage hike must be matched by incentives for small-business employers, particularly in the restaurant industry, which they say could lose the most when the minimum wage is raised.

Senate Democrats are expected to include some tax breaks in their version of the legislation in coming weeks and to urge House Democrats to go along, despite objections from liberal lawmakers and the AFL-

CIO, in order to clear the Senate and win Bush's signature.

"It's very important we pass a minimum wage—it's also important that small businesses thrive in this country," said Sen. Claire McCaskill, D-Mo., one of the new crop of moderate-to-conservative Democrats who won election in November.

Americans working full-time jobs at the federal minimum wage would see their salaries rise under the proposed increase from about \$11,000 a year to \$15,000.

Democrats, back in control of Congress after a dozen years, see the minimum-wage increase as a key statement of their priorities. It's both a symbol to voters of the Democrats' ability to move legislation that Republicans bottled up for years and a reward to labor unions, a key constituency group for their party. It's also an idea overwhelmingly supported by Americans, including higher earners, polls show.

"This is a matter of fairness. This is a matter of human

decency. This is a matter of human dignity," said Rep. John Lewis, D-Ga., a noted leader of the '60s civil rights movement. "It is time Congress actually reflects the will of the American people."

Rep. Jeb Hensarling, R-Texas, chairman of the Republican Study Committee, said "lucky" workers would see their pay rise to \$7.25 an hour, but he predicted, "Many more will have their hours cut, many will have their benefits cut, and many will lose their jobs."

Rep. Wally Herger, R-Calif., called the legislation "detrimental to small-business growth and job creation."

The last time Congress increased the minimum wage was in 1997, and the nation's unemployment rate fell in each of the next three years as the economy boomed.

In the 10 years since the minimum wage was raised, lawmakers increased their own pay by more than \$31,000, to \$165,200

blacks and women.

It also could pressure employers to raise the salaries of more than 7 million other workers earning slightly more than the minimum wage, economists predict.

Democrats noted that Wal-Mart's chairman came out recently in support of the increase, saying the discount chain's customers have too little income.

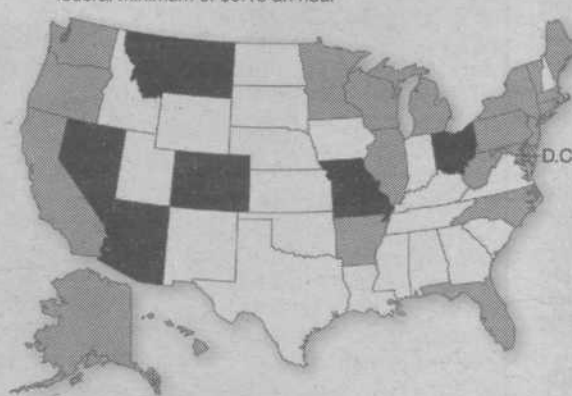
Anna Burger, secretary-treasurer of the SEIU, a union representing service workers, applauded the House vote, saying, "We are pleased to see the House is listening to working families and acting on the issues that matter most to them."

House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer, D-Md., said that if minimum-wage increases had kept up with the cost of living, the current minimum wage would be \$9.05 an hour.

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States increase minimum wage

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Saddam's execution renews international debate on death penalty

By **MATTHEW SCHOFIELD**
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BERLIN—Few tears were shed as news of the dawn execution of former Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein spread around the globe Saturday, but world leaders used the occasion to express concerns about the death penalty and about the general course of events in Iraq.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel indirectly criticized Saddam's execution.

"We respect the verdict but it is a known fact that the German government opposes the death penalty," she said. "I wish for the Iraqi people to proceed on its path in peace and without violence."

The press was unambiguous in its lack of sympathy for the man sentenced to death for ordering the murder of 148 his own citizens—and who might have been tried for the genocide of thousands more.

In Great Britain, The Sun tabloid noted, simply: "Iraqi butcher sent to Hell." In France, Le Figaro newspaper said the execution was, "A very strong message." In Germany, Die

Welt observed, "Saddam Hussein died without a fight."

"something quite heroic about a country that is going through

extends due process to somebody who was a tyrant and brutal suppressor and murderer of his people. That is the mark of a country that is trying against fearful odds to embrace democracy."

Many other governments, however, expressed skepticism about the wisdom of executing Saddam.

"The execution of Saddam Hussein may lead to the further aggravation of the military-political atmosphere (in Iraq) and an increase in ethnic and religious tension," said Mikhail Kamynin, spokesman for the Russian Foreign Ministry.

Leaders in Brazil and India also worried that Saddam's hanging could worsen violence in Iraq, not improve it.

But in many places around the world, reaction focused on use of the death penalty. Since his conviction, a number of European nations, the European Union, the Vatican and the United Nations have said execution is not appropriate response to crime.

Italian Prime Minister Romano Prodi said Italy "is against the death penalty and so

even in such a dramatic case as Saddam Hussein, we still think that the death penalty must not be put into action."

Vatican spokesman the Rev. Federico Lombardi said that even when the executed "was guilty of grave crimes . . . capital punishment is always tragic news, a reason for sadness."

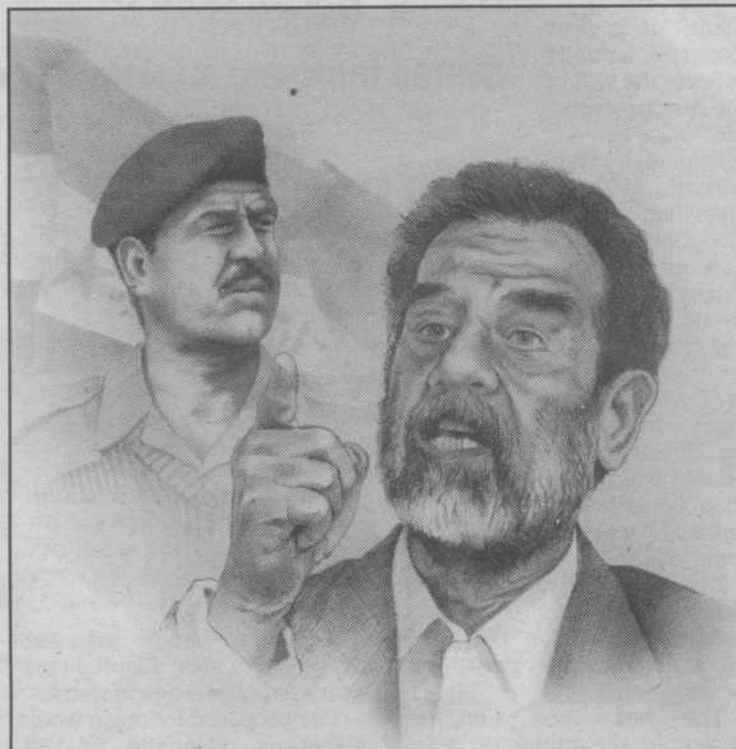
He went on to note the position of the Catholic Church: "The killing of the guilty party is not the way to reconstruct justice and reconcile society. On the contrary, there is a risk that it will feed a spirit of vendetta and sow new violence."

The French Foreign Ministry issued a statement noting opposition to the death penalty, but also urging Iraqis, after the execution, to look forward, toward reconciliation and national unity.

"Now more than ever, the objective should be a return to full sovereignty and stability in Iraq," the statement said.

Similarly, British Foreign Secretary Margaret Beckett said that while her nation opposed the death penalty, it respects the decision of a sovereign nation dealing with "appalling crimes."

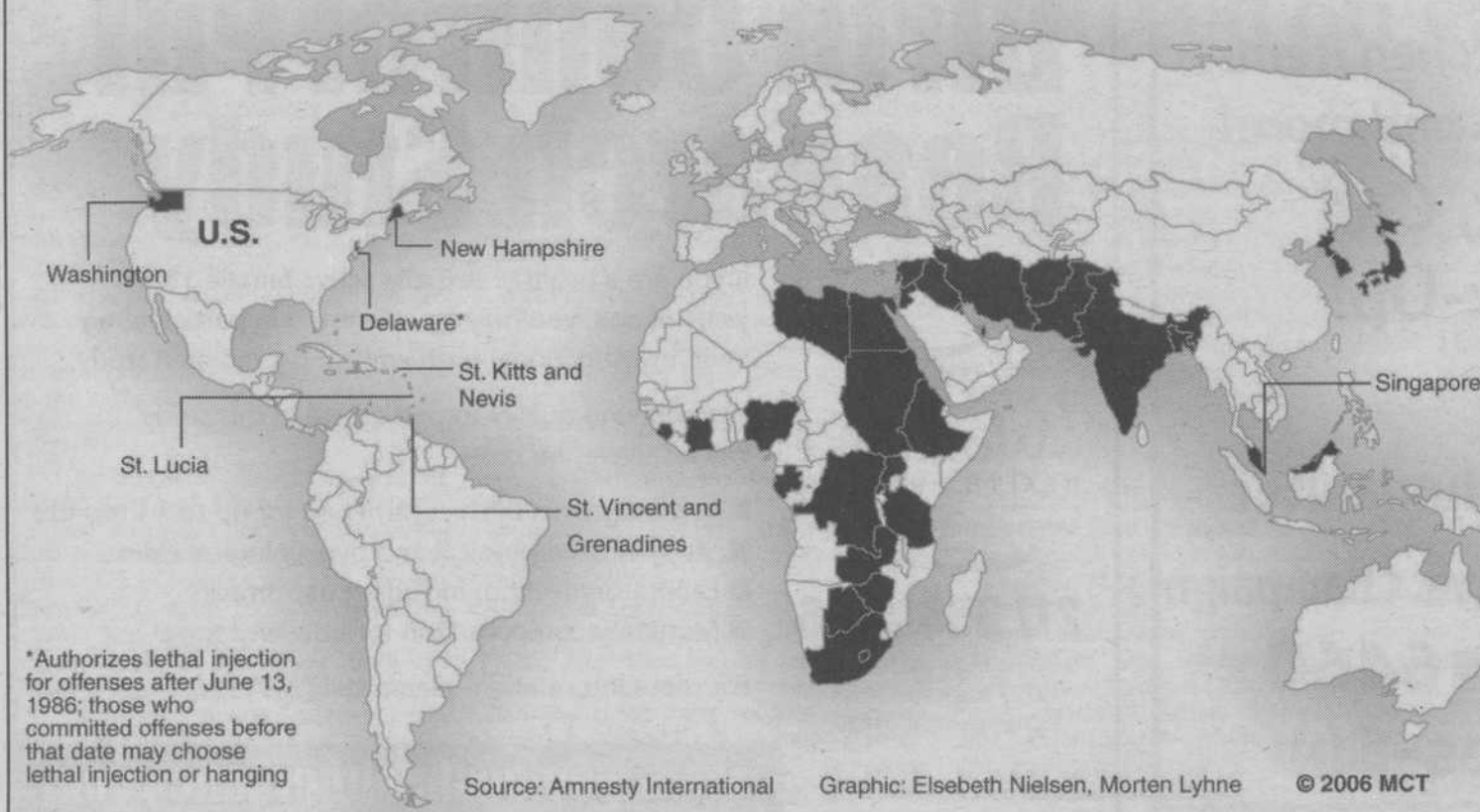
"He has now been held to account," she said.



Australian Prime Minister John Howard said there was the pain and the suffering that Iraq is going through, yet still

Hanging as capital punishment

Hanging is still used in countries with civil law as well as Islamic countries that follow Sharia law.



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Iraq executions

Executions of two of Saddam Hussein's co-defendants are scheduled for Thursday.

Awad Hamed al-Bandar



Led Iraq's Revolutionary Court, which issued death sentences for 148 Dujail residents

Barzan Ibrahim al-Tikriti



Saddam's half brother; Iraq's intelligence chief at time of 1982 crime

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University may discipline student over mascot flap

By **MICHELLE S. KELLER**
Chicago Tribune (MCT)

CHICAGO—A University of Illinois student believed to have threatened another student on an online networking site over the university's controversial mascot could face disciplinary action, a university official said Wednesday.

The university is investigating a student comment posted in December on a pro-Chief Illiniwek page on Facebook, a popular social networking site.

Officials said one post threatened to hurt a student who opposed the mascot.

"I say we throw a tomohawk in her face," the comment said.

The student will face disciplinary hearings under the university's student code of conduct, which prohibits speech advocating harm to others. A panel will

determine if the student should be expelled, according to Chancellor Richard Herman.

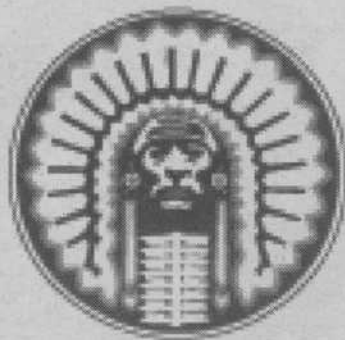
The comments were "threats, rather explicitly calling out racism," Herman said. "The idea of the comment would indicate violence. We believe we have a welcoming environment here on campus. This is exactly the kind of thing that runs counter to that."

The incident was reported to the University of Illinois police department, which is investigating, according to Kris Fitzpatrick, interim chief of police.

The Facebook group had more than 110 members before the page was taken down. Another post read, "What they don't realize is that there was never a racist problem before ... but now i hate redskins and hope all those drunk, casino owning bums die."

That student will likely not face disciplinary action because he did not explicitly threaten anyone, Herman said.

E-mails to the students were not



answered. A man who identified himself as the father of one student said he did not wish to comment.

Faculty and students from the

Native American House on the Urbana-Champaign campus brought the postings to the university's attention this month. The reaction by the American Indian community to comments was "frustration and fear," McKinn said. In a campus of about 41,000 graduate and undergraduate students, there are likely only about 100 American Indian students, said John McKinn, assistant director of the Native American House.

One member of the Facebook group said she didn't think the group was racist.

"I'm sure that when the group was started, I don't think that anybody took it seriously," said student Lizzy Cunningham, 19, who was a member of the member of the group before the Web page was taken down. "Students were upset about losing the Chief and were trying to get

some huge movement started. I don't think they were trying to make racial statements. They were more like angry outbursts."

The university is planning a Feb. 1 town hall meeting to discuss the issue.

The university's use of an American Indian mascot has long been controversial. The issue was thrust into the spotlight in August of 2005 when the National Collegiate Athletic Association announced that schools that use "hostile and abusive American Indian nicknames" be banned from hosting postseason games.

Students have created at least five other pro-Chief Illiniwek groups on Facebook.

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The International student equation

By **TAKAMICHI KONO**
Prospectus Staff Writer

How many different languages can you hear at the cafeteria during lunch time?

At noon on last Wednesday, there were FIVE or more: Korean, Mandarin, Japanese, Vietnamese, Indonesian, English, of course, and more. According to the International Student Services Office, in the fall 2006, Parkland enrolled approximately three hundred international students.

The statistics by International Students Services show that Parkland welcomed 52 nationalities last semester and more than 90 nationalities since the fall 2003. Their nationality is not the only indicator of such diversity at Parkland. Erin R. Johnson, the Assistant Director for International Student Services says, "Each student has his or her own unique story," reflecting the fact that there would be over three hundred backgrounds, purposes, or goals represented by the Parkland international community. Following are just three examples of international students.

There must be quite a few foreign students who faced many challenges from the very beginning, as did Chung Sing Ng, or Johnson, as his peers call him.

A seventeen-year old from Hong Kong, Johnson came to the U.S. for the fall 2006 semester at Parkland mainly because he simply wanted to respect his parents' decision. "They said 'you have to go to the U.S. to study', and I cannot say No," Johnson said. And he took advantage of

the English education for his future. On his very first day in the U.S, he realized that he had lost his luggage somewhere on the way. With barely enough necessities and nearly no friends, during the first several months of his stay in Champaign (a foreign city he had "no idea about"), Johnson was frightened.

"There were a lot of people who just scared me," he recalled when he was

their home country with an Associates Degree, the U of I always seems the number one popular destination for international transfer students from Parkland. In fact, Erin Johnson said, "out of the most recent 11 F-1 visa status students who successfully transferred to four-year colleges, 7 went to the U of I."

Rei Kawahata from Japan is not an exception. Similar to Johnson from Hong

as well as the spectacle of endless cornfields seen on her trip from Chicago, the American style of education impresses her. Friendly relationships between instructors and students and active participation of students were, for example, not typically found in Japanese institutions in general.

Rei has been an active member of the International Students Association (ISA) and selected as one of only a few international scholarship students.

It is hard to say or research how popular the U of I and Parkland are in Asian countries. But some in Jakarta do know about the U of I, according to Margaret Sumitro, an Indonesian student majoring in accounting.

Since arriving in the U.S, she misses the Indonesian spicy menu of KFC and after some struggles, she has managed to learn to drive on the right side, or "wrong side" of the road. Margaret herself knew about Parkland only after one of her relatives in Illinois recommended the school to her, again expecting her transfer to the U of I.

Undoubtedly, many international students come to Parkland simply because of their interest in the U of I. No matter where they are from, they should, and they do take advantage of such valuable chances to share multicultural experiences with the fifty or more different nationalities and cultures represented at Parkland. Whether American or not, all students are welcome to come to Parkland College to share their history and gain insight into the diversity of this community.

International Students represented at Parkland

Algeria Albania Antigua and Barbuda Argentina Australia Azerbaijan Bahamas Belgium Botswana Brazil Bulgaria Burkina Faso Burma Cameroon Canada China Colombia Congo Democratic Republic Costa Rica Czech republic Ecuador Egypt El Salvador France Gambia Germany Ghana Greece Guatemala Guyana Haiti Honduras Hong Kong Iceland India Indonesia Iran Iraq Israel Italy Jamaica Japan Jordan Kazakhstan Kenya Lebanon Lithuania Malawi Malaysia Mexico Mongolia Morocco Nepal Netherlands New Zealand Nigeria Norway Pakistan Palau Panama Peru Poland Romania Russia Serbia and Montenegro Sierra Leone Singapore South Africa South Korea Spain Sri Lanka Syria Switzerland Slovakia Taiwan Thailand Togo Trinidad and Tobago Turkey Uganda UK Ukraine Uruguay Uzbekistan Venezuela Vietnam West Bank Zambia

walking alone around in Champaign. Now he enjoys studying at Parkland. Inspired by his father in Hong Kong, Johnson aims to be a CEO of a company after pursuing a Bachelors Degree in Actuarial Science at the U of I.

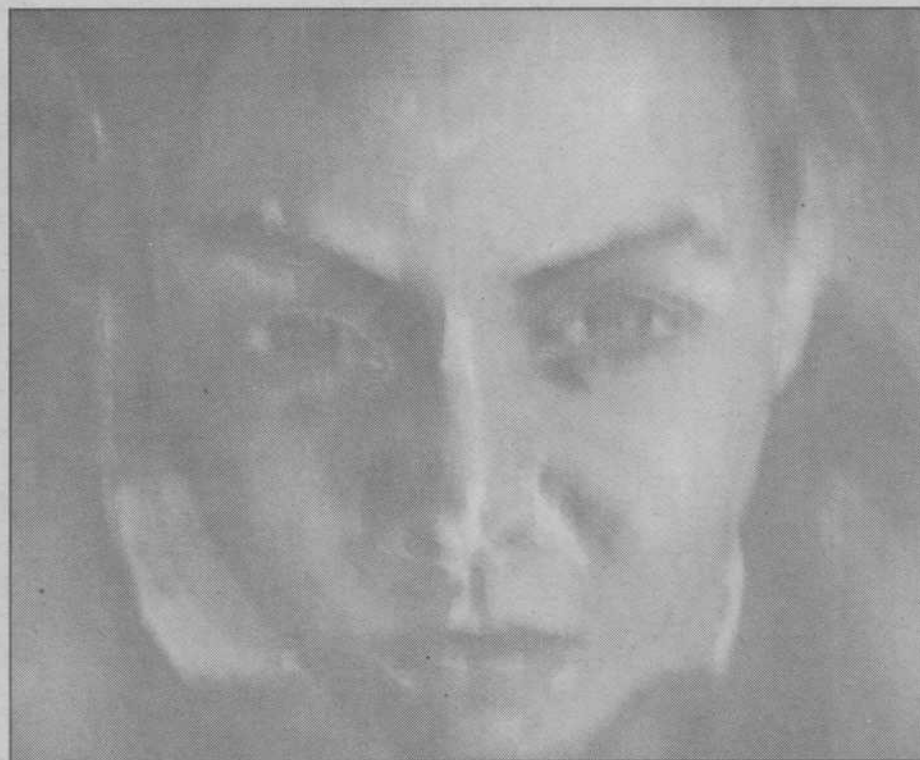
While there are some who go back to

Kong, the only thing Rei could know about Illinois was Chicago, at least until some years ago. Her desire to study dietetics at the U of I was strong enough to make up her mind to spend several years at Parkland, but that does not mean that she has wasted her time at Parkland. So far,



The Body Sublime





Jobs introduces long-awaited iPhone

By **CONSTANCE LOIZOS**

San Jose Mercury News (MCT)

SAN FRANCISCO—Apple CEO Steve Jobs unveiled the long-rumored Apple phone today, describing it as a “revolutionary” product that combines a widescreen iPod with touch controls, a mobile phone and an Internet communications device.

Saying it was a “day I’ve been looking forward to for two and a half years,” Jobs framed the phone—dubbed the iPhone—as the latest in a string of world-changing products from Apple like the Macintosh and the iPod.

The phone, he said, would use a new interface that would avoid the buttons on smartphones like the Treo and be operated through a touch screen.

The phone would also run on OS X, the Macintosh operating system, which would give the new device the flexibility and sophistication of Apple’s signature desktop software.

Speaking at the annual Macworld conference in San Francisco, Jobs also unveiled AppleTV, formerly known as iTV, what he described as a new way to enjoy media on a big-

screen TV.

AppleTV is a set-top box that will let users buy video content from the iTunes store and download it to a computer. Users can then either put the content on an iPod or use AppleTV to move content from a PC to a big-screen TV.

The AppleTV device stores up to 50 hours of video, Jobs said, and works on all three major WiFi networking standards to make transferring files easier.

The device will be priced at \$299. Apple will start taking orders today, he said, and the gadget will ship in February.

And indicating the company’s new focus on consumer products, Jobs also announced Apple would drop the word “computer” from its name and become simply Apple Inc.

But the new phone was the star of the show. Jobs started off by talking about how Apple was going to reinvent the phone, and showed the crowd an iPod with a rotary phone dial, which drew a laugh from the crowd of faithful.

He then talked about what he described as the problems of current smartphones, including their keypads and fixed control buttons, which limit their flexi-

bility.

The iPhone avoids that, he said, with a patented control surface that is operated by a user’s fingers—“the best pointing device in the world.”

The phone will have a 3.5-inch screen and just one button on front. Jobs said that at 11.6 millimeters it is the thinnest phone on the market. It will have a 2-megapixel camera, and will work on the Cingular network.

A 4-gigabyte version will sell for \$499, while an 8-gigabyte model will cost \$599.

The phones will be sold at Apple and Cingular stores, and will ship in June.

Jobs described the opportunity for Apple as huge, saying that the company hoped to grab 1 percent of the global market for cell phone sales, which he estimated at 1 billion.

The iPhone will operate just like the iPod in terms of syncing with iTunes to download content. In addition to its phone and music features, the iPhone will also have a calendar, photo managing software, text messaging, access to most email services, and what Jobs described as a full-featured Web browser.

Jobs said all of these other types of content—such as Inter-

net bookmarks and email messages—would also be easy to sync with desktop applications.

After announcing the phone, Jobs was joined on stage by two rivals: Eric Schmidt, CEO of Google, and Jerry Yang, one of Yahoo’s co-founders, to talk about services the phone would offer, including Google Maps and Yahoo’s popular e-mail service.

Jobs also provided an update on iTunes, which he said has sold more than 2 billion songs—or 58 songs every minute of every day. The service has also sold 50 million TV shows, he said, and 1.4 million movies. In addition to original partner the Walt Disney Co.—on whose board Jobs sits—the Apple CEO also announced a new partnership with Paramount, with 250 movies including “The Hunt for Red October” and “Chinatown” available next week.

Apple’s shares soared on the announcements, up more than 5 percent at 10:30 a.m. to \$89.84.

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Green electronics

Leading mobile and PC manufacturers ranked by their global policies and practice on eliminating harmful chemicals and on taking responsibility for their products when discarded by consumers:

Change since August 2006 rank

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3	Fujitsu-Siemens	+7
4	Motorola	+9
5	Sony Ericsson	-2
6	HP	-
7	Acer	+5
8	Lenovo	+6
9	Sony	-4
10	Panasonic	-2
11	LGE	-4
12	Samsung	-8
13	Toshiba	-4
14	Apple	-3



Apple's announcement

The two newest products by Apple Inc.:

Apple TV a set-top box

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- Wirelessly streams downloaded videos to television
- Accepting orders now, starts shipping in February

iPhone

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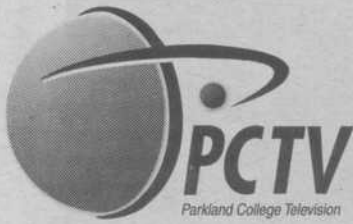
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 9:30 p.m. - Local Black History: The Businesses (Archives)
 10 p.m. - Classic Arts Showcase

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 25

12 a.m. - Parkland Voice: Center for Academic Success
 12:30 a.m. - This Legacy is Yours, Part 1, Black History Archives
 1:30 a.m. - This Legacy is Yours, Part 2, Black History Archives
 2:30 a.m. - Parkland Voice: Black History Month 2007
 3 a.m. - For Arts Sake: Malcolm Mobutu Smith
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 7 a.m. - Accounting Telecourse
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12 a.m. - Classic Arts Showcase
 6 a.m. - Parkland Announcements
 8 a.m. - Parkland Telecourse
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 6 p.m. - Classic Arts Showcase

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 28

12 a.m. - Classic Arts Showcase
 2 a.m. - Parkland Announcements
 8 a.m. - Classic Arts Showcase
 5 p.m. - Parkland Announcements
 5:30 p.m. - Parkland Voice: Black History Month 2007
 6 p.m. - Parkland Challenge: St Thomas More v. Schlarman
 6:30 p.m. - Parkland Challenge: Villa Grove v Rantoul
 7 p.m. - Parkland Threads
 7:30 p.m. - For Arts Sake: Malcolm Mobutu Smith
 8 p.m. - Parkland Report: Civic Engagement
 8:30 p.m. - Surrounded By Science: Forensics
 9 p.m. - Parkland Voice: Black History Month
 9:30 p.m. - Personal Stories of Six African American Women
 10:30 p.m. - Classic Arts Showcase

MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 29

12 a.m. - The Iraq War, Its Consequences in the Middle East
 1 a.m. - Personal Stories of Six African American Women
 2 a.m. - For Arts Sake: Malcolm Mobutu Smith
 2:30 a.m. - Parkland Threads: TBA
 3 a.m. - Surrounded By Science: Urbana's Meadowbrook Park
 4 a.m. - Classic Arts Showcase
 7 a.m. - Parkland Announcements
 8 a.m. - The Iraq War, Its Consequences in the Middle East
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 10 a.m. - For Arts Sake: Malcolm Mobutu Smith
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 3 p.m. - Surrounded By Science: Urbana's Meadowbrook Park
 4 p.m. - Accounting Telecourse
 5 p.m. - Parkland Announcements
 5:30 p.m. - Parkland Voice: Alternative Spring Break
 6 p.m. - The Iraq War, Its Consequences in the Middle East
 7 p.m. - Personal Stories of Six African American Women
 8 p.m. - For Arts Sake: Malcolm Mobutu Smith
 8:30 p.m. - Parkland Threads: TBA
 9 p.m. - Surrounded By Science: Urbana's Meadowbrook Park
 10 p.m. - Classic Arts Showcase

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 30

12 a.m. - The Power of Money in Washington,
 1 a.m. - Parkland Challenge: St Thomas More v. Schlarman
 1:30 a.m. - Parkland Challenge: Villa Grove v Rantoul
 2 a.m. - Parkland Voice: Black History Month 2007
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 2:30 p.m. - For Arts Sake: Malcolm Mobutu Smith
 3 p.m. - Classic Arts Showcase
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 5:30 p.m. - Parkland Voice: Community Service
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 7:30 p.m. - Parkland Challenge: Villa Grove v Rantoul
 8 p.m. - Parkland Voice: Black History Month 2007
 8:30 p.m. - For Arts Sake: Malcolm Mobutu Smith
 9 p.m. - International Magazine in English
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Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 22.
Friday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 25.
Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 15.
Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 30.
Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 17.
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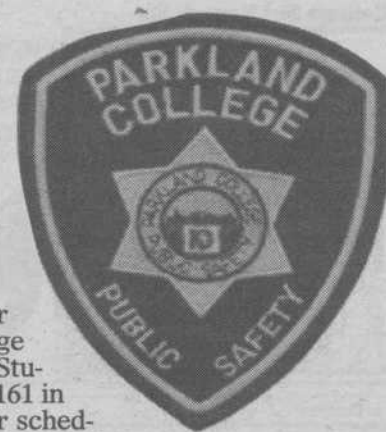
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On Wednesday, January 3, at approximately 10:25 p.m., a black male approached the cashier at the register. He told the cashier to give him the money from the register, and threatened to "get nasty" with her if she didn't comply. The cashier handed him

the money and he exited the store.

The suspect is described as a black male in his 20's or 30's, approximately 5'5", with a medium build,

ing cap, a yellow or gold hooded sweatshirt, with a dark green puffy winter coat over the sweat shirt, and yellow or gold sweat pants.

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