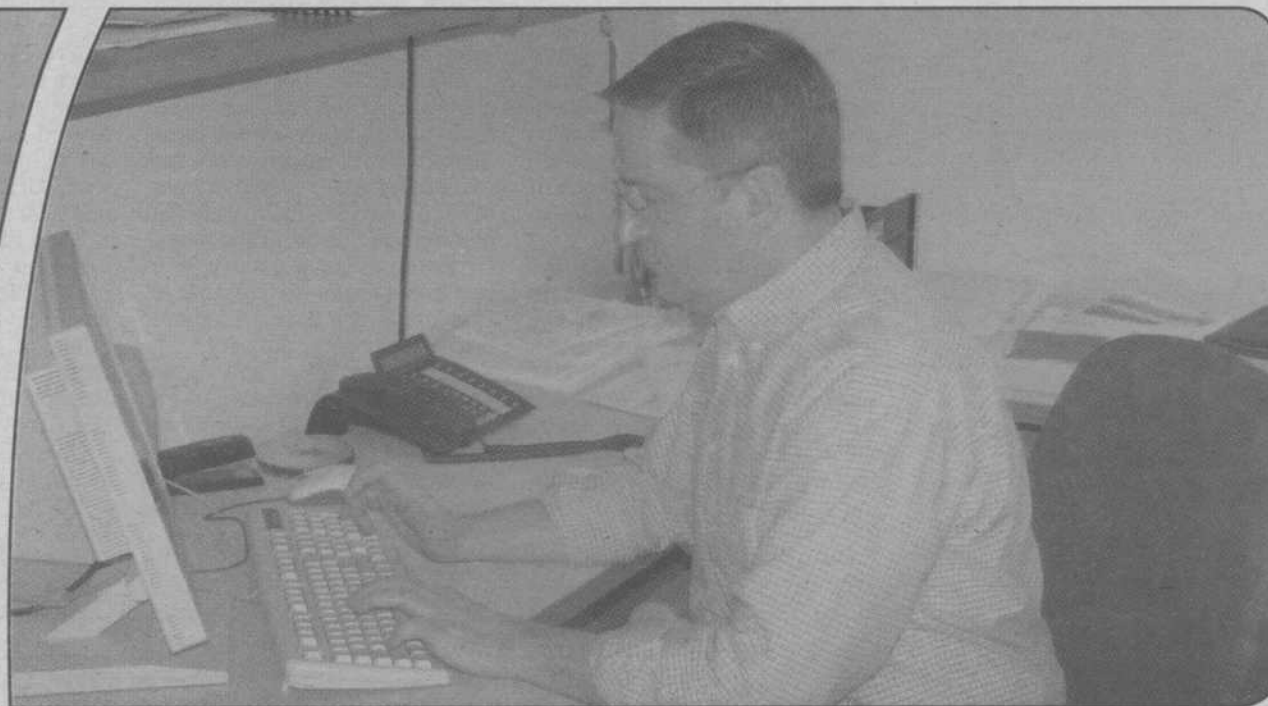


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Wired at Parkland

■ Online programs offer wide depth, access

By ELLEN SCHMIDT
Prospectus Assistant Editor

Are online classes for you? If you are self-motivated, organized, and like the idea of flexibility in learning then online classes might be the answer.

As Parkland College Director of Distance Learning, Brett Coup is proud to be part of the "cutting edge" technology which offers 200 online and 50 hybrid courses that are accessed by over 4000 enrollments each semester.

Coup talked about the magnitude of the program here at Parkland.

"In the state of Illinois we are the second largest provider of online courses, behind only a four-year school, so not only do we have more than all the other community colleges, we have more than all but one four-year institution."

According to Coup, the majority of online students are local to this community.

There are also a high percentage of students taking classes here on campus and online classes. It's not uncommon to notice students work-

ing on their online classes on campus when they find they have extra time between classes. "It's a great way to fill in your schedule," Coup said.

While the online classes offer flexibility and convenience they also present some challenges.

"Clearly the biggest challenge in an online course is being self motivated, and making sure you stay on schedule... you do the reading and do the homework that you need to do on time."

"Teaching online is something we do and we're happy to do it."

Coup explains that if a student is the kind of learner that needs more direction then it's good to attend class on campus three times a week.

There are a number of associate degrees that are available to online learning. It is also possible to continue online learning to complete a bachelor's degree.

While students can fulfill the requirements for an associate's degree online there is an exception to that goal. Speech 101 is not offered online as it has the requirement of standing in front of a live audience to give speeches. This class is offered as a hybrid class.

A hybrid class gives you the flexibility to complete assignments but requires that you attend campus a certain number of hours over the semester. Other classes that are offered as hybrid classes are science or chemistry, which can require a lab or require the explanation of certain difficult concepts that are best learned in the classroom setting.

For students who aren't sure about the ability to follow an online class, a hybrid class might better fit their needs. Hybrids offer the flexibility of an online class and yet offer the student a good transition from classroom to online learning.

"You still have to come, still meet with the instructor, that's comforting to people but you get a chance to work on your own computer and learn the system," Coup said.

As the technology has gotten better so have the efforts of teachers and students that are participating in online learning. The success rate is not statistically different from the classroom.

"Teaching online is something we do and we're happy to do it," Coup said.

Coup hopes to see the program grow to offer more support services online, such as advising and graduation audits.

To find out more about online learning, access <http://online.parkland.edu/> or stop by D106.

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Vox Populi (The Voice of the People)

By AARON GEIGER
Prospectus Editor

George W. Bush recently roasted himself at the annual Radio and Television Correspondents' Association dinner. Karl Rove performed an impromptu rap song with the comedians of the hit TV show, "Whose Line Is It Anyway?"

Although tradition holds that a self-deprecating show is in order, I was wondering if the jokes were really warranted. When I heard the soundtrack of sorts on the radio, the audience was laughing. But then again, the audience was laughing at Ann Coulter when she was calling a liberal politician a "fag-got".

Bush said, and I quote, "A year ago, my approval rating was in the 30s, my nominee for the

Supreme Court had just withdrawn, and my vice president had shot someone...ah, those were the good ol' days."

A good line, but notice the absentia of all of the other demanding issues of the time. Should a President, who has markedly and systematically broken apart his institution and elected position be telling jokes? Or is the event a good way to recognize faults—a trait that all Presidents are bound to share, no matter their popularity?

"...I'd like to thank Senator Webb for providing security," Bush said, referring to the recent incident at the Capitol, where Sen. Webb's aide accidentally brought a loaded handgun into the building.

Dick Cheney wasn't at the event, and Bush covered for him, "He's had a rough few weeks.

To be honest, his feelings were kinda hurt. He said he was going on vacation to Afghanistan, where people like him." If you don't recall, Cheney's last visit drew a suicide bomber that detonated himself at the entrance to a military base where Cheney was touring. The V.P. said he felt and heard the blast.

Bush likened himself to Clinton, and suggested he might make his own memoir, but would do pop-up books instead. Some of the titles: "Tuesdays with Cheney", "Who Moved My Presidency", and "How W. Got His Groove Back".

Obama wasn't in the audience, so Bush joked that the young politician wasn't there because there was, "Not enough press."

Regardless of tradition, and no matter the political line in the sand a person may draw, it

can be hard to stomach a roasting joke by a President who is dining in a black bow tie and tux, while men and women are dying abroad. Bush's environmental policy is being rejected, his war effort is being shut down, his closest allies are falling into troubled waters, his global allies are shying away from him, and the conservatives are dealing with a serious black eye.

Who is the joke really on?

Corrections: In the 03.28.07 edition, we incorrectly credited Eric Harpring for p16's tournament recaps. The information was a press release from the dept. of athletics. Also, "Alt. Spring Break" will run next week. We apologize for the errors.

Dollars and Sense from FinAid

Scholarship Tips for Non-Traditional Students

By DONNA MAYER
Prospectus Guest Writer

Are you a non-traditional student?

The most typical definition of a non-traditional student is someone age 24 and older. Often, these students also will be:

- married or divorced
- a veteran of the military
- returning to college after a period of time in the work force or working in their home
- entering college for the first time, not right after high school graduation
- employed

Non-traditional students sometimes think they're at a disadvantage compared to traditional (younger) students because they're older than other students, or because of the length of time they've been away from college. Nothing could be farther from the truth.

Non-traditional students have the advantages of:

- years of life experience, which makes grasping concepts and ideas easier
- likely to appreciate being in school, and understand the

value of studying
 • are not afraid to ask questions in class or risk "looking stupid" in front of classmates

Misunderstandings sometimes exist regarding non-traditional students being able to



receive scholarships. We've heard questions like "I'm not eligible to apply for scholarships because of my age, am I?" and "Since I'm an adult and working, can I apply for scholarships?" The most common sets of criteria for scholarships involve a student's program of study and grade point average.

If you're a non-traditional student and want to apply for scholarships, the following tips

should help you make the most of your life experiences.

- Identify your strengths. Write down your strong points:
- personality traits
- life experiences
- lessons learned

Use everything from your work ethic, to how you raise your children.

- Write down your "weaknesses." Weaknesses in quotes because what you think is a weakness may be the very thing the scholarship committee feels sets you apart from other applicants. Try looking at your weaknesses from someone else's perspective—you may realize they're actually strengths.
- Turn your weaknesses into strong points. Pick one thing listed and ask yourself three questions about it:
- How did I cope with this experience/weakness?
- What good qualities/traits did this experience bring out in me?
- How has this made me a better person?

Maybe you didn't finish high school, and later obtained a

G.E.D. because you needed to help support your family. You may believe that not having a high school diploma is a drawback, but you may also feel that not getting the diploma right away and helping support your family is a show of character. You displayed strengths such as responsibility, determination, hard work, and family loyalty.

Remember that every life experience, positive or negative, is a lesson learned. Those lessons should be the theme of your scholarship essays and applications. Put your best foot forward and make your strengths shine through. You'll be surprised at the effect it has on your applications!

To see what is currently available to apply for through Parkland, check out our Scholarship Guide at <http://www.parkland.edu/ss/financial/scholarship.htm>.

FastWeb is a free nationwide scholarship search engine. All you have to do is fill in some information about yourself, and it will check to see what you might be eligible to apply for. Check them out at <http://www.fastweb.com/>.

For questions or help applying for scholarships, contact the Financial Aid Office at finaid@parkland.edu.

A different kind of admissions process

By **KATHY BOCCELLA**
The Philadelphia Inquirer (MCT)

PHILADELPHIA—Along with SAT scores and extra-curricular activities, college-bound students increasingly are being asked to divulge information that may not be so flattering: their arrest and discipline records.

Since late summer, the Common Application, a form used by about 300 institutions, has asked students and guidance counselors whether the applicant has ever been convicted of a crime or disciplined at school. Kids with rocky pasts may not make it beyond 12th grade. In an effort to weed out trouble-makers before they hit campus, colleges with their own forms also are requiring prospective students to disclose behavioral black marks. More are contemplating it.

The University of Pennsylvania put its admissions policy under review after the discovery in January that a 25-year-old child molester taking graduate courses was commuting from his Bucks County, Pa., prison cell. Saint Joseph's University will ask about applicants' misdeeds beginning next year.

"It's an issue that's exploding," said Timothy Mann, dean of student affairs at Babson College, who is writing his doctoral dissertation on the subject.

The debate over whether to screen and for what is contentious. Opponents cite privacy issues and the risk of penalizing offenders twice. Education encourages rehabilitation, argues the United States Student Association, the nation's largest student group.

"Are we now putting institutions of higher education in the position of dispensing post-judicial punishment?" Barmak Nasirian of the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers asked.

Offenders can still slip in. "No background check is foolproof," cautioned Stephanie Hughes, a professor at the University of Northern Kentucky and security expert who owns RiskAware, which runs background checks on college employees.

Federal law prevents most schools from releasing educational records—including disciplinary information—without a parental approval. Counselors can leave the questions blank,

a spokesman for the Common Application said. And schools don't always know about the trouble students get into off campus.

Where Mark McGrath, president of the New Jersey School Counselor Association, works, the few kids who have had an incident tend to admit their wrongdoings.

"We try to put it in the best light we can" on the application, said McGrath, a counselor at Lawrence High School in Lawrenceville, N.J. "We're the advocates for the child."

Access to more accurate information and increased expectations about college involvement in students' lives have spurred the trend toward preadmission screening, Mann said.

Though campus crime has not appreciably increased since 2003, according to the U.S. Department of Education, a few high-profile crimes committed by students with rap sheets have led institutions to reexamine their admissions process. The Common Application added its inquiries at the request of schools concerned about liability, executive director Rob Killion said.

Students are warned not to omit information. If they're caught lying, they're disqualified. Administrators believe most comply. Several states have taken stricter measures. A new law criticized by privacy advo-

cates forces Virginia colleges to reveal names and birth dates of incoming students so police can cross-check sex-offender lists. If there's a match, the school and local police are told and the offender has three days to register with authorities after moving to campus.

Virginia State Police Lt. Tom Turner said authorities expect to check 80,000 to 100,000 names annually.

In North Carolina, additional precautions have been implemented since students with rape and larceny convictions committed two unrelated murders at the state university in Wilmington in 2004.

In addition to being asked about their pasts, applicants to the University of North Carolina's 16 campuses are checked against a national database of suspended or expelled college students. Those who trigger suspicion are investigated, Leslie Winner, general counsel for the 200,000-student system, said. As a result, 84 applicants were denied entry last fall.

Schools generally ask for a letter of explanation and consult counselors and others when a problem is reported. Though juvenile records are sealed, colleges can run criminal background checks on those 18 or older.

"There's really no need for a university to take a risk," said Joan McDonald, vice president

of enrollment at Drexel University, where no more than 10 applicants a year report misdeeds. Serious offenders aren't invited to join the school's 5,000 or so incoming freshmen.

Each school has its idea of a deal-breaking offense, Hughes, the owner of RiskAware, said. Even with murder, she advises not to jump to conclusions.

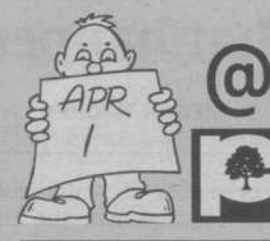
"What if they were defending themselves?" Hughes said.

"We look at it on a case-by-case basis," said Mark Lapre-ziosa, associate vice president of enrollment at Arcadia University, which uses the Common Application and which may revise its own form. "We look for students showing growth or having learned" from their mistakes, he said.

Pennsylvania State University, which has asked students about their criminal pasts since 1991, received an application in 1999 from a man in his 30s who noted an assault conviction. That confession and information the school received from another source prompted an investigation that revealed more time served for manslaughter and sex crimes.

The man was arrested again—on a gun charge—while the background check was underway.

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7:00 p.m.—World of Science Lecture—Vikki Crnekovic
8:00 p.m.—Skywatchers of Africa
9:30 p.m.—Pink Floyd's Dark Side of the Moon
Saturday, March 31:
7:00 p.m.—Zubenelgenubi's Magical Sky
8:00 p.m.—Skywatchers of Africa
9:30 p.m.—Pink Floyd's Dark Side of the Moon

Parkland Theatre

Wednesday, April 11:
8:00 p.m.—Spoon River Anthology

Parkland Art Gallery

Monday, April 9-Saturday, May 5:
Fine Art Student Juried Exhibition

Parkland Athletics

Thursday, April 5:
3:00 p.m.—Baseball vs. Danville @ Danville
Friday, April 6:
2:00 p.m.—Softball vs. Lewis & Clark @ Home
Saturday, April 7:
1:00 p.m. (DH)—Baseball vs. Danville @ Home
1:00 p.m.—Softball vs. Shawnee @ Home
Tuesday, April 10:
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What happens off campus stays off campus? Not anymore

By MEGAN TWOHEY
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel (MCT)

As president of a neighborhood association near the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Kay Baldwin has heard a litany of complaints about student behavior off-campus.

One resident had to get stitches after intoxicated students threw pieces of his picket fence at him. An elderly couple was accosted with beer bottles when they asked students to stop urinating on their lawn.

And then there are the parties.

"Weekend after weekend, the students get cited for disorderly conduct and noise violations, but they never stop," Baldwin said.

For years, Baldwin and a small army of residents and local officials have lobbied the UW System to discipline students for their off-campus misconduct, arguing that citations and other legal ramifications are not enough.

They may finally get their way.

In December, the UW System quietly formed a committee to recommend ways to expand the reach of its student conduct code.

A growing number of colleges and universities have begun sanctioning students for off-campus behavior ranging from sexual assault to noise violations. The University of Colorado-Boulder suspends students for a semester if they receive two citations for underage drinking, on campus or off.

"A lot of college and universities are moving in this direction," said Jim Hill, dean of students at UW-Milwaukee and a member of the Chapter UWS 17 and 18 Review Committee, named after the codes under review. "The University of Wisconsin System wants to move that way, too."

Under the UW System's code, discipline is reserved almost entirely for on-campus misconduct.

Universities can take action against students who commit assaults and property damage off-campus if the victims are other university students or employees. But with other off-campus incidents, their hands are tied.

Several years ago, Hill said, UW-Milwaukee disciplined students who dragged a female student into the bushes and tried to

sexually assault her. But when people outside the university have complained about being attacked by a student, the university has encouraged them to go to the police. Even if the student is convicted in court, the university has no grounds to act.

Every Halloween, thousands of college students flock to Madison to party in the streets, bars and houses rented by UW-Madison students. Police issue hundreds of tickets for underage drinking and disorderly conduct. In recent years, the revelry has turned riotous, with students smashing windows and taunting police.

Unless the cases involve student-on-student violence, UW-

police issued 500 noise nuisance violations in his district, 400 of them to UW-Milwaukee students, D'Amato said.

"It makes no sense," he said. "If two students are drunk and vandalizing an area on campus, they can get in trouble. But if they are two blocks away, the university can't do anything about it."

Critics say their concerns—expressed in letters, phone calls and face-to-face meetings with university officials—have fallen on deaf ears in previous years.

But the chorus of criticism is growing louder. Last year, at a meeting of the League of Wisconsin Municipalities, D'Amato met with officials from Stevens Point, Eau Claire and La Crosse



University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee students enjoy the warm weather and beer on March 26, 2007, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Residents of the area have made numerous complaints to a neighborhood association and the university about the students.

Mary Jo Walicki/Milwaukee Journal Sentinel(MCT)

Madison cannot respond, said Lori Berquam, the university's dean of students.

Residents of the neighborhood surrounding UW-Milwaukee have long been upset by the limits of the student conduct code. Milwaukee Ald. Mike D'Amato, the commissioner of the city's Department of Neighborhood Services and local police have pushed for the code to be expanded.

D'Amato said the homeowner occupancy rate around the university has dropped over the past decade as a result of student misconduct. Last year,

who were also dealing with complaints about student misconduct. They joined the lobbying effort.

"We deal with theft, disorderly conduct, fighting and vandalism by students," said Capt. Kevin Ruder of the Stevens Point Police Department. "It would be nice to have another tool in the toolbox to assist with these issues."

Critics want the UW System to impose graduated sanctions leading up to expulsion for students who engage in off-campus misconduct.

They point to Marquette Uni-

versity's conduct code, which allows the university to move against students for public intoxication, drug use and noise violations off-campus. Students can be sanctioned for off-campus criminal behavior, even if the victims are not students or university officials and even if the students are not found guilty in a court of law. The policy extends to students studying abroad.

"A Marquette student is a Marquette student," said Stephanie Quade, associate dean of student development. "It doesn't matter where you are."

It's not just private institutions. The University of Minnesota, University of Colorado and Pennsylvania State University are among the public universities that have expanded their student conduct codes in recent years.

Hill, of UW-Milwaukee, said the committee reviewing the UW System's student conduct code was not interested in going as far as the University of Colorado.

The committee, which has met twice, is led by Jane Radue, the UW System's auditor, and includes other officials from UW System Administration, UW-Madison, UW-Platteville and UW-Whitewater. There also are two students, including Kyle Duerstein, a junior at UW-Milwaukee.

"I think we all agree that student violence off-campus is something that should be addressed," Duerstein said. "But we definitely disagree on whether the code should address other off-campus issues."

Duerstein insists that it would be unfair if universities were able to discipline students for underage drinking, noise violations and other non-violent offenses off-campus. As he sees it, the students pay the price when they are fined or prosecuted in criminal court and should not be punished twice.

But Hill said other types of severe or chronic misconduct should be subject to university action.

"This is not about trying to go out and find students to sanction. It's about trying to hold some students accountable for very egregious acts that they have taken or engaged in," he said.

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Public Safety presents...

The Watch

The Watch is a monthly feature to raise awareness of crime and emergencies that occur at Parkland College. The Police Officers of the Public Safety department provide this information to remind students, faculty and staff that anyone can be a victim of a crime anywhere, at any time. Our office is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. There is always a Police Officer on duty. If you witness a crime, contact Public Safety immediately at 351-2369. In case of emergency dial 911 on any office phone or use the emergency call boxes throughout campus.

Mar 1- Criminal damage, suspicious stain found outside D252.

Mar 2- Student conduct report for a student harassing a classmate and other disorderly behavior.

Mar 2- Student conduct report, investigation completed with Obstruction of Justice city charge against a student.

Mar 12- Student conduct report for a student acting aggressively in class.

Mar 14- Student conduct report for a minor physical altercation with no injuries between students.

Mar 26- Student conduct report for a threat made via phone between students.

Mar 28- Student conduct report for a student driving recklessly through a parking lot, intentionally striking traffic cones.

Mar 28- Employee conduct report that resulted in Battery charge.

Mar 30- Student conduct report for student using derogatory profanity towards an instructor.

Mar 31- Damage to property report for broken siding on a shed at the Construction Education Alliance building.

- Other compiled reports:
- Theft under \$300-3
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Aide implicates Gonzales in firings of U.S. attorneys

By **MARISA TAYLOR AND MARGARET TALEV**

McClatchy Newspapers (MCT)

WASHINGTON—Attorney General Alberto Gonzales came under more pressure Thursday to explain his role in the firings of eight U.S. attorneys, after his former top aide said the attorney general was far more involved in the ousters than he has acknowledged.

In seven, often tense, hours of testimony, former chief of staff Kyle Sampson told the Senate Judiciary Committee that Gonzales was aware of the plan from the outset, was briefed at least five times over the past two years and attended a meeting where Justice Department officials discussed removing the prosecutors.

Gonzales and the White House made the final decision to proceed with the plan, Sampson said. "I don't think the attorney general's statement that he was not involved in any discussions about U.S. attorney removals is

accurate," Sampson said.

Sampson's sworn testimony appeared to further erode Gonzales' credibility as he tries to hold onto his job. It also raised new questions about the White House's involvement in the firings, as Sampson repeatedly said he couldn't remember details about his interaction with White House officials, particularly with political strategist Karl Rove.

Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., said Sampson's recollection of the attorney general's involvement in the firings had "more or less shattered" Gonzales' credibility.

Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., the top Republican on the panel, said Sampson's testimony did more to cloud Gonzales' future than clear up the controversy. "I think there are more questions," Specter said, adding that there was now "a real question as to whether he's acting in a competent way as attorney general."

White House spokeswoman Dana Perino said President Bush still supported Gonzales, but she added, "I'm going to have to let the attorney general speak for himself." She noted that "the attorney general has some work to do on Capitol Hill."

After the hearing, the Justice Department pointed out that Gonzales had acknowledged in a television interview this week that his initial statements needed clarification.

Earlier this month, Gonzales had sought to distance himself from the firings and denied being involved in discussions leading to the attorneys' ousters. After internal Justice Department documents released to Congress in recent days contradicted that explanation, he admitted that he had discussed the firings with other Justice officials.

At several points during the hearing, Democrats and some Republicans were openly skeptical of Sampson's testimony because it didn't always appear to jibe with statements he made in his e-mails and other documents to Justice Department officials and Congress.

Sampson, however, offered several new details about the firings:

He testified that none of the firings to his knowledge were ordered to block or punish U.S. attorneys for their corruption investigations of Republicans

or their failure to indict Democrats. Under questioning, Sampson said he was the "aggregator" of recommendations from the Bush administration, but senators couldn't pin him down on who wanted to fire whom and why.

Sampson denied that former

the Bush administration fire Fitzgerald. The suggestion went nowhere, he said. "I remember at the time that Ms. Miers and Bill Kelley said nothing; they just looked at me," he said. "And I immediately regretted it and I withdrew it at the time."

When asked whether he'd

ter to senators saying he had no knowledge of Rove being involved. Sampson told the senators that Rove's deputies had an interest in Griffin, so he assumed that came at Rove's directive, but that he didn't know for sure.

Sampson acknowledged that a significant contributing factor in some of the firings was complaints from Republican Party activists. In the case of former New Mexico U.S. Attorney David Iglesias, Sampson said Sen. Pete Domenici's ongoing complaints might have been behind the eleventh-hour decision to add Iglesias to the list of those fired last December. Asked whether Sampson would have targeted Iglesias if he had it to do over again, he said, "In hindsight, sitting here today, I would not."

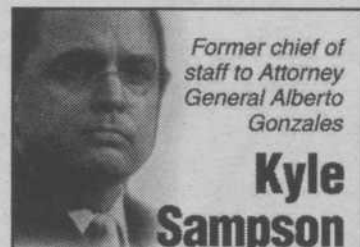
Sampson said that Justice Department officials badly mishandled the firings and had unnecessarily fueled suspicions that the ousters were political payback against independent prosecutors.

"If that is the impression that people have, then I regret it because that does bring harm," he said. "I failed in that, and that's why I resigned."



Kyle Sampson, former chief of staff to U.S. Attorney General Alberto Gonzales, testifies before the Senate Judiciary Committee on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C., Thursday, March 29, 2007. The hearing is being held to investigate whether politics motivated the firing of U.S. attorneys.

Chuck Kennedy/MCT



Former chief of staff to Attorney General Alberto Gonzales

Kyle Sampson

Early years

Born Cedar City, Utah

Education Bachelor's degree, Brigham Young University, 1993; law degree with honors, University of Chicago, 1996

Career

1996-97 Law clerk, Judge Karen J. Williams, U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit

1997-99 Associate attorney at Salt Lake City law firm

1999-2001 Counsel to Senate Judiciary Committee; worked for Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah

2001 White House transition team staff; associate director for presidential personnel

2001-03 Associate counsel to the president (under Alberto Gonzales)

2003-07 Several positions at Justice Department ending with chief of staff

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U.S. Attorney Carol Lam in San Diego might have been fired for investigating a top CIA official or a Republican lawmaker. Instead, he said that the curious timing of an e-mail in which he described Lam as a "real problem" was pegged to Republican criticism that she wasn't aggressive enough in prosecuting illegal immigration.

When initially ranking U.S. attorneys in 2005 to consider who might be fired, he deliberately put U.S. Attorney Patrick Fitzgerald in a neutral category rather than in a high-ranking category even though Fitzgerald is widely considered one of the nation's top prosecutors. Fitzgerald at the time had been tapped to investigate whether Vice President Dick Cheney's then-chief of staff I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby had violated any federal laws in a CIA leak case. "I knew he was handling a very sensitive case, an investigation that included the White House... and so I just didn't touch it," Sampson said.

In 2006, however, after Libby was indicted, Sampson said he proposed to then-White House Counsel Harriet Miers and her deputy, William Kelley, that

spoken with Rove about removing Fitzgerald, Sampson said he couldn't recall. Rove also was investigated for his role in the CIA leak case, but was eventually cleared.

Sampson also couldn't explain to senators why he wrote in an e-mail last December that it was important to Rove to get a former aide, Tim Griffin, named as U.S. attorney in Arkansas, but two months later drafted a let-

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■ Private industry giant to start new Indian metropolis

By LAURIE GOERING
Chicago Tribune (MCT)

FAIZABAD, India—In this sleepy village two hours' drive from New Delhi, water buffalo laze in the town pond and sariclad women negotiate the rutted earth streets carrying on their heads metal trays stacked with cow dung patties, a local fuel.

But Faizabad—like several dozen similar towns around it—is about to get a remarkable makeover.

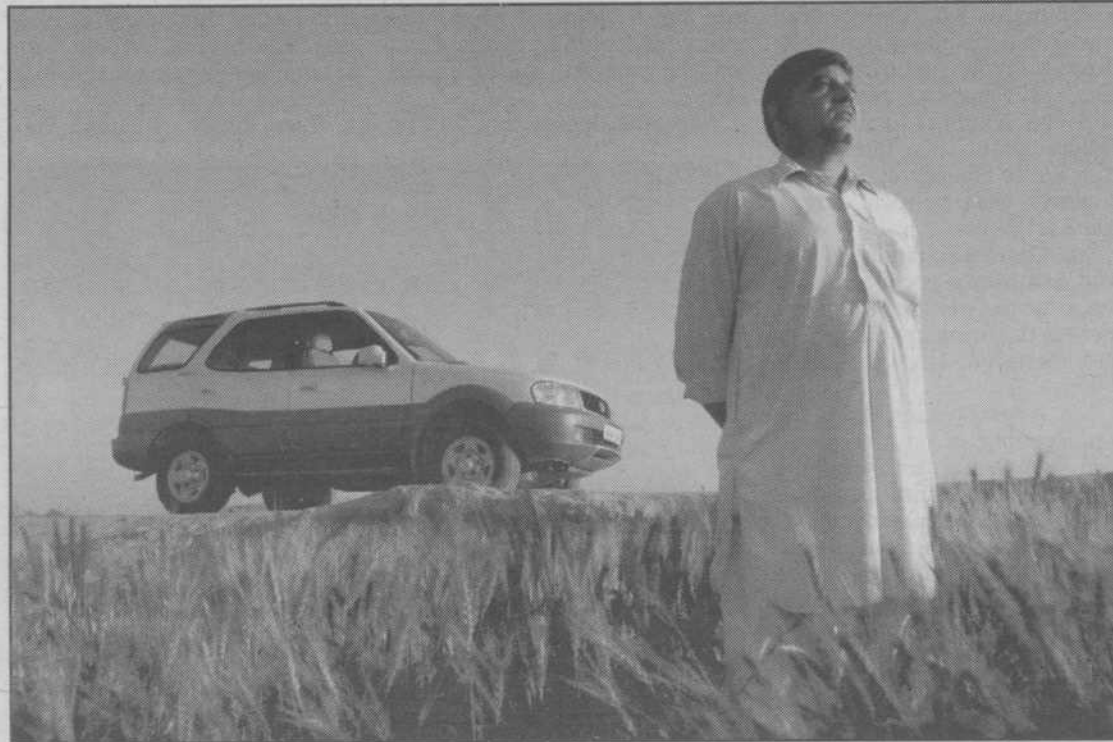
Reliance Industries Ltd., one of India's largest private companies, is in the process of buying nearly 25,000 acres of wheat fields and small brick kilns around Faizabad with the intention of building a new Indian metropolis.

The planned city, 25 miles long and expected to draw a million residents within 10 years, will include a massive new duty-free industrial manufacturing zone, more than 2,000 acres of private housing, malls, schools, parks, hospitals, post offices, police stations, a PGA-caliber golf course, a monorail link to New Delhi, a huge Disney-style theme park, a massive power plant, an airport and much more—all privately planned and built with private funding, company officials say.

Reliance's main interest is developing an industrial park, in line with a national effort to create Chinese-style duty-free "special economic zones" capable of attracting new foreign investment, boosting exports and creating jobs. The company, which built its fortune with refineries and fiber optic cable, earned \$2 billion in profit last year.

But in a nation where disastrous shortages of basic infrastructure—roads, power, water, airport capacity—are a major disincentive to investment, and where cities are struggling to find places to accommodate tens of millions of rural migrants, building a whole new city just seemed to make sense, Reliance officials said.

"Rather than asking the government to develop infrastructure for us, we are offering to develop it for them," said Ajay Nijhawan, coordinator of the \$25 billion project, which Reliance hopes will rival successful duty-free zones in Shanghai, Dubai, Hong Kong and Singa-



Ramesh Sharma and his two brothers sold their 48 acres of farmland for 2.4 million and bought, among other things a brand-new SUV in Faizabad, India, March 15, 2007.

Adam Ferguson/Chicago Tribune(MCT)

In a nation where heavy farmer indebtedness has led to suicides, growers in the Jhajjar region have paid off their loans and are now attending investment seminars run by Reliance, the Haryana state government and local banks, which have gotten \$34 million in new deposits in the past five months, Nijhawan said.

Most farmers have opted to spend their cash on new land elsewhere, start businesses or put the money in government securities which, at 10 percent interest a year, could give them an annual income 20 times higher than that they used to make farming.

"This is bringing farmers into the mainstream," said Satyender Duhan, an earnest state official who is effectively the mayor of the Jhajjar region. "I'll never claim that everybody's happy, but the majority of people certainly are."

pore.

Such an effort might be expected to upset Faizabad's locals, who stand to see their wheat fields bulldozed into parking lots and shopping malls. Family attachments to land run deep in largely rural India, and government attempts to expropriate land for a similar industrial project in West Bengal state earlier this month left 14 dead after police opened fire on protesting farmers.

Faizabad's farmers, however, smile when a Reliance vehicle pulls into town. Rather than confront protesters, the company has offered farmers \$50,000 an acre for their land, about 10 times the land's former value. That is \$1 million for an average 20-acre rural plot.

"I'm very happy. I'm in favor of this," said Ramesh Sharma, 43, whose family is worth \$2.4 million after he and his two brothers turned over 48 acres to Reliance.

Using the cash, they have made huge investments in fixed-rate government bonds, bought 70 acres of land in a neighboring district, bought property in New Delhi and invested in two house-

plots and five stores in Jhajjar, a nearby town.

A brand new white Tata Safari SUV is now parked next to the family's water buffalo pen, and a flashy green Suzuki Swift car sits by a pile of cut silage, sending neighborhood kids scattering in surprise when its car alarm—an unusual noise in Faizabad—goes off.

Even the poorest of Faizabad's farmers believe they're getting a good deal. Dayanand, 50, a subsistence farmer who goes by only one name, sold the three acres of land he farms with his two brothers for \$150,000, enough to buy at least six acres elsewhere and a large truck to start a trucking business.

"If we waste this, things won't be better. But I feel rich," said the gap-toothed farmer, a smile crossing his deeply creased face.

In nearby Jhajjar, the close sizeable town to Faizabad, farmers who until recently owned only three sets of clothes went on a recent spending spree. But area officials say the region's nouveau riche have for the most part shown signs of using their newfound wealth well.

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Tuskegee Airmen honored with the Congressional Gold Medal

By **WILLIAM DOUGLAS**
McClatchy Newspapers (MCT)

WASHINGTON—The Tuskegee Airmen were called racist and hurtful names as they became the nation's first African-American military pilots during World War II.

Thursday, they were called heroes.

About 300 airmen, widows and relatives sat proudly in the Capitol Rotunda as the Tuskegee Airmen received the Congressional Gold Medal—the nation's highest civilian honor—and a heartfelt salute from their commander in chief.

The award is recognition of the airmen's role in fighting two wars: one against America's enemies abroad and another against the evils of ignorance and racial intolerance at home.

"The Tuskegee Airmen helped win a war and you helped change our nation," President Bush said. "And the medal that we confer today means that we're doing a small part to ensure that your story will be told and honored for generations to come."

But Bush said the award wasn't enough for to atone for the "unforgivable indignities" and the unreturned salutes the airmen endured from white servicemen. The president stood ramrod straight, put his hand to his head and told them:

"On behalf of the office I hold and a country that honors you, I

salute you for the service to the United States of America."

Several airmen, some of whom entered the Rotunda with the aid of canes or wheelchairs, stood and returned the salute.

The airmen join the ranks of George Washington, Rosa Parks, Jonas Salk, Winston Churchill, Nelson Mandela, Charles Lindbergh and the Little Rock Nine as Congressional Gold Medal recipients.

Another recipient, former Secretary of State Colin Powell, attended Thursday's ceremony and thanked the airmen. "You caused America to look in the mirror of its soul, and you showed America that there was nothing a black person couldn't do," he said.

"We are so overjoyed at the reception of the Congressional Gold Medal," Roscoe Brown, an airman from New York City, said on behalf of the group. "Because of our great record and our persistence, we inspired revolutionary reform in the armed forces that led to integration in the armed forces . . . and provided a symbol to America that all people can contribute to this country and be treated fairly."

The Army Air Corps began training African-Americans to become pilots at Alabama's Tuskegee University in 1941 under orders of President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Army officials were skeptical of the skills of African-Americans, largely

basing their assumptions on a 1925 military study that concluded that African-Americans lacked the courage and technical aptitude to be counted on in combat.

Nearly 1,000 African-Americans earned their pilot's wings in the Tuskegee program between 1942 and 1946. They flew more than 15,000 sorties over North Africa and Europe during World War II, destroyed more than 250 enemy aircraft on the ground and 150 in the air and were so proficient at protecting American and Allied bomber planes that squadrons requested that the pilots escort for them.

Though their exploits were well chronicled by the African-American press at the time, the Tuskegee Airmen's contributions weren't widely known. Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., and Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y., pushed legislation through the House of Representatives and Senate to give the airmen the medal.

The airmen were greeted as heroes as they arrived at the Capitol for the ceremony. Tourists applauded and stopped the fliers, who were sporting red or blue jackets, to pose for pictures with them.

"It's wonderful, and I do mean wonderful," said Clayo Rice, an 83-year-old airman from Wilmington, Del. "I have nothing sarcastic to say about the time, how long this took or anything."

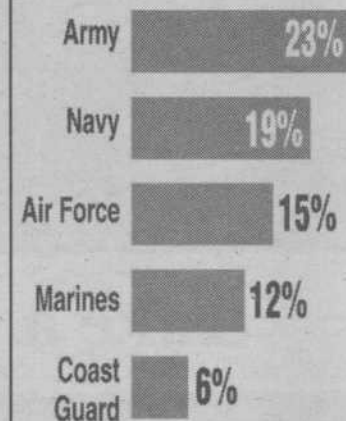
Few of the airmen were able to parlay their wartime flying into postwar work because commercial airlines wouldn't hire African-Americans for the cockpit. Several African-American airline pilots attended the ceremony to pay their respects to the men.

United Airlines pilot George Bryce Watson III beamed as he watched his grandfather, George Watson Sr., and the other Tuskegee Airmen finally receive their due from the government they served.

"It's because of these gentlemen that I am allowed to wear the uniform I have today," said Watson, who flies Boeing 767 jets for United. "The barriers they broke 66 years ago opened the way for us to be what we wanted to be."

Blacks in U.S. military

Share of African-Americans in the U.S. military by service, 2004



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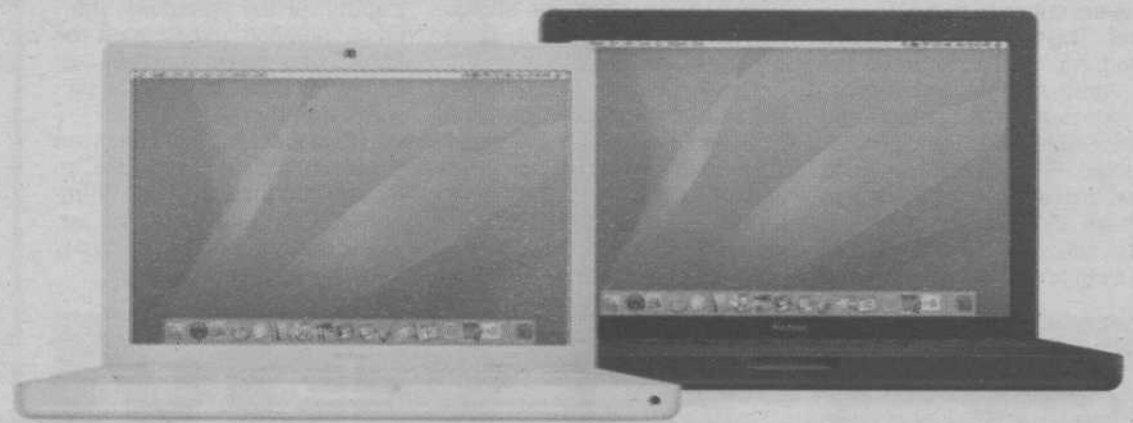


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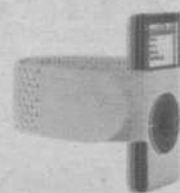
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Anita Taylor



Title: *Secretary — Center for Academic Success*
Employed Since: 1998

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What would you change at Parkland College?

I would like to see more Parkland family members support Parkland activities and events.

Best part of the Prospectus?

The paper is student-driven and oriented.

Scientists announce the warmest winter on record

By JULIE SEVRENS LYONS
San Jose Mercury News (MCT)

SAN JOSE, Calif.—Providing compelling evidence that global warming is accelerating, scientists announced Thursday that this winter was the hottest on record—and that surface temperatures around the world have been increasing at three times the rate they were prior to 1976.

Adding to the concern, Stanford University and Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory researchers published Friday a separate study saying that some of the world's farms are yielding markedly fewer crops because

of the burning of fossil fuels.

While most of the world warmed this winter, the United States as a whole experienced an average season. But some pockets of the country were hotter and drier than average, with Los Angeles getting record low amounts of rain, and 25 percent of the continental U.S. now experiencing moderate to "exceptional" drought. The Bay Area is not yet in a drought, but is considered "abnormally dry."

Scientists say that temperatures have been going up since the 1800s—and that the warmest 10 years on record globally have all occurred since 1995.

"It's not a fluke," said Jay Lawrimore, chief of the climate monitoring branch at the National Climatic Data Center.

This warming is most likely costing the planet \$5 billion annually in losses to three of the six major food crops, the Stanford and Lawrence Livermore researchers say.

"Global warming is having real impacts—and we're seeing their effects already," said Chris Field, one of the authors of the crop study, and director of the department of global ecology at Stanford's Carnegie Institution.

The study warns that wheat, corn and barley are especially affected, with 40 million fewer metric tons of the crops produced each year. For every 1 degree increase in temperature, the researchers said, crop yields drop by about 3 to 5 percent. And the decline, they said, is clearly caused by human activity.

One of the main culprits is the burning of fossil fuels, which releases carbon dioxide and other gases. That, in turn, traps heat in the Earth's atmosphere—just like a greenhouse.

Both new reports are sobering reminders that global warming not only exists—it's getting worse.

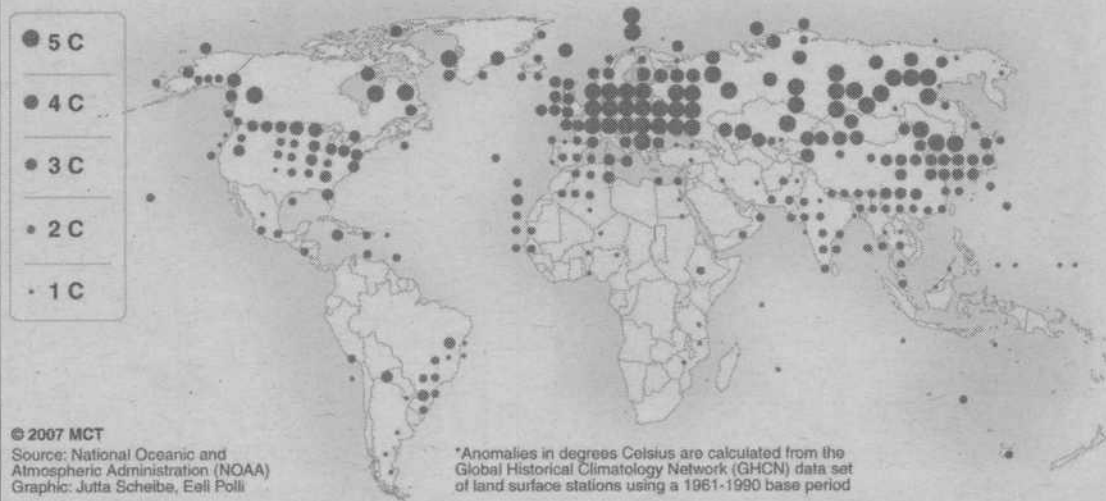
While this was the warmest winter on the planet, it was an especially warm January. Even though many scientists are growing accustomed to record-high temperatures, the extreme warmth at the beginning of the year was a bit startling.

The combined global land and ocean surface temperature in January was 1.53 degrees warmer than the 20th century average of 53.6 degrees—and still significantly higher than

Warm winter temperatures

Winter in Northern Hemisphere this year was the warmest since record-keeping began in 1880.

Temperature anomalies Dec. 2006 - Feb. 2007*



Green laws a patchwork

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Greenhouse gas emissions

Limit the amount of emissions states can have by a certain year



Renewable sources

Require electricity utilities to generate a certain amount of power from renewable sources



Public facilities

Require that public buildings and/or equipment be energy-efficient



NOTE: Emissions and renewable data as of February; public efficiency data as of October

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the previous record set in 2002 at 1.28 degrees above average.

It "smashed the record," said Kevin Trenberth, head of the climate analysis section at the National Center for Atmospheric Research in Boulder.

Indeed, during the past century, global surface temperatures increased at a rate of about .11 degrees per decade. But since 1976, the rate has tripled, to a .32 degree increase per decade, scientists said.

Changes are already evident in reductions in sea ice, loss of high-elevation glaciers, and in the rise of particularly devastating hurricanes like 2005's Katrina.

Temperature increases are being seen all around the globe, with Asia and Europe especially seeing a dearth of snow this year.

In January, more than 100,000 cubic feet of snow had to be imported by helicopter for the unseasonably dry World Cup ski races in Kitzbuhel, Austria. The same month large chunks fell off the melting ice sculptures at the Harbin Ice Festival in north-eastern China.

"This is a sign we're going to have more of this in the future," Trenberth said. "This will have an impact on many things that will affect humans, from food and crops but also on all kinds of ecosystems, wildlife, forests, even fisheries and especially things like wildfires, things that can be really devastating."

Stanford's Field said that most

scientists had expected that temperatures would need to rise at least 3 to 5 degrees before crops would begin to suffer. But their look at global production determined that crop yields were consistently lower than expected in unusually warm years and consistently higher than expected in unusually cool years.

It isn't entirely clear exactly how warmer temperatures are driving the crop changes. One theory is that without occasional deep freezes, insects and plant diseases aren't killed off during the winter, allowing them to continue to wreak havoc. Drought can also play a role.

As climate scientists ana-

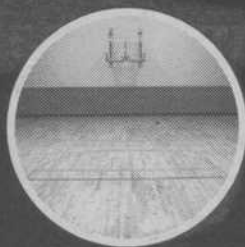
lyze the effects of the warming that's already been occurring, they say they believe it's only going to get worse.

While they may be saying this was the warmest winter on record globally this week, next year at this time they'll probably be saying the same thing.

"This trend is expected to continue," Lawrimore said. "There's an expectation that records will continue to be set on a somewhat regular basis."

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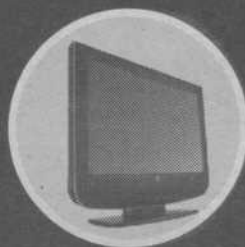




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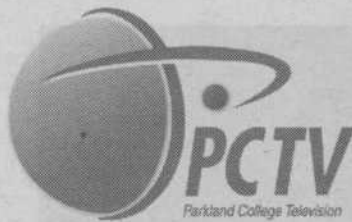
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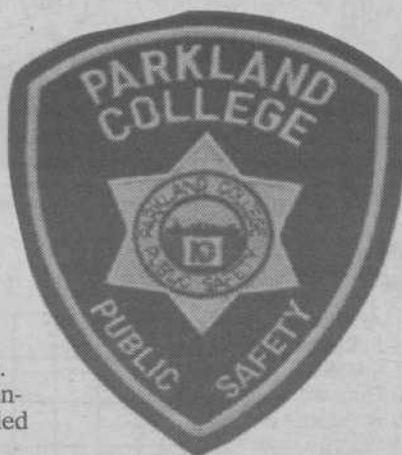
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Weather Forecast

Wednesday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 43. Breezy.
Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 28.
Thursday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 48.
Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 27.
Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 43.
Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 21.
Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 45.
Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 21.
Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 47.

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9:30pm Threads: Parkland Gala
 10pm Thru the Eyes of Boys, Early Childhood, pt.1
 10:30pm Classic Arts Showcase

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4, 11, 18, 25

12am Illinois PTA, 100 Years, archives
 1am For Arts Sake: PTA Reflections, archives
 1:30am Remembering the Holocaust, archives
 2am Surviving the Holocaust, archives
 2:45am Classic Arts Showcase
 6am Parkland Announcements

8 am Illinois PTA: 100 Years, archives
 9am For Arts Sake: PTA Reflections, archives
 9:30am Dollars & Sense: Greg Lykins, Doug Mills
 10am Psychology Telecourse
 12pm Illinois PTA:100 Years, Archives
 1pm For Arts Sake:PTA Reflections
 1:30pm Remembering the Holocaust, archives
 2pm Surviving the Holocaust,archives
 3pm Accounting Telecourse
 4pm Community Partners:Press Conference for H.B. 1500
 4:45pm Parkland Announcements
 5:30pm Cooking Around the World, BBQ
 6pm Parkland Challenge: St Thomas More v Blue Ridge
 6:30pm Threads: Theatre, Gallery, Planetarium
 7pm Surrounded By Science: What is Light?
 7:30pm Parkland Voice: Center

for Academic Success
 8pm For Arts Sake:Ceramics Invitational 2002
 8:30pm Parkland Report: The Parkland Challenge
 9pm Parkland Voice: Center for Academic Success
 9:30pm Threads:Parkland Gala
 10pm Through the Eyes of Boys, Early Childhood, pt. 2
 10:30pm Classic Arts Showcase

THURSDAY, APRIL 5, 12, 19, 26

12am Remembering the Holocaust, archives
 12:30am Surviving the Holocaust,archives
 1:30am Parkland Challenge: Villa Grove v St. Thomas More
 2am Threads: Parkland Gala, Public Safety, Career Center
 2:30am Small Business 101
 3am Parkland Voice: Entrepreneurial Leadership
 3:30am For Arts Sake: Commercial Art, John Havlik

6am Parkland Announcements
 8am Psychology Telecourse
 10am Remembering the Holocaust,archives
 10:30am Surviving the Holocaust,archives
 11am Classic Arts Showcase
 NOON Accounting Telecourse
 1pm Judge Greg Mathis Presentation at Parkland
 2pm Parkland Voice: African-American Female students
 2:30pm Threads: Parkland Gala
 3pm Remembering the Holocaust,archives
 3:30pm Surviving the Holocaust,archives
 4pm Community Partners:Press Conference on H.B. 1500
 4:45 pm Parkland Announcements
 5:30pm Cooking Around the World, Spanish Paella
 6pm Parkland Challenge: Villa Grove v St. Thomas More
 6:30pm Threads:Parkland Gala
 7pm Small Business 101
 7:30pm Parkland Voice:Entrepreneurial Leadership

8pm For Arts Sake: Commercial Art, John Havlik
 8:30pm Parkland Report: Telecommunications Reform
 9pm Parkland Voice: Entrepreneurial Leadership
 9:30pm Parkland Voice: 3-D Landscape Animation
 10pm We're All on the Same Team, Early Childhood program
 10:30pm Community Partners: Press Conference on H.B. 1500
 11:45 pm Classic Arts Showcase

FRIDAY, APRIL 6, 13, 20, 27

12am Classic Arts Showcase
 6am Parkland Announcements
 7am Accounting Telecourse
 8am Classic Arts Showcase
 3pm Psychology Telecourse
 5pm Parkland Announcements
 6pm Classic Arts Showcase

(Editor's Note: Due to space constraints, the Saturday schedule has been omitted.)

CrimeStoppers seeks assistance

This week, CrimeStoppers and Champaign Police investigators are seeking information regarding an armed robbery that occurred at Jimmy John's sandwich shop, located at 1811 West Kirby, Champaign.



On Wednesday, March 21, at approximately 8:57 p.m., the suspect entered Jimmy John's, wearing a ski mask and carrying a small caliber handgun. The suspect ordered the clerk to put all of the

money from the register drawer into a shopping bag. The suspect then left the business with the money.

The suspect is described as a black male, approximately 17 to 23 years of age, 5'7", 130 lbs., with black hair and brown eyes, wearing a teal colored ski

mask and a black hoodie-type sweatshirt.

If you have any information regarding this crime, please call CrimeStoppers at 373-TIPS. Callers do not have to give their names or appear in court. CrimeStoppers will pay a reward if the information you provide leads to an arrest for this crime. Rewards are also paid for information on other felony crimes or fugitives in the Champaign County area.

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Movie picks

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

New review

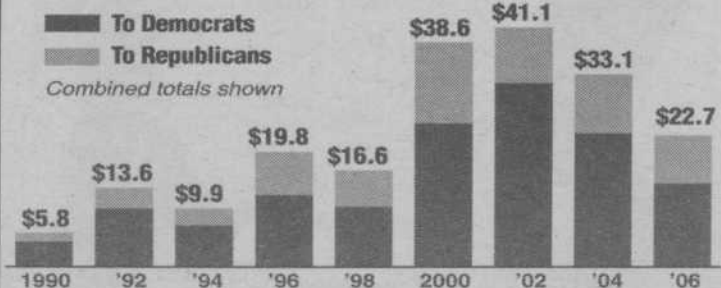
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Hollywood donations lean Democratic

Campaign contributions from the entertainment industry usually favor the Democratic Party.

For election cycles ending in the year given, in millions of dollars



NOTE: Soft-money contributions, which were given to political parties but often ended up benefiting specific candidates, were banned after the 2002 elections.

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