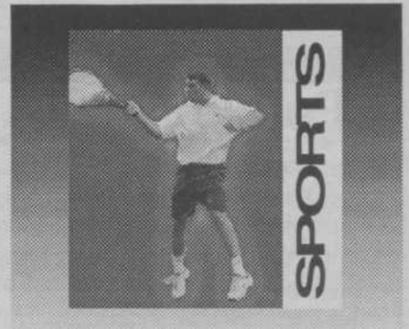


WHAT'S THE WEATHER?

WEDNESDAY	HI-76 LOW-50	Partly Cloudy
THURSDAY	HI-78 LOW-52	Partly Cloudy
FRIDAY	HI-73 LOW-49	Showers
SATURDAY	HI-58 LOW-46	Mostly Cloudy

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Student Government Announcements

The Elections for next fall's offices are heating up, as the dates for those elections have been moved up to April 7th, 8th, and 9th. If you are interested in running for a position, you must have your petition turned in to Student Life by 2:00 this Thursday afternoon. For more election information, contact Senior Senator McNair in room X-159.

President Ward has frozen all Stu-Go offices for the remainder of the semester. This means that if any officer resigns or is removed, his or her position will not be filled by another student prior to the fall session.

Student Lobby Day, which was last Wednesday, went very well. Our delegation was able to meet with State Representative Rick Winkel, and discuss student interests in state and municipal government. We thank Mr. Winkel for his time and support.

Stu-Go meets with State Government Springfield

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Early Wednesday morning, on March 24, a handful of Parkland Student Government Senators and various other representatives of the school traveled to the Illinois State Capital in Springfield.

The event was Student Lobby Days – a chance for students, from various junior colleges throughout the state, to speak and mingle with state legislators.

The Parkland group was comprised of Angel West, vice president of Student Government and president of Parkland's student group *Colours*, Nam Nguyen, and Steve Legue, all of whom are Parkland Senators. Other members of the group included Jeremy Eagles, a Parkland Senate hopeful as well as vice-president of *Colours*; Cathrine Candler, Student Activities Manager and a co-advisor to Student Government; Luary Hackney, and Tom Caulfield director Student Life.

The morning started out with a rousing speech by Sen. Debbie Halvorson, of the Illinois State Senate. She conveyed to the students the possible effect they could have as lobbyists for higher education by encouraging the representatives from their area to continue to support and promote such items as college funding, financial aid, summer school programs, etc.

The group then reconvened, except for Angel West who was being honored as an Academic All American in the Senate.

They headed off to the House floor to talk to Rep. Rick Winkel, who is the representative from Parkland's district. Parkland Student Senator Nguyen and Eagles questioned Representative Winkel on topics ranging from educational funding to the protection of sexual orientation as a statewide referendum.

Representative Winkel was strongly in favor of continuing the cause of higher education.

"Obviously we want to make sure higher education is high quality and that it is accessible to everyone," Winkel told Nguyen on the House floor.

Asked by Jeremy Eagles about various gay rights issues, Representative Winkel responded, "I have met with representatives from the gay and lesbian community about their concerns."

Winkel did not agree with him on some points, though, telling Eagles, "I've got a long record against adding sexual orientation to personnel codes for state and county."

Winkel says this because, "I do not believe that sexual orientation is on par with race as far as a non-discriminatory issue is concerned."

Unfortunately, the Parkland Student Government members

did not have very much time with Representative Winkel as the state legislators had a very busy day ahead of them. But the group would have many more chances to see their elected officials in action.

In the Senate, the students were able to see a debate in progress as well as the passing of Senate Bill No. 463 which, "...amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act [by] removing the provision that makes the awarding of summer school grants, under the monetary award program, subject to a separate appropriation beginning with fiscal year 2000."

After seeing the Senate in action, the students tried to speak with the Gov. George Ryan. However, Ryan's day was already booked full in advance with meetings and state business. The same would be true for almost all the

other various officers and legislators that the Student Government members tried to contact.

The students then headed back to Champaign after a quick lunch. But none had shaken off the effects of the afternoon.

They had received a sneak preview of the wheels of government as they turned. And they even had the chance to debate with their own Representative on the house floor – traditionally a job reserved for other State Representatives.

For Parkland's Student Senators, the day was sure to be deemed a success...except for one thing: they received a parking ticket for not quite fitting the van between the little yellow lines in front of the Capitol Building.

Some students thought that, too, could be debated.



Neil Bernstein/Prospectus
Tom Caulfield and Nam Nguyen speak with Representative Rick Winkel on the house floor.

Students notice Robeson Hall improvements

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This year you'll find a generally more satisfied crowd at Robeson Hall. "It has improved over the course of time," said Robeson Hall resident Mike Hendrikson.

Robeson Hall first opened in August of 1997 to some disappointment.

"I think they had hyped it up as paradise," said a resident who asked not to be identified.

However, as the second school year since Robeson's opening nears its end residents will note many planned improvements for the future.

"It took us one to two months just to get a phone at the beginning of the year, but next year phones will be standard," said Hendrikson.

"Students had to deal with the phone company themselves, and that was difficult," Constance Cascaddan, the general manager of Robeson Hall, said. "Next year we'll be including local phone service."

An ongoing complaint at Robeson Hall has been the expense.

"I have to pay \$500 a month and so

does my roommate," said Hendrikson.

What some students don't realize is that this includes some services not included in an apartment complex, such as a bus pass good during the school year, a meal plan, utilities, basic cable, a fully-staffed front desk, a computer lab, as well as high-speed T1 Internet connections in each room.

"Right now is the time residents are deciding 'do I stay or do I move into an apartment?'" said Cascaddan.

"In an apartment, utilities are additional, and food is not even a consideration. You also have to deal with getting pots, pans, and transportation," Cascaddan added, "It is easy to underestimate what your food bill would be."

Cascaddan believes Robeson Hall's price compares favorably with University of Illinois residence halls as well.

"We're less expensive than other privately-owned residence halls in Champaign-Urbana," she said. "Parkland's housing information kiosk has information comparing the expenses of various housing options."

As in most residence halls, Robeson Hall residents usually share their living quar-

ters with a roommate. They do have the option of more space than in a typical dorm, though.

"You can choose between a standard double or a deluxe room, which has more space," said Robeson Hall resident Eric Nichols.

Each floor has the standard microwave and washers and dryers found in most residence halls. Robeson Hall, however, offers other perks as well.

"Each room has its own bathroom with a shower and...sink," said Nichols. "We also have a balcony that we can put furniture on, which is nice."

Improvements are also being made in the equipment offered at Robeson Hall.

"We're getting additional kitchen equipment for the hall, which I am happy about," said Cascaddan. "We have also exchanged the video games for ones that are more popular with the residents."

Cascaddan also hopes to improve the social aspects in the hall.

"I would like to see further development of social and educational programs," Cascaddan said. "We have an idea now of what the interests of the residents are and

what days they are available."

Social activities have sometimes not been popular at Robeson Hall.

"Group activities don't go over well here," said Hendrikson. "They've tried to have coffee houses and talent showcases, but the only popular activity has been the pool tournaments."

One improvement residents would like to see is the addition of more computers in the Robeson Hall computer lab.

"There are only four computers for close to 200 kids. If I just want to run down and check my e-mail, there's always a line waiting to use the computers," said Hendrikson.

"There is a possibility of getting more computers. I'm working on it on several levels," said Cascaddan. "Space is an issue."

One possibility of getting more computers is adding computers to the classrooms through cooperation with Parkland's academic department.

"We're looking to see how Parkland may utilize the classrooms here," said Cascaddan. "Residents may have access to computers in the classrooms."

"I think residents are happy about improvements we are making."

Police reports

Tuesday, March 23

Police officer completed a criminal damage report. The report states that criminal damage occurred to a motor vehicle in the C-1 parking lot. The vehicle t-top was shattered by an unknown object. The vehicle was not entered and no theft occurred.

Wednesday, March 24

An officer completed a theft report. The report states that someone on this date a purse was stolen on campus. The report party is unsure where the purse may have been stolen from. Police are investigating.

Thursday, March 25

Officer completed a hit and run report that occurred in the M-6 parking lot. The case is being investigated.

Friday, March 26

Police officer responded to a report of a disorderly person. Upon arrival the male subject was gone. Officers searched the area, but were unable to locate the suspect. Officers completed a report and interviewed a witness. Police have a suspect.

Officer responded to a report of a disorderly subject in a computer lab. Upon officers arrival the subject had departed and was unable to be located. A report of the incident was filed by officers.

Monday, March 29

A police officer stopped and issued a traffic citation for disobeying a yield sign at the intersection of Perimeter Rd. and Bradley Ave entrance.

Police officer completed a theft report. The reporting person reports that he left a bag containing personal clothing in a classroom. Upon his return the items were gone.

Officers responded to a child endangerment call at the child development center. Upon officers arrival they found an abandoned child that was being cared for by child development center staff. Officers were unable to contact the parents and reunite the child and parents. A report was taken and the case is under investigation.

During the week of March 23 - March 30 the Department of Public Safety responded to 453 calls for service and 6 medical calls.

Colours hosts 'Pride Week'

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"Well, technically, I came out of an armoire, not 'the closet'," one speaker said.

Thursday, March 26, Parkland students and faculty related "coming out" experiences as part of Pride Week. The stories were funny, sad, and even painful to tell.

Two students and one faculty member spoke to an audience in the gallery lounge over the noon hour in order to be visible and audible to other parkland students who were

eating or sitting near the lounge. The speakers addressed the importance of decreasing ignorance about gays and lesbians by being out and letting others see that stereotypes do not apply to homosexuals any more than they can be applied to heterosexuals as a whole group.

One of the students who spoke offered a personal reason for choosing to pursue a public transgendered lifestyle:

"People always ask me, 'why would you wear make-up or dress in female attire out in public? Why not just keep it

private, leave it at home?' Instead of being found out against my will or keeping it a 'dirty' secret, I am being tested according to my rules, on my turf."

Pride Week was hosted March 21-28 by Parkland's gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgender/allies group, Colours. The week of events was held concurrently with the national, week long GLBT event *Equality Begins At Home*, promoting non-discriminatory policies for gays, lesbians, bisexuals, and transgendered individuals.

Inherent inequalities in evolutionary thinking

BY: J. DAVID OSINGA
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I recently attended the 'In Whose Honor?' film discussion on March 10 and it made me think. All that talk over equal rights, equal freedoms, equal treatment...

Boy, I hope there weren't any evolutionists out there.

The sad fact is that if we are all just progressive pond scum, then there would undoubtedly be inherent inequalities between each person.

As each person evolves, as Darwinism teaches, each organism struggles to compete with those around it - survival of the fittest. In the end, ideally, we are supposed to have this great and powerful organism (right now classified as 'human') that overcame billions of years of obstacles in evolution.

This powerful organism is therefore superior to all other organisms below it...but is it equal to organisms around it? Most would say yes, but aren't inequalities what make evolution tick? Doesn't the monkey with the bone have a right to beat the monkey without the bone senseless? Or are they equal?

Evolution's desire should be to have one leader who is superior to all. That way, we can progress to the next evolutionary level. That's what Hitler wanted, but the world said no. Why? Evolutionists should have been reveling while the Germans plowed through Eu-

rope. There would have finally been a dominant organism within the species.

But what we hear is that billions of years of inequalities should stop now. We should suppress our internal instincts to maim and destroy our inferior neighbor and start living in harmony with one another. We should work together instead of trying to hold each other down, clawing and scraping our way up the evolutionary tree. And to think that evolution was going so good until then...

Then again, maybe the discussion made me wonder what actually constitutes as an inequality. My friend has a sister with cerebral palsy, not able to walk, talk, or even sit up straight. Just because I can do those things, does that mean that I'm superior to her? Evolution would say yes. Seeing-eye dogs aid blind people by being that person's set of eyes. But split the two apart in a busy intersection, and the dog is more likely to survive longer. Superiority? Hardly.

The forefathers must have certainly blown everyone's mind when they wrote the Constitution, citing that we are equal. But what's even more mind-boggling is that the Constitution doesn't say 'evolved equal,' it says 'created equal.'

This is where people start feeling uncomfortable and nervous. Whenever something says, 'created,' there must be a Creator. And if there's a Creator, then we do not own ourselves - we are that Creator's. The only way there could ever

be equality is through creation. The impact of this statement has the ramifications for changing everything in our society.

But who's the judge in what's equal? Bill Gates is much smarter than I am, but I bet I could beat him in a game of one-on-one. There are still inequalities between two people, no matter where anyone looks. If I create a painting and then try my hardest to create the exact same one again, there will be inequalities. The picture will be the same, but there may be a slight smudge on one, or the color may have been slightly off. But the value of each painting will remain the equal to me. This is because value is based on each individual's creator.

The reason evolution fails in providing any equalities is because it lacks in proving any kind of value in life. I feel much more at ease knowing that I mean something to a Creator who spent time designing and creating me to the exactness that I am rather than being formed through billions of years of chance. Evolutionists must remain in silence when any talk of equality comes up. If all I'm supposed to do is wait around a million years to help pass on to the next evolutionary stage, then I've got better things to do.

Campus calendar

Parkland College Visual Art Student Juried Exhibition. This exhibition highlights the best student work from the current school year, showcasing the wide range of media taught in Parkland's Visual Art department. April 1-16 *Gallery hours*: M-F, 10a.m.-3p.m., M-Th, 6p.m.-8p.m., Sa, 10a.m.-12p.m.

If you liked "Dark Side of the Moon" you'll love Pink Floyd's "Wish you were here". Fridays and Saturdays 9:30 p.m. at Staerke Planetarium. Call 351.2445 for ticket information.

Parkland College Job Fair Full-time job fair features dozens of employers and recruiters with information about career options. It's a great opportunity to see and be seen and learn about what sorts of jobs are out there! Free and open to the public. Thursday, April 8 from 3-7 p.m. in the Parkland College Gymnasium.

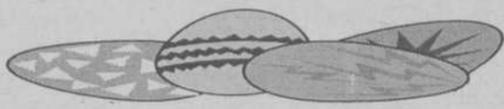
Don't forget-the next IOC meeting is on Thursday, April 1st from 12-1p.m. in X150.

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Sign up now for the spades tournament! 1st prize: \$100 / 2 person team, 2nd prize: \$50 / 2 person team. Completed applications must be in the sign up box near P105.

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Leganza™ CDX 4-door Sedan



Nubira™ CDX 4-door Sedan

Leganza vs. Accord/Camry	Daewoo Leganza CDX	Honda Accord LX	Toyota Camry LE
Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price [†]	\$18,910	\$20,205	\$20,218
Manufacturer's Equipment			
3-Year Scheduled Maintenance Covered	Yes	No	No
Leather Seating Surfaces	Yes	No	\$1,100
In-Dash CD Player	Yes	No	\$190
Automatic Temperature Control	Yes	Manual	Manual
Traction Control System	Yes	No	No
Power Tilt & Slide Moonroof	Yes	No	\$1,000
Car Alarm w/Remote Keyless Entry	Yes	No	\$399
Front Fog Lights	Yes	No	\$399
Alloy Wheels	Yes	No	\$365
Comparably-Equipped Price[‡]	\$18,910	\$20,205	\$23,671

Nubira vs. Civic/Corolla	Daewoo Nubira CDX	Honda Civic LX	Toyota Corolla LE
Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price [†]	\$14,610	\$16,045	\$16,088
Manufacturer's Equipment			
3-Year Scheduled Maintenance Covered	Yes	No	No
In-dash CD Player	Yes	No	\$100
AM/FM Stereo w/Cassette	Yes	No Cassette	Yes
Anti-Lock Braking System	Yes	No	\$550
Front Fog Lights	Yes	No	No
Car Alarm w/Remote Keyless Entry	Yes	No	\$399
Air Conditioning	Yes	Yes	Yes
Power Windows	Yes	Yes	Yes
Comparably-Equipped Price[‡]	\$14,610	\$16,045	\$17,137

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[¶] Competitive insurance quotes and comparison available through 3rd party source.

^{**} Emergency roadside assistance only. See stores for details. Not available in Hawaii or Alaska.

^{††} 1999 model year MSRP includes destination and exclude taxes, title, license and options; prices reflect models with automatic transmission.

^{‡‡} Includes options. Product comparisons are based on published manufacturers data as of Feb. 1999. Source: Kelley Blue Book website Feb. 1999.

^{§§} Preferred Equipment Group 2 adds \$1,665.

^{¶¶} Available to qualified individuals enrolled in or been accepted for matriculation at an accredited 4-year college/university through a participating consumer financing institution. Qualified co-sign may be required. Some restrictions will apply.

^{‡‡‡} Seniors with income and credit history. Other restrictions may apply. See store for details.

^{§§§} Seniors within 6 months of graduation or recent graduates within the last 2 years, both with a verifiable job or job offer. Other restrictions may apply.

^{¶¶¶} Monthly payment of interest only during Interest-Only Period (2-years for juniors and 1-year for seniors) followed by regular monthly payments of principal and interest for the balance of the contract term. Down payment, tax and license fees due at inception.

^{§§§§} For instance, \$66 per month for Lanos S-3DR for up to 24 months for juniors and up to 12 months for seniors at 9.75% APR through interest only financing available with a qualified co-signer and 10% down payment, then \$207 per month for 48 months at 9.75% APR. Base Lanos S price of \$8,999 is 1999 MSRP, including \$250 destination charge as of 9/98. Excluding taxes, tag, and title. Subject to availability.

^{¶¶¶¶} The college financing program and trade-in value guarantee described herein are not valid with any other offers from Daewoo Motor America, Inc.

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	College graduates ³ low interest, long term financing	
	Low interest, long term financing	Yes
1 year deferred (interest only ⁴) payment followed by equal installments up to 4 years ⁵		
Junior	Low interest, long term financing	Yes
	2 year deferred (interest only ⁴) payment followed by equal installments up to 4 years ⁵	
Sophomore	Low interest, long term financing	Yes
Freshman	Low interest, long term financing	Yes

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Lanos™ SE 4-door Sedan

Crib Sheet

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- Guaranteed trade-in value
- 3-day test drive[†]
- Special college financing
- Well-equipped at no extra charge
- No hassle pricing
- Insurance Answer Center^{††}
- 24-hour emergency roadside assistance for 3 years/36,000miles^{†††}

Lanos vs. Chevy Metro	Daewoo Lanos SE 4DR	Chevy Metro LSi 4DR
Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price [‡]	\$11,700	\$11,427
Manufacturer's Equipment		
3-Year Scheduled Maintenance Covered	Yes	No
AM/FM Stereo w/Cassette	Yes	Pkg. ⁺
Automatic Transmission	4-speed	3-speed
Power Windows	Yes	No
Power Door Locks	Yes	\$220
Car Alarm w/Remote Keyless Entry	Yes	No
Air Conditioning	\$700	Pkg. ⁺
Power Steering	Yes	Pkg. ⁺
Comparably-Equipped Price ^{††}	\$12,400	\$13,312



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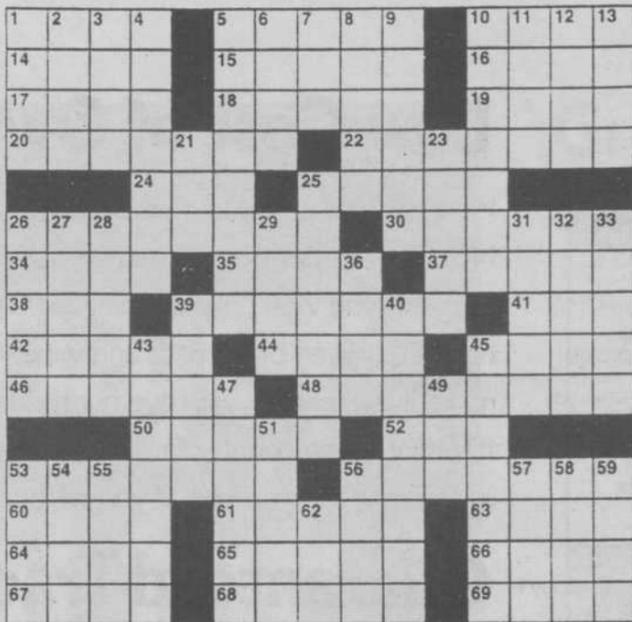
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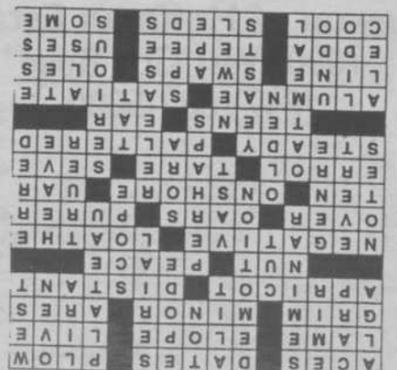
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COBRAS



Tennis team takes a slap in match

By: J. DAVID OSINGA
PROSPECTUS NEWS EDITOR

The Cobra tennis team deserves a break after their latest match hosted by Parkland against nationally-ranked #4 Vincennes University (Ind.) on March 25.

Oh, wait...they did just have one.

Coming back from Hilton Head on the March 20, the Cobras played a bit more sluggishly than what they were used to.

"[Vincennes] will probably be the toughest competition that we'll play this year...but I stress to the team that there are no excuses," said Head Coach Yuri Sohn. "I don't think our guys played as well as they could've. They looked pretty tired there."

Sohn, who has coached the Cobras for the past two years, spoke

on the focus of this Cobra team, saying, "when we went to Hilton Head, where you can relax, they were into really playing their matches - focused on that. They're really motivated."

Unfortunately, the cold and windy weather in Champaign may have killed the team's motivation and focus as the Cobra tennis team fell to Vincennes 7-2.

Justin Bingman, the team's co-captain, and Tanden Johnson both finished strong at the end of their sets in singles, giving Parkland their only points of the match.

Sohn lamented over the teams performance, saying how doubles is usually the team's strong point, "...but we just got rocked."

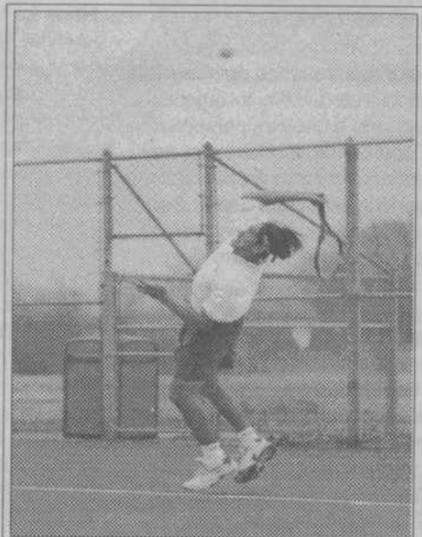
Overall, however, it couldn't have been that bad.

"Both coaches, Jefferson [College, MO] and Vincennes, said that we were in the top 15 in the nation...Our goal is to be in the top ten...[and] sweep the region this year," said Sohn, "and it's a realistic goal with the team that we have."

The Cobras seemed to have back-slidden in their rise to the top, but that doesn't mean they've lost their foothold.

With the new rankings being posted later this week, Parkland is looking for a 7-15 placement after knocking off 15th-ranked Chattanooga State earlier this month.

"I don't know of a more talented and closer-knit team than this one, and I've been on a lot of teams," confessed Sohn. "It's just unreal, the motivation this team has...they're good lads."



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Cobra strikes Trailblazers

Mario Simanjuntak serves it up against No. 4 Nationally Ranked Vincennes Universtiy last Thursday.

Parkland hires two new coaches

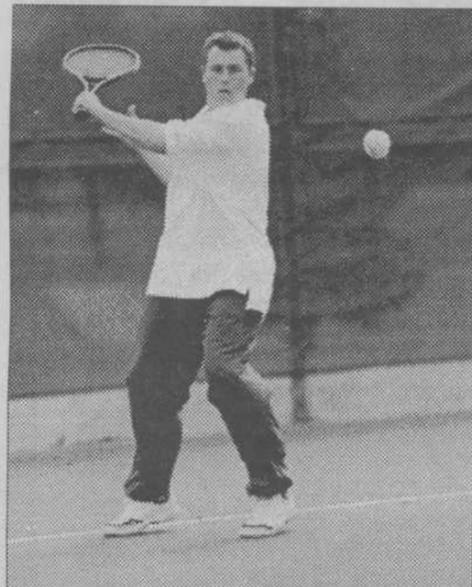
Parkland College has announced the hiring of Patrick Omo-Osagie as the coach for the Men's and Women's soccer programs, and Gene Cox as the Women's Tennis Coach. Pending board approval, they will begin their coaching duties during the inaugural 1999-2000 school year.

Omo-Osagie comes to Parkland after serving as a soccer coordinator for the Urbana Park District and as the summer coach for the

Gazelle Soccer Club in Chicago. Patrick has been a player, coach, and soccer official locally and in his native country, Nigeria.

Cox is currently a member of the Parkland Men's tennis program where he also serves as the volunteer assistant coach. Cox began his playing career at Virginia Commonwealth University in 1991 and has worked in the sporting goods industry before returning to school this year.

Cobras in Action



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Shaun Peterson, Cobra's number one player, returns the serve against Vincennes last Thursday.



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Jason Gril (pictured right) shot a 69, 3 under par, against Augustana on Saturday, March 20.

Kevin Harvill (pictured left) tags out a runner during a Cobra 3-2, 10-inning win against Wabash Valley on Tuesday.



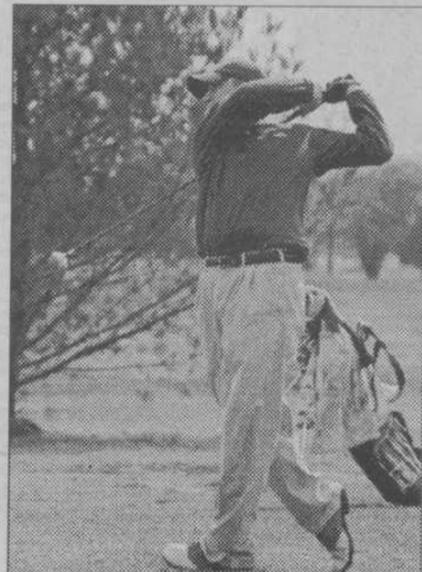
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Todd Pieszchala beats the throw at first base against Wabash Valley.



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Philip Adams tees off against Augustana on Saturday, March 20.



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