

PROSPECTUS

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CIA Flying High

By Thomas Duggan

Last Saturday afternoon, the CIA was launching rockets in Dodds Park, just east of Parkland College campus. No, not the Central Intelligence Agency. The acronym stands for Central Illinois Aerospace, Champaign-Urbana's model rocketry club. The CIA is affiliated with the Champaign Park District, the National Association of Rocketry, and the Tripoli Rocketry Association. The club meets twice each month and hold rocket launches twice each month, if the weather conditions are favorable. On Saturday, the conditions were near perfect, except for the 15 mph winds that carried some of the rockets out of sight as they descended.

For those unfamiliar with the hobby, model rocketry is a fun and exciting hobby for people of all ages. Rocket enthusiasts usually buy their rockets in assembly-required kits that can be found at most hobby stores. Model rockets are made of a non-metallic material, usually cardboard. The rockets are propelled by "engines" or "motors" that are in fact not motors at all. They are cylinders of solid combustible propellant inserted into the bottom of the rocket and ignited from a safe distance using an ignition system powered by batteries. The rocket blasts off at speeds of 200 mph, reaching altitudes of over

2000 feet, depending on the rocket size, weight, and engine type. When the engine has expended all of its fuel and the rocket begins to fall,

attached helicopter blades. One CIA member's "rocket" was an overturned Cool Whip tub with an engine mount glued to its center. It

but if they were explosive, the rockets would explode on the the launchpad.

The CIA is dedicated to safety, education, and of course, fun. They welcome anyone from new members and rocket enthusiasts to non-members and spectators to their events. The CIA sponsors Build & Fly workshops, has helped out in school science fairs, and was featured on a science program last Fall on The Parkland Channel. The next launch is tentatively scheduled for May 17 at Dodds Park. GARLO 2003, the (Great Annual Rocket Launch of 2003) is planned for June 28, also at Dodds Park. This year's



submitted photo

Rockets on the launch pad.

the recovery stage begins. The nose cone pops off, pulling a parachute out of the body tube; and the rocket slowly falls back to earth.

The larger rockets and more powerful engines are the most impressive, even if they are a little slower. Rockets with names like "Big Daddy," "Supernova," and "Comanche" were launched by CIA members Saturday. One rocket named "Skywriter" was painted like an oversized pencil. Another rocket's nose cone detached in mid-air and floated down on

flew better than expected.

As the government tries to protect Americans from new forms of terrorism, lawmakers have recently classified model rocket engines as explosives which could be used by terrorists. The strict regulations of explosive materials are now threatening the existence of the hobby. CIA members have asked lawmakers to remove model rocket engines from the list, assuring them that model rockets simply would not make effective weapons. The engines are obviously flammable,

theme is "Look Ma, No Fins!" (Last year's theme was food and food containers). Traditionally, rockets have 3 to 5 fins; but they can also have stable flight with tubes or nose cones in place of fins. However, all types of rockets are welcome to the event. To get in contact with the members or to sign up for the CIA e-mail newsletter, visit their website at www.prairienet.org/cia/.

Professor Heidi Leusler Recieves ICCTA Faculty Award

By: Michael Pierce

For the last eight years Professor Heidi Leuszler has toiled at Parkland College with an energetic approach and desire to make a difference that sets her apart from your everyday instructor. To her credit Heidi has been responsible for creating a science television show, designing and implementing an "A with Honors" seminar (one of which this writer had the pleasure of taking part in), cofounded the Institute of Science Education, and has linked Parkland and the community by being an aggressive advocate in her field to other related organizations throughout the state.

Not bad for an individual who states that she "fell into" teaching initially after being influenced by many positive instructors in her own life. More to her credit is her desire to "...continue to learn. To help my students learn. To be a better teacher. To challenge myself and my students."

Upon first coming to Parkland Professor Leuszler initially viewed it as a stepping stone towards becoming an instructor at a four year institution. After beginning her experience at Parkland she quickly realized that the diversity of students, opportunity to make a difference in someone's life, and the lack of the "publish or perish atmosphere of four year instructors all

combined to make her position here one that she enjoyed immensely. Once that realization was met she decided that the community college level was where she preferred to focus her career.

Focus she has. In addition to the ICCTA award she has recieved, Professor Leuszler has been nominated on two occasions for "Who's Who Among America's Teachers" and has been nominated for a PROJECT G.O.A.L.S. service award. Heidi would like to thank "Ray and my family for their love...Rich for his mentorship...and all the faculty and staff...for their support. I think Parkland would offer the same thanks to Professor Leuszler.

campus news

Parkland Student Spotlight

By Michael Pierce

The Parkland Student Spotlight is a feature of the Prospectus designed to highlight the achievements of Parkland College students, and to make the community at large more aware of the diversity of the student body. This column seeks to highlight students for a variety of reasons. If a student is doing well in school despite difficult personal situations, if a student has

received an award or recognition, or if a student has been accepted into an internship, fellowship, or prestigious school then we want to spotlight it. The spotlight is an opportunity for hard working students to get recognition and inspire others. If you would like to be featured, or know someone that you think should be featured, contact Michael Pierce via email at: ParklandStudentSpotlight@hotmail.com

Linnea Mitchem Receives Thurgood Marshall Achievement Award

By Michael Pierce

This week the P.S.S. will highlight Linnea Mitchem. Linnea is being spotlighted for receiving the Thurgood Marshall Achievement Award. This award is given out to the overall top academic performer in the American Government class taught by Dr. Willie Fowler at Parkland College each semester. Linnea is the recipient for the Fall 2002 semester where she competed against roughly two hundred other students for the award. The award is from the Champaign-Urbana based Thurgood Marshall Society. According to Darlene-Amelia Tulua, President of the Society, the purpose of the Thurgood Marshall Society is to follow in the footsteps of Justice Marshall by advocating unity.

Thurgood Marshall Sr. remains an integral part of American history and a role model for selfless service and achievement. Justice Marshall (1908 - 1993) was a champion of the civil rights movement who was most known for his role as the lawyer who argued the landmark 1954 supreme court case of "Brown vs. the Topeka Kansas Board of Education" which declared segregation unconstitutional. His impressive resume includes: Legal Director of the NAACP where he argued "Brown vs. the Board of Education, a circuit judicial appointment from President John F. Kennedy where all of his 112 rulings were upheld by the Supreme Court, an appointment to U.S. Solicitor General by President Lyndon B. Johnson, and an appointment to the Supreme Court where he was the first African-American to be elevated to that position. He was well known for his dissensions on the bench when he felt civil

rights were being exploited.

Recipients of this award receive a plaque commemorating their academic achievement and a trip to Washington D.C. (funded by Professor Fowler) where they are afforded the opportunity to see where Justice Marshall worked first hand.

Linnea is a nineteen year-old student from Orland Park, Illinois. She graduated from Carl Sandburg high school. She is a political science major currently taking five classes culminating in fifteen credit hours. She works at Culver's Custard Cup & Butter Burgers as well as at Lone Star Steakhouse and Salon. Between both jobs she averages forty hours of work a week. When home during breaks from school she volunteers at South Suburban Hospital as a candy striper where she says, "...people underestimate the power of a warm greeting."

Linnea's goals include graduation with a Bachelor degree in Political Science and then attending law school. After which she intends on becoming one of the top lawyers in the country and one day following in the footsteps of Justice Marshall by becoming a Supreme Court Justice. For fun, she enjoys figure skating, shopping, jet skiing, water skiing, and is considering snow skiing.

As to those that inspire her most, Linnea had this to say. "Many people inspire me. There is so much inspiration that you can draw from all of the people that you come in contact with throughout your lifetime, I certainly have. All of the people that have crossed my path since I was able to realize what Inspiration meant (which was last night when I opened the dictionary and read the actual meaning, just kidding) have inspired me in some form or fashion. Whether these

people had a negative relationship with me or a positive one, there is always something that can be drawn from those relationships, improving me as a person. There are two people that provide inspiration to me, but I am not snubbing those that have made a mark on my life, they are just as important. The first person is my mother, she might not know that, but I want to be just like her. In essence she is a single parent, providing anything and everything for my sister and I. When I go work in her office, everyone tells me, how wonderful she is and how much they love her. Well, I love her one hundred times more. I want to be as strong of a person as she is physically and mentally, I want to be as successful as she is, I want to have as strong as a faith in God as she does, pretty much I want to accomplish just as much as she has in my lifetime. I wish I could give her everything that she has given me in my 19 years of existence, however reality is I am a broke college student, but one day it will all be reciprocated. The second person is my little sister, Morgan. She is 9 years old, but has been through more than any of us will ever experience in our lifetime. She is ignorant to the fact of how much she inspires me. I truly believe that she is my guardian angel. For her to be hopping and skipping, singing and running, doing the typical activities of a child, is enough to make me want to live and share in those joys. On the contrary, she does drive me nuts at times, but all children have their moments, I still love her unconditionally. To see her excel in school and other activities, beating all of the odds that were supposed to be, makes me go wow, you go girl!!! One very important thing that I take from her is that, life is not a given,

it is not. It is a gift, and for us that have been so blessed to receive that gift, don't ever take it for granted. Be happy that you are able to exist, and take in what this world has to offer, although it might not be much."

Additionally, Linnea wanted to thank her father, stepmother, sister Hannah, her brother Denzel and Dr. Fowler for all being wonderful people in her life and supporting her in her pursuit of her goals. She credits Dr. Fowler's class as being the best class she has ever had in her life. Prior to taking his class she was a biochemistry major looking at medical school. After taking his American Government class she has realized her true calling in life. Linnea would like to leave this message to all who read this: "The main thing is this, I won't go into the story, but I can say I have been cast my share of stones, meant to prevent me from success, but they weren't effective. No one is going to detour me away from my ultimate goals, granted I take some punches. My message to students and those that aren't, is don't ever let anyone tell you that you can't be something; because you can be anything you want. Do not let outsiders strip your dreams away. Remember, "anything is possible if you put your trust in him" and the words that I live by "No weapons formed against me, shall prosper" (Isaiah 54:17). Regardless of what your faith is apply that to your life and you will reap the rewards. And lastly "Don't take any wooden nickels", apply it as you want."

Congratulations Linnea on your achievements and thank you for your inspirational example to others!

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A Farewell Review: The Dismemberment Plan

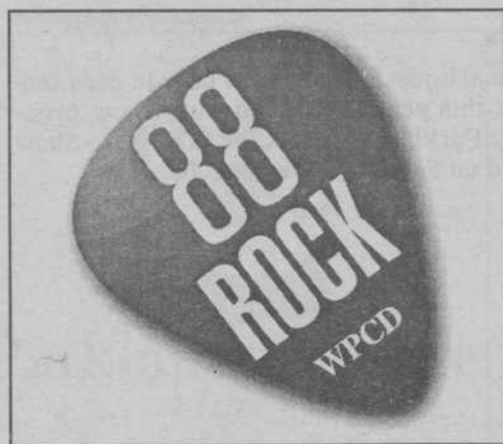
By Jordan Holmes

Something very challenging in the special world of writing for a newspaper is reviewing music, especially if it's music you don't usually listen to. I don't claim to know everything there is to know about music, but I am more than willing to give my opinion on pretty much anything.

The Dismemberment Plan is a band comprised of four fairly young and good looking guys: Joe Easley on drums, Travis Morrison sings, Eric Axelson on bass, and Jason Caddell on guitar. Their music is unique to say the least. It reminds me of a mix between 80's rock and punk. From then, I don't really know how to describe their unique sound.

Emergency & I, one of their past albums, has a few good songs, but other than those few songs, the music made me feel jumpy. Most of the songs remind me of when little kids spin in circles for fifteen minutes, stop, and fall down. Maybe that's the feeling they were trying to give their audience.

The CD was recommended to me by the editor of this fine newspaper. As it is his favorite CD, I feel compelled not to write an unfavorable review. So, as a farewell to him (he'll be transferring out of Parkland next fall), go out and buy a copy of this album, turn it up, and feel good about yourself.



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Annual Presentation Shares Usefullinformation About Anxiety Disorders

By Leah Nordness

Approximately 160 students turned out for the annual National Anxiety Disorder Screening Day on Wed., April 30. "It's the biggest crowd we've ever had," said Linda Hodgett from the Counseling Center.

The program included a few words from Sten Johannsen, who runs a self-help group Tuesday nights at Provena Covenant, a short video, and ended with a discussion. The facilitator of the discussion was Doug Yore of the Champaign-Urbana Mental Health Public Education Committee (MHPEC). After the presentation, students were invited to get a free anxiety screening at the Counseling Center.

Knowledge of anxiety disorders is important for college students because we are so vulnerable to stress, especially in the weeks prior to final exams.

No longer is it depression or drug and alcohol abuse that are the biggest concerns for students, but anxiety, and many people don't know how to identify their symptoms as anxiety, the

Counseling Center's Marilyn Ryan said.

The presentation focused on anxiety disorders, symptoms of the disorders, and possible cures. There are five main categories of anxiety disorders- panic disorder, phobias, obsessive-compulsive disorder, post-traumatic stress disorder, and generalized anxiety disorder. Anxiety disorders are the nation's most common mental health problem. It is estimated that 13 percent of adults ages 18 to 54 are affected by some kind of anxiety disorder in any given year. That adds up to approximately 19 million people in America that have some kind of anxiety disorder.

Each anxiety disorder has different symptoms, but symptoms may include recurrent, worrisome thoughts; depression; intense, irrational fears; headaches; nausea; and high blood pressure.

Yore stressed that most people can get anxious from time to time-before a test, for example. So if you find that you are suffering from headaches before a test, you may want to correlate the two.

Anxiety should only be considered a problem when it starts getting in the way of your everyday functioning. Most anxiety disorders are highly treatable and will go into remission with the proper treatment, Yore said.

The lecture also stressed that medication is usually not the best way to treat anxiety disorders. Most medications, Yore said, are just band-aid meds, meaning that they simply buffer the symptoms of anxiety but do not cure them. The best treatment is therapy. The two kinds of therapy mentioned were behavioral therapy, which focuses on changing specific actions, and cognitive-behavior therapy, which teaches patients to understand and change their thinking patterns so that they can learn how to better handle the situations that cause them anxiety.

If you missed the presentation, but are concerned that anxiety is affecting your life, you can go to the Counseling Center or see your doctor. You can also visit the website of the Anxiety Disorder Association of America at www.adaa.org.

Blane's Last Editorial

By Blane McClellan

This is my last editorial. This is my last editorial. This is my last editorial. It's been a decent year, and I will be sad to leave Parkland College after all this time (four years, to be exact). The Prospectus didn't improve as much under my guidance as I had hoped, but I think we did a good job and didn't embarrass ourselves too much. The writers who stuck around and contributed were great, if few in number. Hard working Production Editor Sara McDuffee has been brilliant. One must consider that this is a student newspaper; Sara and I did the best we could without neglecting school and other responsibilities, like my wife and five children. With a student run paper you're going to run hot and cold, depending on who has an exam, who got into a knife fight and was hospitalized, and who decided they just didn't want to write any more. All that considered, I think we performed admirably. But the office is kind of messy; there are cookie crumbs by my keyboard and something sticky on the mouse.

I will be going to the U of I in the fall, but I don't know if I'll get involved with the Daily Illini or not. Though I'm an english major, I'm starting to feel like maybe I don't like writing that much. Maybe I could be an editor and continue to crank out really bad, aimless editorials once a week. Editorials are really the last thing I think about every Tuesday when Sara and I put together the paper. After filling holes with press releases, tracking down stories, and making sure we don't spell Dr. Zelema Harris' name wrong (again), it's hard to sit down and be funny or relevant for 300-500 words.

Item! Somewhere in this issue, Jordan Holmes reviewed my favorite CD by my favorite band, "Emergency & I" by the Dismemberment Plan. I didn't think she would like it, but I thought it might be fun for her to write, or at least a change of pace. Three paragraphs! That's all she could come up with! Obviously the CD was so mediocre that she wasn't moved to say too much for or against it. You should seriously go out and buy this CD. Earlier this year the Dismemberment Plan broke up and I

nearly cried. Okay, not really, but it sucked because it was my third breakup in like six months: girlfriend, friend, and favorite band.

Well, I had to throw something pointless in. I'm off for now. Keep watching for the Prospectus this summer and in the fall. There will be new writers and new editors; if you find yourself reading and you think to yourself, "Hey, I could do better than this!", contact John Eby in X161 and see how you can get involved with the paper.

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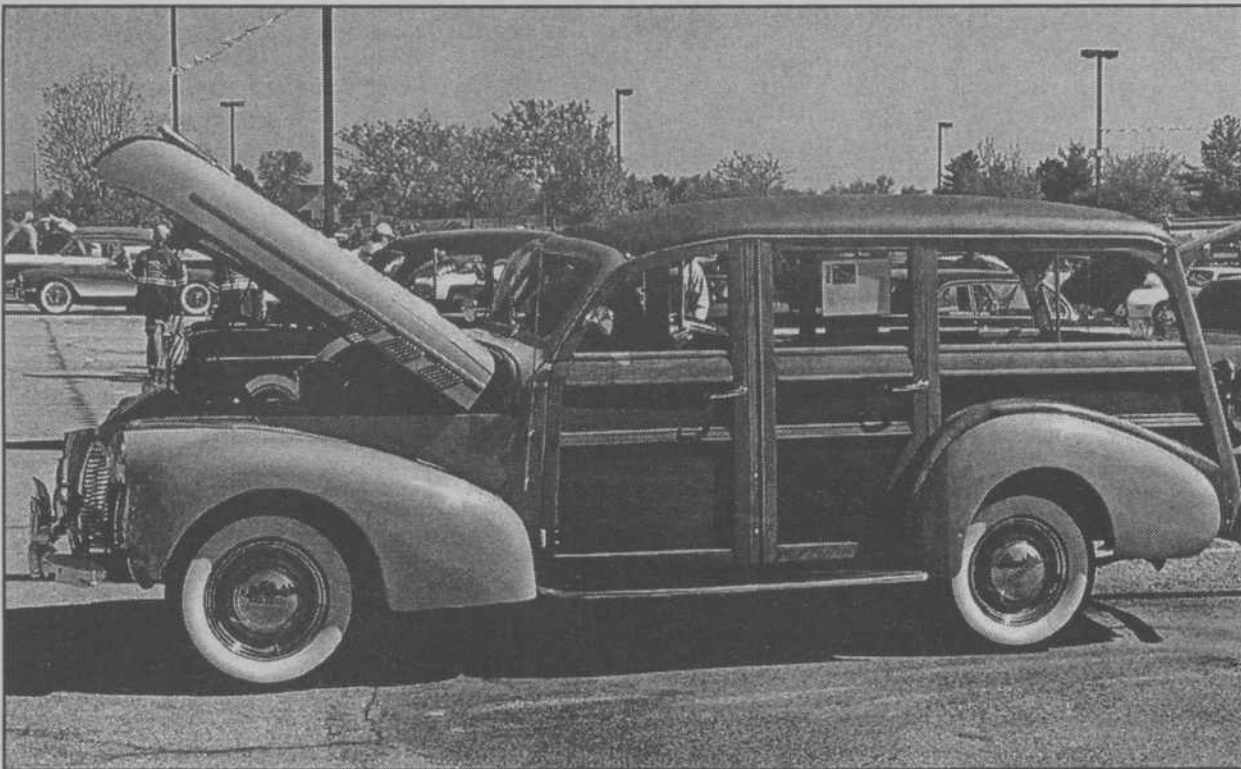
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Blane McClellan and Christi Lockhart with Senator Dale Righter.



Blane McClellan and Christi Lockhart with Senator Dan Rutherford.



Parkland Auto

All photos by Prospectus Staff

These are just a few of the classic cars featured at this year's Parkland Auto Show, organized by Parkland's Auto Club. The Auto Show was held on Saturday, May 3, 2003.



features

Board of Trustees Meeting

April 23, 2003



(Left) Officer Meyer (Right) Board Chairman Bonnie Kelley Swearing in of new Public Safety Officer Yvonne Meyer.



(Left) Officer Caillouet (Right) Board Chairman Bonnie Kelley Swearing in of new Public Safety Officer Bernard Caillouet.



New Student Trustee, Takeya Black sworn in by Chairman Bonnie Kelley..

College Show



Parkland College



around parkland

Minority Students Honored



photo by Lisa Barnes

Students who participated in the Minority Student Luncheon on May 2, 2003.

sports

Softball Team Headed Back To Nationals

Press Release

The Parkland College Lady Cobra Softball team did what they set out to do and are headed back to the NJCAA National Softball Tourney after defeating Shawnee 7-1 on Sunday. The #1 ranked and top-seeded team broke on top with two runs in each of the first two innings of the championship game to take an early 4-0 lead. Becky Wheeler got things started with an rbi triple

and Lacey Frankland followed with a sacrifice fly to make it 2-0. In the second, Erin James scored Nicole Prager on a sac. fly and Korie Shawver added an rbi single. The runs were all Emily Alsup needed to win her third game of the tournament. Alsup scattered five hits while walking three and striking out five to improve to 32-1 on the season.

A combination of good defense, timely hitting, and outstanding

pitching led Parkland to the title game. Parkland opened tourney play on Friday shutting down Spoon River 9-0. Two more shutouts followed on Saturday as Coach Chuck Clutt's squad defeated Lincoln Land 6-0 and Shawnee 8-0.

Pitcher/first baseman Lora Fisher was named the tournament MVP while pitcher Emily Alsup, infielders Korie Shawver and Lacey Frankland, and outfielders Erin James and Becky Wheeler all joined

her on the All-tournament team.

Parkland, who is now 57-5 and winners of 33 straight games, advances to the NJCAA National Tournament which will be held this year at Iowa Central College in Ft. Dodge, Iowa. They will open play on Thursday May 15 at 4:00 against a yet to be determined appointment. Last year, Parkland finished 2nd at the NJCAA Tourney in Phoenix, Arizona.

Parkland Captures CCCI Golf Title

Press Release

The Parkland Golf team presented outgoing coach Greg Thom with an early present, wrapping up their second consecutive CCCI title on Monday afternoon. Parkland won round four of the four-event tournament shooting a 301 to easily best ICC's total of 317. Matt Golden led the way with a 72, while Craig Toler 75, Ty Treacy 76, and Drew Hartrich's 78 rounded out the scoring.

Parkland won three of the four events helping Craig Toler earn Player of the Year honors where Matt Golden joined him on the first team. Coach Greg Thom was named Coach of the Year and Ty

Treacy and Adam Dye were named as second team All-Conference selections.

First Team All-CCCI

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Adam Marshall
Matt Golden
Tyler Jason

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Coach of the Year-

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Danville
Parkland College
ICC

Craig Toler
Greg Thom.
Parkland College

Freshman of
the Year

Nathan Brown
ICC

Second Team All-CCCI

Michael Blackburn-
Danny Ackerman-
Ty Treacy-
Jason Aeilts-
Adam Dye-

John Wood
ICC
Parkland College
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Cobra Softball Team Wraps Up Regular Season On winning Note

Press Release

The top-ranked Lady Cobra softball team wrapped up the regular season winning four games on Tuesday and Wednesday against Lake Land and the Millikin varsity team. Tuesday's 2-0 win in the first game against the Lady Lakers concluded a perfect 32-0 season in the

CCCI.

Emily Alsup fired a 2-hitter striking out 7 to earn the win. In game two, Parkland won 5-1 behind Katie Appl who had a perfect game with two outs in the seventh inning before giving up a run on two hits. Erin James was 3-4 while Abby Trigg and Jen Vandervort added two hits apiece.

On Wednesday, PC fell behind 4-0 in the first inning but pulled away for a 13-7 win. Candace Welch was 4-4 while Korie Shawver (3 hits 2 rbi), Lacey Frankland (3 hits 2 rbi), and Abby Trigg (2 hits 3 rbi) helped pace the 18 hit attack. In the finale, Lora Fisher was outstanding throwing a three-hitter while walking none and striking out four to

improve to 14-2 on the year. The two wins improved the Lady Cobras to 53-5 on the season and give the sophomores their 100th win since arriving at Parkland.

Parkland will now move on to Region 24 tournament action where they will open with Spoon River College at 1:15 on Friday at Lake Land College.

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2003 Collegiate Conference of Central Illinois

Press Release

All-Conference Baseball Team

First Team

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| Pitcher: | |
| Derek Drage | Parkland College |
| Eric Gum | Lincoln Land |
| Catcher: | |
| Andy Barnes | Springfield College |
| Infield: | |
| Geoff Desmond | Danville Area College |
| Bo Gum | Parkland College |
| JR Kyes | Lincoln Land |
| Dustin Vicari | Springfield College |
| Outfield: | |
| Mike Coles | Parkland College |
| Eric Gum | Lincoln Land |
| Bryan Kurt | Danville Area College |
| Designated Hitter: | |
| Matt Lusk | Lincoln Land |
| Player of the Year: | |
| Eric Gum | Lincoln Land |
| Pitcher of the Year: | |
| Derek Drage | Parkland College |
| Co-Freshman of the Year: | |
| Jeff Darnall | Parkland College |
| Brad Selinger | Springfield College |
| Coach of the Year: | |
| Steve Torricelli | Springfield College |

Second Team

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|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Pitcher: | |
| Pat Kohorst | Illinois Central College |
| Brad Selinger | Springfield College |
| Catcher: | |
| Ryan Jones | Spoon River College |
| Infield: | |
| Donnie Cottrell | Lake Land |
| Brandon Gale | Lincoln Land |
| BJ Halford | Lincoln Land |
| Jon Smith | Illinois Central |
| Kenny VanHouten | Lincoln College |
| Outfield: | |
| Jeff Darnall | Parkland College |
| Kyle Malan | Illinois Central College |
| Aaron Schimmelpfenning | Lake Land |
| Designated Hitter: | |
| Andrew O'Brien | Springfield College |

Honorable Mention

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| Pitcher: | |
| Zach Cordier | Springfield College |
| Dustin Rumble | Danville Area |
| Bobby Stalbaum | Danville Area |
| Kyle Widegren | Parkland College |
| Catcher: | |
| Jake Smith | Illinois Central |
| Infield: | |
| None | |
| Outfield: | |
| Joey Albsmeyer | Lincoln Land |
| Kevin English | Illinois Central |
| David Stalter | Illinois Central |

Parkland Athletic Teams Shine in CCCI

Press Release

The Parkland College Athletic Program has completed their most successful conference season ever winning 6 of the 8 Collegiate Conference of Central Illinois titles. Coming off a record-setting five-title season in 2001-2002, the Parkland Volleyball team got things off to a great start in 2002, winning their seventh consecutive title. Later in the fall, the Men's Soccer team enjoyed a breakout season, capturing their first ever championship. The Women's Basketball team kept things rolling, earning their first #1 NJCAA National Ranking before wrapping up the CCCI title.

This spring, the Cobras were extremely impressive, winning all three championships up for grabs. Led by the #1 ranked Parkland Softball team (57-5), who won their first CCCI title after completing the conference season a perfect 32-0, the #4 ranked Baseball team (41-11) wrapped up their third straight title with a win on Sunday, and the #13 Golf team followed up with a title of their own winning for the second consecutive year.

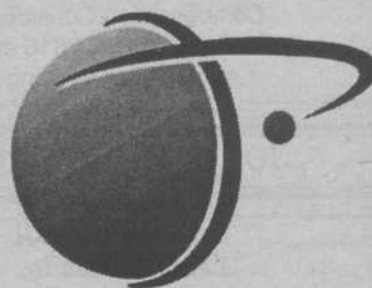
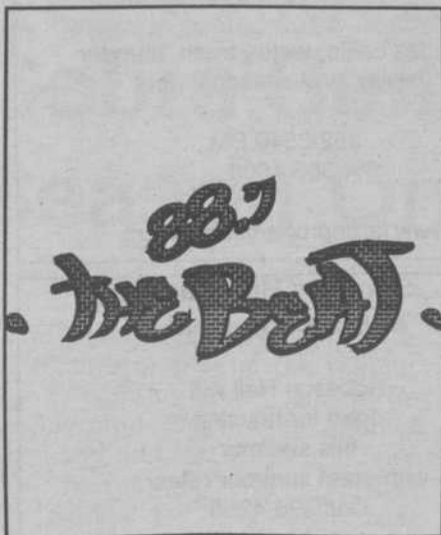
In addition to the success of the teams, Volleyball Coach Joana Ramsey, Women's Basketball Coach Tim Wulf, Softball Coach Chuck Clutts, and Golf Coach Greg Thom were named conference Coaches of the Year.

On the women's side, Sima Shah was named Volleyball Player of the Year, Gina Grussing was named Player and Freshman of the Year in Women's Basketball, and Erin James (Player of the Year), Emily Alsup (Pitcher of the Year) and Korie Shawver (Co-Freshman of the Year) helped the Lady Cobra's sweep the individual awards in softball.

For the men, Craig Toler earned Player of the Year honors in Golf and Derek Drage was named Pitcher of the Year in Baseball while Jeff Darnall was the Co-Freshman of the Year. Numerous student-athletes were named first or second team All-conference in their respective sports.

2002-2003 Sport Champions:

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| Volleyball: | Parkland College |
| CCCI MVP-Sima Shah | |
| Men's Soccer | Parkland College |
| Women's Soccer | Lewis and Clark |
| Women's Basketball | Parkland College |
| CCCI MVP-Gina Grussing | |
| Men's Basketball | Lincoln College |
| Golf | Parkland College |
| CCCI MVP-Craig Toler | |
| Softball | Parkland College |
| CCCI MVP-Erin James | |
| Baseball | Parkland College |



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