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Garter Bowl:
another senior
success!**
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HOMECOMING GOES DOWN IN STORYBOOK HISTORY

by Lauren Ranzino

There is no better way for Parkland students to express their Parkland Pride than during Homecoming week. Tuesday, October 13th kicked off the homecoming festivities that had everyone abuzz with excitement.



photo courtesy of Cops 'n' Kids

This year's theme was "Come Home to a Good Book!" In keeping with past years, the funds generated by entrance fees to the Garter Bowl and the football games, t-shirt sales and individual donations were donated to a select charity. This year's charity was Cops 'n Kids.

Tuesday, October 13th through Friday, October 17th was "Spirit Week." Students partook in each day's theme. On Tuesday, the school saw rainbows with Tye-Dyed t-shirts, for Tye-Dye Tuesday. On Wednesday, students represented their grades with the freshmen in white, sophomores in black and juniors in gray. The senior hallway was decorated in red,

as were the senior students, complete with face paint, Garter Bowl t-shirts and other paraphernalia to show support for the Garter Bowl Game that night. Thursday was Team and College Day. Students wore team hats, jerseys and other articles of clothing that represented their favorite team or college. Parkland Pride Day, on Friday, warranted gray and red clothing, and a considerable amount of black and white. All grades showed a great deal of pride for Parkland over the course of the week.

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2009 Homecoming Court

STUDENTS PONDER HALLOWEEN COSTUMES

by Cain Azar

Students are always looking for an excuse to dress up in costume, and Halloween is a perfect opportunity to satisfy these cravings. The main question that arises at this time of year regards what costume would be proper and fitting. Whether going as a vampire, a zombie or something too obscene to mention, each costume needs to be comfortable and stylish. Keeping the costumes original means more candy when running about the neighborhood, or a prize at the local parties. Using these few costume suggestions may just bump up the level of costume intensity. These costume ideas are sure to be proper on any person and prove to be some of the top choices for this upcoming Halloween.

The costume pairing aspect is always unique and original. "Everyone likes seeing two people coordinating their costumes," said junior Madison Gerhard "Each costume needs to support the other."

Going along with this tip, every costume-goer should consider mixing up their ideas. For those students who have "significant others," going as Jon and Kate might suffice. If forced to take a little brother or sister around the

neighborhood, grab seven of their friends and suddenly the whole Gosselin family can be present. Adding to pairing, one could attempt to pull off the famous Kanye West and Taylor Swift costume set. Top it off with a bit of crying on Taylor's, part and everybody would be entranced.

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photo by Cain Azar

ART TEACHER ACCEPTED INTO TRANSART INSTITUTE

by Alexander Hess

Mr. Christopher Barrett Jr., an arts teacher at Parkland High School and a specialist in technology and photography, has been admitted into the Transart Institute of Danube University in Linz, Austria to begin his graduate study toward an MFA Degree in New Media.

Barrett has expressed interest in art since he was very young. "I remember telling my first or second grade teacher that I wanted to be a painter when I got older," he said. He received his first camera when he was seven, and recalls taking photos of his family members and of family road trips to visit his family in Texas when he was in middle school.

In high school, Barrett first began taking photography courses, but had a powerful interest in science.

"However," he said, "holding the camera became second nature, and I began exploring the artistic aspects surrounding the science of photography. I stuck with it and decided to pursue art in college."

Barrett has already received

an A.S. Degree from the Art Institute of Philadelphia, majoring in technical and fine art photography. Barrett has also merited a B.S. degree in Art Education from Kutztown University.

"Art school can be very competitive and overwhelming," he said. "There is a pressure to perfect technique while establishing originality. I worked very hard while I was at the Art Institute of Philadelphia and had a few shows after I graduated."

Barrett applied for an MFA Degree, the highest degree one can hold in the Fine Art field, because of his desire to challenge himself while surrounding himself with "creative individuals and intelligent mentors."

Barrett believes that educational program is ...

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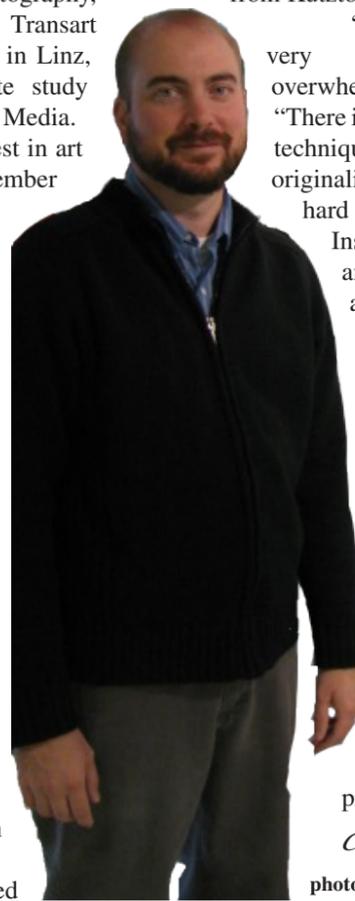


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