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Hit 497 Home Runs

Would Ernie Banks Have



If He'd Gone To Parkland?

by RAY COMPTON

Student Government had indicated it will back those who advocate baseball this spring at Parkland College. Unofficial Student Senate support, voiced at its November 4 meeting, has been an outgrowth of increasing "grass roots" student interest in fielding a team this year.

Student interest picked up following the writings of a column by Randy Russell, sports editor of the PROSPECTUS, and a letter to the editor that appeared in the November 3 PROSPECTUS. The articles disputed Athletic Director Joe Abbey's contention that baseball could not begin this spring at Parkland.

Following the two articles, petitions were circulated throughout the school requesting that baseball be started. Russell reported that at least 300 signatures are on the petitions, which are being returned to Student Government when filled.

STUDENT INTEREST CLIMAXES

The interest in baseball this year reached its climax at the November 4 meeting of the Student Senate. During this session, highlighted by a temporary freeze on the athletic budget, Russell discussed the matter with student leaders.

"We have found that the students at Parkland really want baseball," Russell said. "In fact, it seems a shame that the administration passed a sport like cross-country, that had just two people out. That's not even enough for a team. There are about 16 boys out for wrestling, which is a good turnout, but I would say that there would be at least 40 out for baseball."

After Russell reviewed his PROSPECTUS column with the senators, he received apparently unanimous support.

Student Senator for Athletics Liz Sharp voiced support for the program and discussed the ath-

letic budget, which she said had gotten out of hand."

SHORT FREEZE

The budget was frozen by Student Government, but the freeze lasted less than a day. Miss Sharp said the wrestling budget according to Abbey, was over \$4,000. The day after the meeting, she said she was informed that only part of this \$4,000 is student money, since some of the equipment was purchased with p.e. funds.

The talk turned to the possibility of baseball after discussion of the budget particulars. Abbey had turned in his proposed budget for baseball, and it exceeded \$4,500. But Russell pointed out that such equipment as a pitching machine, batting cage, and spikes bought for the players by the school, were unnecessary for the program.

"I think that there is so much interest in baseball that the players don't care for such luxur-

ies," said Russell. The sports editor, along with Ray Compton, went to Bailey and Himes in Urbana and received the prices of all necessary materials, and composed a budget of nearly \$3,800 with the supplies totaling just \$1,300. (See Page 4.)

S.G. BACKS MOVEMENT

Student Government then gave vocal support to the program. "The Student Government has to adopt the budget," said Student Government President Darrell Farris, "but I think the baseball has almost a one hundred per cent chance. I think that almost everyone in the Student Government backs it."

Farris said that to be sure of a good turnout that any students interested in going out for the team should contact him immediately in the Student Government office located in the Student Center. "If there is a genuine interest, then baseball is a

reality," he said. Farris concluded that there would be at least two meetings before the plan could be adopted.

After the meeting, the student body president talked over the issue with the college president, William Staerkel, and received an affirmative response from Staerkel, who said he is a baseball fan.

Support from the administration and the Physical Education Division is essential for a baseball program. While student interest is increasing and it seems that Student Government will pass the baseball program, discussions with Athletic Director Joe Abbey last week were at an impasse. (See Page 4.)

The future of the "baseball-this-year" program, however, apparently lies with Student Government. The Student Senate met last week on the issue, and will discuss it again next week.

Editorials

The controversy over whether PC should or can have a baseball team is the most exciting news to hit campus this year. There is more student interest in this problem than anything else around. I think it would be wise if the athletic department recognized that fact.

It is obvious that baseball was never seriously considered as a possible sport at PC. Since the interests of the coaches lies in areas other than baseball it is only natural that they want "their" sport started. As I see it, there is only one problem involved with the coaches having not seriously considered baseball. That problem is that they didn't seriously consider what students want. If this is so, it is time they woke up to the fact that this is not 1950.

The athletic program is partially funded by student activity fees. It is only natural that students should be interested in how the money is spent and that they should have a voice in how it is spent. So far students have been told in plain words and by actions that they don't have a voice. It wasn't until a few students raised hell that anything at all happened.

By now it should be obvious to Joe Abbey, PC athletic director, that students want a voice in the athletic department. Now, it would be wise if he considered that they should and do have a voice, with a letter, Abbey is hereby invited to respond to the PROSPECTUS editors.



Jerry Lenz
Ohio Post--CPS

"I keep tellin' ya, man, the end of the war is just around the corner."

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DRUGS



Letters To The Editors

PRICE OF PEACE

Time: Now

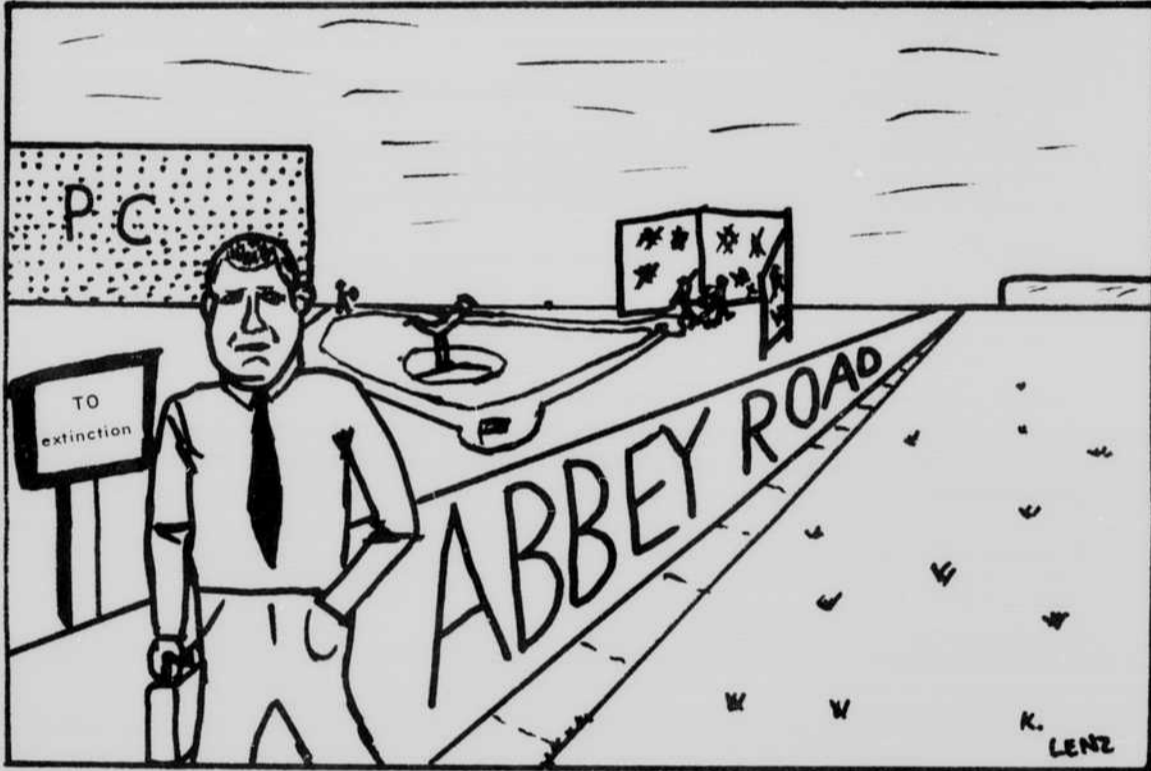
Place: Anywhere

Young men and women lie in the streets, in pools of their own blood. For what? What is this insane reason for which these people must suffer?

Some say it is in the name of peace; but is it truly peace? Is violence the spring board for peace, or will it breed more violence?

I ask, beg, no, implore you my friends, to ask yourself: IS IT REALLY WORTH IT?

Clifford L. Hines



McCartney says

"Bloody Stupid"

by JERRY LENZ

Much has been conjured up about the supposed death of Paul McCartney, the Beatle.

Is it the truth or is it a hoax? With the scrutiny of the CIA, some fans have concluded that there could be no doubt about Paul's death.

"I mean, it's all right there," said Louis Yager, president of the Is Paul McCartney Dead Society at Hofstra University. The clue came from the three latest Beatle albums: Magical Mystery Tour, The Beatles and Abbey Road. At the very end of Strawberry Fields, of the Magical Tour album, people found an eerie John Lennon saying, "I buried Paul." Off the other album, The Beatles, Revolution No. 9 has a man's voice which, if played backwards, repeats, "Turn me on dead man, turn me on dead man."

On the cover of Abbey Road, the VW parked on the side has the license plate LMW 28IF. McCartney, if alive is/would be 28 years old. The number dialed on a London phone gets a recorded message which says, "You are on the right track; keep trying."

Also on the cover Paul has a cigarette in his right hand. He was left handed. The song, "Come Together", on the same album contains the lines: "One and one and one are three/got to be good looking/cause he's so hard to see."

The most convincing evidence that there is a new and different Paul McCartney was found by Dr. Henry M. Truby of the University of Miami. He found Sonagrams of Paul singing "Hey, Jude" of last year different from the phrase "all my troubles"

from "Yesterday," a song done about three years ago.

I, myself, am not yet sure as to which side to believe. There is just too much stuff. Who knows, is it a hoax or is it not?

"L" London Correspondent Dorothy Bacon waded through a bog in Scotland to reach Paul McCartney's secluded farm and get this comment from him:

"It is all bloody stupid. I picked up that O.P.D. badge in Canada. It was a police badge. Perhaps it means Ontario Police Department or something. I

Plastic Ono

by JERRY LENZ

At the Montreal Pop Festival on September 13th, the Plastic Ono Band appeared to the surprise of thousands. Lennon greeted the crowd with: "We're go to do numbers we know, 'cause we never played together before." While John sang through "Blue Suede Shoes", "Money", "Dizzy Miss Lizzy", "Yer Blues" and the Lennon & McCartney composition, "Cold Turkey," Yoko crawled in and out of a white sack.

After the music stopped Yoko did her thing. Yoko began singing in a high eerie voice. She screamed in slow-motion, "Don't worry; don't worry, John. Let's hope for peace." The rest of the Plastic Ono Band used their amps and guitars to produce dissonant chording as a backdrop for Yoko. Yoko explained her most unusual performance with, "We are interested in exploring new sounds. You don't expect something new to be accepted overnight."

Keeping in mind Yoko's experimentation, a similar sound was produced at the Illini Union on Oct. 29, 1969. The Spoils

was wearing a black flower because they ran out of red ones. It is John, not me, dressed black on the back and inside of MAGICAL MYSTERY TOUR. On ABBIEY ROAD we were wearing our ordinary clothes. I was barefoot because it was a hot day. The Volkswagen just happened to be parked there.

"Perhaps the rumor started because I haven't been in the press lately. I have done enough press for a lifetime and I don't have anything to say these days. I am happy to be with my family and I will work when I

of War came on with the most bizarre audio and visual show since Latzer Hall of last winter. Abstractly their music stems from free expression.

Scientifically their music may have been noise, but combining their message with their most unusual sound, the entire show became an experience.

Their arrangement of "When Johnny Comes Marching Home Again" combined the mellow wailing of the female voice with the utter obliteration of organ, guitar, and bass.

Their quiet and measured verses separated the dissonant breaks, which, as in "When Johnny Comes Marching Home Again," drove the point of the song and its implications through and through the audiences' mind.

Their combination of the protest band and the newly emerging electronic sounds were produced with multi-track tape recordings and ree form organ, bass and guitar. Visual responses were drawn through the use of the distortion pattern of a color television.

It was a stoned show.

We have left this space open in order to draw attention to the fact that students may write to the editors. We feel this is a good opportunity for students to voice their opinions. All students are invited to fill this space.

work. I was switched on for 10 years and I never switched off. Now I am switching off whenever I can. I would rather be a little less famous these days. "I would rather do what I began by doing, which was making music. We make good music and we want to go on making good music. But the Beatle thing is over. It has been exploded, partly by what we have done and partly by other people. We are individuals, all different. John married Yoko, I married Linda. We

didn't marry the same girl. The people who are making up these rumors should look to themselves a little more. They should worry about themselves instead of worrying whether I am dead or not.

"What I have to say is all in the music. If I want to say anything I write a song. Can you spread it around that I am just an ordinary person and want to live in peace? We have to go now; we have two children at home."

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Peter Reich on Space

By BRUCE MURRAY

Peter Reich, What does the name mean to you?

It would mean nothing until you learn that he will probably be the first newsman on the moon and has gone through the complete training program with the astronauts.

Reich, who is now Aviation and Space Editor for "Chicago Today" started as a general assignments reporter in 1952 for "The Chicago American." He had always had an intense interest in aviation, and when the paper asked for someone to do a series entitled "50 Years of Powered Flight" in December, 1952, he jumped at the chance. He has been associated with Aviation reporting ever since.

I asked Pete, as he insisted I call him, if he would go to the moon, and why. He replied, "Yes! It would be a dream story for a newsman. It would be a personal thing. Very exciting. I would go as a human being."

Wouldn't it be dangerous? Grinning sheepishly, Reich said, "Dangerous? Sure, but what the

Hell? The Good Lord has been nice enough to give you abilities, and they should be used to the fullest. I owe it to other humans to relate my experiences."

What the astronauts are like? Reich said, "They're perfectly normal supermen." "The astronauts are physically, mentally and emotionally outstanding."

Reich predicted that the U.S. will explore the solar system in the next 50-100 years, but will take two centuries to go to the nearest star, The closest star to Earth is Proxima Centauri, which is 4.3 light years away. The fastest man has travelled so far as 25,000 m.p.h. and at that rate it would take 116,000 years to reach Proxima Centauri.

How is this possible if man's average life span is only 72 years? Reich said that there are two possibilities: Suspended animation, or "quickfreeze", and there is a theory that as you approach the speed of light, time slows, and that if you maintain the speed of light, time stops!

"What will be the conclusion to the space program" I asked Reich. He replied, "Space is the final frontier. There are no frontiers left on Earth. Man has historically crossed the frontiers--he wants to know because it's nature to explore. Space is limitless. Wherever we go, there's always something more. We never hope to solve the mystery of space. . . ."

open trips to moon in 12 years

"Nothing pleased the newsmen more than to be able to say I told you so" was "Chicago Today's" Aviation and Space Editor Peter Reich's opening statement as he spoke to approximately 60 persons in Jefferson Auditorium Tuesday, Oct. 28.

Reich went on to explain that in 1961, when President John F. Kennedy brought forth the idea of the U.S. having the first man on the moon, the Russians were far ahead of the U.S. in the space program. Newsmen had predicted that America would be the first on the moon, and when astronauts Ed Aldrin and Neil Armstrong stepped onto the moon's surface and made a dream a reality, the newsmen gloated in their glory.

Reich, who has gone through training with the Apollo astronauts, and will probably be the first newsman on the moon, used slides to help his listeners better understand what he was talking about. The first slide showed the space capsule that caught fire and took the lives of astronauts Gus Grissom, William Chaffee and Edward White in January, 1967. Being top man in his field of reporting, Reich had become good friends with all three men and said, "I wept when I heard this terrible news."

As Reich showed a picture of the Saturn rocket, most of the watchers uttered gasps of amazement at the immenseness of the vehicle which stands 364 feet tall and is capable of producing 7.5 million pounds thrust. In common terms this means that the Saturn is 36 stories tall, and to produce that much power it would take "A string of locomotives, lined up back to back, from Champaign to New York."

Reich said that when Apollo 11 took off for the moon, "the ground shook, the gallery shook, and my typewriter fell off the table." He said that as the rocket lifted off "we went wild, we jumped up and down saying 'go-go-go baby, all the way to the moon!'"

After Reich showed his slides, he conducted an open forum question and answer session. One question was "Why are we spending so much money in space when there are people starving right here on earth?" Reich replied that "in the last eight years the U.S. has spent only 24 billion dollars, three billion a year. That figures out to be only a nickel a day per person. Three billion dollars a year is only a fraction of what we spend a year on welfare."

Reich also said that by putting up weather satellites, "many lives have been saved" because scientists have received advance hurricane warnings. In the future, Reich added, men in space stations may be able to conduct medical experiments and treatments that wouldn't be as effective on earth. "Because of the lack of pressure," Reich said, "heart patients that use up valuable energy on Earth just maintaining stability, could strengthen their hearts with that energy in space." He added, "we are going into space to provide a better life on earth."

When Reich was asked about civilian trips to the moon he said, "Lindberg flew across the ocean the first time in 1927 and in 1935, 12 years later, there were China clippers going across. So conceivably within 12 years we could have regular flights to the moon." He said that the scientists are now predicting having hotels in space. He laughed as he said "we could have the damndest gymnasium you've ever seen!"

As the discussion ended, Reich stressed that the space program "is truly a team effort. It takes literally hundreds of thousands of people."



PETER REICH SPEAKS about space in Jefferson Aud. October 28.

At Last--- A Dean of Students

Dr. Gary Armon James, formerly an intern here with the student personnel department, will become PC's new Dean of Students December 1.

Approval of James' appointment by the college board was announced in a written statement by President Staerkel Nov-

ember 4. The statement read in part, "Dr. James is no stranger to Parkland College, having served as an intern with our student personnel department during his work toward the doctorate at the University of Illinois."

"From this association he came to be highly regarded by those of our staff who worked with him. In addition, he obtained an understanding of Parkland College's philosophy and procedures which will serve him well in his new position."

Dr. James, who is presently Dean of Instruction at Spoon River Junior College in Canton, recently received his Doctor of Education Degree from the U of I at age 31. He got his BS in 1960 and his MA in 1962 from Sam Houston State College, Huntsville, Texas. He has also done post-graduate work at Stanford and Florida State Universities.

James has taught at Sam Houston State and at the Union High School in Salinas, Calif. He was also a teacher, counselor and coach at Hartnell College in California and a counselor at West Valley College in California.

Dr. James, his wife, Jean, and two children are currently seeking residence in the Champaign-Urbana area and hope to move from Canton over the Thanksgiving holiday.

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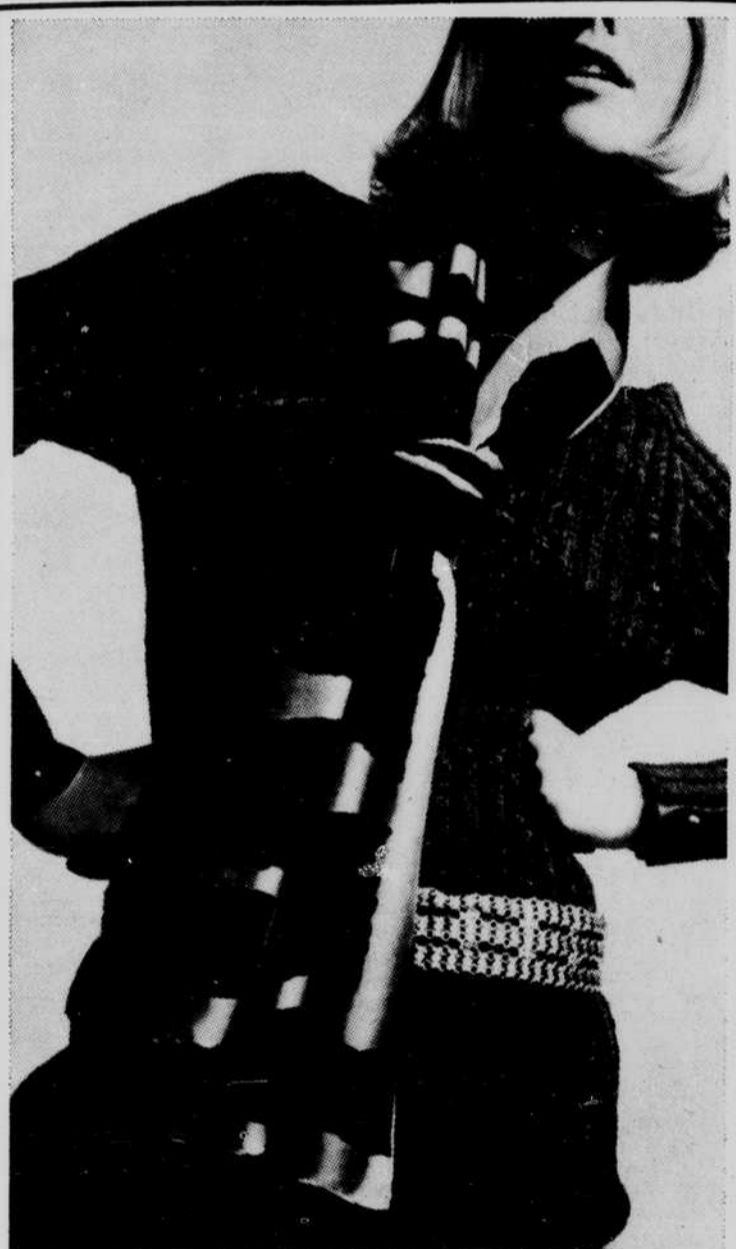
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ROBESON'S

A Man for all Seasons

Dear Abbey...

by RANDY RUSSELL
Sports Editor

Last week the student senator of Athletics Liz Sharp and I paid a visit to Parkland's Athletic Director Joe Abbey to discuss the possibilities of a baseball team this spring. The funny thing is, we didn't accomplish very much.

Abbey contends that he would "love to have a baseball team

Randy Russell,
Sports Editor



at Parkland," but at the same time he misses Sharp to want one.

When Miss Sharp presented the possibilities that would enable the athletic budget to support a baseball team, Abbey commented, "I'm not going to have any young kid, ignorant of finances, to tell me how to make up a budget. If it isn't done my way, there won't be a baseball thrown at Parkland."

One of Abbey's main concerns is the amount of student participation on a baseball as op-

posed to other sports. "On a baseball team, only nine men can compete at one time, while on a track team considerably more people can take part," he said. In comparing baseball with just track, this statement would be true. But how about basketball, cross country, golf and wrestling. . . the remainder of competitive sports at Parkland?

ONLY TWO RUNNERS

Abbey implies that a track team will help offset the various sports (basketball, golf) that have low student participation. But he has little knowledge of who or how many track men he'll have. One good indication is the cross-country team turnout, with two runners, since cross country is usually known as a good track-preparatory sport. This writer is positive that, because of the 300 names that were secured via petitions, baseball would have about 40 candidates. Also, as has been noted in the past, there would be more people at a baseball game than at a track meet.

When the point of student interest was brought up, Abbey stated, "Don't talk to me if you want a baseball team, talk to my superiors, they make these decisions."

The first superior that came to this writer's mind was Parkland President William Staerkel who, after the November 3 student government meeting, commented, "I'm surprised there has been such a big interest in baseball, I would like to see in Parkland be-

gin a baseball program."

Also, a visit by Liz Sharp with Dean of Instruction Donald Swank and President Staerkel indicated the "upper men" were in favor of a baseball program.

So where does Abbey fit in? He's only the director of Athletics and contends, "I didn't have a thing to do with starting cross-country, golf, wrestling, and track."

ABBEY'S ROLE

Maybe Abbey didn't play the final role of bringing these competitive sports into Parkland's program. However, considering his position as head of the athletic department, it would be reasonable to assume that he, at least, recommended these sports. When asked if he would recommend baseball, Abbey said, "Sure, I'll recommend baseball, and also girls' track. . ."

It appears that, in order to get a baseball team, continued student support is needed. Student Government, which at its November 3 meeting gave full support to baseball and put it on the agenda, would like all baseball candidates to attend their November 17 meeting, according to Student Government President Darrell Farris. Also, all baseball candidates should contact Liz Sharp as soon as possible in the Student Government office, located in the Student Center (directly across from the bookstore).

Staerkel Fields Hot Grounders

by RANDY RUSSELL

"I think the interest in baseball at Parkland is fine. But, there are some problems that need to be worked out first." These are the words Parkland College President William Staerkel used when asked to comment on the student body's sudden interest in a baseball team.

The problems appear to be associated with scheduling, where to play, and where to store uniforms. Scheduling, according to Staerkel, depends on whether the nearby colleges have already made up their baseball schedules for the upcoming season. As for the diamond and uniform problems, Staerkel said, "A serious consideration is whether the college can secure a baseball field and if there would be sufficient room to store uniforms."

The petitions currently in distribution around the campus lead to another problem. According to Staerkel, the petitions are signed and put before the administration, a meeting of the administration and interested stu-

dents will be held, primarily to declare the validity of the motive behind the petitions. If a suitable response is shown at the meeting, then Dean Swank and myself will confer with Joe Abbey to see if he thinks baseball is a feasible idea."



Golfers Finish 5-7

by STEVE PETRY

Golf in the fall?

This is what Coach Richard Norris' golf team was subject to. It may sound crazy playing golf in the fall, but there is a logical explanation behind it. Coach Norris said that the availability of a place to play golf was the main reason for a fall golf season. Because the courses in our area would be too crowded in the spring golf was switched to a fall schedule. Norris also said that the weather in the fall was more suitable for the game.

Coach Norris is a graduate from Indiana where he received a BS in recreation. He also received a Masters degree in recreation from Indiana State University. He has had 12 years of experience in Public Park Recreation and (as expected) has an intense interest in golf. He is an instructor in the Parkland College Physical Education Division and is the Parkland College golf coach.

Coach Norris guided Parkland's first golf team to a res-

pectable 5-7 season in individual matches. Led by John Hoppe, the Cobra Links shot a 338 to capture ninth place out of a field of 17 teams at the Danville Invitational. First place honors went to Rock Valley College which shot a 306.

In the 26-team State College meet the Cobra Links were tenth. Led by the season's number one

golfer, Steve Long, the golfers shot a 350.

This year's golf team included:

- Steve Long
- John Hoppe
- Doug Eubanks
- Dave Werkman
- Bill Grant
- Mike Helbling
- John Morrison

First Game Is Tuesday

Cagers Experienced; Practices Sharp

Parkland's second basketball team which is head coach Ken Prichett would like to have, will test its skills for the first time Tuesday, November 18 when it travels to Chanute AFB to oppose the airmen.

"We would like to have a big man, but we don't so we'll just have to get along without one," Prichett said. "We are going to try and fast break when the opportunity is there, but if the chance isn't there, we'll set things up and work for the good shot."

Although he has yet to name a starting lineup, Prichett is pretty well decided on six players as possible starters for the Chanute contest. Out of these, four will be first-year men.

Definite starters will be two mainstays from last year's 7-15 squad, Ron Butler, a versatile 6-2 forward of Urbana, and rugged 6-4 Dale Smith will open at the forward slots for Prichett. Butler was the team's leading scorer a year ago, while Smith was third in both scoring and rebounding.

The biggest man on the team, 6-6 Butch Wolfe, who hails from Lawrenceville, is the leading candidate for the center post. Prichett and his new assistant, Jim Reed, have three players they could move into starting berths. Joe McNeal, a dazzling

guard from Champaign Central, is almost a sure starter. At the other guard spot, Herbert LeShoure, a 5-8 guard from Champaign Centennial, is a top prospect for the opener.

If Prichett wants more muscle on the hardwood, he could bring in bruising Ardell Webb, Webb, a 6-2 forward-center of Urbana, could move Butler to a guard hole, providing additional rebounding power.

Even though they have not played an official game yet, Parkland's cagers are not without experience. In fact, they have whipped two industrial teams in scrimmages.

After the last scrimmage, Prichett remarked, "We are really coming along now, I would even say that in the past two weeks, we have come along more than a whole month. This team is much farther along at this stage than last year's team."

He continued, "Ronnie and Dale have picked up where they left off last year, and with Joe in there we have a team leader out front. Ardell is probably coming along better than anyone. Overall, I think we will be ready for the opener."

After the Chanute game, the cagers will travel out of state for the first time in their short history when they go to Vincennes, Ind., for a Thanksgiving tournament.



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