

# PROSPECTUS

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## Gemini House Provides Drug Rescue

by Patric Warnock

The staff at Gemini House is real, and they have all done drugs. The purpose of Gemini House now is to provide a rescue and information center.

Bob Walsh, director, explained the immediate and future goals of Gemini House Saturday. "Freak outs are unnecessary. Too much bad stuff, or being alone, can cause a bumner. The best thing to do if you do drop, is drop with a friend who is not high."

The drug rescue aspect is to "turn a bad trip into a good one." Someone having a bad trip can call in and be talked to, can be brought in, or we will go to them. "This is 24 hours a day seven days a week."

### Phase One

The drug rescue and information center are phase one of the project. Gemini House as such started September 1. Walsh has a bachelors in Sociology from the U. of I. He had been on the west coast looking at drug centers, but returned here and became active with the board of directors. At present there are six full time staff members.

Currently, Gemini House is not financed. Walsh said, "We are working on various sources for funds. Federal, state, and local sources are being canvassed. We are going to flood the place with letters asking for funds."

### Organization

Gemini House was being put on paper Saturday. Walsh explained that if everyone connected with the project should suddenly die, the concept and organization would still be there. "You must have the place on paper, but not so much as to lose informality. You have to sacrifice something when you organize this way, but it has to be or you would have well intentioned people not knowing what the hell was going on."

The second phase will hopefully begin May 1. It will include individual and family counseling, referrals from courts, and probationers.

Gemini will be "constantly revamping to care for the needs of the community." Walsh compared it to AA, which was started by citizens because they saw a need. In much the same way we have fulfilled a need."

### "... youth project run by youth"

This is a youth project run by youth. It will have a flexible schedule. Walsh stated that he and the staff will canvass schools in the area to find what the students want and need. Gemini Foundation will lend its name to projects that a group may want to explore. It will not necessarily give financial assistance, but say, "We recognize this group."

### Community Support

The community must get behind it and support it if it is to work. Much as the AA has the community's support, so too must Gemini. Along the support idea, the house is in need of a television and stereo; they don't have to be new, but in decent condition.

If anyone is in need of Gemini, the number is 344-6400, and the address is 1210 West Main, Urbana.  
Next: Rapping at Gemini

## Kiwanis Desires To Serve

by Larry Snook

Kiwanis international is a men's service organization whose stated purpose, "Service to Youth, Community, and Nation," is an apt description of the work its members undertake. They are business and professional men who voluntarily share in the burden of community leadership. Kiwanis is a phenomenon of the twentieth century. Its members are motivated by a common desire to serve, plus a desire for fellowship.

Kiwanis serves in the United States, Canada, Mexico, Central

and South America, the Caribbean Area, the Far East, the Southwest Pacific, and Europe. By far the greatest number of its clubs are in the United States and Canada, the countries of its origin.

The name "Kiwanis" has an Indian flavor. It is a coined word taken from the language of the Indians around Detroit. The original term was "Nun Keewanis." It means, roughly, "self-expression."

Kiwanis is unique in that it sponsors two youth service organizations, similar to itself,

one for college men and one for high school men. Circle K International numbers more than 800 clubs on campuses throughout the United States. Circle K was founded at Washington State College, Pullman, Washington, in 1936.

If you feel a Circle K club might be of some interest to you, a meeting will be held November 17 in the Jefferson Building basement from 11:00 to 12:00. Come have a coke on us and get in on the ground level as this club starts to grow.

The last President. They are: Mark Hanold, President; Pat Kelly, Vice President; Cheryl Moore, Treasurer; Shirley Dart, Secretary; and Stephanie Cambell and Rodney Peacock as Sergeant at Arms.

Danville Junior College started the organization and chose the name. The name trial and error was chosen and then the Greek words TAU EPSILON were adopted to represent the first letters in the two words.

The Parkland feels this is a very appropriate name because data processing is actually a series of trials in which finding your errors you correct them. So in an explanation to Parkland, TAU EPSILON is an organization where the Data Processing and present members hope that all data processing students can release their frustrations and enjoy themselves socially with their fellow co-workers.



## Stevenson, Smith End Tours In C-U

by Patric Warnock

Adlai Stevenson III and Ralph Smith wound up their campaigns last week at Willard airport.

Smith said the Democratic machine in Chicago is "geared up for the usual vote frauds." He charged that a vote for Stevenson "is a vote against Nixon."

Ed Kucharski, travelling with Smith, said that the Republicans would carry Cook County.

Stevenson, coming in later than Smith, said he tried to talk the issue through the campaign and resort to insults. He denied that a vote for him is a vote against the President: "Not a rubber stamp or an obstructionist."

Stevenson, also made reference to the support Smith received from persons not from Illinois. "We don't need presidents, vice

presidents, governors, or anyone else trying to tell the people how to vote." Stevenson had only had Muskie speak at a fund raising occasion.

Stevenson, Bakalis, and Dixon proved to be the winners as Tuesday ended. All won their contests with a good margin. It had been a bitter campaign, especially in the senate race. The question of "law and order" was constantly bombarding the voter.

Pictures of youths demonstrating, long haired persons calling the police "facists pigs" had been present in Smith's ads. It appears through Smith's ads that far left and far right were meeting.

Smith said he would change a lot in his campaign if he had it to do over, whereas Stevenson said he would not.



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## Tau Epsilon Is Here

by Cathy Schumacher

The data processing faculty and students have organized a club which will be called TAU EPSILON. The idea for this organization was introduced by Parkland by Mr. Kevin Northrup, who has had previous experience with the TAU EPSILON at Danville Junior College.

The club has had three meetings so far in getting itself off the ground. Officers were elected at

# EDITORIALS

## PROBLEMS OF OUR TIMES

# Race - The Human Absurdity

by K. William Avery

Race is by far one of the most controversial issues of our times. I feel also, that it is probably one of the most ridiculous. This is so because almost every issue involving race is in essence a contest of biases and petty prejudices. Granted, many are the result of deep seated feelings, but this makes them none the less absurd.

There is only one way that we will ever solve our problems in this area, and this is to be completely objective in our judgment. Objectivity is an almost unsurmountable obstacle and can only be attained by full use of reason and logic. To use full reason and logic one must be aware of the facts; the true facts and not what one wishes to be the facts.

There are, generally speaking, two categories into which the subject of race can fall, scientific and social. In order to deal with the social aspect we must first sort out the scientific.

### Physical Characteristics

We cannot deny the obvious, there are definite physical differences between the races of man. Because our race relations are most strained between black and white peoples in this country, I shall deal only with these. The Negro has a slightly narrower, longer, and shorter head. He also has a smaller braincase (Brain size has no necessary connection with intelligence). The Caucasian has a narrower gap between his eyes, and a higher hairline on the forehead. The Negro has a

broader nose with a lower bridge, a more jutting jaw, and thicker lips. The Caucasian has longer external ears and a longer torso (about 1 1/4 inches.). The Negro has a shallower chest, a smaller and narrower pelvis, and longer legs. He also has smaller stature with greater weight. He has characteristically darker skin and more frizzy hair. In addition he has more sweat glands, and slightly larger teeth. As for skin color science does not know enough about human biochemistry to fully understand the most important reasons for differences in human skin color. It might be noted here also that "The differences between races are of the same kind as the differences between groups of people within races." (Dr. Paul A. Moody, "Genetics of Man").

Just as there are differences between our two races, so are there similarities. First of all there is no difference in intellectual potential (this is a factor of environment). The brain of both races looks the same, and skull growth is similar. The Negro head appears to some people to be drooping, however, it is not and appears that way because of the jaw. The Negro hand is not larger, but the fingers are generally longer than a Caucasians. The Negro's eyes are the same but have the larger appearance because of their less angular orbit. Finally, the Negro penis is not generally larger. "This particular story is nearly 200 years old, dating from that pioneer anthropologist Blumenback, who saw 'an Oetheopian

with a remarkable genitory apparatus.' Whereas, he, the scientist, only wondered whether this prerogative was 'constant and peculiar with the nation,' many others for reasons of their own have assumed it to be the case. . . It is not." (Anthony Smith, "The Body").

### Intelligence

The intellectual differences within any race are far greater than any differences between races. I stated earlier that there are no differences in intellectual potential and that this is a factor of environment. Any average differences that may be found tend to be small and of no significance. The important thing here is the application of intelligence factors in education and social standing. Any programs for education, or environmental improvement should, where they do not now, consider individuals without regard to race. The final outcome is that racial intelligence differences are due to environment and not to mental ability on the part of any race; it is strictly an individual characteristic.

### Race Mixture

The concept of 'pure races' has long been a strong racist assertion. The concept of 'pure race' is a myth conceived in a fuzzy mind. There has been racial diversity and mixing in existence since man became man. Race mixture has always been a characteristic of mankind. Biologically, it is normal and hybrids are normal and healthy. Actually, they tend to be sturdier. I might dispell another myth here also. There are no disharmonies

between the female pelvis outlet and the baby's head in mulatto births as is often believed.

Race mixture is not a biological problem but strictly a social dilemma. I do not consider it too optimistic to feature a future where race mixture is normal and matter-of-fact, after elimination of prejudices on the part of all concerned. I might also say here that I am personally in favor of miscegenation (interbreeding of races) as a definite possibility. I have seen only one reporting that indicated a disastrous result from race mixing. This book was "The Biology of the Race Problem", by Dr. Wesley Critz George. The significance of this work seems diminished when I contemplate the fact that it was commissioned by Governor George C. Wallace of Alabama. This fact has definite undesirable indications to me.

### Identity vs Equality

I have suggested by this heading that equality and identity are two different things. This fact disturbs many people and causes them to ignore differences in their devotion to bringing about racial harmony. All the matters I have introduced here shows one thing; race formation in man is no different than race formation in any other species. Movement of peoples and natural selection cause differences. However, these differences have nothing whatever to do with equality. This is a strict ethical concept and not a scientific one. Our Constitution reads that "All men are created equal", it does not say that they are identical. "Simply stated, equality means equal status before the law and equal status in human social relations in spite of genetic difference." ("Animal Species and Evolution" by Dr. E. Mayer. This means only one thing, skin color and all manner of other racial differences are immaterial in social and legal relationships. (Cont next issue)

## Letters to Editor

Dear Mister Editor:

As you probably know, the Biology courses are run somewhat differently at Parkland than at many other places.

Most of the work is done only by the student by use of tape recordings, posters, etc. This idea is fine, when the student has enough time to devote to this sort of thing. At the beginning of the quarter, the instructors said that students should spend at least four hours a week in the lab. But what happens when we don't have that much time to spend in there? We're just plain out of luck! The problem lies in that there is only one hour a week when we can ask questions of the instructor, and more often than not, that time is taken up by talking about other things.

My biggest complaint is that many times when I have gone to the Biology lab to do the assigned work, I have not been able to concentrate. The reason is that people are laughing, talking in loud voices, and being boisterous to the point of distracting other students. Not every student is guilty of this, but as in most cases, a few spoil it for everyone.

When I was there last week, in the booth next to me a guy was openly fondling his girlfriend's legs. Very distracting!

Worst of all, some of the instructors are as guilty as the students. They, too, laugh and literally raise hell. To me, this is very unfair to the students, and uncomplimentary to the college.

I am not signing my name to this letter because if I did I would jeopardize my equality with other students, and I feel that I wouldn't be given a fair chance by some of the instructors. Please print this as I feel it tells the feelings of other Biology students.

Sign me,  
Disgusted

Dear Sir:

This was adapted from the publication NAVMC-2680, "Know Your Enemy."

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3. I swear to fight firmly for the people without complaint and without becoming discouraged even if life is hard or dangerous. I will go forward in combat without fear, will never retreat regardless of suffering involved.

4. I swear to learn to fight better and shape myself into a true American soldier battling invading communism and their servants, seeking to make the United States democratic, wealthy, and strong.

5. I swear to preserve organizational secrecy, and to keep secret my unit's plans.

6. I swear if taken by the enemy I will not reveal information even under torture. I will remain faithful to the United States and not be bribed by the enemy.

7. I swear in the name of unity to love my friends in my unit as myself, to work cooperatively with them in combat and at all other times.

8. I swear to maintain and protect my weapons, ensuring they are never damaged or captured by the enemy.

9. I swear that in my relationships with foreign citizens I will do three things and eschew three things. I will respect, protect, and help the people; I will not steal from, threaten, nor inconvenience the people. I will do all things to win their confidence.

10. I swear to indulge in self-criticism, to be a model soldier of the United States of America, and never to harm either the mission of the army or the government.

The above oath must be sworn to by all Viet Cong as part of their basic training. There were, of course, several changes made in the wording to render the oath applicable to the American serviceman.

This oath signifies the determined spirit necessary to win a defeat and conquer the mind and soul of a nation. How much greater our goal must be to overcome this spirit.

Larry Snook

Dear Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to express my opinion on a small phase of Parkland's grading system.

There seems to be a prevailing rule in the individual classes, that missed quizzes are not subject to make-ups. Some instructors provide for the dropping of the

Bruce Murray

## Comments

As more stories about drugs and drug abuse come into the spotlight, the need for rehabilitation centers becomes greater. These drug centers can be an invaluable asset. Such is Gemini House.

I was at Gemini House last week, and talked with the staff members. I was tremendously impressed with the sincerity and dedication these people showed.

The Gemini program is headed up by Bob Walsh, with other staff members being Mark Smith, Pete Visel, Charles Burtis, Roy Grossman, and Wayne Carter.

Mark Smith, with whom I talked extensively, believes that most drug users will, sooner or later, tire of drugs as he did. "I quit," said Smith, "because I saw what drugs were doing to me. I said, wow, what a drag. I was getting wrapped up with myself and my own bag, and I wasn't relating to other people. I was a real speed freak when I was about fifteen. When I came to Champaign, I started dealing. I mean I was really dealing big. I quit dealing because it was a big paranoia trip."

Many times drugs and drug centers can be touchy subjects. The people at Gemini have overcome their anxieties and have recognized a need, and a job to be done. That job is helping people in need. How do people get involved in drug centers? Smith got into it like this: "I worked at a medical tent at Woodstock. While I was there I learned a lot about treat-

ment. I kind of used Champaign as a base while traveling this summer. When I read that Gemini House was really happening, I said wow, they can use me. I was experienced at drug rescue by now, and I really got into it here."

lowest quiz grade, while others do not. This usually compensates for the missed quizzes. There are many students that miss class for a substantial reason, but their grades are jeopardized by missed quizzes. I feel it only fair, that a student be evaluated on his performance of exams taken, not on quizzes missed.

Therefore I suggest that there be a general rule made, providing for quiz make-ups, to a reasonable extent. If not this, then remove the emphasis placed on the quizzes.

Sincerely,  
Reebau I. Edwards

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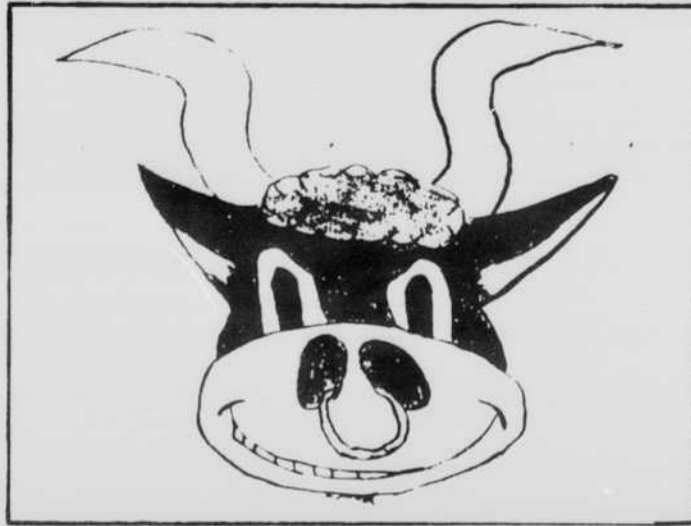
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## Tau Epsilon

All people in Data Processing interested in joining this organization are encouraged to check the bulletin board outside the computer room where dates, places and times for meetings will be posted. Support your school organizations.

## Wit N' Wisdom

"Any party which takes credit for the rain must not be surprised if its opponents blame it for the drought."

## Winter Transfer I.S.U. - Normal

Illinois State's enrollment increased by 2,800 which was about 600 over the projected enrollment; consequently, ISU is in hopes of cutting back its enrollment. The quota for this January for transfers with fewer than 60 credit hours has already been filled. There are, however, openings for transfers with over 60 hours. The university has limited acceptance of applications for admissions from transfer students with fewer than 60 credit hours. Up to now, there has been no minimum hour requirements for qualified transfer students.

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## Drug Center

Anyone in need of information on or help with a drug problem is encouraged to contact Gemini House, 1310 W. Main, Urbana. Phone 344-6400. Its open 24 hours a day.

## Circle K

A formation meeting for Circle K will be held in the Jefferson Building from 11:00 to 12:00 A. M. November 17th.

## Phi Beta Lambda

The Future Business Leaders Club holds its meetings each Tuesday in C - 109 at 11:00 A. M. All people in the business curriculum are encouraged to attend.

## IOC

The next meeting of the IOC will be in the Quiet Lounge on November 24th at 7:00 P.M. All organizations are required to have a representative present. The election of the IOC Executive Board and its constitution will be taken up.

## Graduation Petitions

Students who plan to receive degrees or certificates at the close of the Fall Quarter (December 11, 1970), must file and "Intent To Graduate" petition in the Office of Admissions and Records no later than November 20, 1970.

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## United Fund Drive

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## Vets Meeting

There will be a special meeting of the Vets Association on November 17th at 11:00 A.M. in room M-13 and at 7:00 P.M. in the Quiet Loungs. Mr. John Howell from the Federal VA office will be the guest speaker. All vets are encouraged to attend one of these sessions.

## Pre Registration

To arrange your winter schedule, see your faculty advisor between November 9 and 18th.

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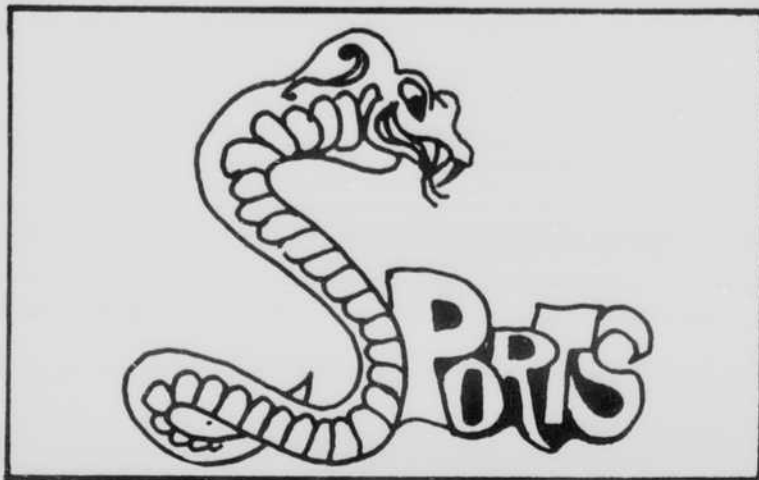
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# I'm For Real

## Parkland vs MacMurry

The seasons first wrestling match will be played in the Armory Wednesday, November 25 at 5:00. The public is urged to attend. The match will be video taped courtesy of the IRC people. The cheerleading squad will also make their debut at this sporting contest.

After the match the players of each team and parents are invited for refreshments.

Why all this for a wrestling match because of previous experience Coach Grothe knows student support is practically non-existent in wrestling. Fifty percent of the students that attend Parkland are from Champaign-Urbana and it is felt not enough enthusiasm is stirred in these people to come to Parkland sporting events be it wrestling or basketball.

A wrestling match was to be

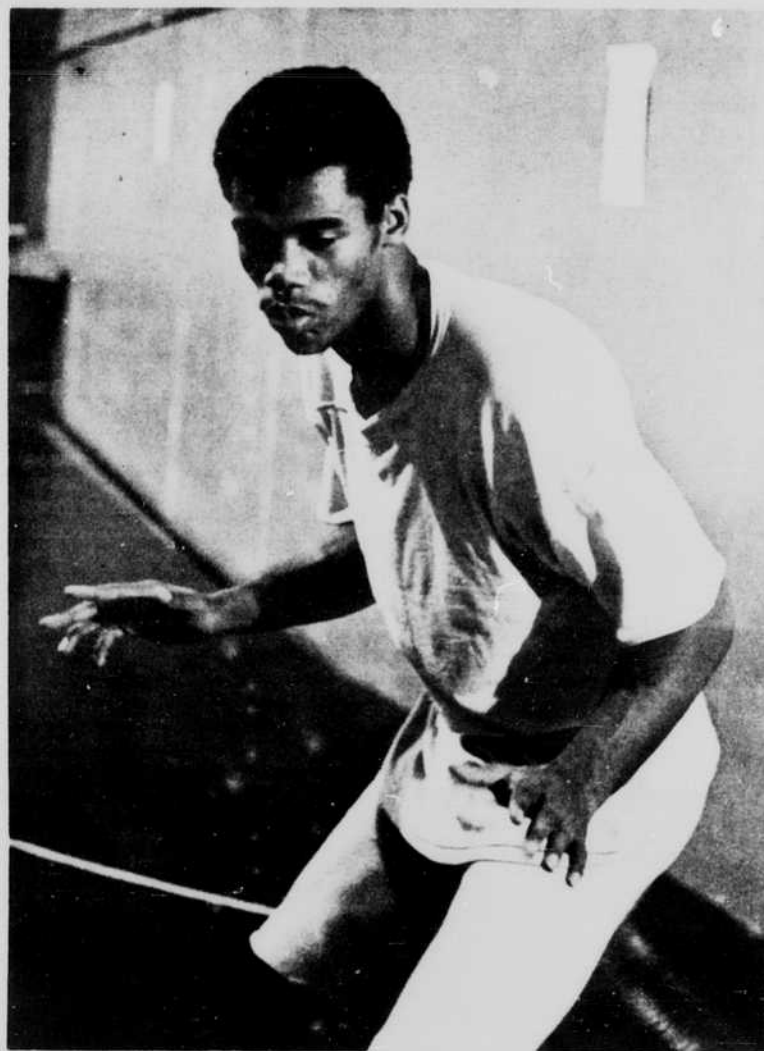
scheduled at the student center at college hour. The philosophy behind this was if you can't get the people to come you bring it to the people. Unfortunately this idea has been all but scrubbed because the other team would be forced to miss classes.

Things are underway for this year and the ever present hopes for a winning season are taking shape. Parkland has an outstanding wrestling team with 22 boys out-would it be too much to ask if 22 spectators come?

Ginny



As basketball tryouts come to a close the hopefuls are now "gunning" for position. Pictured above are three such men (l. to r.) Jean Landon, guard from Catlin; Jesse Goodpaste forward from Rantoul and Barry Morse, guard from Shiloh.



Attacking our cameraman is Charles Moore second year wrestler.

## Junior Colleges Should Attract Athletes

by Jimi Kimmitt

Athletic departments in Jr. Colleges throughout the country are controlled by regulations which limit recruiting of possible Athletes.

The Parkland Athletic department interviews many high school seniors each year and while interviewing the hopeful they present the Education program as their biggest asset when competing with other Jr. Colleges in the state. Other qualities of the school that are presented are, good teachers, excellent athletic program, and a good athletic area to be in while going to school at Parkland. A possible Jr. College Athlete should also be aware that in a two year school he will participate in more sport events. At Parkland a basketball player can play in as many as fifty games during his two years here.

Many Jr. Colleges offer a program where Athletes are given a part time job which is arranged around their school work and sports time. This job can assist them in paying tuition and buying books. If an athlete is from another district or lives far enough away from campus where he would need to find a place to live, no help can be given by the Jr. College.

In some Jr. College districts local business men contribute money to a program that assists an athlete with his living expenses while in school, in return the business men are rewarded with a good team and high spirits, Parkland is not one of these.

It is apparent that most Super Star athletes prefer a big University where the financial benefits are much greater. Athlete's should note that their first two years in school are the hardest and at a small school more individual attention is given, plus they have a chance to show their talent on the varsity team their first year in school.

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### Sport Briefs

By Jimi Kimmitt

Track practice begins December 1st in the Armory. Nine people have been working out and at least ten more are expected. If interested contact Coach Ron Butler in the Armory.

Intramural Basketball play will begin November 19, in the Armory. All interested men are to form a team and then submit their names to the Athletic Office in the Armory. At least ten teams are expected this year. Sign up now.

The Prospectus is expected to have one of the power house teams of the league this year. The team will be led by Coach Ginny Patton and Trainer M. J. Harshbarger.



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# Bra Burners?

by: Joan Taylor

The Convocation Board will sponsor a teach-in on Women's Liberation, November 17, 18, 19, in order to help the Parkland College community understand what the feminist movement is about. That's a challenging task in view of the wide range of ideals and goals held by the numerous groups which consider themselves part of the movement. However, there are some beliefs which all such groups have in common, and it is these that the Board wishes to emphasize. Generally, people in Women's Liberation groups want men and women to be free to choose their roles in life, and not to be restricted by sex roles which society now thrusts upon them. Women's Liberation is not about bra burners. The small percentage of women who participate in such activities do so to get the attention of the general public, and they are succeeding. Now the time has come for the public to listen to what women in the movement are saying. What is Women's Liberation about? During the teach-in articles concerning the movement will be available in the Student Center near the display.

On Tuesday, November 17, at 11 a.m. in the Quiet Lounge, Dr. Marianne Ferber, member of the economics department at the U of I, will speak and answer questions

about women in the job market. Specifically she will explain why giving women equal job opportunities will not take jobs away from men. At 12:30 p.m., the same day and place Dianne Graebner will present "Women and Media", a slide show. Following the slide presentation will be a panel discussion of women and the media. Members of the panel will be: Jane Rigney, reporter for the News Gazette, Paula Peters, reporter for the Courier, and Carol Scherer.

Wednesday, November 18, at 11 a.m. Judy Duchan, graduate student of psychology at the U of I and Joan Taylor will talk about the socialization of women.

Thursday, November 19, at 11 a.m. Heather Sigworth, visiting professor of law at the U of I will talk about the legal status of women. For example, did you know that in many states women are classified as minors?

At 1 p.m. on November 19, a panel will discuss various topics in which members of women's liberation groups are interested. Panel members are: Leigh Kennedy, day care centers; Linda Crowe, children's books; Betty Van Es, variety of life styles; Kay Mathews a Parkland student's viewpoint. The Convocation Board hopes you have time to attend these discussions and learn about Women's Liberation.

# Parkland Has Transfer Seminar

by Nancy Kennedy

The counseling office is holding a series of seminars for Parkland students who plan to transfer to another school. Mr. Stephen Fischer and Mrs. Judith Riggs have organized the seminar program. The purpose is to answer generally the many questions students have about transferring.

Most Parkland students transfer to a state school in Illinois, separate sessions will be held for each school. If possible, a representative from the school will be present to answer specific questions. Mr. Fischer said that he is also trying to get former Parkland students who have transferred to also come.

Sessions will also be held concerning financial aids and admission procedures, which will include when to apply, evaluation of credits, and specific admission requirements for each state school.

This is the first year the transfer seminars have been held. If the students find them helpful and worthwhile, they will be continued in the future.

## TRANSFER SEMINAR SCHEDULE

November 3 - Pre-admission (What to look for in a school) Private and State schools

- 1) Transfer Requirements (General)
- 2) Undergraduate Programs
- 3) Specialities
- 4) Enrollment
- 5) Tuition and Fees

November 24 - Admission Procedures

- 1) When to Apply
- 2) Evaluation of Credits
- 3) Specific Admission Requirements for each school

Sessions Covering Specific Questions Concerning Each State School

December 1 - University of Illinois

January 19 - Financial Aids

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# Women's Liberation Quiz

Answers to this questionnaire will be posted at the Women's Liberation Teach-In display.

18. A woman should subordinate her own emotional needs and cater to the man's.

20. Female receptivity and male aggression in sex are determined by biology.

## TRUE OR FALSE

1. Unequal pay for the same work is against the law.
2. Since men need money to support families, they should be hired before equally qualified women.
3. Since women are more emotional than men, they have less potential to hold responsible positions.
4. There is a higher rate of absenteeism among men professionals than among women professionals.
5. Boys have more of an ingenuous aptitude for science than girls.
6. The sex roles of characters in children's books portray women as less important and less effectual than men.
7. Women are as intelligent as men but have been taught not to show it.
8. Guidance counselors should discourage women from going into masculine fields and men from entering feminine fields.
9. Men who cook, do dishes, and wash clothes are henpecked.
10. Women who mow lawns, pay bills, and repair appliances are roosterpecked.
11. Communal living offers a possible solution to the problem of women trapped at home.
12. It's a child's right to have his mother at home until he starts school.
13. A woman who feels unhappy staying home with her children has emotional problems and should see a counselor.
14. Day care centers can provide good stimulation and learning for young children.
15. Men should not have children unless they plan to spend full time caring for them.
16. All people, even those without small children, should be required to help pay the cost of day-care centers.
17. A man should not derive prestige from having a beautiful wife or date.

# The Abortion Procedure

## EDITOR'S NOTE:

We received this as a letter to the editor, but didn't have room to print it as such, because it is news, and could possibly help someone, we feel obligated to print it.

We thought it would give you much relief to know more about the abortion procedure. We use the vacuum-aspiration method, and this method is the most advanced and really very simple, safe and painless.

First, the doctor's assistant will spend the first five to ten minutes in the office informally talking with the patient. Then the assistant will review the completed questionnaire to determine the probable length of the pregnancy and any medical precautions that need to be taken. Next, the assistant will explain the entire procedure step-by-step to the patient. This understanding will remove any fears or doubts the patient has about the procedure, because she will see exactly how simple, safe and painless the vacuum-aspiration method of abortion is. While waiting for the doctor, the patient and the assistant will continue conversing. The assistant has been carefully trained to be sure to handle this conversation so the patient leaves here in excellent psychological condition.

Then the doctor will review her case and explain what he will do. He will examine her to be sure the length of her pregnancy. She will

then be given a local anesthetic. When the doctor performs the abortion, the only discomfort the patient may experience is about one minute of menstrual cramps, but due to our methods, over one-half of all our patients experience no discomfort whatsoever.

Most patients can walk right out after the abortion, though some may feel a little dizzy or drunk due to the anesthetic shot. A few patients feel a little tired after the abortion-especially if they have travelled far to get here or if they have not been sleeping well for the last night or two due to worry. These sleepy patients we put in the recovery room for ten to thirty minutes afterwards. If your friend or relative goes to the recovery room we'll bring you there to sit and talk with her.

In any case, we will return her to you smiling, healthy, and much relieved, though slightly tired. She probably will be hungry and thirsty and will want to go to eat immediately.

You can help by carefully reading her "Instructions" sheet during the first few hours afterwards, and, by feeding her. While waiting in our lounge, please make yourself at home. Please do not hesitate to give us suggestions that you think will improve our services.

Thank you,  
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