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The Pygmalion Festival brings community together



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The 10th Annual Pygmalion Music Festival took place in downtown Champaign and Urbana, and featured bands, vendors and artists throughout the event beginning Thursday, Sept. 25-Sunday, Sept. 28, 2014.

Scott Barnes Staff Writer

It was a beautiful Thursday night in Urbana, and instead of heading to their usual watering hole, students were trickling into the Stage 5 bar in the Krannert Center for the Performing Arts. One by one they filed through the doors and formed a line to pick up their tickets for what promised to be an exciting night. The Pygmalion Festival has been steadily growing for a decade now and, for most students in the area, the event is an essential part of the experience of attending college in central Illinois.

"It's 10 years in and it's so amazing now," frontman of local band Elsinore, Ryan Groff said. "We just played for however many hundreds of people. In a way it was easy because the adrenaline and the energy in the room is what takes over, verses being nervous about how many people are going to show up or if we're going to play well.'

Elsinore has had a presence in the local music scene for many years now, and has been a part of Pygmalion from the beginning. They put on a show that testified to the fact that these guys have become professionals over the years.

Night number two at the Krannert Center for the Performing Arts brought the music into a more formal setting in the Tryon Festival Theater. Sun Kil Moon delivered a set as intimate as that of a house show in a setting that really showed how talented this band really is. As the

crowd erupted between every song, it became apparent that The Pygmalion Festival was about people who love art having an opportunity to see it presented in a very professional way.

That theme continued as the night wore on, and Panda Bear delivered a set of music typically experienced at an outdoor festival, or in a party like atmosphere, to a theater full of seated people. The audio/ visual experience was quite effective, and the images that flashed across the big screen were impossible to ignore.

The Made Fest that took place both Saturday and Sunday displayed various pieces of handmade art as well as vintage clothing. It was located outside the gate of the main stage in downtown Champaign and was open to the general public even if they didn't have a ticket to the festival. In addition to displaying art and clothing, Made Fest also featured one of Champaign - Urbana's favorite treats, Pandamonium Doughnuts.

Pandamonium Doughnuts is a local start up that gained popularity through Urbana's Market at the Square, which takes place every Saturday morning in Urbana from May 3rd through Nov. 1st. The Made Fest was a different setting for the company, and there wasn't enough room to park the Doughnut Truck, but there was still a long line of people waiting to try one of their signature doughnuts.

"I felt honored to be considered in Seth Fein's plans for different things this weekend," founder

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Photo by Billi Jo Hart/Prospectus News Deafheaven's vocalist, George Clark, performs at Pygmalion Music Festival on Highdive's Outdoor Stage 1 on Sunday, Sept. 28, 2014.



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Champaign resident Syd Hastings browses vendors with a friend at the Made Fest during the Pygmalion Music Festival in Highdive's outdoor annex on Saturday, Sept. 27, 2014.



Photo by Billi Jo Hart/Prospectus News Liturgy's drummer, Greg Fox, performs on Highdive's Outdoor Stage 2 during the Pygmalion Music Festival on Sunday, Sept.

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The Pygmalion Music Festival took place in downtown Champaign
and Urbana from Thursday, Sept. 25 through Sunday, Sept. 28, 2014.
The event also featured a Lit Fest and Made Fest, with authors, poets,
vendors and artists during the four-day festival.













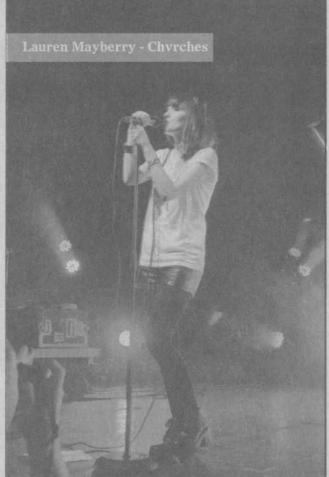


















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Is caffeine your best friend or your worst enemy?

Zach Trueblood Staff Writer

Whether you are brewing your first cup of the day or cracking that energy drink to get past that afternoon hump, you are introducing a nervous system stimulant to your body. Caffeine comes in many forms nowadays.

It is plain to see that caffeine has a foothold in nearly all of our lives. This obsession has only gained momentum in recent years and doesn't seem to be going anywhere.

One glance around the cafeteria at lunch time and you can see any number of students with coffee, soda, energy drinks, or tea; these are the staples of our day. They are our necessary boost to get us to and from class.

According to the FDA website, "90 percent of people in the world use caffeine in one form or another. In the U.S., 80 percent of adults consume caffeine every day - the average adult has an intake of 200 mg per day, the amount in two 5-ounce cups of coffee or four sodas.'

Caffeine is a necessary part of Parkland student Karlo Fernandez's day. Fernandez is in the HVAC Electrician program. His program requires long days and attention to detail.

Fernandez drinks around four cups of coffee a day. He doesn't necessarily enjoy the taste so he doctors it up slightly with cream and sugar, but does enjoy the energy boost it provides.

"If it wasn't for school and work I never would've touched the stuff but it helps me focus. Without coffee my day is ruined," Fernandez

Another avid caffeine user is Nursing major Alexis Kriska. Kriska illuminated some of the downsides to caffeine, as she drinks about five or six shots of espresso a day.

"There are a few downsides. There's usually a lot of sugar involved and I have a heart condition so sometimes it beats too fast," Kriska explained.

People such as Kriska are reliant on caffeine to get through the day. Some even go to lengths that could possibly be dangerous to them.

The growing trend with caffeine nowadays isn't just to have a few cups of coffee a day. It's to get the most bang for your buck. Energy drinks are jam-packed with extra caffeine and pills filled with caffeine are offered over the counter at most gas stations.

The Parkland College cafeteria offers over 25 different products containing caffeine; Mountain Dew and its many flavors being the best seller.

The FDA's website states that "an acceptable amount of caffeine is 200mg per day or two 5 ounce cups of coffee." Your average can of soda is 12 fluid ounces. A can of Mountain Dew contains around 54 mg of caffeine, in other



Photo by Bill Hogan/Chicago Tribune/MCT

The recent craze of adding caffeine to a range of kid-friendly snack foods is raising enough concern that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration has launched an investigation of caffeine's possible health effects on children and adolescents.

words, a quarter of your recommended daily

An 8.46 fluid ounce can of Red Bull contains 80mg of caffeine. A two fluid ounce can of Five Hour Energy contains 200 mg of caffeine, your entire daily recommend dosage.

A growing trend among athletes is to use powdered caffeine to increase their performance. These powdered forms of caffeine contain 4,706 mg of caffeine per teaspoon. That is 23 times the recommended allowance from the FDA

All of these forms of caffeine listed are

available for anyone to purchase. No ID required. The increase of caffeine and heart related issues has our Wellness Coordinator, June Burch fairly worried.

"The scariest part is that no one really knows the anatomy of their own heart until it acts up. Caffeine can cause a rapid heartbeat, seizures, and sometimes even death," Burch stated. "Another troublesome aspect of caffeine intake is the amount of caffeine is rarely labeled. Even decaffeinated beverages contain some amount of caffeine."

Caffeine does have an important place in

many medicines though. Many painkillers and migraine medicines utilize caffeine to speed up the healing process. Just like any other drug, caffeine has its own share of withdrawals. Many experience headaches and increase drowsiness after not using caffeine.

Make sure you are aware of what you're putting into your body. If caffeine helps you perform better academically, then go for it. As with many things in life, moderation is key.

To get more advice on making healthy choices, visit the Wellness Center in U112.

Parkland students face tough transportation decisions

Aron Ammann Staff Writer

While many students reside in Champaign, with the commute to class no more than a few minutes, some must travel greater distances to learn. Many modes of transportation are used to get here; from walking, to driving, or catching a ride with a friend. From riding a bicycle, to riding a bus, to hailing a taxi; we all must arrive at our destination somehow.

While walking or biking to class may be the healthiest, most cost effective, and ecofriendly mode of transportation to class, not everyone lives close enough to take advantage of the things that walking or biking have to offer.

Parkland student George Cruickshank chooses to ride the bus to class most days and calls MTD a reliable system. Cruickshank still offers a few negative aspects of using the bus for his commute to Parkland.

One of those negatives for Cruickshank is the scheduling of order to make it to class on time, he to Parkland?" Cruickshank asked. as well as the condition of many must leave an hour and a half before he would actually need to.

The problem is that if he were to try and get to Parkland just before his class started he would be on a route that arrives at the terminal one minute after the connecting bus to the college.

That one minute gives him no other option than to catch the earlier bus in order to be at the terminal on time for his connecting one.

Even though an hour and a half doesn't seem like a lot of time, to a full time student who also has a job, those 90 minutes can be well used doing something productive. While he understands the reasoning behind it, one other complaint of Cruickshank's is that the bus system works much better for U of I students to get around campus than it does for him and his fellow Parkland students. University students use their student IDs as bus passes to ride the bus around campus at no charge.

"I understand that is part of their tuition, but we pay taxes. Why is it the routes and connecting buses. In that we have to pay to ride the bus

Although he must pay to ride the bus to class, Cruickshank was resourceful and used part of his financial aid package to purchase his yearly bus pass from the Parkland bookstore.

A visit to the MTD website will give you all the information you need to travel to Parkland using the bus system. From a trip planner, to an app garage, and an FAQ section everything you need to know is just a click away, including the pricing for Parkland students.

That price is the regular fare of \$1.00 per one-way trip. Discounts are available with the purchase an Annual Pass for \$72.00.

On the other side of the spectrum is Parkland student Taylor Bork, who enjoys the freedom that driving on his own to class brings him.

"I can just hop in my car and leave whenever I want to," Bork said. It also allows him a much easier and efficient way to get to work after class.

With that driving freedom also comes a few negatives as well. Bork mentioned the heavy traffic he faces during his commute to Parkland,

area roads after last winter's heavy snowfall took its toll.

"The potholes on Mattis avenue tried to swallow my car," Bork explained.

If catching a bus, walking, biking, or driving isn't an option, hailing a cab is another reliable way to get to class on time. While the fare will vary based on the length of your ride, in a pinch, a taxi is one more way to get yourself to Parkland.

With all of these options to get to class at Parkland, and around town, what options are there for getting back home on the weekends or for a holiday for those without a car?

Luckily, there are several options to choose from that include shuttles, buses rental cars, and trains. Suburban Express and Illini Shuttle offer up to 6 trips daily to Chicago and the surrounding suburbs for about \$30.00 one way.

You can also ride the Amtrak train from Champaign to Chicago, with many stops between them, for roughly \$30.00 dollars one way as

Greyhound bus services offer the cheapest fair to Chicago and its suburbs with an online only price of

The most expensive option is renting a car for your trip back home, but with the higher price also comes the freedom of scheduling and stops on the road. There are rental car deals to be found online though, which can make it a much more affordable

According to the Student Life website, public transportation to Parkland College from Champaign and Urbana is provided by the Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit.

Busservicebeginsatapproximately 6:30 a.m. and runs until 10:30 p.m. daily. The 9B Brown, 9A Brown, and 7E Grey buses load and unload outside the Student Union entrance.

For route maps and schedules visit the Office of Student Life, Room U111, ask any bus driver, or call the C-U Mass Transit, at 217-384-8188. Semester or annual bus passes may be purchased through the Illinois Terminal office, 45 E. University Avenue, Champaign, Illinois 61820.

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Tips on keeping your home secure

Kaleb Schwaiger Staff Writer

For most students, college is the first time living on their own. With a new home comes the responsibility of keeping it safe and secure. Fortunately, there are many things that can be done to ensure your safety at home and around

A hotspot for theft is the unattended vehicle. Since most cars reside on the streets, it is very easy for a would-be thief to try the handle and let themselves in.

The first step to car safety is to make sure your car is locked. While that seems like a no brainer, a quick glance at the local police blotter reveals many thefts from unlocked vehicles.

Another tip for keeping the car safe is to ensure that any valuables are properly hidden inside the car. A laptop sitting on the passenger seat makes a juicy target.

When it comes to the home, the first things you can do are on the outside. Elementary Education major Krysten Reed suggested leaving a light on to illuminate the outside can keep trespassers off the vard, since they wouldn't want to be seen around the house late at night.

Business major Austin Tabeling suggested that, aside from locking the door, displaying certain items can also deter crime. Tabeling has a light illuminating a large blanket of Justin Beiber on his window that faces the street. He feels safer knowing that his yard is lit up and Beiber is standing guard, a fair warning and a funny picture to passerbies.

Sociology major Kenyel Wilson has a dog, as well as ADT alarm service. He says having a dog is a great indicator of when someone is nearby.

"My dog will bark whenever someone comes around, so I always know when we have company," Wilson said.

The ADT service is probably the number one safety feature in a house. Upon entering or leaving the house, one must input a pin to deactivate the alarm. If the alarm isn't deactivated in time appropriate action will be taken by the security company to send help.

Even just a fake sign claiming that the house has a security system can deter potential robbers, because they don't want to take a chance at setting off an alarm.

Business Management major Andrew Jacobs always feels safe in his home because of the weapons contained within.

"Having a handgun and a machete at home lets me protect myself and my family in case of intrusion," Jacobs explained.

If having deadly weapons is too much for some people, there are other methods of self-defense as well. A baseball bat at every entrance makes for a useful defensive tool should someone come too close for comfort. Ag Business major Monica Monroe keeps pepper spray handy, and she feels safe with just the spray for protection.

If you suspect someone of hanging around your house, or perhaps trying to steal something, a simple camera setup can help catch the perpetrator. Economics major Randy Nguyen suggested purchasing a simple camera valued at \$30 or so from RadioShack or Walmart.

"Once you have your camera, you can set it up to feed to your computer. Then set it to run at night and record, and if anything happens overnight you have video evidence,' Nguyen said.

In terms of safety inside the home itself, the bathroom can be particularly dangerous. Occupational Therapy major Alana Greenwood reminds people to not leave electronics plugged in, especially heating implements such as straighteners.

If an item like a hair dryer or a straightener were to fall into the tub while a person was showering, the current would be enough to fry the person.

While the threat of an invasion or robbery might not seem very real, these simple precautions can be taken to make sure that you are prepared in case a situation does

For additional information about home safety, contact Parkland's Public Safety office at 217-351-2369.

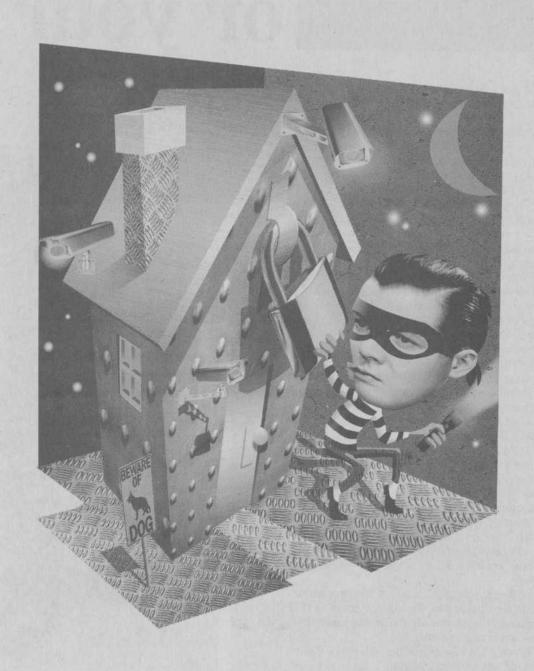


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Study Abroad Program offers new experience for students

Marnie Leonard Staff Writer

Learning a new language, meeting new people from around the world, and experiencing a foreign culture all these are opportunities that the Parkland Study Abroad Program offers its students. Jody Littleton, Program Coordinator, explained how each trip usually works.

First, students choose which trip they want to embark on. Parkland offers programs in Austria, China, Costa Rica, England, France, Ireland, and Spain. Once you've done that, you go to Littleton and fill out all the necessary paperwork. The next step is to fundraise and pay for all the tuition and fees involved with the trip.

Littleton stated that the Illinois Consortium for International Studies and Programs, or ICISP. which is the organization that Parkland does the majority of its study abroad programs through, has a \$500 scholarship available to students who wish to study abroad. Parkland has a \$500 scholarship obtainable as well. You can also apply any financial aid you have to the trip, excluding the Parkland Board of Trustees Scholarship.

Since Parkland is a member of ICISP, Parkland students studying abroad will find themselves travelling with students from community colleges all over Illinois, including a few in Wisconsin and Indiana. There are only two Study Abroad programs that are through Parkland only, the Costa Rica Agriculture trip and the Gardens of England Horticulture

Littleton added that students should not be intimidated by trips to non-English speaking countries such



Photo courtesy of Jody Littleton/Parkland College

(From left to right) Rebecca Grosser, Nadya Cortes, Grace Dyrek, Susan Foster, Joanna Piwoni, Jody Littleton, Nancy Lane, Candice Milk, Julia Drewitz stand in front of the University de Bourgogne in Dijon, France.

as Austria, France, or Spain. There what you're learning in the are no pre-requisites for language in these programs, and although some of your classes will be taught completely in the foreign language, it is easier to pick it up when you are surrounded by it.

"They believe in the immersion system...and it's totally do-able. Everybody's speaking the language, you see it in the street, in the stores, and in the signs you have to read. Everything around you reinforces classroom," Littleton explained.

Littleton then detailed why studying abroad is a great opportunity for students. One of the major reasons is that it's an impressive resume builder.

"We are very much an international society. Studying abroad shows you're adventuresome, you're open to new ideas, and you have a cultural worldview that someone who hasn't studied abroad maybe doesn't have.

It's very advantageous for your profession," Littleton said.

Lily Hart, a former Parkland Pathway student who currently majors in Environmental Science at the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign, did the Study Abroad trip to Dijon, France over the summer. She said she would recommend studying abroad to any student.

"You'll never truly understand the joy of it until you go on your own adventure—it was such an experience

to meet people from all over the world, and eat French cuisine, and drink wine, and experience French culture while making lifelong friends," Hart remarked.

Littleton similarly expressed that, apart from all the resume and career advantages that come with studying abroad, it is a unique and fun opportunity that you might not be able to have after you graduate school.

"Once you get into your job, when are you ever going to have a few months to take and go and live in another country? I think you need to experience it now before you get too bogged down with jobs and families and those kinds of things. Travel now while you have that freedom," Littleton suggested.

A current Parkland Business Management major Susan Foster also went on the France trip this summer. She would tell any student interested in studying abroad that it is well worth the time, effort, and money.

"When we understand that for many of us, our heritage came from European countries, it brings awareness to what the world has to offer beyond our own back doors," Foster stated.

Finally, Littleton asserted that being a stranger in a foreign land helps you to empathize with people who come to the U.S. and struggle in the same way.

"You feel more patience with people, and you understand the struggles they're going through. You learn that people are really, really different, even the ones who speak the same language as us. You learn that people around the world think very differently than Americans," Littleton said.

For more information on the Study Abroad Program, visit http://bit.ly/ YnoFBW.

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Minimum wage and college make getting by difficult



Photo by Scott Wells/Prospectus News Business Administration major Jason Garbut earns minimum wage as a cashier this semester at the Parkland College Bookstore. Currently minimum wage in

Illinois is one dollar more than what is required by the federal government. Humna Sharif Staff Writer

The current minimum wage in the state of Illinois is \$8.25 per hour for those who are 18 years of age or older. Minimum wage in Illinois is about \$1.07 less than the highest minimum wage in

the country, Washington State at \$9.32. The big question however is, can a person live off of minimum wage alone working a 40 hour work week?

A person being paid minimum wage would make about \$330 per week working eight hours, five days a week. This would mean a monthly earning of about \$1320.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, had the minimum wage kept pace with inflation since 1968, today it would be over \$10.65 - more than \$2 higher than today's minimum wage.

Sandy Spencer, Director of the Career Center, said that each semester Parkland College employs around 200 students at the rate of minimum wage. Every department at Parkland employs student workers in some capacity.

"Minimum wage is definitely not enough to pay bills or live on. A parttime student employment position can be helpful in supplementing income, to give students some extra spending money, but definitely not enough to live on," Spencer remarked.

Parkland College policy dictates that the maximum number of hours parttime workers can clock is 19 per week. Student workers at Parkland would typically be working another job as well if they are trying to meet the living

"Sometimes their parents pay for bills, sometimes the students themselves are paying for everything, and the high costs of living do put

many students in the position where they have to work a part time job, and a full time job. Sometimes they even have 3 jobs, which is too much if they are trying to be a full time student as

well," Spencer said This may be one of the reasons that Parkland is made up of almost 63 percent part-time students, as students can't afford to spend all that time studying when they need to be out there making money. At the end of the day that's what is going to pay the bills.

Most entry level jobs paying minimum wage to workers without any professional degrees actually create a barrier for the students working towards a college degree because they end up over working.

There is data that shows that if students work over 20 hours a semester while going to school then it's often too much and it does affect their GPA in a negative way.

"On the other hand there is also data that shows that if students are working part-time, especially on campus, while going to school then it helps them increase their GPA. As this helps them stay more focused and connects them to college life," Spencer stated.

Annette Huss, Student Assistant in the Admissions Office, said she works 19 hours a week at Parkland, in addition to being a full time student with 14 credit hours.

"Minimum wage back in 1997, when I used to work at Colwell Systems, was about \$5.35 per hour. It is more now but everything else is so much more expensive. I am fortunate enough to have a husband that makes good money, but I know people who have to work two full time jobs because they can't make enough money," Huss explained.

"It's either you work and you eat or

you don't work and you don't eat. There is no one to help you if things don't work out. The whole state of Illinois is a mess," Huss continued. Huss believes that minimum wage being raised to \$10.56 per hour would be a good thing and should be at least that much, although it would still be difficult for minimum wage earners to get by.

Kylie Michaels, student worker at the Parkland College Bookstore, is a Nursing major with a very tight schedule. Michaels work includes 40 hours a week spent at Christi Clinic, 19 hours at the bookstore, and seven credit hours of study on top of that. All that together makes for a really hectic

"I live on my own, pay all my bills; I obviously have two jobs so of course minimum wage for student workers isn't enough. As long as I manage my time well I can get by but there definitely is no time for myself," Michaels said. Yet Michaels was of the opinion that

minimum wage increasing wouldn't do anyone much good either because, in her opinion, everything else would go up instantly, and the cost of living would only increase more.

Where Huss expressed her dissatisfaction with the state programs like the Food Stamps, Medicaid, and TANF, Michaels stated that these programs do try to genuinely help low income families and workers, provided they are not abused and taken advantage of by people who don't actually qualify for the assistance.

Student worker, Justin Garbutt, works as the bookstore cashier at

"I would definitely like to see the minimum wage increased. It would make the dollars add up a little faster. Something as small as two dollars

can make a profound difference for minimum wage workers," Garbutt

Students looking for jobs can take advantage of the resources provided by Parkland College. The Career Center is a great place for those who are undecided about their majors and can't figure out which road to embark on once their college education is

complete. Businesses from all over the town place job ads with the career center, and all Parkland College departments hiring student workers also post jobs in the career center. The jobs listings are updated every day and are also available online.

Spencer explained that the goal of the Career Center was to help students succeed later in life. That's why the office offers help with resume building. interview sills and job searches. According to Spencer, last year alone the Career Center posted over 2,000 job listings for students.

"We are helping students get the kind of skills they need in order to go out there and get a job and that eventually is what's going to pay for the living costs," Spencer explained.

Parkland College can't do much about increasing the minimum wage or making living standards better, what it does do however is provide a cordial and accommodating environment for student workers. By giving students the best possible chance and the resources to figure out what career path they want to take later in life, Parkland does it's part in making life better for many

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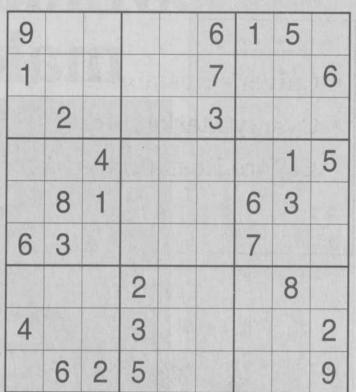
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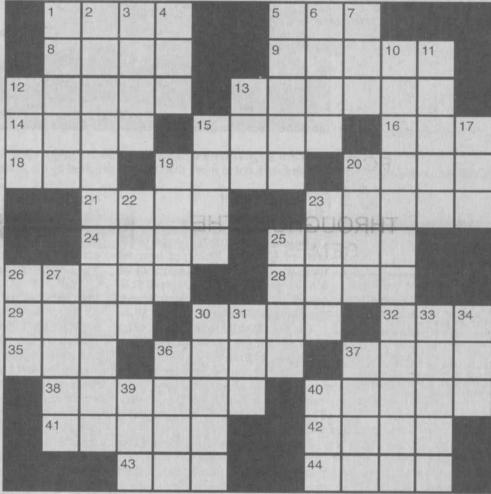
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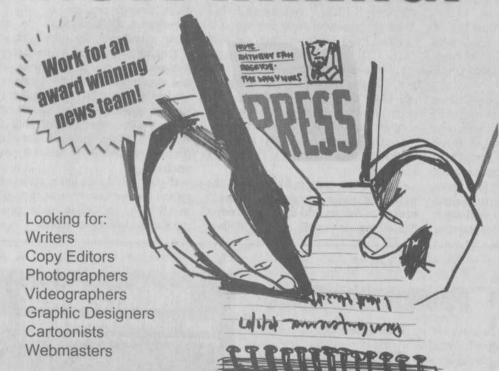
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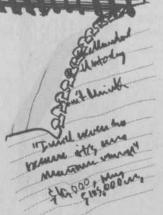
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- the Press"
- "One Day __ Time"

 "__ for All Seasons"
- 9 Soviet prison camp
- 12 Edie __; Nicollette Sheridan's
- role on "Desperate Housewives" 13 One of the twins on "Little
- People, Big World"
- 14 Thomas Kinkade's paintings
- 15 Actor Sean 16 Calendar periods: abbr.
- Guantanamo __"; Neil Patrick
- Harris movie

18 "Harold & Kumar Escape from

- 19 Actress Helen
- 20 Woodwind instrument
- ahead; make arrangements 23 Trigger or Mister Ed
- 24 Old western actor Calhoun off; fall into a light sleep
- 26 Member of the wedding party 28 Sherman Hemsley sitcom
- 29 Jagger of the Rolling Stones
- 30 Drama series set at an acting school

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- 35 Rollaway bed
- 36 Wise man
- 37 Actor Richard
- 38 Child actress Shirley ___
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- 41 Mexican misses: abbr.
- 42 As blind as
- 43 Sault . Marie
- 44 "Star Trek: Deep Space __"

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- 1 Shriver or Bello
- 2 Actress on "CSI: Miami" 3 Dines
- 4 One of Ted Turner's networks
- 99; Barbara Feldon's role on "Get Smart" 6 Rotate
- 7 Pub order
- 10 Actress on "Private Practice"
- 11 Greek sandwiches 12 Hope or Barker
- 13 Bill's wife on "The Little Couple"
- 15 Small and weak Spot Run"; David Arquette
- movie 19 Lead role on "JAG"
- 20 Seep out
- Who's Talking"; movie for John Travolta and Kirstie Alley
- 23 "__ Improvement" Edna; funny British character
- 26 Monogram for composer Cohan 27 Public uprisings
- 30 Not true 31 "Ice __: Dawn of the Dinosaurs"
- 33 Give a speech
- 34 "__ Behaving Badly"
- 36 Quarrel
- 37 Huge Asian desert
- 39 Rushmore and McKinley: abbr. 40 Obi-__ Kenobi; "Star Wars"

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think it's really exciting. For us to be here is a little different but I think it's great. We like collaborating with different styles of businesses."

Another component of the festival that took place over the weekend was the Lit Fest, which featured a book fair at the Esquire Lounge in downtown Champaign on Saturday. The fair showcased books from various publications, and among them was the Poetry Foundation, based in Chicago, IL.

"This is really great," Editorial Assistant for The Poetry Magazine, Holly Amos said. "The nice thing about this is you get to meet people that are coming to the events but you also get to talk to the fellow presses, which is really great.'

The Lit Fest was a local event that brought together people from all over the country to chat about literature and sell their books, and was also a great opportunity for students to catch a live reading from one of their favorite authors.

With big chain bookstores such as the Lit Fest play a significant role in the survival of printed media in the Digital Age.

Saturday night was all about the big name acts and the big stages typically

of the company James Kyung said. "I thought of when it comes to music festivals. The crowd cheered on as bands such as Tycho and CHVRCHES took the stage and fed on the high level of energy present. Long beer lines and port o potties that had run

> the high attendance numbers. In addition to the music there was also a ceremony celebrating the life of Josh Gottheil. Mayor of Champaign, Don Gerard, was on hand and declared Sept. 27th Josh Gottheil Day.

> out of toilet paper served as proof of

"It's remarkable," Gerard stated. "This is his legacy; this and the foundation that is in his name. It's humbling to come along and be the 'rock and roll Mayor' and love rock and roll and go to these things and have a good time, but then to have an event like this to really put it all in perspective and remind us that it's a big world and everything is interconnected. So, while we're having fun it's also about a kid who fought for his life and lost, but set the stage for what we are doing today."

People flooded out into the streets becoming a thing of the past, events and into the various bars and nightclubs in downtown Champaign after the show had ended. With many after parties and late night shows the festivities extended beyond the confines of the main stage. It was evident that the Pygmalion Festival brought a lot of business to local establishments, which is very beneficial to the local economy.

The weather was perfect all weekend, and Sunday was no exception. The final day of the festival provided music from more big name acts such as Deafheaven, Maserati, and American Football. The day also featured a set from local band Withershins. The Withershins have been playing shows in the area since 2008, and were happy to be a part of Pygmalion's 10-year anniversary.

"We're honored," said frontman Isaac Arms. "I think on some level bands gage, locally, how their year was, like how their season was, like did you play a good season? Did you get that Pygmalion invite? We don't take it for granted. We were super

Parkland's own WPCD held a table in the outdoor annex, hosting a Pictobomb photoshoot and freebies for the crowd. WPCD has been a annual sponsor of the festival for the past four years.

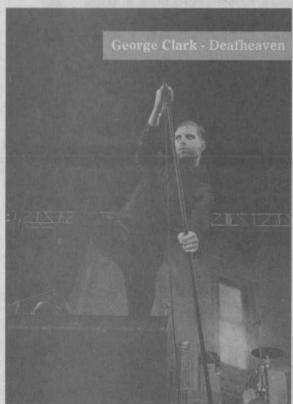
Over the four days that it took place, the Pygmalion Festival covered almost every aspect of the art community that resides in the CU area. From literature, to arts and crafts, to painting and sculpture, to musical performances; it was an event that honored the art that it showcased. Essentially, Pygmalion was a platform for artists to present their art to those that attended.

This festival seemed to encompass what is so great about the culture and lifestyle that Champaign Urbana natives are familiar with. Although drinking alcohol and having a good time was part of the Pygmalion experience, this event was about more than just college kids partying. The festival represented the hard work that goes into building an art community, and it presented that community to the general public in a respectable way.



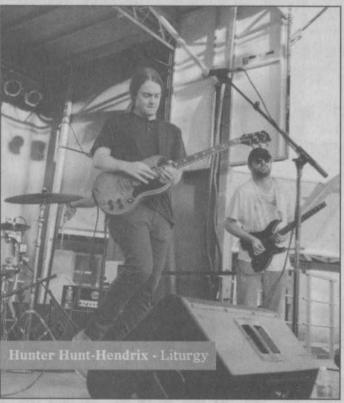














WPCD Pick of the Week

Song: "Black Moon Spell" **Artist**: King Tuff

