### Less than 3% unemployed

# Community College grads in fine company

Occupational/career programs are a success in Illinois public community colleges, as shown by a three-year study released recently by the Illinois Community College Board.

(Occupation/career programs include the many vocational and technical educational programs such as automobile mechanics, dental hygiene, nursing, veterinary tech and electronics technology).

Less than three percent of the community college graduates were unemployed and seeking a job six months after graduation, with 83 percent employed and 14 percent unavailable for employment because they were full-time students at four-year institutions or homemakers.

Students who completed one to two years at community colleges reported annual salaries nearly \$1,100 higher than those completing one year or less at the community college level.

The student follow-up was initiated in 1974 and was designed to track students over a period of three years. It marked the first time that *all* public community colleges in Illinois were engaged in a comprehensive follow-up study of their occupational/career education students. All 38 Illinois community college districts in existence in the fall of 1974 participated.

A total of 27,663 fall 1974 first-time students enrolled in occupation / career curriculums constituted the study group. This involved 12,512 full-time students and 15,151 part-time students. Female students made up 50.3 percent of the total, while males were the other 49.7 percent.

The results showed that occupation / career programs are very effectively meeting the needs of a wide variety of students. Since two-thirds of the students took jobs in their community college areas, the programs also have a great positive economic impact on the local economy and provide a well-trained pool of employees at a benefit to the industrial and business enterprises in that community.

The detailed results of this study are reported in the document, The Illinois Public Community College Statewide Occupational Student Follow-Up Study (Second Progress Report), published by the Illinois Community College Board last month.

A brief summary of results is shown in the following list of highlights:

1. Of those students who graduated in the first year of the study, 83.5 percent were employed either full-time or part-time, while 5.8 percent were unemployed and

actively seeking a job and 11.7 percent were full-time students or homemakers. Of those students who graduated during the second year of the study, 82.5 percent were employed full-time or part-time and only 2.9 percent were unemployed and seeking a job, while 14.6 percent full-time students or homemakers. The job placement rates were much better than the state averages rates of individuals of college age and even higher than for Bachelor's Degree graduates in many programs.

2. Students who completed more than one year to two years of occupational courses at the community colleges reported a median salary of \$7,932 while students who completed a year or less had a median salary of \$6,840. (These are 1975-76 salaries and include many students employed only part-time). Hence, the additional education at the community college was worth \$1,092 in additional salary to those students completing more than one year.

3. The results showed that 66 percent of the students took jobs in the community college district which they attended and another 28 percent took jobs in Illinois outside the community college district. Only 6 percent of the students reported taking jobs outside Illinois.

4. An analysis of the enrollment patterns of occupational / career students revealed that two out of three students (63 percent) who enrolled as full-time students in the fall of 1974 were still enrolled during the fall of 1975. However, an analysis of the reasons for discontinuing enrollment revealed that a majority of students either completed their objectives prior to withdrawing or withdrew from college only temporarily because of other responsibilities. Only 3.9 percent of the students withdrew because of academic difficulties. Some students (8.2 percent) indicated they were financially unable to continue, while 1.5 percent cited lack of transportation as their reason for



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Dick Tracy: his creator has retired but the super-cop lives on: Page 5



Jeff Berry drives against Lake Land's Ron Jones in the Cobras' 98-93 triumph.

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photo by Rinda Bauling

Crowds on the "cattle ramp" leading to 'L' and 'M' sections show that a little cold weather doesn't slow down Parkland students. Classes are, indeed, once again in full swing.

# ICCB níxes state budget

A disagreement between the Illinois Community College Board (ICCB) and the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) surfaced when the ICCB rejected the proposed budget for the community college system next year.

Acting at its January 20 meeting in Springfield, the ICCB voted to support its original budget proposal for the community college system in spite of recommendations from the IBHE that a lower budget figure was all that could be justified for the community colleges.

The ICCB action means that the two state boards are \$13.4 million apart on the final figure which should be appropriated to the state's community colleges for grants to the schools.

The original ICCB request was for \$132.3 million, which was approved in December and submitted to the IBHE. On January 10, acting on its staff's recommendations, the IBHE slashed the budget request to \$118.9 million

ICCB board members expressed strong feelings during a two-hour discussion on the budget. These concerns were echoed in presentations by representatives from individual college districts, from the

Council of Presidents and from the Trustees Association.

The board voted unanimously not to revise its original fiscal year 1979 operating budget request.

Board Chairman Hugh Hammerslag of Rockford said, "The ICCB has stated firmly that it believes the amounts originally recommended remain the amounts necessary to do the job."

The central concern of persons who spoke at the meeting was that the community colleges, which scored a 5½ percent Full Time Equivalency (FTE) enrollment increase this year, were scheduled by the IBHE to receive only a 6.4 percent increased ap-

propriation over last year.

This contrasts with the public universities which marked an .8 percent decrease in enrollment this year, but which are scheduled by the IBHE to receive a 9.8 percent appropriations increase.

Additional concerns expressed regarding the IBHE recommendations included a 10 percent salary increase for non-academic employees at public universities, while the community college non-academic employees are scheduled for only a six percent salary increase.

## Snow days used: now what?

The Great Blizzard of '78 has left Parkland students some souvenirs on the ground and little alternative for class days.

The Illinois Board of Higher Education requires a minimum of 75 instructional days for the 1977-78 spring semester. Parkland had originally scheduled 77 instructional days, but the snows have already used up the two extra days.

In case Parkland loses additional days this semester, the following adjustments will be made:

If one additional day is lost, final examinations will start on May 19 and be extended through May 25. The study day would be May 18, and May 17 would become an instructional day.

If two additional days are lost, final exams will be as above. May 17 and 18 would both be instructional days, and there would be no study days.

If three additional days are lost, the final examination period would be shortened by one day and start on May 20. May 17, 18 and 19 would be instructional days.

Further shortening of the instructional schedule would involve taking days from the scheduled spring break March 20-24.

## Letters to the editor

Beating a dead cow

## Kudos from the U . . .

February 1, 1978

Mr. Joe Lex, Co-Editor Prospectus Newspaper Parkland College 2400 West Bradley Champaign, Illinois 61820

Dear Mr. Lex:

One of my students in environmental toxicology has shown me your editorial comments regarding diethylstilbestrol (DES) as a cattle feed supplement (Wednesday, November 16, 1977). I wish to compliment you on your informative and carefully reasoned reply to Mr. Ax et al.

The insensitivity of the agricultural viewpoint to the use of such proven human carcinogens as DES is incredible. One wonders why the U.S. is almost always one of the last of the developed nations to take legal action in such a matter. There can be few more poignant human tragedies than the DES induced adenocarcinomos in the daughters of women medicated with DES. The extent of associated genetic malformations in children of both sexes is very large.

We have been studying the environmental fate of radiolabeled DES and find that a high proportion of the original dosage is excreted by animals and can persist in the environment with consequent food chain uptake. (Environ. Health Perspectives 18:167, 1976). Thus the environmental impact of DES from a large cattle feed lot of ca. 500,000 beef animals can be substantial and traces of DES can contaminate us all.

Many thanks for a responsible piece of scientific reporting which I wish could have wide circulation.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Metcalf Professor Biology, Entomology, Environmental Studies



## The sweet smell of death?

According to the Illinois Department of Public Health, hundreds of Americans die each year from carbon monoxide poisoning. Since winter is the time of year when carbon monoxide poisoning is most likely to occur, here is a True or False quiz to test your knowledge of this potential killer:

	Carbon monoxide has a "sweet" smell.	T	F
2)	Carbon monoxide in the air may cause a bitter taste in your mouth	Т	F
	Carbon monoxide gas can leak into your car while you're driving.	Т	F

- Cooking on a charcoal grill inside a house, trailer, mobile hom or other enclosed place can cause carbon monoxide poisoning. 5) An unvented gas kitchen range can produce deadly levels of
- carbon monoxide. 6) Carbon monoxide poisoning is always fatal.
- 7) Fuels which burn incompletely cannot produce carbon 8) A gas space heater can produce fatal amounts of carbon
- monoxide gas. If you get stuck in the snow in your car, you should keep a win-
- dow open at least an inch, and run the engine no more than 10-15 minutes each hour in order to prevent an accumulation of carbon
- Using a hibachi grill in an enclosed place probably will not cause carbon monoxide poisoning.

### Answers

- 1) False. Carbon monoxide has no odor at all.
- 2( False. It is also tasteless and cannot be seen.
- 3) True. It can leak in through the engine exhaust.
- 4) True. Burning charcoal releases high levels of carbon monoxide.
- 5) False. When used properly, a gas kitchen range does not represent a carbon monoxide hazard.
- 6) False. Although it can kill, it often causes dizziness, nausea and con-
- False. Carbon monoxide is produced when fuels burn incompletely (as almost all fuels do to some extent). When a generous supply of fresh air is available, however, and the fuel is burning properly, there is little danger of carbon monoxide poisoning
- True. Any unvented fuel-burning appliance can produce potentially deadly levels of carbon monoxide.
- 9) True. Also, be sure to keep your exhaust free of an accumulation of snow so that it will not become clogged.
- 10) False. It is just as hazardous in an enclosed place as is a standard charcoal grill.

If you answered eight, nine or ten ofthese questions correctly, you are aware of the causes of carbon monoxide poisoning and know how to prevent it. If you answered seven or less correctly, it might be a good idea to re-read the questions and answers in order to learn more about carbon monoxide hazards.



## 'Greening of Women's Studies' is topic of Midwest conference

by Evelyn Basile

"The worldview is feminism, and the questions that turn old worldviews around are simple ones: Where were the women? What do women think? Who says and why, what women ought to do, and be, and think, and make?" said Gayle Graham Yates, co-regional co-ordinator for Minnesota, and professor at the University of Minnesota, at the Greak Lakes Women's Studies Association (GLWSA) regional conference held recently at Northeastern University.

Entitled "Greening of Women's Studies," the regional conference drew women and men from Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota, and Indiana. Although inclement weather cut the crowd by an estimated one third, those who did make the discussions, workshops, and charter approval session stimulated much thought and comment on the issue of women's studies as a legitimate curriculum of instrucion at community and four-year colleges

Those attending included Bernice Carroll, professor of political science at the University of Illinois, Kathy McCabe, co-ordinator of Champaign County's Women Against Rape, Kristin Lems, local political song-writer and founder of the National Women's Music Festival, and Pauline Kayes, co-ordinator of Parkland's Women's Program.

Kayes, who is a member of the GLWSA steering committee, helped plan the conference and conducted a workshop on starting a women's program at the community college level. According to Kayes, there was good attendance and communication at her workshop. In Kayes' year and a half at Parkland, the Women's Program has grown to include new courses such as The Psychology of Women and Introduction to Women's Studies, and a number of non-credit workshops. In addition the Prospectus has responded to the increase in women's studies by the creation of a new women's editorship. The Women's Program is also airing half-hour program on WPCD from 10:30-11 a.m. on Wednesday mornings to discuss women's issues and news, both local and national. "These accomplishments could and should be goals of community colleges," said Kayes.

One of the topics of controversy at the regional conference was that of scheduling a feminist conference in an anti-Equal Rights Amendment state. Justifications for holding the event at Northeastern because of its central midwest location met opposition and a unanimous vote decided no future conferences would be held in any anti-ERA state.

Rifts between community college programs and four-year institutions' curricula for women's studies was brought up in a speech by Carroll and McCabe.

Carroll said, "I have seen cases where the area of women's studies has offered academic opportunists that chance to further their own tenure . . . their own publishing and teaching careers at the expense of the women's movement." Such persons, said Carroll, offer little if any commitment to women and feminism.

The idea of women's studies as a legitimate curriculum deserving of respect by male colleagues and male department heads was another issue. Although the University of Illinois has offered women's studies under the Independent Studies Program, an approved program for a degree in women's studies does not exist. Women faculty members are attempting to get funding and approval for a half-time women studies co-ordinator, said Carroll.

McCabe went on to say that the situation of elitism between professional women in the feminist movement and non-academic women is a serious problem. McCabe suggested, in a tone that many women seemed to find offensive, that professional women "should be willing to support the women's movement by offering use of their credentials and salaries as proof of commitment to women's studies and community women," since they had secured some type of position in what is mainly a white middle class power

McCabe circulated cards listing subsidiaries of J. P. Stevens, one of the largest textile manufacturers in the country. McCabe cited the company's treatment of workers, a majority of them women, as exploitive. The over-all effect of the speech seemed to be a middle class guilt trip, and the audience members appeared distraught at the conclusion of the address by Carroll and McCabe. Carroll said later that she felt McCabe had "come on a little strong." Carroll teaches a "Politics of Women's Liberation" course at the University.

In addition to speeches, a number of workshops took place: "Women and Religion," conducted by Linda Kuhn of Urbana's Wesley Foundation; "Images of Women in Film" - both television and cinema; "Women's Studies in the Pink Collar Ghetto"; "Establishing and Maintaining a Women's Center"; "Working Class Women and Grass Roots"; "Minority Women in the Women's Studies Curriculum"; and "Teaching Introductory and Interdisciplinary Women's Studies Courses."

A women's music festival included the music of Kristin Lems and Ginny Clemmens. "Women Walk More Determined" and "Ballad of the ERA," were among those of Lems' more well known works along with a parody of a '50's number called "Teen Angel.' She is currently working on an LP of feminist songs.

## Some good ideas? The LRC wants them

by Dawn Daon

Want to help improve library services? Got any complaints, ideas, or suggestions? William Gaines, coordinator of the Learning Resource Center, would like to hear them. "The library provides good service, but it could do better." Gaines said.

One of the shortcomings is the lack of a more thorough system of providing information to students on how to obtain maximum use of library facilities

Reference Librarian Ann Neeley and three part-time librarians work directly with students in the library. They, along with Ken Strickler, French instructor and librarian, also work with instructors to assist students with research in given subject areas.

Classroom tours of the library are given, but they are "primarily orientational informational than instructional," Gaines said

The library staff is vitally interested in providing good service by assisting students and by updating and expanding material already on hand.

Part of the expansion can be seen in the Audio-Visual section where new shelves were added last week accommodate additional video-tapes, tapes, slides, and films on a wide variety of subjects. This section is heavily used by faculty as well as students, Gaines said.

Some of these materials such as players, recorders, calculators, are available on a check-out basis to students in certain programs.

An Apollo Electronic Visual Aid set which enlarges print is available for visually impaired students along with large-print Webster's intermediate dictionaries and the World Book Encyclopedia printed in Braille.

The paperback book section will have new additions this week, also. About one hundred new books, including some recent best-sellers, are scheduled to go on display. And for those with a touch of nostalgia, there is the "New York Times" indexes that date back to 1920.

The purpose of the library is to provide the maximum level of service in an environment that is inviting rather than repressive.

Gaines said, "We want to hear the bad things so that we can make things better. The way to correct problems is to first find out what



# Many 'how-to' courses start at U of I 'Y'

versity is offering three- to eight-week classes including everything from advanced cake decorating to the study of nuclear

The Communiversity is located at 1001 S. Wright and registration began Jan. 23.

There are two classes in basic photography offered in which the student learns the darkroom techniques of film developing, contact printing, enlarging, cropping

The University YMCA Communi- dodging, and spotting. The course is designed for a 'learn by doing' atmosphere. The courses are approximately one month long and start on Wednesday, Feb. 15.

> Also offered in the arts field is a course in intermediate folk guitar. It is designed for persons who already have a basic knowledge of chords and strums. The student will learn music by Jackson Browne, Paul Simon, and Bob Dylan, among others. The classes will be held on Sundays from Feb. 19 to April 30,

and there is a limit of 15 people.

The skills and hobbies section will hold classes in basic auto mechanics and will supply people who have a limited knowledge of auto maintenance with a workable background in brakes, ignition, exhaust, etc.

Also offered in the skills and hobbies section are classes in beginning sign language, appliance repair, sailing, orientation to beekeeping, indoor and outdoor gardening, introduction to cross-

country skiing, review of writing three-hour session. An interview skills, soccer and youth soccer skills, and even a course on planning and organizing a summer backpacking trip.

For persons who don't know how to boil water, the 'Y' has classes in for health, vegetarian-nutrition cooking class. There are classes in beginnning and advanced Chinese cooking that teach how to prepare everything from egg rolls to Peking duck. These classes will be at the United Church of Christ and last two months each. Beginning and advanced cake decorating are also included, along with a class on breadbaking and will be held at the Strawberry Fields natural food

Learning how to get along with others is always important and the Communiversity has two classes for this purpose. Responsible Assertion Training is an eight-week training group made up of ten participants. The leader will be Marilyn Terrill, a doctoral candidate in counseling at the U. of

The other course in how to get along with people is couple communication, designed to teach practical skills for problem solving and negotiating issues of conflict. Five-to-six couples will meet with two trained instructors for four with the group leader is required to register

In the self and others section are courses in physical fitness for women, the arts of healing and self-help course in woman's health care, which will discuss such topics as birth control, women's cycles, the politics of health care, and sexual response and sexuality.

Energy classes will be given in homeowners and renters workshop on insulation and weatherproofing, a world food class, and an investigation of nuclear power. The homeowners and renters workshop is free but registration is required.

Six seminars will be held and the topics covered will include pets and wildlife, look before you lease (a layperson's guide to renting), trees and spring flowers, European travel on a budget, and leading and creating new games, which will study the basic concepts of play and games that can be considered an extension of our society, life and

A Springfield trip is being planned during which 45 international students of the Communiversity will visit our state capital for a weekend. There will also be a Southern trip from March 18 to the 25th during which students will visit Kentucky, Tennessee, South Carolina, and Georgia.

## Parkland College News in brief

## Canadian coins confuse machines

by Cathy Butler

If a vending machine eats your money, chances are the person ahead of you used a Canadian coin which jammed up the machine.

There is one big different at the snack bar. between Canadian coins and U.S. coins-iron. Vending machines are equipped with a magnet to stop slugs, or artificial money, from going through. Canadian coins, since they contain iron, also adhere to the magnetic surface and jam the mechanism

It is difficult to determine how much money is actually lost when this happens because there is a 50-50 chance that if you play with the coin return lever, your money will be returned. However, there is also a chance the coin will be shaken sideways, ruining any possibility of getting it back.

What can you do if you lose money in one of the many machines on

### Long Living program offers activities for the aged this month

Parkland College's spring Program for the Long Living activities begin this month. Adults over 60 years of age are welcome to join a variety of classes which include creative writing, exercise, leatherwork, lipreading and music. Classes meet at several different locations in Champaign and Urbana. There is no fee.

Classes are informal with no examinations or grades. For further information, call the Parkland Program for the Long Living at

### Sign up to save now

It is still possible to register for "Accent on Financial Planning" (GSB 709), an eight-week workshop being offered at Parkland College. The class will begin meeting February 13.

The workshop will concern basic principles and tools of financial management. Among topics to be discussed are insurance protection, handling credit, and income tax planning. The goal of the workshop will be the development of realistic and successful financial plans.

Classes will meet on Tuesdays from 2-5 p.m. or Mondays from 7-10 p.m. Norma Turok, coordinator of the Parkland business and real estate courses, will be the instructor. For information, call 351-2255

campus? Canteen workers are constantly refilling the machines and are usually easy to find. But, if you are in a hurry, or cannot locate a Canteen worker, refunds are given

Kicking a machine will only give you a sore toe, and hitting one may fracture a knuckle. The machines also don't understand four-letter words, but they sure know a Canadian coin when they find one.

## CHI has answers to depression

Depression will be the subject of a program at the Charles W. Christie Foundation Center for Health Information at Parkland College next Tuesday from 7-9 p.m. Dr. Edward Rowan and Dr. Robert Lentz, Christie Clinic, will discuss what depression is, how it can be avoided, and how one can live with

Treatment of depression will be approached from two perspectives that of a psychologist and that of a psychiatrist.

All area residents are invited to attend the program at no charge. It will be presented in Room L159 of Parkland. Those planning to attend are asked to register, if possible. For information and registration, call 351-2334.

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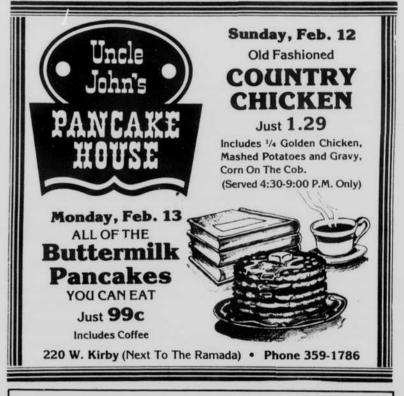
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## Cold hands, warm hearts is even true of Parkland's winter drivers

by Joe Miller

Last Wednesday evening the big blizzard began to blow over Parkland. Most evening classes were let out early and by eight o'clock there was a mass exodus of students and people.

As a result, there was a massive traffic jam leading out to the main exit. Three different roads lead into the same outlet, and they were all clogged with cars.

However, despite the wind's hammering, courtesy and common sense prevailed among the several hundred drivers. Without police direction, the drivers would slowly reach each intersection and then let

the other car go, and then they'd go slowly, two-by-two . . . two-by-two.

creeped and crawled along the driver would put his bumper into it. curved road with big long streams of headlights gleaming through the courtesy should take a back seat. area, and with wind buffeting and But even with a toughened comblowing big bunches of beautiful petitive attitude, another car still white snowflakes

exicted with gratitude . . . not for the to an empty space down a one-way weather, but for the courtesy and almost-alley. While going for it, I cool heads which had prevailed couldn't help but wonder why it was despite the weather.

However, earlier that day when the weather was still reasonable - courtesy had taken a holiday when I tried to park at one of the University's big municipal parking

When I arrived there - contrary to my expectations - I found the lot full and running over; and I reluctantly drove around waiting for Lady Luck to deliver me a vacated space. However, just as

For about 15 minutes, my car she showed me a spot, some other

After several attempts, I decided beat me to the next open space. Finally, I reached Bradley and Finally, though, Lady Luck pointed

> I found out. The blue meters were all twisted around the parking lines were all obliterated with snow and

There was no way of telling which meter I belonged to. While puzzling on the dilemna, I noticed two vacancies had just occurred in the Municipal Lot; but I couldn't get there since I would have had to back down a one-way alley, and by that time they'd be full anyway. Frustrations began to boil.

To simmer and simplify them, I ended up putting two dimes in two neighboring meters in order to stave off the onrushing parking meter maid with the fast pen and lighning ticket.

Despite the double dip, I'm glad that courtesy prevailed in the evening at Parkland and that students were able to exit before the big blizzard that stopped the schools for

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## Mainstreaming disabled kids into regular schools

More and more, public school teachers are finding children with mild handicaps in their regular classrooms—and they're not always sure just

A new program at the University of Illinois is providing elementary two days. education majors with some helpful information and skills.

"Our program is designed to prepare regular educators to teach children with mild learning and behavior problems," said Professor Colleen Blankenship, department of special education, who heads the program.

many children with mild handicaps are "mainstreamed"-placed in regular classrooms. But generally the teachers have no special training, and some of them feel they don't have the skills to deal with them, she said.

The program calls for cooperation between regular and special educators, Professor Blankenship said.

"Special educators and regular educators are not used to working with each other," she said. "In the past, regular educators would refer handicapped children to special educators, who were supposed to fix 'em up and send 'em back. Only we didn't always fix 'em up and we certainly didn't send 'em back.

Now the basic idea is to have handicapped children integrated into regular education as much as possible."

She said special educators may have to make some adjustments to deal with mainstreaming.

"We have to learn, too," she said. "If something works in a special ed room with eight kids, will it work in a classroom with 25?"

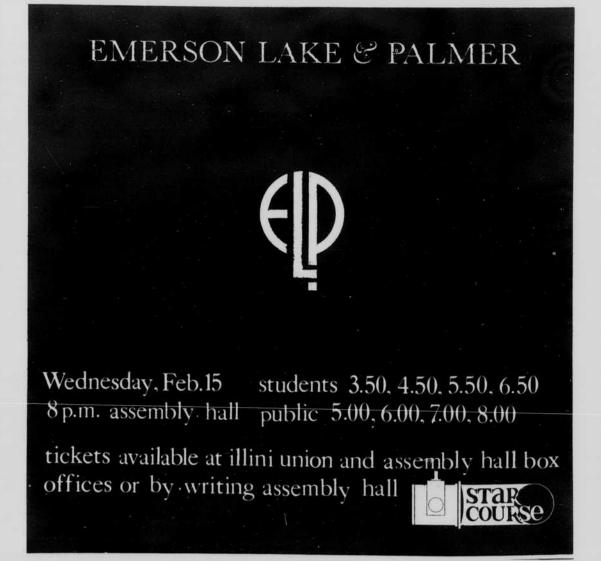
Each year the program trains about 20 juniors majoring in elementary education. They take a series of four courses.

'We want them to understand what we mean by mild learning and behavior problems, and we give them ways to improve classroom social behavior and to assess and remediate academic problems. We also place them in a practicum setting where a number of children with mild problems are mainstreamed."

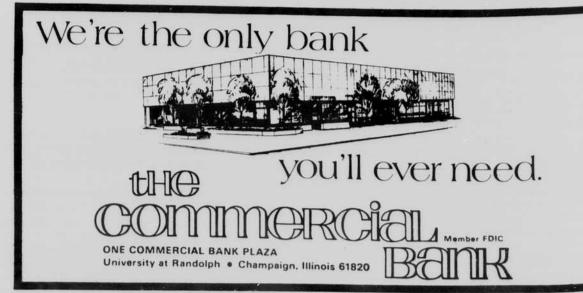
The program also brings some regular classroom teachers to UIUC during the summer for a "cram course" in working with children with mild learning and behavior problems in the regular classroom. This way, students in the program can work with teachers who understand what they are trying to achieve.

Professor Blankenship said the program does not meet the special education needs of all future teachers.

"Once they get out into the schools, students from most of our departments are probably going to run up against kids with mild problems," she said. "Now we're looking for a way to make information about special education avilable to the College of Education in general, without the students' having to take a special series of courses.











After 46 years, 2 months and 24 days

# Gould is gone but Dick Tracy lives on!

The closing weeks of 1977 held many surprises for the world of comic strips.

Fans of The Phantom watched as the masked avenger ended his 41 year bachelorhood to marry the lovely Diana Palmer. Al Cappretired, taking with him Lil' Abner and the rest of the zany Dogpatch characters. And Christmas Day marked the end of an era that began October 14, 1931—the first day that Dick Tracy appeared in the Chicago Tribune.

The square-cut cop is still with us, but the man who made him the most readily recognizable detective in the world, Chester Gould, is no longer masterminding

For 46 years, 2 months and 24 days, Gould wrote and drew his own daily comic strip-six dailies and a Sunday page, a cartoon industry record that Gould enjoyed setting. "I wouldn't let anyone touch it!" he freely admits. "It all has to come from one mind. All the greats have come from one mind-Mutt n' Jeff, Moon Mullins-they lose their continuity otherwise." Gould and his wife of 51 years, Edna, live in the northeast Illinois community of Woodstock.

Born in 1900, Chet Gould grew up in Pawnee (Oklahoma) Indian Territory. "It was the year 1907," he recalls, "when I realized I would become an artist. Oklahoma wasn't a state yet, and the Democrats had control of pretty much everything. Republicans would have been chased out of the state in those days. They had a big convention that year and all the big shots in the territory were there. On a suggestion from my dad, I went and drew a series of caricatures of all the politicians. My dad worked in a newspaper office that everyone had to pass in front of on their way to the post office. He put the drawings right up there in the window, and I watched people's reactions to them

variably boil down to "crime doesn't pay," but Chester leaves the social sermons to someone else. "I don't preach at people," he says. "If some people see a social message in my stories, or a political leaning, it's their own imaginations. They're not paying me to push politics, just papers. Philosophy is mostly double-talk as far as I'm concerned. I like plain talk. It's honest

One reason for Dick Tracy's popularity with the young, according to Mr. Gould, is the simplicity of the artwork. He says, "If you draw something so well that no one can copy it, you've lost your kids. They like to draw my characters because many of them are so eary to copy. They can say, 'Look mom, I can draw "The Mole," or 'I can draw "Pruneface." That's what I want. I get letters from the kids every day. I

For Chester Gould, the creation is the kick, watching his creation . . . "get under the skin of the readers" is his payoff. "The trick is to make people anticipate reading the next one. And that can't be accomplsihed without quality. Quality is what has made everything we call permanent and good."

In the comic fight for mass appeal, Chester believes you can't be successful unless you make someone mad. He says, "You can't be middle-of-the-road with anyone. If someone says you're all right, you've lost. If they say you're a bum, or you're the greatest, either one, you're right in there because they noticed you and have an opinion. You want kind of a love-hate relationship with the readers.'

Chester has offered the world a little bit of everything with his incredible array of characters over the years. All of the stories contain humor mixed with some pretty heavy doses of violence, but that's what sells papers



from a hiding place in the office. A lot of memorable comments were made about those pictures, and I was hooked forever. That was 70 years ago, but it feels more like ten!'

At age 16, he got his first big job. "I was painting signs and other types of odd jobs when this big controversy developed over in Tulsa," he recounted. "A certain wealthy individual, who woned the only street-car line in the city, talked the city fathers into buying a large chunt of his Spavinaw River property on which to build a dam. Naturally the property was very expensive and the city had to ask the people for most of the money. The Tulsa World came out in support of this bond issue, and the Tulsa Democrat began blasting it. They hired me to do a series of cartoons unfavorable to the project for \$40 a week. In the month of August, I did one cartoon a day for 30 days. The bond issue passed by a landslide, and they made that man very rich . . . but I had begun my career.'

He began doing sports cartoons for the Oklahoman, and for the state college newspaper. In 1921, with \$50 and a railroad ticket, Chet headed for Chicago with plans of getting a job on the Tribune. "It took me ten years to get their attention," he recalls. "In that ten years I guess I worked on just about every other paper in the area, biding my time. Finally, in 1931, I got the idea of 'Plain Clothes Tracy.' He was the epitome of your hard-boiled cop. I sent it to the Trib and they sent me a telegram saying, 'We believe this has possibilities.' That was J. M. Patterson, Colonel MicCormack's cousin who ran the New York Daily News. The News and the Trib made up the comics syndicate and you couldn't go anywhere without their contract. Patterson thought the name was too long, so he sugge sted we shorten it to 'Dick,' which was the term for cops then. Dick Tracy has appeared on the front page of the New York Daily News commic section every Sunday since August 14, 1932."

The messages contained in the complex plots Chester weaves for his readers' entertainment in-

Throughout the years, Tracy has endured some very determined attempts to send him to that big 'Policemen's Ball' in the sky. There was the time B-B Eyes' brother, Jacques, dumped Tracy into a ventilator shaft with a 10-ton granite boulder on top of him, and Blowtop dynamited Tracy's house, not to mention the time Heals Beals tried to cut the relentless crusader's throat with razor-sharp electric fan blades.

Now, at age 77, Chester Gould is ready to slow down some and let his illustrator of 16 years, Rick Fletcher, and mystery writer Max Collins carry on. "I'm not really retired," he emphasizes. "I still oversee the operation and make sure those two youngsters don't drag their fannies."

Fletcher is a seasoned veteran of the comic industry. He illustrated the much acclaimed "Old Glory Story" series from 1953 to 1965, when he began to work for Chester, drawing all the props, backgrounds, etc. for Dick Tracy. Max Collins, who does the writing, has authored two mystery novels, Bait Money and The Broker. Max, who is 29 now, was inspired to pursue his crimefiction career by an encouraging letter he received from Chester Gould on his eighth birthday.

Gould's semi-retirement marks the end of an era, one that included names like Bud Fisher and Al Capp. Chet isn't unhappy about his decision, though, as it gives him more time to spend in Woodstock with his

'This is a great world and a great life," he exclaimed, "and I wouldn't change anything if I had it to do all over."

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# an-made clouds may create ★&/! weather

The jet airliner, which leaves a fleecy white vapor trail behind it, might possibly be the culprit causing major changes in the weather, said an Illinois Water Survey climatologist.

Stanley Changnon, head of the atmospheric sciences section of the survey on the campus of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, said records at the survey have shown marked changes in weather patterns in the past 25 years:

-There are more cloudy days each year, and fewer sunny days.

-The daily temperature range has been narrowing, the nights less cold and the days less warm than before

The number of rain-generating thunderstorms is decreasing yearly

Changnon said the change in temperature ranges was noticed about five years ago. Since clouds are a major factor in all three phenomena, survey scientists set up cameras aimed at the sky on the roof of the survey. The shutters clicked every 10 minutes.

The photographs, Changnon said, showed a pattern that was repeated frequently. A clear sky at daybreak was broken by the white vapor trail of a high-flying jet plane. Then another, and another, as air traffic picked up.

Soon the contrails merged together, and within a few hours appeared to have formed into a blanket of high cirrus clouds. What started out as a sunny day turned into a cloudy day.

The decrease in sunshine and the range is particularly noticeable in the Illinois-Indiana area, Changnon area in the country here." said. He described this areas as the "center of the air corridor" of east-west and north-south jet

fly over Illinois every day," Changnon said. "There is the in Canada. greatest effect of air traffic of any

The decrease in the number of thunderstorms is on a global scale, Changnon said, mostly in the middle latitudes. The United States is in "Two thousand commercial jets the belt of greatest decrease, he said, which eases off farther north,

Reocrds show the trend started in

the 1940s, he said, with some years marking a decrease of as much as 40 percent.

Thunderstorms are spawned by solar energy reflecting from the earth, he explained. A cloud cover would cut off that energy.

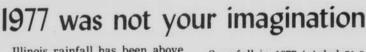
"It's a very complex issue," Changnon said. "This appears as evidence that man is producing a cloudy climate for Illinois using man-made cirrus clouds.'

To study the subject further, the Water Survey has asked the National Science Foundation for funds, he said. "We want to know how real this is, what percent of the cloud cover is due to contrails, what due to climate."

The effect of the cloud-temperature - thunderstorm phenomenon 'goes both ways," Changnon said. "In the field of solar radiation, it's not so neat. It certainly can have an effect on agriculture. It can reduce maximum temperatures in the summer, but it also may reduce rainfall.

"A blanket of high clouds could seed a layer of lower clouds with ice crystals and cause precipitation. And then it can decrease solar energy which would limit rainstorms. There's no proof either

'There's a mystery here, and we've got some of the clues.'



Illinois rainfall has been above normal for nine of the past ten years, the chief of the Illinois State Survey said today.

William C. Ackermann based his conclusion on records kept at the survey's headquarters on the campus of the University of Illinois at Urbana- Champaign.

Trends at the mid-Illinois campus, where weather records have been kept since 1889, are generally typical of the state, Ackermann said

During the past ten years, rainfall at the campus was below normal only in 1976. Last year, precipitation totaled 42.9 inchesmore than seven inches above normal.

Snowfall in 1977 totaled 51.9 inches, an all-time record and 20.1 inches above normal. The previous high was 50 inches of snow in 1960.

While precipitation in the past year was much above normal, temperatures averaged out to near normal, despite the coldest January and hottest May on record

The year had 22 days of below-zero temperatures more than normal - and 25 days with 90 or above temperatures which is normal, Ackermann said.

The coldest day in 1977 was Jan. 17 when the mercury dropped to 20 below zero; the hottest was July 6, with a temperature of 96.



narrowing of the temperature You mean all of this lousy weather may be man-made after all? Mark Twain range is particularly noticeable in was wrong when he said, "Everyone talks about the weather, but nobody does anything about it." See story above for details.

10 tips to

## Keep kids from slip-sliding away

For many, many years, sleds enjoying their Christmas sleds. Unfortunately some of them are also being injured in sledding accidents.

The Illinois Department of Public Health has some safety tips that may help your child avoid a sledding accident.

1. Make sure the sled is constructed well. It should not have split or splintered wood, or metal parts that are bent out of shape.

e sled should not have any sharp, jagged edges or protruding rivets

3. It should have a protective guard or bumper over the metal front bar to prevent cuts and other injuries in case of a collision.

4. The sled should steer easily, without jamming.

5. It should have secure handholds and a place to tie on a

When using the sled:

1. Walk over the sliding area before using it. Look for bumps, tree stumps, boulders, ice and bare spots. If these hazards cannot be removed or repaired, do not use that part of the slope.

2. Supervise children who are inexperienced in using a sled. Make sure their first sliding is done on short, gradual slopes that are not cluttered with debris or bumps.

3. Warn children not to push, shove or otherwise roughhouse while riding sleds.

4. Figure out ahead of time how to stop the sled and get off safely in an emergency. Learn how to roll sideways off the sled to lessen injury in case of a collision.

5. Do not slide through traffic have been popular Christmas gifts intersections or across streets, for children. And, about this time even if there are no cars in sight. of year, many children are out They can appear suddenly "out of nowhere."

> 6. Hold or tie the ropes on the top of the sled to keep them from slipping underneath and causing an abrupt stop.

7. Don't slide until the slope is clear of nearby sledders.

8. Move off busy slopes quickly when you reach the bottom to prevent collision with other

9. Walk back up the slope along a side path out of the way of those coming down.

10. Never tie a sled to the back of a car. When the automobile stops, the moving sled can easily slide under the car, causing serious injury to the person riding the sled.

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## Musings on money, bee-stings & Radio City Music Hall

by Chad Thomas

Journalists read the darndest things. I guess it's probably worth it all, though, because just see what we learn:

-If your daddy is President of the U.S.. you can ask for (and will probably get) almost anything you want. Little Amy realizes the urgency of the Middle East problems, but has asked her dad to try to get Cher and Greg - or was it Sonny and Cher back together again. Doesn't make much difference, I guess, which couple. More power to you, Amy.

If you have a fear of or are subject to poisoning by the honey bee, here's your answer. Don't go out-of-doors during the day unless the wind velocity is over 30 mph. Bees can't fly when the wind is that strong.

-In the same vein - if you encounter a rattlesnake, and just happen to have means to cut off his head, don't think for a minute that your problems are solved. I read that a rattler is just as deadly for several hours after his body is severed as he ever was. All he has to do is get those fangs into his prey. Medical records have also shown that motorists changing tires have become stricken by merely pricking their finger on a fang that has been forced into a tire. (We praise thee, oh Hawaii - the land of no

-Kissing can loosen your teeth. So says the American Dental Research Institute.

-A mark of the individualist among men, it's said, is parting the hair on the right side of the head. By far, most men part on the left. (And who parts hair in this day-and-age?)

You've probably read in the daily papers that New York City's Radio City Music

Hall, the world's largest indoor movie theater and the home of the famed Rockettes dancers will close after its Easter show because of soaring costs and declining attendance.

The first word about this closing hit the news in late December, and, unfortunately subsequent releases have continued to support the decision.

I guess it's been about ten years now since I first went to the Music Hall. And back then one could go to the "show" in Champaign-Urbana for \$1 or \$1.50 at the most. But at the Hall the admission was \$1.75. I thought that was outrageous. But I changed my mind after four hours of entertainment. The Christmas show was on then and I remember the initial shock, but delight, when I saw elephants, camels, donkeys, etc., being used to depict the first Christmas.

And, then, too, you know that one of the world's largest theater pipe organs is housed in the Music Hall. That Wurlitzer instrument has more wiring in it than does the entire building. What will happen to the organ remains a mystery, but someone will jump at the chance to get it - probably for the price of dismantling and removing it.

Life is too short to miss some of the finer things available to us if we just take advantage. Ozark Airlines flies from C-U to New York seven days a week. The fare is very reasonable. Perhaps some of the faculty and students would like to organize a group tour to NYC over spring break. If anyone's interested, leave me a note in the newspaper office here at PC.

Did you read about the 17-year-old Chicago busboy who is still dreaming about his green Christmas he passed up for the sake of honesty.

The Des Plaines, Ill., teen-ager found \$22,861 (yes, twenty-two grand) while cleaning tables at a Howard Johnson restaurant at the Northwest Tollway's Des Plaines oasis. He turned the money over to the state police.

A Marathon, Fla., man told the troopers that he forgot the money during a rest stop at the restaurant. The money was turned over to him when he proved he was the rightful owner

A black shaving kit, left on a table toward the rear of the dining room held neatly wrapped packets of \$100 bills.

"I just picked it up with the rest of the stuff." said Brian Carlson. "I opened it about a minute later, you know, looking for an ID or something. And - whew .

First Carlson thought about leaving the Chicago area's frigid temperatures and 'going somewhere warm." Then he thought about buying a new car.

Then he decided to turn over the money to

You'll get your reward, Brian. Money isn't everything.

I can't believe I said that.

## Spring play tryouts next week

Auditions for Parkland College's spring play, Lewis Carroll's "Alice in Wonderland," as adapted by Andre Gregory, will be February 15 and 16 in room C140 between 7 and 10 p.m.

Auditions are open to all Parkland students and no experience is necessary for those interested in securing one of the play's six openings.

Directed by Victor Podagrosi, Parkland's Drama Coach, "Alice in Wonderland" will open in the early weeks of April, and will be presented in Homer, Mahomet and at Parkland.

Although adapted from the original children's story by Lewis Carroll, this version of "Alice" is geared to an older audience. The play was developed through a period of two years of improvisational rehearsals by a theatre group known as the Manhatten Project. It opened in New York

Those people interested in the behind the scenes action (make up, costumes, etc.) are asked to attend the auditions and sign up for interested positions with technical director Jim Coates. For more information, interested persons should call Victor Podagrosi at 351-2346 or visit his office, Room C224.

### Students aid in Dental Health Week

Parkland College dental hygiene and dental assisting students will be involved in Children's Dental Health Week activities through February 12. Tomorrow at 10 a.m., they will participate in a program on WPCD-FM, the new college radio station.

On Saturday and Sunday, the students will assist in special activities at Market Place Shopping Center. Displays will be provided on nutrition and good oral home care. Two films will feature children's dental health, and a free drawing for dental hygiene equipment will be held.

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## Bob confesses error, three win the fins

Thanks to a double dribble by Bob, there were three winners in last week's contest.

Bob's mistake came when he had the wrong tie-breaker game. The game should have been Indiana State at West Texas State not Indiana State at Wichita State. The info came from a schedule printed by a highly respectable source.

So with that mistake, Danette Howarter, Richard Judd, and Don Nelson are declared the winners with two wrong each.

The games that seemed to cause the most trouble were Iowa at Wisconsin, Bradley at Creighton and Illinois at Ohio State.

This week, Bob has chosen some toughies which won't make it any easier for you prognosticators.

Two Eastern independent powers, Holy Cross and Boston College, clash in which should be a nail biter.

From the rugged Atlantic Coast Conference, Maryland journeys to Clemson and Wake Forest goes to struggling North Carolina State. Maryland and N.C. State have been powers in the league for the past few years, but this season the league is really balanced.

Creighton goes to Des Moines to battle Drake in a key Missouri Valley matchup. Creighton is chasing New Mexico State for top honors in a bid to hold off struggling Indiana State.

Bob has selected all Big Ten teams in this week's bonanza. The big game is at Ann Arbor, where Michigan will be looking for its second straight triumph over state rival Michigan State. If the Wolverines can do it again, they would really throw the Big Ten race into a wild frenzy.

Other games are top-ranked Kentucky at LSU, Kansas at Kansas State and North Carolina at Rutgers.

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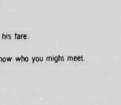
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Entries sent through campus mail will NOT be accepted. Entries must be brought in person or by U.S. Mail to X155 before noon on the Friday before the games.

Circle the team you think will win in each game. The tie-breaker game will not be used unless more than one person has the least number wrong. Enter a score for the tie-

The winner will be announced in the following week's PROSPECTUS and must come in person to X155 to collect his prize of \$5.

Holy Cross at Boston College Maryland at Clemson Creighton at Drake Northwestern at Indiana Minnesota at Iowa Kansas at Kansas State Kentucky at LSU Michigan State at Michigan Wake Forest at North Carolina State DePaul at Notre Dame North Carolina at Rutgers Purdue at Ohio State Tie Breaker [pick a score]

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# What's all the fuss about metric?

by Ken Dunn

Opposition to the conversion from the English system of weights and measures to the metric or International System is strong and getting stronger.

The Metric Conversion Act of 1975 called for a gradual changeover of systems. Yet, each step the Federal government has considered making has been hotly protested by members of the public.

Last April, in the face of thousands of letters, the Federal Highway Administration quickly reneged on their promise to begin installing metric road signs. The National Weather Service's plan to begin metric weather reports was also dropped in the face of public pressure.

If these actions by federal agencies are not in themselves violations of the law, they are surely violations of the spirit of the law. One must ask the question if not now when? The Congress called for a gradual change over a ten-year period, surely the agencies do not expect the opposition to diminish over the remaining seven years.

I've studied the kinds of opposition the conversion has been receiving and, in this writer's opinion, most of it is just plain silly. It usually takes the form of highlighting unrealistic conversions or lamenting the passing of old sayings. For example, the thirty-six-point-sixty-one kilometers' (one hundred miles).

Admittedly, this last item does sound awkward but who's saying we must change slogans and quotations out of literature anyway? In English literature, one often runs across the world "cubit." This is a unit of measure dating from the Roman Empire. A cubit was defined arbitrarily as the length from the elbow to the forefinger. We define the foot in a similar manner. In my reading, I've yet to run across a footnote converting cubits to feet or inches and I don't feel my understanding of the passage suffered from its lack.

The point is that obsolete words are usually accepted at face value. When a particular reader feels that such a word

is essential to his understanding of the writing, the reader looks the word up. I would much prefer looking up obsolete units of measure to spending a year or two in elementary school learning the entire system.

This kind of opposition doesn't really get to the heart of the matter though it does shed some illumination on the true reason why many people oppose metrics. These people oppose conversion. One system is probably just as good as another, but converting back and forth is another thing altogether. First, it could be difficult, but even if it's easy, it still seems like unnecessary work. It is unnecessary work and Congress, by stretching the conversion over ten years, wrote it into the law.

Canada made the switch from feet to meters "cold turkey" in 1975. No gradual introduction, no delays and so far no problems. It's not an issue there anymore. The quickest way to teach a boy to swim is to throw him in the water and stand ready to bail him out if trouble develops. The child, realizing that there must not be anything to fear, quickly learns to swim. Congress has implied that there's something difficult and scary (and perhaps threatening) about metrics and the entire country is afraid to jump in.

An interesting, though equally silly position, is taken by those who feel that the English system somehow has patriotic value to Americans. Their argument may be summarized by the statement: "if the world wants to do business with us, let them change to feet and inches." This is sheer chauvinish and, like most prejudices, it is more harmful to the practitioner than to the intended victim. The world has standardized to the metric system. It's an accomplished fact, done without our permission, with no concern for what we do one way or the other. Proponents of this position are perhaps nostalgic for "the good old days" when the American way of doing things was automatically the right way.

Times have changed. We are bombarded from all direc-

tions by foreign products and, to our chagrin, they're good products, in many instances the world's best. Here is the most disturbing aspect of our national rejection of metrics: the American people, ever ready to learn a new and better way of doing things, have rejected metrics for no other reason than that it's foreign.

Whenever I hear that someone is doing something or advocating something for the sake of the children, I immediately get on guard. I try to find out what they have to gain if their prospoed change is accepted. In the case of metrics, American children will benefit greatly. The simplicity of the metric system cannot be overstressed. It means less work for people just learning how to count. This leaves more time for reading, writing, etc.

In a strange way, those of us who favor the metric system are victims of its efficiency, at least in one area. I refer to the decimal dollar.

One doesn't have to call it a kilo-buck to know what a grand is, and the conversion of dimes to dollars is a childishly simple task. Suppose we had a non-decimal money system, such as England had until recent years. Suppose there were twelve dimes to a dollar and each dime contained sixteen pen ies. Then how many dimes would make a dollar-and-a-half? How many pennies? These are easy, but what would be the sales tax on a dollar-thirty-five? What would the total interest be on an auto loan of \$5,000. at the rate of 11 percent, over four years, compounded annually? That last one could easily take up a whole sheet of paper. American adults would probably not stand for this kind of system, but our children face problems like these every day in elementary schools throughout the country.

Perhaps the most compelling reason for our rapid conversion to metrics is that it is in our best interest to do so. We must do everything possible to gain greater access to world markets. We must use every tool to help prod American business into modernizing plant and equipment.

### Protein-free diet discovery

## PKU child's chances can grow

Working together, physicians, nutritionists and educators of the U. of I. have taken children once condemned to severe mental retardation and given them a near-normal life.

The children are victims of phenylketonuria. PKU is an inherited condition which, untreated, leads to severe mental retardation, but which now can be controlled by a special diet.

Professor Robert A. Henderson, department of special education, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, is educational consultant to a national project which has spent a dozen years assessing the special needs of PKU children.

"The study came about when a number of people discovered we could identify babies with the condition within the first weeks of life," he said.

Henderson said PKU children are normal except for their bodies' inability to break down one of the essential amino acids — phenylalanine, known as phe.

"The only thing missing is the genetic information needed to break down phe. Phe is present in all protein, but worst in meats, eggs and dairy products.

"In normal individuals, some phe is present in the blood, but in PKU kids the level rises dramatically. Something either directly or indirectly resulting from the level of phe in the blood attacks the brain and causes severe mental retardation," he said.

Most of the damage is done during the first six months of life and is irreversible. If parents wait until symptoms develop before seeking treatment for the child, it is too late, he said.

But in 1964 researchers discovered that PKU babies as young as four days could be identified through a simple blood test, so affected babies could be placed on a special diet almost immediately.

Now some 46 states require babies to be routinely tested for PKU.

If a child is identified and put on the diet within 30 days of birth, he will grow up with normal intelligence, Henderson said. If he is not put on the diet, severe retardation is a virtual certainty.

The special diet involves breaking down protein—
essential to children's growth— to remove most or all
of the phe, then giving it to the children as a dietary sup
lement. The rest of their diet must be relatively protein-free.

This means no meat, eggs, milk or cheese for the children at least until they are 6 or 8, and no peanut butter, ice cream or chocolate, either.

One of the problems is that some phe is necessary for children to grow, but too much will cause brain damage. A very delicate balance must be maintained. The parents must carefully measure the child's food and calculate its phe content every day.

While controlling the diet is a major undertaking for parents when the children are small, it becomes even

more difficult when they reach school age.

"All children like to swap items from their lunches,"
Henderson said. "Snack time and birthday parties

often involve forbidden, high-phe foods like milk and cake."

Researchers currently are studying the problem of when it is safe to take children off the diet.

"It is thought that most children can come off the diet safely somewhere between the ages of 6 and 8," Henderson said. "There is no evidence of a sharp decline in IQ when they are taken off the diet at that

About one in 25 persons carries the gene, and one baby in 15,000 has PKU, Henderson said. The condition accounts for perhaps one of every 50 to 70 cases of severe mental retardation, he said, but the proportion is higher in certain genetic pools, especially the Irish and North European. There is a relatively low incidence among blacks, Chinese and American Indians.

The "Collaborative Study of Children Treated for Phenylketonuria" is in its 11th year of funding by the Bureau of Community Health Services, Health Services Administration, U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

The National Institute of Child Health and Human Development of the National Institutes of Health also supports the study.

When the project began, there was a lot of controversy over whether a diet low in phe could really help PKU children, Henderson said.

"Some doctors said children on that kind of diet would wither and die. Others said, 'Wait a minute now, we have had good results with this diet.'

"This was just 10 years after the National Association for Retarded Citizens was formed. Parents were starting to say, 'Don't just tell us to ship our kids off to an institution — we want help here. We want to keep our kids at home.'

"So we were looking for ways to help. We didn't realize then that we could take children with a prognosis of severe retardation and turn them around and make them completely normal." he said

make them completely normal," he said.

Fifteen clinics around the United States are associated with the project, including two in Chicago — one at Children's Memorial Hospital and the other at the University of Illinois Hospital.

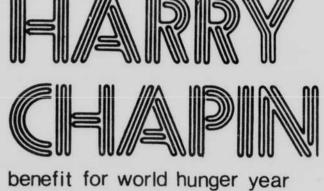
They use a team approach to help the families of PKU children. A good deal of professional assistance is provided by nurses, physicians, psychologists and nutritionists, Henderson said.

Dr. Richard Koch, a pediatrician and professor of medicine at the University of Southern California, has been director of the project since its beginnings. Henderson was state consultant for the mentally retarded with the California Department of Education when the study began, and continued as consultant to the project when he moved to Illinois.

"Through the study, we have been able to keep track of these children for a long time. We now have a pretty good picture of what a treated PKU child looks like.

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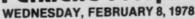




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# Woolfork, Berry, Kirby, Rucks.

by Ken Hartman

The Cobras bumped their record to 17-4 with a 91-67 triumph over the MacMurray junior varsity last

Coach Ken Pritchett started his

substitutes to give his regulars a away early in the second half as | Parkland started the game runhalf of the first half before the regulars were called in.

Parkland led 38-34 intermission, but put the game half.

assault with 22 points.

Probably the biggest win of the Cobras defeated Lake Land for the Randy Coonce. "We did that but we first time evey at home 98-93 it moved them into first placed in the

game. He led all scorers with 28 points and led the Cobras with nine

"I thought Jaffee and Rick Kirby really had a game for us," Pritchett said. "I think they are the best pair of guards in the state because they compliment each other so well."

Kirby pumped in 22 points and did an outstanding job leading the Cobras. Also, the Cobras got a good game from Jeff Berry who scored 20 points coming off the bench.

rest. The subs played more than they got their fast break in high ning up-and-down the floor at will gear and scored 53 points in the and quickly opened a 20-9 lead when Rucks drew his third personal foul, Gary Rucks led the Parkland which was part of Lake Land's game plan.

We wanted to get Rucks in foul year came earlier in the week as the trouble," said Lake Land coach didn't capitalize.'

Even with Rucks on the bench, the Cobras managed a 16-point lead, 30-14, with 10:07 left in the half. Kirby and Woolfork had combined for 22 of those points.

Chuck Downey of the Lakers then hit four shots in a row and the visitors were within 10 with 5:59 left.

After Jeff Blackard picked up his third and fourth personals 27 seconds apart to further complicate matters, Lake Land closed the margin to five. But baskets by Woolfork, Kirby, and Berry gave the Cobras some breathing room

and an eight-point bulge at the half. Again in the second half, Parkland jumped into a 16-point lead, twice, but couldn't hold it.

Behind Charles Sangster and Downey, Lake Land cut the lead to three points with 3:44 to go.

The Cobras then went to their delay game and Berry was foulded with 2:27 to go. He then made a one-and-one to give Parkland a five-point lead.

After a Laker miss, Parkland had the ball, but Downey stole it and went in unmolested for a dunk which he missed. The Cobras got the rebound and Kirby was fouled with 1:12 left. He promptly made both free throws to give Parkland a seven-point lead.

After last night's game with Danville, the next game for the Cobras will be Friday night at Kankakee.



## Long live the A(A)BA!

by Ken Hartman

Remember leagues such as the ABA, WFL, and WHA? All but one of them (WHA) are dead and that one is very close. But now, there's a new kid on the block trying to make

Enter the AABA, or the All-America Basketball Alliance. This is the newest professional league in this century. Their status is shaky, to say the least, and it stands between somewhere in the hinterlands between the National Basketball Association and the Eastern Basketball Association.

Now granted the league doesn't have the caliber teams like the Portland Trail Blazers or the Denver Nuggets but it is the ABA all over again.

The teams in the league are the Georgia Virginians, Indiana Wizards, Wheeling Wheels, Carolina Lightning, Kentucky Stallions, New York Guard, and the Rochester Zeniths.

The league, consisting of eight teams, is well stocked with former ABA and NBA players, more final cuts at pro camps than you could Georgie Titans, former All-Amerishake a butcher's cleaver at, and a can at LaSalle and pro player, said, lot of college standouts that haven't "Everyone knows we're in a special been seen or heard from for some

ABA buffs might weep for joy if they read the roster of the Indiana Wizards. There are seven original members of the ABA, whose pro Two teams are being run by the origins date back to the 1967-68 league as they are without owners season. The team is called the - Indiana and Richmond. Regard-Wizards probably because their less of the outcome, the league average age is over 31.

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Daniels, Freddie Lewis, Bob Netolicky - all mainstays of the Indiana Pacer teams that ruled the ABA - and Stew Johnson and Tom Washington.

Billy Shepherd from Butler (whose team Illinois used to open its schedule with) is also on the squad firing in three-pointers. The AABA does have the bombs that were so popular to the public.

formerly of Purdue and Indiana of the ABA, along with Ron Thomas, the Kentucky Colonels' hatchetman, Willie Smith from Missouri and Bobby Wilson from Wichita State, the league's top scorer. He is a player the Bulls let go.

Other big names in the league are Mo Howard, Chuckie Williams, Mike Dunlavy, Larry Fogle, Andre Titans, Richmond McCarter, Pete Trgovich, and Eddie Owens of UNLV

The schedule stretches into late May when the playoffs begins, so they fit right in with the other pro sports whose seasons last till Noah resurrects The Ark.

Coach Larry Cannon of the situation. It could turn out great for everyone. But we all know it can end on a day's notice."

The AABA is struggling like all other leagues do when they start. gives many players a second

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finished third at the Chicago Junior College Relays last Thursday.

bests and Jim McDaniels took first in the triple jump to highlight the meet for Parkland. McDaniels' leap of 45'3" won the only event for the Cobras squad.

Thom Uhlir ran 2:08.2 in his 800 meter leg in the Distance Medley Relay for a personal best, to lead that relay team to a second place finish behind Lincoln Land. Cameron Clark ran 53.5 in the 400 meter leg, Greg Adams finished at 3:20.5 in the 1000 meter leg, and Al Larson anchored the team with a

The Parkland indoor track team coln Land ran away with the race with their time of 20:28.5.

Tracksters take third in Chicago meet,

The Cobras got another second in Three Cobras posted personal the 1600 meter relay, with a 3:31.1 clocking, narrowly missing DuPage's winning effort of 3:30.9. The splits for the 1600 were: Glenn Greig, 56.0; Thom Uhlir 52.2; Reland Cooper 51.7; and Cameron Clark 50.8.

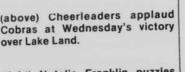
> Clay Hacker nailed a long jump of 20'4", good enough for a fourth place finish. The winning jump of the night was 21'31/2" by a Chicago College leaper. Chicago won the J.C. meet and was followed by DuPage and then Parkland.

Hacker also ran the opening leg of

three Cobras post personal records 4:21.8 in the final 1600 meters. Lin- the third place 800 meter relay team, which posted a 1:38.0 timing. Hacker sprinted his 200 meters in 26.1; Brent Colravy had a 24.7; Glenn Greig had a 24.6; and Pino Evans anchored the team with a blistering 22.6 clocking.

The Cobras took a fifth place in the 3200 meter relay with an 8.39.4 finish. Al Larson and Bill Wright both topped personal bests in the relay with times of 2:05.6 and 2:15.9 respectively. Greg Adams ran his 800 leg in 2:10.6 and Bob Parish sprinted the distance in 2:07.3.

The only other event the Cobras placed in was the Sprint Medley, where they finished fifth with a time of 3:45.8.



(right) Natalie Franklin puzzles over instructions from women's coach Lynette Trout.

photos by Joe Amdor



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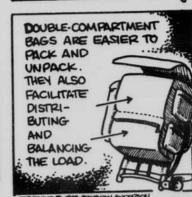


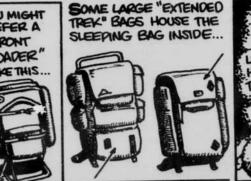












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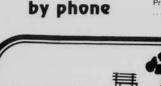








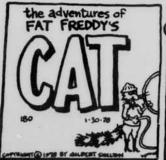




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# Women's streak stalled at seven

by Val Wallace

Overtime can be a friend or a foe in a basketball game; and to Parkland's women this weekend, it was both.

Bagging their seventh straight win Friday when the women shaved McMurray College 76-74 in extended play, the team hit defeat Saturday with Eastern Illinois who outmuscled them 64-56 at home in another overtime game.

But a surprised Eastern dwelt this time with its old opponent Parkland, a team it has previously smashed 66-22 in an early season game.

"I think Eastern was expecting an easy victory," Parkland Coach Lynette Trout said. "But with the game tied at 52 and forced into overtime... We weren't push overs."

Eastern's coach agreed: "We have the better ball club, I believe, but Parkland just outplayed us tonight. We didn't really deserve to win."

Eastern finally got the edge in overtime when Parkland's leading players, Natalie Franklin and Kim Burke, fouled out — Franklin, very early in the period.

"It hurt to lose Franklin so soon . . . . Parkland also wasn't rebounding well," Trout said. "We only had 35 in the entire game."

Because it was not a high-scoring game, free-throws also hurt the team with the Cobra women making a weak 34 percent compared to Eastern's 42 percent.

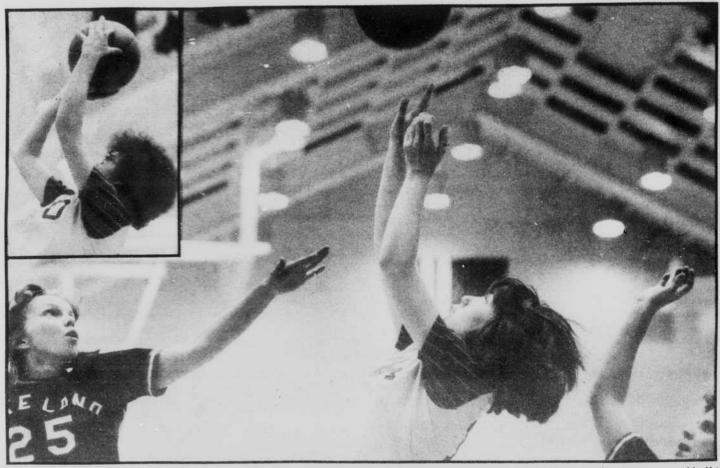
Freethrows hurt Parkland Friday night too, when the team played McMurray College in Jacksonville, but, ironically, it was at the freethrow line where the Cobras' Lenore Stewart sank the two winning points in overtime.

Tied 70-70 at the end of the second half, the teams went into extended play, during which they tied at 74 with two freethrows coming to Parkland. "We thought Natalie Franklin would be making them . . .," Coach Trout explained. "But the officials called up Lenore Stewart, who neatly put both freethrows in."

Thus Parkland took a thin victory, their

seventh straight including their triumph over Lake Land 85-59 here Tuesday. The women are now 8-6 in the season.

As for overtime: to the Parkland women, it is just as fickle as ever.



Parkland's record-setting Kim Burke shoots between two Lake Land defenders in last week's game. The Cobras used a strong second half to win 85-59. Burke scored 20 points in the contest, while teammate Sue DeBartoli (insert) scored a career high 28 points to lead the attack.

## Cobras & Kim: mutual admiration society

by Ken Hartman

How good would the women's basketball team be without Kim Burke? How good would Kim Burke be without the great bunch of teammates she has to surround her?

The answer to both of those questions is "Probably not as good as they are." But one thing is certain; one can't get along without the other, according to one source.

"If it wasn't for them (the team), I wouldn't be what I am," said Burke. "They are a great bunch, and I owe a lot of credit to them."

Last season Burke was named to the National Junior College All-American third team. She scored 380 points, but frequently 'ound herself sitting on the bench, not

because she was bad, but because the team was so good.

"Because of our margins of victory, she didn't get to stay in at times last year," said coach Lynette Trout. "We were beating opponents so badly I had to take Kim out."

The 5-5 Monticello native, who says Eastern Illinois is on the top of her college list, learned to play basketball in White Heath against boys.

She played four years at Monticello and three with the varsity team. She averaged 26 points her senior year, scoring a high of 40 against Farmer City as a sophomore.

This season in games against Florissant Valley and Lincoln Land, she scored 42 and 33 points respectively. The former is a school record.

"It's very hard to pick out her best assets," Trout said. "She's very talented in all areas. One-on-one, she's really tough. She has taken a lot of pride in her defense. She leads the team in steals, and she's not just a scorer."

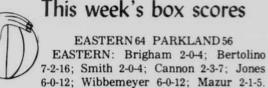
This season the Cobras are 8-6 after a rocky start in which they lost five of their first six games. They had their seven game winning streak snapped by the Eastern Illinois junior varsity Saturday night in overtime

Last year, Parkland went to the nationals and finished with a 21-2 mark. What does

Burke feel about the team's chances this time around?

"We have a lot of inexperienced kids," she said. "We're getting better and better with each game. I think we'll take sectional and go to state again."

This is Burke's last fling with the Cobras and one thing is certain. When she leaves, it will probably be quite some time before someone comes close to breaking some of her records.



Totals 29-6-14.

PARKLAND: Stoeger 2-1-5; Burke 8-1-17; Hinthorn 0-0-0; Franklin 6-3-15; DeBartoli 5-3-13; Stewart 3-0-6. Totals

Halftime: Eastern 22-21.

PARKLAND 76 McMURRAY 74 OT PARKLAND: Burke 12-2-26; Hinthorn 2-0-4; Franklin 9-2-10; DeBartoli 9-1-19; Stewart 1-2-4; Campbell 1-1-3. Totals 34-8-76

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