

Referendum possible in Fall

By MIKE WESTFALL
and DORIS BARR

Parkland probably will ask voters to approve a referendum in November which would retain but not increase the amount the College receives from property taxes.

A public Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for Aug. 15 when President Zelema Harris is expected to request Board approval of the proposal.

Taxpayers now pay 39.7 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation. If the referendum were approved, \$1.9 million would be channeled into the education fund for use in 1991-92.

Budget figures projected to the end of this year show that Parkland is facing a \$651,000 deficit, and the financial situation may get worse next year if the current tax is allowed to lapse.

At a meeting on July 18, Board members approved the tentative budget which calls for \$17,121,315 in the Education Fund (2.29 percent more than budgeted for last year) and \$2,736,965 for Operations and Maintenance (a 1.92 percent increase over the prior year's budget).

Formerly one of the state's richest community college districts, Parkland is now among the poorest. The shift has occurred because the assessed value of farmland has decreased. Also, state population has increased by only 1 percent, while the student population at Parkland has grown 6 percent in the past year. State funding also has not kept up with costs and the inflation rate.

At her first Board meeting, President Zelema Harris said she has been talking to various local service groups and found 'overwhelming' support for Parkland. She, Alice Pfeifer, vice-president/Student Administration, and Kevin Northrup, vice-president/Fiscal Administration, will visit Lincoln Land College administrators this week to discuss their recent successful tax referendum.

President Harris also has indicated that, as staff vacancies occur, she and the director of human resources will review the need for the positions.

Board Chairman Harold Miller announced at the meeting the 'nearly unanimous' vote by academic employees approving a one-year salary agreement which

gives all PAF members \$793 plus 3.2 percent of the salary; this amount equals 5.5 percent of an average faculty salary. The contract also provides for a one-time stipend of \$300 which may be applied to medical and dental benefits or, if the employee does not carry College coverage, taken as a cash payment.

The Board also:
■ Awarded a \$49,709 contract to the Johnson-Stewart Construction Company, of Urbana, the low bidder, to renovate the former Hardee's Two food service area.

■ Approved continuation of the agreement between the College and Chanute AFB to offer resident credit programs leading to degrees.

■ Approved these RAMP (Resource Allocation Management Plan) projects again this year with these adjustments: Child Care Center from \$1,468,709 to \$2,416,300; planning funds, \$250,000; cafeteria-support service facility, \$6,172,000; new classroom wing, \$4,666,300, and remodeling and rehabilitation, \$3,436,000.

■ Authorized filing an application with the Illinois State Board of Education for a Literacy Plus grant for \$16,400 to enable GED staff to continue to provide basic computer literacy as part of the instruction at the Rantoul Area Learning Center.

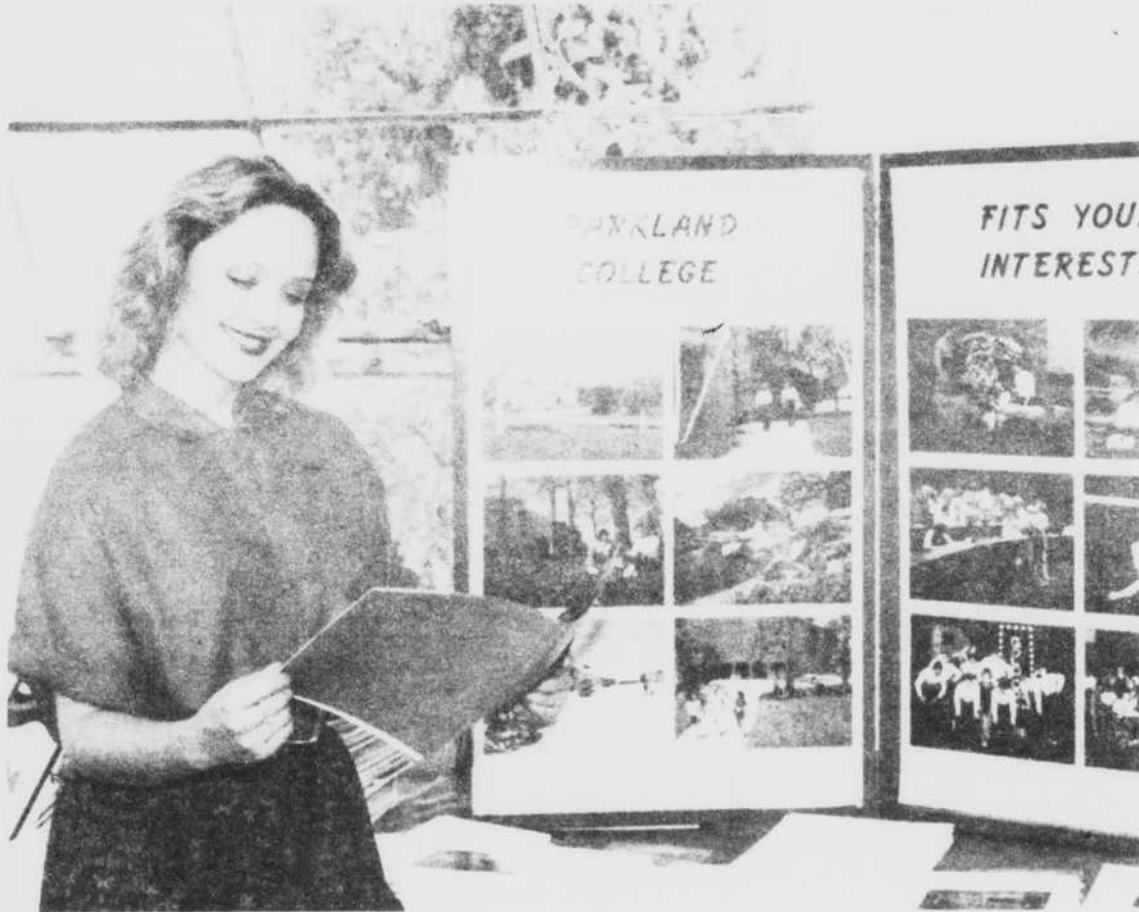
■ Approved filing for a Job Training and Partnership Act grant from the Illinois State Board of Education to provide residents of the Urbana Community Correctional Center with basic literacy skills, GED preparation, and career planning assistance.

Approximately 30 students will be involved in the training. A 50 percent match of the grant is required.

■ Heard a report from Alfred R. Hecht, vice president, Academic Administration, on this year's Young Scholars program and approved filing a proposal for a grant for \$76,000 from the National Science Foundation to continue the program next year.

The program pairs District 505 high school students with Parkland faculty, U of I faculty, and National Center for Supercomputing Applications computer scientists.

■ Declared certain word processing and photographic equipment as surplus property and authorized its sale by sealed bids.



Gina Walls, a Parkland employee, is pictured here at the college booth at the Champaign County Fair. Gina reports good attendance at the fair during these beautiful summer days.

Walls and her assistants are distributing brochures and Fall Class Schedules, as well as answering general questions about Parkland.

Prospectus photo by Larry V. Gilbert

Teens to get \$1 a day Anti-pregnancy plan

By DAVID F. JACKSON
Staff Writer

Attempting to decrease the number of teenage pregnancies, the Cunningham Township Board approved contributing \$10,000 to a program which would pay teenage girls \$1 a day not to become pregnant.

Cunningham Township allocated the \$10,000 for use by Planned Parenthood, which must provide matching funds. "We have to get the other half of the funds before we can start the program," said Pam Sawyer, of Planned Parenthood's educational staff.

The township provided the money with the stipulation that it could only be used for administrative costs, educational scholarships, and refreshments. Michael Pollock (D-5th Ward, Urbana) said, "None of the funding from the township would go to pay the girls" the \$1 a day incentive.

Pollock said, "After targeting high risk teenage girls, I think the program has a chance."

Planned Parenthood Association of Champaign County submitted the proposal earlier this year while the township was seeking ways to reduce the number of teenage pregnancies in Urbana.

The proposal calls for instituting a counseling program modeled after one that has been utilized in Denver for three years. The program would target teenage females identified as high risk for pregnancy. Under the plan, identified teenage girls that attend a weekly peer group meeting would receive \$7 a week if they do not become pregnant. No testing would be done to determine pregnancy. A girl who thought she was pregnant would be responsible for informing the group.

"I don't like the concept of the Dollar-A-Day project," said Bonnie Tarr, (D-7th Ward, Urbana). "I would prefer to see scholarships used as an

incentive."

Tarr added, "In the long run, (teenage pregnancies) are going to cost the county, city, and state money in Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) and welfare."

Joan Barr (D-1st Ward, Urbana) said, "The young people that we are trying to help have no idea of long term fulfillment. I think the Dollar-A-Day program will help them."

"There are a lot of socio-economic factors involved in the teenage high risk (pregnancy) group," said Pollock. "I think of the Dollar-A-Day program as an incentive. It's a way to get (the teenage girls) involved."

Barr added, "The concept of a scholarship is ludicrous. I think the people in the program are having trouble in school all ready, so I don't think college would benefit them."

Another program that was presented to Cunningham Township for consideration was that of home education. The proposal would have had a counselor go into homes and speak with the parents and teens about the problems of sex and pregnancy. "I think that (the home education) would be a great program," said Barr.

"I hope that teenage females are encouraged not to experience (sex) too early," said Barr. "I also think they should use condoms (if they are sexually active) with the fear of AIDS. They should also know something about the pill."

Charles A. Smyth (D-2nd Ward, Urbana) said, "I think we need to develop some kind of incentive on an immediate basis."

Smyth said the Dollar-A-Day program has "the concept of a visible, immediate reward as the main aspect. You have to get people's attention and keep it," he said.

More PLAN on 2

Parkland gets Sex Equity Program

By MARY ALICE ECKER
Staff Writer

Parkland has received funding for a new program that will provide financial assistance for 15 men and 15 women who enroll in non-traditional vocational courses.

Courses for women will be in industrial-technical specialties,

Chuck Baldwin, director of Career Programs and Career Education Services, said. Those for men will be in health/nursing fields. Funding for the Sex Equity program is by the Illinois State Board of Education.

Prospective participants will be eligible regardless of income status, Baldwin said, but they

must demonstrate capability and commitment to complete their courses of study.

Assistance with transportation also may be available, according to Baldwin.

For information on the program, call Aillinn Dannave, 351-2463.

Blackberry summer classic: hawks seem to have edge

By JOE DOAKS
Staff Writer

Folks who have been around these parts for a while say we are having an old fashioned Blackberry Summer, and the snakes and hawks are fighting it out. So far, the hawks seem to be winning, but the snakes are getting bigger.

Recent rains have caused the berries to be larger and sweeter than usual, and snakes are particularly fond of them. Insects are also more plentiful this summer, so the living has been pretty easy except for the hawks, which are always up there, circling around, looking for lunch.

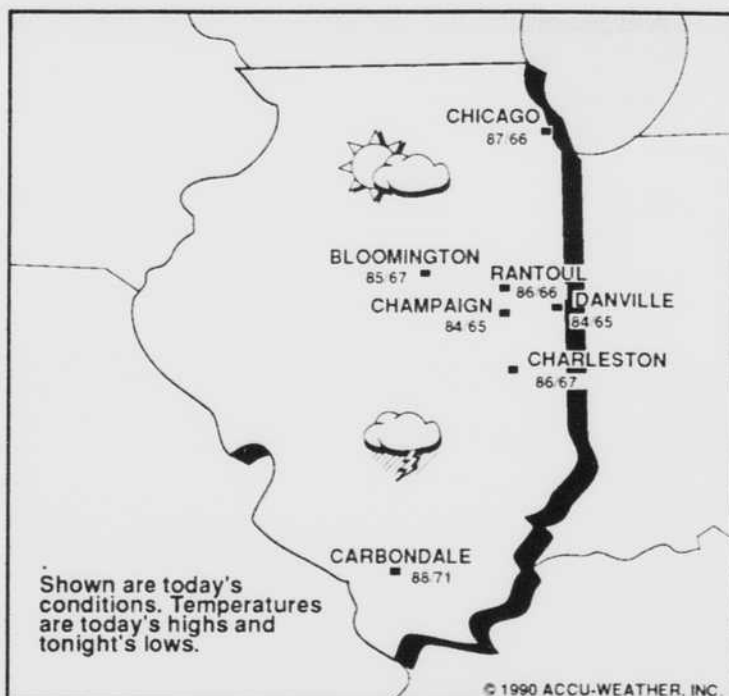
A resident who lives on a farm near the Sangamon River says they have been noticing hawks airlifting 2-foot snakes, but last week, she saw a red-tailed hawk hauling a 4-footer home for the family dinner table.



Holy cow! Holy mackerel! We're gonna win today! Forty-six fans board a bus at Parkland last week to see a Cubs game. The Giants won 5-3, but as we go to press, the North-Siders are on an 8-game winning streak.

Photo by Joan Doaks

The Weather



THE ACCU-WEATHER® FIVE-DAY FORECAST				
TOMORROW	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
87/68	90/68	90/70	92/70	90/68
Some sun, humid with a 1 storm	Hazy sun, warm and humid	Hazy sun, hot and humid	Partly sunny, hot and steamy	Some sun, chance of a 1 storm

Equine Event is Sept. 2

Parkland College and the Champaign Park District will hold the second annual Champaign Equine Event, scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 2, beginning at 8 a.m., on the Parkland College campus and on adjacent Champaign Park District grounds.

The day-long event will include Dressage and Jumping, a Combined Test, Hunter-Jumper Show, Open Western and Society Show, demonstrations, and a trade fair and concessions. Regional participation is encouraged, and participants will have opportunities to earn points toward regional sport horse champi-

onships as well as to receive various prizes and awards.

The public is invited to attend. There is no admission charge for public spectators, but donations will be accepted. Various fees will be charged for participants, patrons, and exhibitors. A patrons/exhibitors party will be held Saturday, Sept. 1.

According to Gayla Sargent, Ph.D., instructor in the Parkland Equine Management Program and event advisor, the first Equine Event, held in September of last year, drew nearly 600 entrants and more than 3,000 spectators. Proceeds from the

1989 Equine provided funds which were matched by the Parkland College Foundation, for two freshman scholarships in Equine Management at Parkland.

Ralph Hill, international event rider, notes that "Central Illinois equine sports are rapidly developing and becoming increasingly competitive."

For entry and exhibit information, including deadlines for specific events, call (217) 351-2213. For spectators, additional information is available by calling (217) 351-2561.

Faculty art show slated to be first show in fall

By JAISHREE RAMAKRISHNAN
Staff Writer

The Parkland Art Gallery's first showing of the fall semester will be a faculty show. The exhibit will run from Aug. 27 through Sept. 21.

According to Jo Van Kamp, art instructor, the show will feature exhibits by faculty members from both the Art and Design and Visual Arts Department.

"The show will be a nice way for students to become familiar with the work of their instructors. It is a very popular show," added Van Kamp.

The show will feature a wide variety of exhibits. There will be metal pieces, paste up work by commercial art instructors, jewelry, and paintings, said Van Kamp.

A reception will also be held during the show, Van Kamp said.

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"Scholarships and that stuff are all things of the future," he said. "This is immediate."

Smyth said he thinks the Dollar-A-Day program may work. "Our society is focused on the monetary, and if that's what it takes, let's do it," he said.

Pollock said, "If any method is effective in getting (the teenage girls) into the program, I think it's fine."

"If this (Dollar-A-Day) program prevents a couple (of pregnancies) a year, the program would break even," said Smyth. "For example, a Caesarean section alone costs about \$3,000 to \$5,000," he said.

Illinois birth statistics for 1988 demonstrate that 23,169 teenagers became mothers. Of those teens, 4,782 were married. Teenage births made up 12.5 percent of all births in Illinois in 1988. The statistics also demonstrate that in Champaign County in 1988, 274 teens became mothers,

PCTV gets Mac plus edit system

By DAVID F. JACKSON
Staff Writer

Barbara Gladney and her two assistants are working with a new computer and editing equipment.

Gladney is the manager of the Parkland College television station (PCTV), Cable Channel 8. According to Gladney, scripts will be written, programming schedules will be prepared, and graphics for on-air use will be designed on the new Macintosh IIfx computer the department received.

In addition to the computer, the department also received a 9800 34" U-Matic Editing system which was provided by a grant from the Department of Adult Vocational and Technical Education (DAVTE) of the Illinois State Board of Education General Revenue Equipment Reimbursement Grant. The computer was obtained with funding from the

DAVTE General Revenue Equipment Reimbursement Grant and through a DAVTE Advanced Technology Equipment Grant.

Gladney said she and her staff will use the new equipment to "continue to prepare programs and to serve students better. That's really the reason for our existence."

Tom Crook, a producer and director for PCTV said, "We eventually will be able to do computer graphics (for PCTV channel 8), but that's down the road about a year or so."

PCTV is on cable Sunday through Friday and provides among other offerings, Parkland telecourses.

"We have a community forum where we have a panel of guests come to interact with a panel of experts," said Gladney. She hopes to renew the program this fall.

with only 73 of those girls being married. Teen births made up 10.5 percent of the births in Champaign County, slightly lower than the state average.

Clifford E. Singer (D-Ward 4, Urbana) said, "The problem of teenage pregnancies is catastrophic, but this is the only program that has shown a success rate."

The program in Denver has displayed positive results on a small scale. Of 18 teenage girls participating in the program through 1988, only three became pregnant.

"I feel the (local) program will either be made or broken on the strength of the counselor."

"I don't believe you can pay somebody not to get pregnant," Singer said. "Abstinence among young girls is important, especially in this program," he added.

"There is a major need for some kind of program" to help combat the number of teenage

pregnancies, said Singer.

Kenneth Zeigler, Supervisor for Cunningham Township, stated, "Some of the Board members are a little uneasy with the concept of (the plan) — paying people not to get pregnant — but actually the (teenage girls are) being paid to be a part of this group. The only way they can belong to it is if they're not pregnant."

According to Elizabeth Barnett, director of the Dollar-A-Day program at Planned Parenthood, "Role models have been tried, but you don't actually see a difference in the teen pregnancy rate."

"The funding that we received from Cunningham Township provides that Urbana area teens will be served," Barnett explained. As we get more complementary funding, we'll be looking into doing more work in Champaign County."

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Hey, this is heavy! Ellen McDowell and Frances Drone-Silvers lift a TV set on the porch of the Catholic Worker House at 317 S. Randolph, which volunteers are remodeling. They hope to have the work done before cold weather comes this fall. Photo by Joan Doaks

Hepatitis test is questioned

By DAVID F. JACKSON
Staff Writer

A new test for donated blood has been instituted, but the medical community has questions concerning what a positive test result means.

"We don't really know what to tell donors who have a reactive test. The medical community does not understand the transmission methods of the Hepatitis C virus (HCV)," said Dr. R. Bruce Wellman, associate director at the Champaign County Blood Bank.

"It is not known how frequently it is transmitted between sexual partners, or from mothers to infants," said Wellman. He indicated that researchers do not know if HCV is spread by casual contact. The information indicates the transmission rate is low, but an exact number cannot be placed on it.

Wellman said, "We were criticized for responding too slowly with the HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) virus, but with HCV, we are instituting a test before we understand what it means to have a positive test," said Wellman.

While the test for HCV virus has been available to researchers for almost two years, it has been available to blood banks for only three months. It is estimated that the HCV virus has taken refuge in the livers of approximately 2.5 million Americans alone.

"If 1 in 200 people test positive for Hepatitis C, only 1 in 400 are probably actually infected by the virus," said Wellman, who is also the director of the Carle Clinic laboratory, Urbana.

According to Wellman, lower

socio-economic groups have demonstrated higher positive reactive rates to the new Hepatitis C test being utilized to maintain the integrity of the nation's blood supply.

The test for the HCV virus was licensed May 2. HCV testing was initiated at the Champaign County Blood Bank May 4. According to Wellman, all available blood at that facility had been tested by May 5.

So far, there have been 22 reactive cases at the Champaign County Blood Bank out of approximately 5,600 donors tested. Donors that are reactive to the new test will be notified by certified letter and advised of any specific information they would need to present to their primary physicians.

According to figures provided by Wellman, in 1980 the chances of hepatitis being transmitted via blood transfusions was approximately 4 to 7 percent. In 1986, the statistics indicated the chances were reduced to 1 percent. The most recent figures available indicate that the chances of hepatitis being transmitted by a blood transfusion is less than 1 in 200.

There are now five identified viruses that affect the liver. They are Hepatitis A, B, C, D, and E. Wellman indicated that there is probably one other unknown virus that also affects the liver.

A viral infection of the liver, or hepatitis, may occur without any symptoms or illness. However, it may be associated with fatigue, loss of appetite, pain over the liver, fever, nausea, and vomiting, Wellman indicated.

Workers repair house

By MARY ALICE ECKER
Staff Writer

These may be the lazy days of summer, but the sounds of birds singing and crickets chirping are being drowned out by hammers banging and saws buzzing at 317 Randolph St. where volunteers and workers are trying to get the St. Jude Catholic Worker House ready for use by Sept. 15.

The facility is being moved from the house at 1308 W. University, Urbana, which will be razed for a parking lot for Covenant Hospital.

The new facility has a larger kitchen, which will seat 15 or more people, Ellen McDowell, volunteer and organizer of the Friends of the Worker House, said. It also will have a community room for meetings and games and allow residents more privacy, she said.

The organization has raised \$55,000 and made a down payment of \$15,000 on the house. It has a CD at the Bank of Illinois for \$20,000, and \$20,000 is left for renovations. Champaign Mayor Dannel McColm signed the loan for the mortgage of \$58,000.

"Sometimes the money gets low," McDowell said, "but then a check appears."

The new House will be able to

accommodate about 16 permanent residents, and the 30 to 50 street people who eat lunch there from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and supper from 6 to 9 p.m.

Homeless families are housed at the shelter, but homeless single men are directed to the Salvation Army or the Men's Winter Emergency Shelter on the UI campus.

Workers are hurrying to complete the remodeling before cold weather, which McDowell says is "the most desperate time. They just knock on the door. Often, they're crying. It's hard to turn people away. Sometimes, we've had them sleeping on the floor."

Although many homeless now can sleep in parking lots and hang out in public parks, cold weather spreads serious hardship. "Men come in with frozen skin," McDowell said, "and they're wearing light jackets. After they've eaten, they usually fall asleep right away."

The average age of those who go to the House to eat and/or stay "is younger than you think — 35 to 45 years old," she said. Some are alcoholics, but few are on drugs, according to McDowell, and "They take care of each other" so if someone has had too much to drink, his friends take

him for a walk.

She says "What's badly needed is a drop-in center for homeless men where they can clean up a little, perhaps see a social worker, or use the phone." The House functions in this way, but it closes in the afternoons to encourage job hunting. However, if a resident cannot leave for some reason, the person is allowed to stay. The House is a "very accepting place," McDowell said.

"People know it (homelessness) can happen," she said, but when it does, it usually comes as a shock. "It's a terrible thing for families. People lose their children to foster care because they can't keep them."

Seventy families have joined the new Ten Dollar A Month Club to benefit the House. "We're hoping to get 100 families," McDowell said, "to give us an amount we can depend on."

The House operates solely on volunteer help: cooks, clean-up workers, live-in staff, and money-raisers. Many of the carpenters and others remodeling the house are also volunteers.

All types of volunteers are needed, McDowell said, including cooks, servers, carpenters, plumbers, drivers, live-in volunteers, and tutors.

Seek burglary clues

This week Crimestoppers is seeking information on a series of burglaries to houses within the area of Sangamon Ave. south to Cypress and Mattis Ave. and west to Kenwood Rd. in Champaign.

The burglaries have occurred between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m. The person or persons committing these burglaries enter the homes both with the home owner present and asleep and when the owner is away. Entry is made by removing window screens or open and unlocked windows, forcing open a rear or side door, or just reaching through an open window and taking the items.

Items taken include purses, wallets, money, jewelry, and a pocket watch with a picture of a deer engraved on it. Also taken are the following guns:

Smith and Wesson model 66 with holster; blue-finished Ruerger 357 Magnum revolver with brown case; and a stainless steel Randall 9 mm automatic with a camouflage carrying case.

Small footprints have been found at some of the burglary sites, which possibly indicate juvenile suspects. Champaign Police Investigators are requesting any information regarding these burglaries.

Crimestoppers will pay you a reward up to \$1,000 if your information leads to the arrest of suspect or suspects. If you have any information call 373-TIPS. Callers do not have to give their names. Cash rewards are paid for information on other felony crimes or fugitives in the Champaign County area.

Agency provides food, furniture

By JOYCE MEYER
for the Prospectus

Just head north on Champaign's Fourth St. until you reach Church St. That's where you'll find the new location of empty tomb, inc., a local non-profit agency serving the community's lower income persons. And the street location is appropriate — because church work is what empty tomb is all about.

According to Sarah Wiggert, spokesperson for empty tomb, "We exist to share Christ's love in the community. We do what we do because of the efforts of the local congregations. We exist because they help us."

empty tomb was established in 1970, and it was housed on University Ave. in Urbana until last month. On that date, the organization moved to its new location at 301 N. Fourth St. in Champaign. It is now in a building constructed almost entirely of volunteers.

empty tomb's workers reach the community in a variety of ways. They distribute furniture and other household items in good condition to those in need, providing pick-up and delivery service for those goods as well. They provide food from member congregations' pantries, and they even stock staples such as dry milk and beans (and bread twice a week) for walk-in clients.

When the money is available, empty tomb also offers some financial assistance to those who need help paying rent or utility bills. Clothing is available in a large display room right in the new building. Plus, empty tomb funds one full-time nurse position at Frances Nelson Health Center.

In addition to the nurse, empty tomb employs eight full-time and two part-time staff members.

empty tomb does its work mostly through the volunteer hours of people belonging to its 40 member congregations. According to Wiggert, approximately 6,000-8,000 volunteer hours already have been logged in this year for building and maintenance of the new building.

She noted that dressers, baby items, and working refrigerators are some of the goods consistently requested by those they serve.

empty tomb's administrative office is open Mon.-Sat., from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Those who wish to receive assistance can drop in between 1 and 5 p.m. on those days.

The new phone number is 356-2262.

Scientists study black bears

By **DAVID F. JACKSON**
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Deep in the heart of Cham-
paign County, three black bears
are residing on a privately-
owned farm. The bears were hos-
pital by Minnesota, Wisconsin, and
Michigan Departments of Natu-
ral Resources after being labeled
as problem bears.

While working at the Mayo
Clinic, in Rochester, Minn., in
1969, Ralph A. Nelson, M.D.,
Ph.D., took an avid interest in
black bears. He learned the bears
do not eat, drink, urinate, or
defecate for up to six months,
and maintain near normal body
temperatures during their hiber-
nation, or the denning stage, as
Nelson prefers to call it.

At that time, Nelson envi-
sioned great benefits coming
from his research. "I look at it
more for people with kidney trou-
ble, and osteoporosis," said the
20-year veteran bear researcher.
Nelson is also involved with pol-
ar bear research in Canada.

"We were putting together
diets for people who had kidney
disease so they would not have to
go on dialysis or get a transpl-
ant," Nelson explained during a
recent interview.

Nelson began his research
available about the black bear at
that time. "We looked at that bear
as an important model because
humans have to go on dialysis or
get a kidney transplant when
they produce more urea than
they can get rid of," Nelson stat-
ed. "The bear never has that
problem, so we have been look-
ing for the substance or sub-
stances that control that reaction
so that if it works in humans they
would not have to have a kidney
transplant or go on dialysis."

At this point, the researchers
have identified bodily materials
associated with a bear's winter
denning habits. They have con-
ducted some biological studies on
the materials, but the research
has yet to be released. However,
the researchers have not isolated
the substances which are the
direct cause of the denning stage.

During the winter, the black
bear is easily aroused, and may
even wander around for a short
period, but the bears do not eat
or drink, nor do they excrete any
bodily waste, as they excrete nat-
urally recycle their waste prod-
ucts while denning.

Before a bear goes into the



Pat Miers conducts tests on serum urea nitrogen at Carle
Foundation Medical Research Office, Urbana.

Photo by David F. Jackson

denning stage, it becomes hyper-
phagic, which means it eats great
amounts. During this period, "we
will usually see a weight gain
between 50 to 80 pounds," said
Pat Miers, a research assistant to
Nelson. "When they have
enough weight for the winter, the
bears will stop eating. They'll just
walk around," Nelson explained.
"They're not interested in any-
more food, with energy on board,
in the wilds, they'll stop eating
and go to places where there is
no food."

After foraging, bears go into a
small den where they will lie for
most, if not all, winter. According
to Nelson, this is information
that may provide insight into
osteoporosis.

Bears are not hibernators in
the true sense of the word. True
hibernators, such as the common
ground squirrel and marmots,
drop their body temperature to
ambient temperatures during
their winter sleep, and wake oc-
casionally to excrete bodily
wastes.

"We do know that deep hiber-
nators, like the ground squirrel
laying in their dens get osteopor-
osis, because they are lying

enough." The doctor estimates
that 90 percent of all males will
be afflicted with osteoporosis be-
tween the ages of 80 and 84.

"The best treatment we can
give for osteoporosis really is to
prevent further bone loss, but it
has never replaced lost bone,"
Nelson said. "A person with bad
osteoporosis is treated with a
steroid, like testosterone for
males; vitamin D, and calcium.
The best that can do is prevent
bone loss. It won't replete what's
been lost already," Nelson ex-
plained.

Pat Miers, one of Nelson's re-
search assistants, believes the
black bear has answers to many
questions. "Right now, we are
looking at the uniqueness of the
black bear and its metabolic
pathways. The fact that bears are
able to make bone during a fast-
ing state is something," Miers
commented. "If you look at pa-
tients on long-term bed rest, they
tend to lose bone and calcium,
and these animals don't seem to
be following that pattern. They
seem to be more adapted to
long-term immobilization,"
Miers explained.

According to Nelson, a lack of
physical stress is detrimental to
the human body. "When a hu-
man or any other animal is not
weight bearing, we lose calcium
in our bones because we need
the stress to keep bone forma-
tion," Nelson explained. "The
bone that we have is due to the

fact that bone is continually
formed and broken down. When
we stop growing, these two rates
(forming and breaking down)
equal each other. When a person
goes to bed, they don't form
bone, but they continue to break
it down, so that means a loss of
calcium."

Nelson said, "We now know
that bears make bone even when
they are non-weight bearing."

Nelson explained that space
flight is another cause of calcium
loss in bones, which leads to
osteoporosis. "In space flights,
that's going to be accentuated.
The astronauts are not under any
force of gravity. Even when they
are up exercising, there's no
gravitational pull, and the astro-
nauts have been shown to lose
calcium, and they've lost so
much calcium, that some of the
astronauts have not repleted the
bone they had lost in space flight
five years after they got back.

"The bear makes as much
bone as it loses, and has no
change in its bone structure,
even though it's lying down for
months," Nelson said.

Nelson said if a human were to
lie down and not eat, he would
have a rise in his calcium and
phosphorus levels. "People
would lose calcium from their
bones, and there would be a
danger of them getting calcium
stones in their kidneys, but the
bear doesn't do any of that."

down, and are non-weight bear-
ing," Nelson said.

Nelson explained that women
develop osteoporosis faster than
men, "and it's just after meno-
pause that they start losing
bone," Nelson said, "osteoporosis
will hit just about 100 percent of
men and women if they live long

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REO, W. Nelson reschedule shows

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ment Director Mike DuBois has
announced a reversal of dates for
grandstand shows featuring Wil-
lie Nelson and REO Speedwagon.
Willie Nelson, previously
scheduled to appear Friday, Aug.
10, will now appear Saturday
Aug. 11. REO Speedwagon, pre-
viously scheduled to appear Sat-
urday, Aug. 11 will now appear
Friday, Aug. 10

"Although we're not fully sure
what exactly generated the mix-
up in booking these acts, we
accept the full blame as organiz-
ers of the State Fair and apolo-
gize for any inconvenience this
may cause to our customers,"
DuBois said.

Tickets already purchased for
these shows will be honored at
the show for which they are
purchased, regardless of the date
on them. Tickets on sale now

show the correct dates.

For those unable to adjust to
the change, a refund policy has
been implemented. Those wish-
ing a refund for tickets pur-
chased through the State Fair
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written request by Aug. 1 to the
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Student reviews hit

Dick Tracy breaks film cycle

By SARAH HARRISON
Staff Writer

Over the years, the movies have had to go to further and further extremes to satisfy the increasingly intense appetite of the American public: more sex, more violence, more special effects, more complex plots, more multi-dimensional characters. A new wave of refreshing films that break this cycle and return to a simpler form of entertainment has washed into the theatres, and *Dick Tracy* is currently riding high on the crest of that wave.

Dick Tracy is a movie for people who read the comic section of the newspaper first; it is movie for people who still enjoy Saturday morning cartoons; it is a movie for people who enjoy escaping into a film that doesn't take a mental or emotional toll on them. *Dick Tracy* is a fun, colorful, and easy-to-watch presentation of Chester Gould's comic strip detective.

The peripheries in *Dick Tracy*: the backgrounds, the sets, the props, and the costumes were created especially to give this film the look and feel of a Sunday comic strip. The color scheme is bright with basic primary colors used liberally. The costumers and props are a variety of solid colors: blue, yellow, purple, red, green, orange, and black.

The sets are very sparingly decorated with only a few generic props. For example, buildings

are identified by signs that say simply, "Drug Store" or "Diner." Rooms are decorated with only a few pieces of furniture, and there are no pictures hanging on the walls. The same shades of colors are used on the buildings, on cars, and in rooms to remind viewers that this is a comic strip brought to life.

The backgrounds of the big city skyline at night are stunning one-dimensional and two-dimensional paintings of mostly blues and greys accentuated by bright spots of white lights and thinly scattered neon signs. The artistry of these backgrounds is the best example to date of the legendary excellence of the Disney Studios. The dark night sky, the abandoned dock warehouses, and the crowded city streets combine to create an atmosphere of unstoppable crime.

The ominous orchestrated horn soundtrack adds an emotional drama to the movie that would not be there otherwise and conveys the single-minded determination of Detective Tracy.

The story in *Dick Tracy* is predictable and easy to follow: organized crime threatens to take over the city, and Tracy is the only man who can stop the crime wave though not in less than two hours. Along the way, Tracy adopts an orphan boy who helps Tracy out of several scrapes.

All the characters in this movie

are flat, like the print characters they are based on. The good guys are good and can't do anything without Tracy; the bad guys are bad, and all have gruesomely made-up faces. In the hands of actors of lesser abilities, these characters would be ridiculous and lifeless caricatures, but Al Pacino, as crime boss Big Boy Caprice, and Dustin Hoffman, as bad guy Mumbles, bring energy and humor to their roles and are often responsible for keeping the action moving.

Madonna is typecast as the self-serving seductress, Breathless Mahoney. Warren Beatty portrays the steadfast Tracy with determination and vulnerability, conveying more humor with his expressions than with his dialogue. Some especially funny moments are generated by Tracy's relationship with longtime girlfriend, Tess Trueheart (Glenn Headly), and his blossoming friendship with the streetwise orphan Kid (Charlie Korsmo).

Dick Tracy is an innovative Disney film that has faithfully brought the Sunday comic strip to the big screen. Fine performances by some of today's top stars and colorful, artistic settings make this gamble a success. This is the film to see for the person who wants to experience *Dick Tracy* beyond the funny papers.



Judith Long (Medea) and Bruce Heck (Creon) in a scene from *Medea*, one of three classical plays being presented at the Parkland Theater.

Gospel, Greek tragedy meld in Goodman show

By GREG SPRINGER
for the Prospectus

CHICAGO — On the stage of the Parkland Theater this summer, an admirable attempt has been made to enliven some plays of ancient Greece — "Medea," "Oedipus," and "The Clouds" — for contemporary audiences.

A simultaneous effort is raising the roof off the Goodman Theater in Chicago.

"The Gospel at Colonus" transposes a play Sophocles wrote 2,400 years ago — "Oedipus at Colonus" — into an African-American Pentecostal church service, with vibrant colors, spirit-lifting rhythms, and a gospel music experience that brings the audience to tears and to its feet with joy.

Sophocles' play, written shortly before the dramatist died at the age of 90, offers a concluding chapter in the myth of Oedipus. It has been called a sermon on Oedipus' redemption after a life cursed with patricide, incest, blindness, and betrayal.

To turn the ancient drama into a gospel music service, experimental playwright Lee Breuer recognized the dramatic nature of black preaching. Research also revealed that the Greek tragedies originally were akin to religious services, with audiences — well-versed in the mythological stories — responding aloud during the play's presentation.

In the various cities where "The Gospel at Colonus" has been performed since 1983, local gospel and blues musicians have been chosen to participate in the play. In Chicago, the Faith Tabernacle Voices make up the on-stage congregation. "Pops" Staples plays Creon, the King of Thebes who attempts to bring Oedipus to his city to receive a blessing. The blind Oedipus is performed by the blind Clarence Fountain, backed by the Five Blind Boys of Alabama.

The story unfolds as a visiting pastor narrates the story to the congregation. As he speaks and sings of these ancient characters, their counterparts walk across the stage, mingling myth with physical presence.

And songs erupt from the tale with sheer force and magnetic enthusiasm. "Live Where You Can (Be happy as you can)," "No Never," and "Now Let the Weeping Cease" evolve in classic gospel fashion.

Greek myth and the gospel — pre-Christian tales and the Christian "good news" — may seem to be a contradiction in terms. The popular trend of modernizing of classics sometimes strains a play's meaning. (Breuer's own recent "Lear," turning Shakespeare's tragic king into a 1950s-era rural Southern woman with three hillbilly sons, is a prime example.) But "The Gospel at Colonus" is an updated classic that works consistently throughout. Followers of Joseph Campbell and others who see the universality in humanity's myths will find the Christian and pre-Christian parallel striking; regardless of one's philosophical perspective, everyone will be enraptured by the sounds of the ancient heart in the "The Gospel at Colonus" as it continues through August 12 at the Goodman. For tickets, call (312) 443-3800.

In quite a different lecture experience, strippers advise a young vaudeville performer that "you got to have a gimmick." The "musical fable" based on the life of Gypsy Rose Lee has proven just the opposite. "Gypsy" has survived and been revived over and over for 30 years, without adding rollerskates, monster masks, or recontextualization.

The current revival on Broadway, with Tyne Daly in a Tony winning performance, is an acknowledgement of the play's powerful longevity and classic themes. In the new recording, Daly doesn't demonstrate a vocal ability to match Broadway's original Ethel Merman, but she does reveal the darker elements of the comedy and, to quote director Arthur Laurents, the "horrendous blind optimism" of "Everything's Coming Up Roses."

Local audiences have the chance to see once again how Baby Louise grew up in the production of "Gypsy" at the Little Theater on the Square in Sullivan, beginning July 25 (phone 217/728-2065). In some ways, "Gypsy" is the mother of "A Chorus Line," leading the way with a story about the pain, exhilaration, and the ancient struggle to make one's mark upon the stage.

Greg Springer, staff writer for Parkland College, was recently nominated and accepted into the American Theatre Critics Association and the International Association of Theatre Critics.

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Leann Pool plays PSG hoops

By DAVID F. JACKSON
Staff Writer

When the Prairie State Games came to town, one of Parkland's own was playing on home court.

Leann Pool, former tri-captain on the Cobra Women's basketball team, represented Parkland during the Prairie State Games by playing on the women's open basketball team.

Pool came to Parkland in 1988 after graduating from Arcola High School where she played on the basketball team and was awarded the Marty Thomas Scholarship for being the "Best Female Athlete" at the school.

Pool said she "grew up playing basketball with the neighborhood boys." She said she would "go out and play basketball, football," and other sports, but "Mom could never understand how I got so attached to sports," said Pool. "There's no one else in my family who played sports."

Having been involved with basketball for several years, Pool said she has been interested in the Prairie State Games and was "going to try out last year, but I decided not to because I had a lot of things to do."

At the Prairie State Games,



LEANN POOL

Pool was a shooting guard but only "got to touch the ball three times, and shot (the ball one time," she said.

Pool is planning to attend Illinois State University or Eastern Illinois University to earn her four-year degree.

Pool said she learned a "great deal about leadership and management" while on the Cobra team, and "It was a beneficial experience" that she can use in her life.



Keep your eye on it! Missy Siegmund gets set to hit Saturday in a game at Canady Park as Charlie Lowary catches and Larry Swinyer

umps. Swinyer, a Parkland alum, was named Park District Employee of the Month for July.

Photo by Joan Doaks

PC graduate honored

Larry Swinyer, Parkland graduate, has been named the Champaign Park District July volunteer of the month.

Swinyer is a volunteer umpire for girls' softball, worked at Special Olympics, Senior Olympics events, and a Day in the Park, and officiates at children's basketball and softball games.

The Park District citation

states, "He has excellent leadership skills and outstanding rapport with children and parents."

Swinyer was treasurer of Student Government in 1988-89 and was graduated with the Associate in Science degree in Business. Now a student at the U of I, he is studying for a B.S. degree in Business.

"I just like doing it," he said of his volunteer activities. "I like

helping adults and kids to have fun. And they sure do in these programs."

Abe's Amble 10K to be at State Fairgrounds

Runners aged 14 and over will have an opportunity to grab their running shoes, stretch their legs, and pound the pavement in competition during the Abe's Amble 10K (6.2 mile) race, or a two mile race through the Illinois State Fairgrounds on Sunday, Aug. 19.

Domino's Pizza, WYMG Radio, the Springfield Running Center, and the Illinois State "Super Fair" will sponsor the 13th annual event.

Runners will meet at 6:30 a.m. in front of the grandstand.

Entries, which are due by Aug. 17, must include an \$11 registration fee.

These entries will be divided

into men's and women's categories, ranging from 14 years and under to 60 years and over. This year's race will again include a wheelchair event co-sponsored by the Springfield Center for Independent Living.

The winners in the 6.2-mile or 2-mile stretch will receive cash prizes and first place will receive a trophy.

For further information contact: Illinois State Fair, Special Events, P.O. Box 576, Springfield, IL 62705, or call (217) 782-0777.

Runners may also contact: Springfield Road Runners Club, P.O. Box 638, Springfield, IL 62705, or call (217) 782-6213.

Millikin grad named women's b-ball coach

Becky Hays has been named women's basketball coach, replacing Kay Martin, who resigned at the end of the 1990 season.

Hays has been the head women's basketball and softball coach at Manito-Foreman High School in Western Illinois for the past four seasons.

She is a 1984 graduate of Millikin University in Decatur where she was a member of the nationally ranked team in both 1982 and 1984. Hays will begin her coaching duties at the beginning of the fall semester.

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