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Auction items make money for College

By Doris Barr and David F. Jackson

All the surplus items offered by the College were sold for a total of \$8,632.75 at an auction Thursday night in Gifford.

More than 300 bidders participated, Denny Elimon, director, Physical Plant, said. The sale was approved by the Board of Trustees at their meeting June 19. In the past, the College has disposed of surplus items by garage sale and sealed bids. Auctioning was approved because it is a faster method of disposal and reduces the amount of space and money involved in storing the items.

Pres. Zelema Harris reported to the Board that during a recent visit to Springfield, she was asked to testify before the House on Senate Bill 308, which provides funds for community college operation. She said she described the negative effects that an appropriations cut would have on District 505 residents and repeated the College's need for a day car center for students' children.

President Harris also introduced James Quinn, the new interim director of Human Resources.

Hurst Security Services, Inc., was awarded a two-year contract to provide late night, weekend, holiday, special event coverage, and bank service for the College. The 1992 cost with vehicle will be \$92,423 for an estimated 10,700 hours of protective service. The 1993 charge will be \$95,633.

The Board also approved purchasing a \$10,325 Rolm phone call reporting software package that will allow accumulation of outgoing and incoming call data by extension, department, and time period.

As the end of the fiscal year approached, Parkland full-time faculty had been paid \$5,054,177 for the period through May 31; part-time faculty had received \$2,369,284. College Administrators had been paid \$1,525,783. Clerical staff received \$1,246,465, and student employees \$304,976.

Gulliver's reported that business increased from \$44,735 in February to \$60,917 in March; the College received \$8,647 in rent from the food service in March.

By May, the Game Room receipts totaled \$2,421, and students had inserted \$552 in coins into the Library copying machine.

Dale Ewen, Assistant Vice President/ Academic Administration, described Parkland's plans to expand its selection of telecourses and their availability in District 505. The Board then approved resolutions concerning the Joint Champaign-Urbana Cable Television Commission. A District-wide telecourse component is expected to assist weekend and evening enrollment. Madonna Kirk, Student Government president and non-voting Board member, expressed her approval of the expanded television course plan, which she said will

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On the stand

Lee Rawles sits in the witness stand, playing the part of a teacher testifying how she suspected a student was involved with drugs. Amy Kuetmeyer, standing, is acting the part of the prosecutor during the classroom exercise in the College for Kids Mock Trial course. See story on page 3.

PROSPECTUS PHOTO BY DAVID F. JACKSON

Name change game in Soviet Union

By Steve Raymer
National Geographic
News Service

MOSCOW — A campaign to rid Russia of the names of communist bosses and Bolshevik revolutionaries is redrawing the map of the Soviet Union.

Voters in Leningrad, the Soviet Union's second-largest city, went to the polls June 12 to decide whether to return the city to its pre-revolutionary name of St. Petersburg.

The voted Locals voted 55 percent in favor of changing the name of the city back to Leningrad.

Since 1924, the city of 4.5 million has been named for the father of the modern communist state, Vladimir I. Lenin. But today millions of Russians blame Lenin and his heirs for an economic system that has brought the country to the brink of ruin and a regime that has robbed them of a sense of history.

Leningrad, founded in 1703 on the marshy banks of the Neva River by Peter the Great, is only the latest of more than two dozen Russian cities searching for their roots in Czarist-era names.

In Moscow, 29 streets and squares and 10 subway stations have been

renamed in the past three months. Beyond the capitol, the names of ancient trade centers are replacing those of Red army marshals and Communist Party leaders.

"These are bread crumbs compared to the 1,500 names violently taken from the city," Vladimir S. Dormidontov, chairman of a Moscow City Council commission on place names, tells *National Geographic*. "We must revive the historical face of the city — and of Russia."

The Russian Republic's reform-minded parliament, headed by Boris N. Yeltsin, recently gave back to Gorky, a huge industrial city on the Volga River, its historical name of

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Prospectus surveys students, staff about reading, buying

By Mary Alice Ecker
for the Prospectus

To obtain accurate information on the composition and buying habits of its readership, the *Prospectus* is conducting a pilot survey this summer that will be developed into a larger statistical study this Fall.

Students in two day classes and one evening class will be asked to

fill out the editorial and advertising questionnaire.

Richard G. Stearns, director of Institutional Research, will oversee the data collection. The College's new Optical Mark Scantron Model 8400-E equipment will be used to tabulate the data for the pilot and final questionnaires.

Questions cover basic informa-

tion on individual and family members, reading habits, and buying patterns.

"It's the first time the equipment is being used for research at Parkland and is a means of testing its effectiveness," Stearns said. "The scanning equipment is directly wired into a micro-computer and utilizes a variety of software packages to perform various statistical analyses."

"We're looking forward to obtaining the results of the survey," Carol Steinman, interim director, Student Support Services said, "because it will furnish us with accurate profiles of our readers. We're also very interested in learning certain facts about circulation of the paper and multiple readership which the study will provide."

Steinman added that two new type faces — Helvetica Black and Helvetica Black Oblique — are being used for headlines beginning with this issue of the *Prospectus*. The change is being made in order to make headlines easier to read, she said.

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Enrollment tops 1983 record

By David F. Jackson
Prospectus Editor

Summer classes are proving to be even hotter than June temperatures as enrollment rose to record-breaking levels.

Enrollment figures for the tenth day after classes start shows that 3,885 students are enrolled for Summer classes, according to Alice Pfeffer, vice-president, Student Administration.

Enrollment figures for this semester compare to 3,561 students one year ago. The increase in head count is up 324, or 9 percent.

The full-time equivalent (FTE) is 1,071. During Summer session, the FTE is based on the number of students enrolled in six or more credit hours. This compares to an FTE of 947 last year, with an increase of 124 hours, or 13 percent.

Students enrolled in 16,070 credit hours for Summer session. The total

credit hours for Summer, 1990 were 14,209, an 1,861 credit hour increase over last year.

Pfeffer said some of this summer's enrollment is attributed to Project Choice.

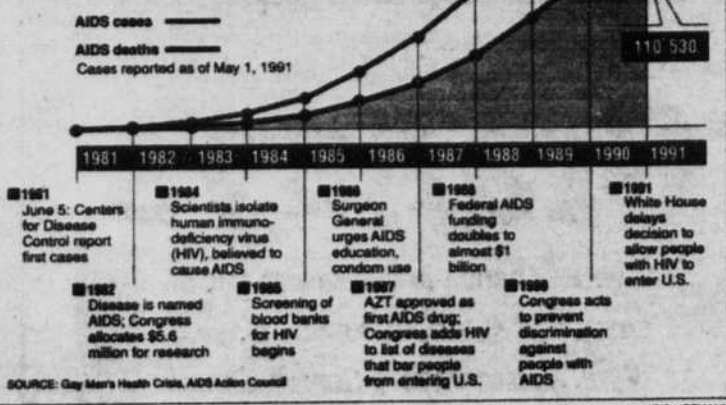
Project Choice, sponsored by Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA), is designed to assist those individuals losing their jobs because of the Chanute Air Force Base in Rantoul closing, according to Hank Barnard, JTPA specialist at Parkland.

Barnard said there are approximately 250 students enrolled under Project Choice this summer.

According to Jo Davis Williams, director, Enrollment Development and Management, "The summer session enrollment is the highest ever in both head count and FTE. Before this year, the Summer session enrollment in 1983 was the highest. This summer's enrollment shows a 3.8 percent increase over the 1983 headcount."

AIDS: Its deadly 10-year history

About one million Americans are infected with the acquired immune deficiency syndrome virus; more than 110,000 have died of AIDS since 1981.



Surplus auction helps raise funds

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enable more students in outlying areas to accumulate college credit.

An agreement between Parkland and Illinois Central College was approved to allow students concurrently enrolling at Heartland to receive maximum financial aid consideration. This agreement is similar to one for concurrently enrolled U. of I. students.

In compliance with new rules adopted by the Illinois Community College Board, the Board approved filing a description of the process the College uses to verify student residency.

Assessment of a \$7 service fee for CLEP (College-Level Entrance Examination Program) candidates also was passed by the Board.

Eight grant applications for a total of \$580,724 were approved, and \$418,544 accepted from three funds.

Grant applications and amounts are:

Δ Illinois Community College Board for \$53,517 to continue expansion of the Learning Resource Program

Δ ICCB for \$23,489 to continue service through the Comprehensive

Adult Employment Development Program

Δ \$100,000 from the Illinois State Board of Education to continue and expand the Tech-Prep Program

Δ \$322,534 from the ISBE for three occupational programs: Computer Technology, Health Occupations, and Industrial/Technical

Δ \$39,480 from the Champaign Consortium to provide vocational training and related assistance to eligible students

Δ \$10,704 from the Champaign Consortium for training students enrolled in the Nursing Assistant Program

Δ \$30,000 from the Consortium to provide training for students in the Tractor-Trailer Program

Δ \$1,000 from the Illinois Department of Conservation for upgrading the entrance area and provided limited off-road parking the Patton Woods nature site

A breakdown of funds received from these sources:

Δ Helen Fuld Health Trust, \$29,960

Δ Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs,

\$5,000

Δ U.S. Department of Education, \$383,584

The Board affirmed that prevailing wages as certified by the Illinois Department of Labor are paid for construction work done at the College.

Draft copies of Parkland's Affirmative Action/Equal Employment Opportunity Program were circulated to Board members. Edlois Mitchell Broughton, Affirmative Action officer/Student Administration, and George Johnston, president of the Parkland College Association, described data collection and analysis procedures used for a study of Parkland employees which the Board will consider at its July meeting.

The Board also approved an Administrative Fellows program which will allow full-time non-administrative employees to assume new or vacant administrative positions or special short-term appointments to obtain this type of experience.

Insurance, maintenance charges cost \$18.3 million in two years

By Doris Barr
For the Prospectus

Increased medical and life insurance costs for employees plus capital outlays to maintain aging buildings for expanding enrollments account for most of the \$18.3 million increase in general community college costs over the last two years.

Salary increases during this period are not included in a recent report by the Illinois Community College Board.

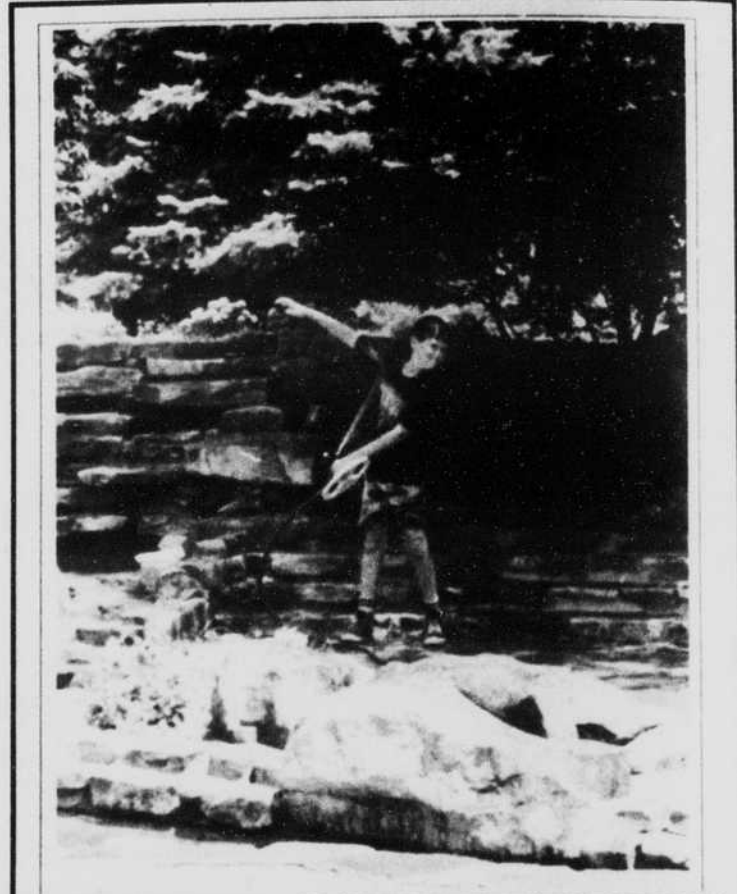
In 1990, community colleges were serving 352,357 students, or 64 percent of the Illinois college population. Two-year colleges were also leading four-year institutions— 3.2 to 2.5 percent—in the statewide increase in enrollment.

Community college enrollment has jumped 8.7 percent in the last three years, creating a need for larger facilities, the Board states. Many buildings now are deteriorating, the report adds, and some colleges are still using structures that were in-

tended to be temporary.

Because other costs were increasing, many community colleges deferred building maintenance, but now these repair projects are becoming mandatory, according to the report.

Another category of increased costs is general material and supplies, which includes printing, publications and dues, and advertising, up 24.8 percent or \$2.3 million in the past two years. Supplies made up the largest portion of this increase, according to the Board report.



Shower time

Louis Stutz, Paxton, took a break from College for Kids classes when he found a sprinkler near the fountain last week as temperatures soared in the high 90s. Today is Stutz's birthday.

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Healthcare recruiters chapter approved; McCasky president

By Eva D. Sti
Prospectus Staff Writer

The Central Illinois Healthcare Recruiters Association has been officially approved as a chapter by the National Association for Healthcare Recruitment.

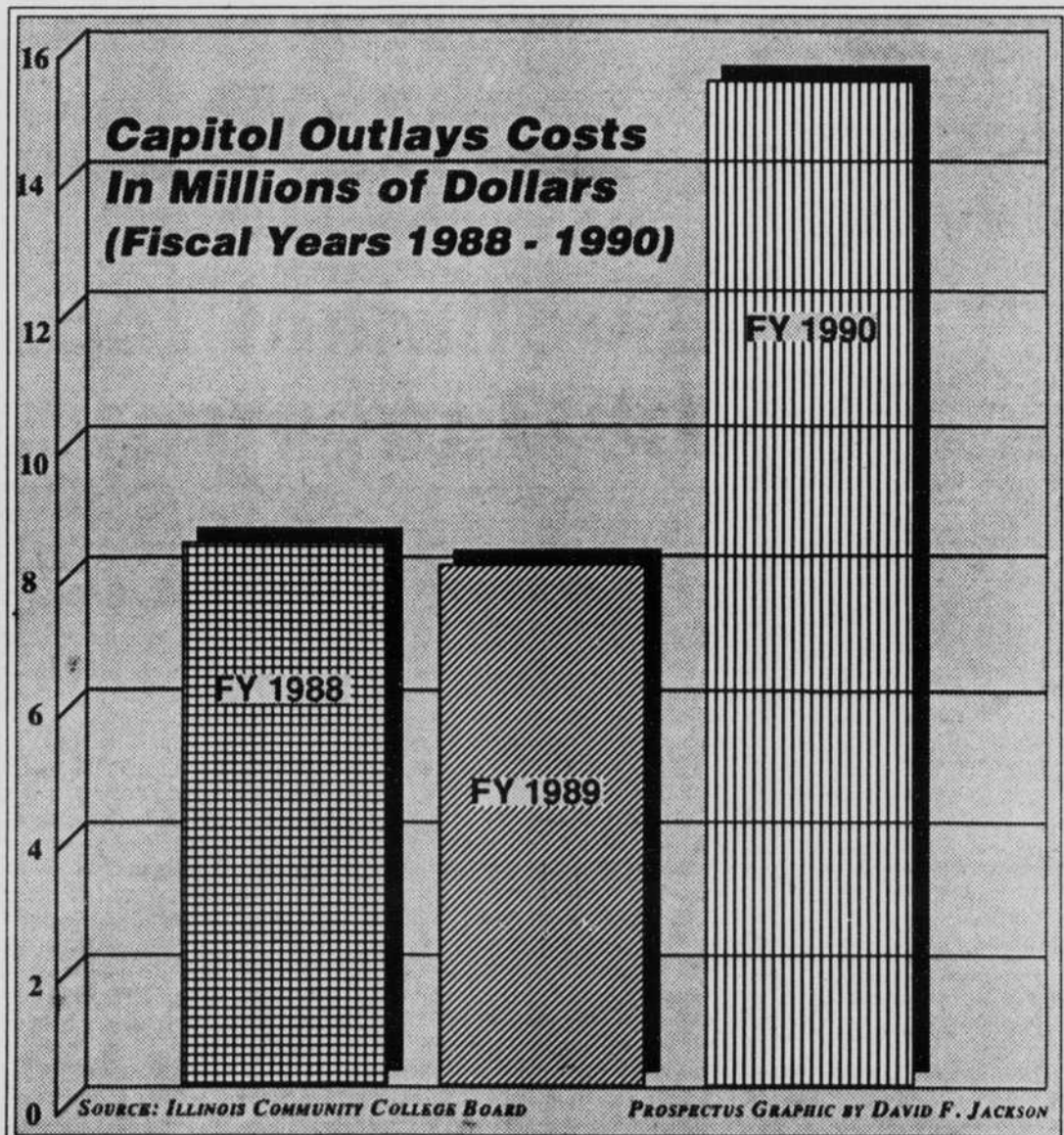
Among the objectives of the chapter is the promotion of Central Illinois as a technologically advanced healthcare environment and desirable community in which to relocate. The joining of recruiters' efforts and expertise is intended to promote the exchange of sound and ethical principles of healthcare recruitment.

Membership is made up of professional healthcare recruiters who meet on a regular basis to discuss common concerns and issues. Kathy McCasky, the manager for employment at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana, will serve as

president; Tracie Sayre, nurse recruiter at St. John's Hospital, Springfield, is president-elect; Kay Shank, nurse recruiter at St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria, will serve as secretary, and Pat Rebert, healthcare recruiter at St. Mary's Hospital, Decatur, will serve as treasurer.

Applicants for membership in the chapter must be currently engaged in some healthcare recruitment activity at the management level or be involved in the operation of some recognized healthcare recruitment program. Members will promote healthcare careers in area high schools, colleges, and universities and share new and proven recruitment techniques in the development of skill within the membership.

For more information regarding the chapter, call 309/655-4008.



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give you a chance to win free meals at
Grandy's Restaurants just by playing
the "What's Great" Word Search Game!

What to do? What courses to take?**New computer program offers help**

By DANIEL S. ROMINE
PROSPECTUS ASSISTANT EDITOR

With occupational requirements constantly changing, gathering accurate and up-to-date information is becoming difficult to come by.

Students who set their occupational goals one year ago may find that the required skills and educational requirements have changed.

To help meet this need, the Career Planning and Placement Center has a new computerized system called SIGI PLUS.

Gerry Hough, director of Career Planning and Placement said, "SIGI PLUS can aid students in defining and achieving their occupational goals."

"SIGI PLUS is a user-friendly system that has nine program sections to assist students with all areas of the program," Hough said.

The nine sections consist of an introduction, self-assessment, search, information, skills assessment, preparing, coping, deciding, and next step.

The Introduction lists the keyboard operation needed to travel through the program; an overview of the entire system, and a suggested path for the students

to follow.

The Self-Assessment section allows the student to evaluate skills, interests, and work-related values.

The Search section allows students to create a list of occupations based on values, interests, skills, and level of education. In addition,

undesirable occupations can be removed from the selection.

The Information section can answer up to 27 questions about an

occupation.

The Skills section can help students learn skills needed to perform any job and can assess the individual's ability in areas given.

The Preparing section of the program describes in detail the education or training required for any occupations and work tasks the student will need to know.

The Coping section offers information and advice on many practical concerns, such as financing education, managing time, finding day care facilities, and getting credit for learning through experience.

The Deciding section directs individuals in weighing the potential rewards and possibilities of success in their career choice.

The Next Steps section directs students in planning an immediate course of action. The program helps establish short-range goals and steps to be taken to achieve the goals, and provides a sample resume.

"The SIGI PLUS can help students make the important decision of what occupation they wish to pursue and provides the information needed to achieve their goals," said Hough. "We hope students will take full advantage of this program."

**Working with the new equipment**

Becky Eads, student employee, reads through the instruction manual to learn more about the SIGI PLUS program so she can help students wanting to use the system.

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Third annual Equine event set for September showing

By EVA D. STI
PROSPECTUS STAFF WRITER

The third annual Champaign Equine event, sponsored by Parkland College and Champaign Park District, will begin at 8 a.m., on Sept. 8, on the Parkland campus and on adjacent park district grounds.

Various breeds, educational display, demonstrations such as horseshoeing, and U.S. Dressage Federation-rated dressage show with classes from the training level to grand prix are some of the events added to this year's event. The day-long event also includes an open western, draft, and miniature horse show; a so-

ciety show; a trade fair, as well as vendors. A patrons' party, featuring a professionally prepared gourmet buffet, will be on Sat., Sept. 7.

Participants will have opportunities to receive prizes and awards, including the Parkland College President's Cup. According to Gayla Sargent, Parkland Equine Management program instructor and event adviser, it is possible to earn points toward regional and national competition. Michael Mathews, an international level judge who has served on the Olympic selection committee, and as a judge for some of the more prestigious horse shows in the U.S., will serve as this year's

dressage show judge.

According to Sargent, last year's event drew almost 600 entrants and more than 3,000 spectators. Proceeds from the event provided funds, matched by Parkland College, for two freshman scholarships in equine management for freshman at Parkland.

The event is open to the public. There is no admission charge for spectators, but donations will be accepted. Various fees will be charged for participants, patrons, and exhibitors.

Entry and exhibit information, including deadlines for specific events, may be obtained by calling (217) 351-2213.

Carle doctor travels to Olympic training to test for drugs

By EVA D. STI
PROSPECTUS STAFF WRITER

James Leonard, M.D., Carle Clinic Association Family Practice Physician and Sports Medicine Physician, has completed training with the United States Olympic Committee.

Leonard is not competing in the Olympics. He will serve as a Drug Crew Chief. In this position, which is part of the U.S. Olympic Medical Team, Leonard will be sent to various Olympic trials to test athletes for substance use. He recently returned to work after a "very intensive three-day training seminar" at the U.S. Olympic headquarters in

Colorado Springs.

"The seminar was three days of learning the policies and procedures, the latest techniques for drug testing, and meeting other physicians interested in the field of substance abuse," said Leonard. He is also the Medical Director of New Choice, the Carle Pavilion's drug and alcohol treatment program.

Leonard received official notification of his Olympic appointment in February and attended the training seminar in May. He competed with physicians from around the country and was selected after an application and review process.

Students aren't shrinking**College for Kids climax this week**

By TODD R. PLOTNER
PROSPECTUS STAFF WRITER

You may have noticed several short people walking around and wondered, "Are college students getting younger?" or thought, "Wow, do I feel old!"

No, college students aren't getting any younger, but yes, there have been many younger-looking, short people around. They are participating in a program called College for Kids.

Whoa! Wait a minute. College ... for ... Kids — Isn't that a paradox?

Not really, because College for Kids is an enrichment for students that will be entering fifth through ninth grades this Fall. Teachers in the Parkland Community College District receive applications which they distrib-

ute to motivated pupils in their classes. The students then can choose one of more than 40 classes, such as Physics, Computers, Spanish, French, Photography, Ceramics, Drama, Basketball, and Volleyball. The classes are taught by Parkland faculty, area teachers, and other experts in the given field.

Karen Decker, assistant director, Continuing, Lifelong, and Youth Education, has been heading the program for four years. "I hope College for Kids will expose the students to science, the arts, and athletics through hands-on experiences. Good education is fun if delivered well by experts," she said. This summer more than 950 students are participating in the program.

Doug Elrick, teacher of the fourth and fifth grade gifted class

at Dr. Howard School, instructs the Mock Trial session in which students examine cases involving both issues involving youths, as well as some complex issues, such as mercy killings. In Mock Trial, the students choose sides and play roles while holding a simulated court case. The students must decide what information to give the "court," which questions to ask the "witnesses," and what arguments to use to influence the "judge."

Elrick hopes the students come away with a "greater sense of how to reason well, think critically, deal with facts and opinions, and make judgments." He added, "Children are more open and fair. They offer a refreshing viewpoint."

Chris Salzman, of Champaign, said "It was realistic and we learned a lot."

Jon Lansing, also of Cham-

paign, added, "We learned about trial procedures and how to question."

Denise Smith teaches the classes in Biology - Fundamentals of Life and Golf. During the school year, Smith teaches exercise and fitness at Skidmore College in New York. She says she enjoys seeing fourth and fifth graders become excited about science.

Emily Geissal, Monticello, said came to College for Kids because "I wanted to learn something this summer."

Justin Whipple, Arcola, said the best part of the class was a field trip to the University's Health and Fitness Lab. "We got to dunk someone in a tub of water." Smith explained that students learned techniques of weighing people underwater to determine the percentage of body fat.

Nicole Riley, White Heath, said she learned "a lot about cells and the Periodic Table (of the Elements)." She wants to be a doctor.

John Trefzger, Champaign, said he wants to be a zoologist and the biology class "all about cells."

Parkland's Don Knowles was instrumental in founding the program 10 years ago. He said, "It is amazing how the program has grown over the years. We have added arts and athletics to the sampling of college-level classes as enrichment for gifted children. College for Kids has grown to the point of having growing pains within the College."

Applications for College for Kids are available during the first week in May. Each course costs \$55. Sessions will end July 3 this year.

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editorial

Political bickering shows shallowness

The constant bickering by the politicians in Springfield over the new budget only shows the shallowness of their thinking.

Even leaving education funding at current levels can only lead to problems. In elementary and secondary schools this would mean that additional teachers could not be hired. For colleges and universities this would mean that some programs may have to face budget cuts, while others are dropped.

Another problem for colleges is the inevitability of tuition increases, which would be detrimental to any higher education institution.

If today's students are tomorrow's leaders, today's politicians had better examine closely what programs they cut. Otherwise, they may find themselves in nursing homes and their income levels cut by tomorrow's politicians.

— David F. Jackson, editor

Quayle just one atrial fibrillation away from presidential seat

MIKE ROYKO

How I see the world

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In the beginning it was kind of funny, and Americans have always appreciated a good joke.

Dan Quayle for vice president. Who? An obscure senator? A political and mental lightweight? Just another pretty face with a dazed look in his eyes?

At the time, it wasn't clear why George Bush picked Quayle as his running mate.

The political experts said it was because Bush wasn't trusted by right-wingers, so to keep them from screeching during his campaign, he had to choose someone they admired.

That made sense. But there were

conservatives who had more to offer than youthful look and a rich, influential family. How about a conservative who might not be as cute but who had brains and experience?

And maybe someone who had enough character not to duck his generation's war — a war Quayle fervently supported, but chose to sit out?

Sen. Robert Dole's name had come up. He could be blunt and abrasive, but nobody questioned his intelligence and character.

But the political experts said no. Dole had too much intellectual independence. He couldn't be pro-

Representative blasts Tribune on coal issue

To the Editor:

As a State Representative with a large coal industry constituency, I am responding to a June 4 editorial in the *Chicago Tribune* about legislation designed to help the Illinois coal industry, our downstate economy, and save at least 2,500 jobs.

House Bill 2342 and Senate Bill 455 are responses to the Federal Clean Air Act requiring utilities to drastically reduce sulfur dioxide pollutants emitted when burning high sulfur coal.

The goal of these pieces of legislation is to keep Illinois utility companies burning Illinois coal, to supply them with Illinois coal dug by Illinois miners, while meeting the compliance rules of the new clean air act.

Since most of Illinois' coal has a high sulfur content, there are two alternatives. Utilities can:

Δ Start burning low sulfur coal from western states — and pay higher transportation costs;

Δ Continue burning Illinois coal — and pay for coal cleaning technologies.

The plan mandates two utility companies in need of \$600 million to purchase four coal "scrubbers," allowing them to continue using Illinois coal while meeting new clean air standards.

HB 2342 and Senate Bill 455 provide \$35 million in state bond money over 20 years, enabling the utilities to qualify for another \$125 million in federal assistance.

The *Tribune* charges the Legislature shouldn't be "meddling in private business decisions or ... dictating utility rate increases."

It suggests these decisions should be made by "experts" at the "utility companies and Illinois Commerce Commission," those same experts who have

strapped Chicago home-owners and businesses with the highest utility rates in America.

The editorial complains about the \$35 million cost. However, losing 2,500 jobs will cost state government \$36 million for unemployment benefits in just three months, not to mention the long-term costs of lost tax revenue from salaries and sales, plus human and social cuts.

It should be noted that 2,500 lost jobs is a "best case scenario" in a study done by the Department of Energy and Natural Resources. The *Tribune* fails to include 6,500 coal related jobs that would also be lost. The worst case scenario has over half of all coal miners in the state unemployed, with a total loss of over 21,000 jobs.

Taking a broader view, the Illinois coal industry generates \$1.5 billion in the state economy each year, second only to agriculture. Coal is a huge revenue producer not only for local communities and local governments and schools, but state government as well.

Exporting another 2,500 coal jobs to western states would be an economic catastrophe to our downstate Illinois economy. Furthermore, the Clean Air Act puts the entire Illinois coal industry at risk. Much of Illinois coal is exported to other states where those same Clean Air standards apply.

By investing in new technologies, Illinois can show the way for other states to continue using our coal and protect the state's second largest industry.

Finally, utility customers and Illinois taxpayers will be forced to bear the cost of Clear Air Act compliance, no matter which compliance option is chosen. And studies the legislature reviewed showed scrubbers to be less ex-

pensive in the long run.

The most unfortunate feature of the *Tribune's* article was its arrogant attempt to polarize people in Northern Illinois against Illinois citizens from central and southern areas.

It appears to suggest we, as responsible legislators, should write off the second largest industry in this state and ignore the risk of losing 21,000 productive jobs.

Cutting into another stable Illinois industry can't come at a worse time, after a decade of plant closures and 300,000 lost manufacturing jobs from Chicago, Peoria, Rock Island, and other industrialized centers of Illinois.

House Bill 2342 and its Senate equivalent were not developed in any "backdoor" fashion as the *Tribune* alleges, but rather, are the result of American democracy in action.

Over the last year, we have held public meetings and heard testimony from all interest groups — utility companies, coal companies, coal unions, CUB [Citizens Utility Board], environmental groups, business community leaders, and the *Tribune's* "experts."

The insensitivity of the *Tribune* on the future of 2,500 unemployed men and women was insulting, suggesting that generations of people with homes, traditions, roots deep in Illinois soil, can simply "retrain or move to another place where prospects are better."

The June 4 editorial was an insult to thousands of hardworking coalminers, their families, and all the people who worked in the democratic, legislative process to achieve this agreement.

David D. Phelps
State Representative
118th Representative District

grammed. Nor could he be trusted to be a passive, go-along sort of flunky and live happily in Bush's shadow. Besides, he had flatly accused Bush of lying about his views during the primary fight.

So the choice was Quayle. And except for the flap about his alleged draft-dodging, he wasn't much of a factor, one way or another, in the 1988 election. For every voter who thought he was a drip, there was an offsetting voter who thought Michael Dukakis was a stiff.

And during his 2 1/2 years as vice president, Quayle has read the speeches that we handed to him, memorized the thoughts the White House told him to think, avoided controversy, smiled vacantly through countless civic luncheons and dinners, and drawn his paycheck.

If he's done anything of note it's been to provide late-night TV hosts with gag material. He may be the only vice president in history to have a fan club that devotes its energies to sending angry letters to comedians, demanding that they stop making jokes about our junior commander-in-chief.

But now Quayle as a funny guy is not longer a joking matter. We've had a case of atrial fibrillation: an

irregular beating of the President's heart.

The doctors say it's not a heart attack, and there is no need to worry. But any time a President is in a hospital bed and is taking medication to get his ticker back in sync, that's reason to worry.

And it's especially worrisome when the vice president is someone who has done nothing in his entire life to indicate that he has the brains, character, wisdom, or executive skills to lead a nation of 250 million people.

That's not just one man's opinion. A recent poll show that about 48 percent of those questioned said they didn't think Quayle was qualified for the top job. I doubt if a poll would have that many negatives when Bush was vice president, or Walter Mondale, or Nelson Rockefeller. Even Spiro Agnew sounded like he knew what he was talking about. Spiro may have been a crook, but he was a brainy crook.

I know, I know: People don't think much of Harry Truman when he succeeded Franklin Delano Roosevelt. But those who had served in the Senate with Truman thought highly of him. They knew that he

was highly intelligent, well read, politically savvy, and his own man. Nobody has accused Quayle of having any of these traits.

So when he tossed a bone to the far right by trotting out Quayle, Bush didn't do the rest of us any favor.

It would have been asking too much to expect him to disregard politics entirely and reach out for the best mind and qualifications in the Republican Party. But he owed us something more than a guy who had to talk his way into law school because his tests were so feeble.

It's too late to do anything about that now. Bush is being tended by doctors, and Quayle is one atrial fibrillation away from suddenly having the res-ponsibility of leading a nation that is in a recession and up to its ears in national and individual hock.

But assuming Bush recovers and runs again, he won't be a kid. A second term would take him into his 70's. I think the country would be more comfortable with a vice president who doesn't provide inspiration for gag writers.

President Quayle? The thought is enough to cause a national epidemic of atrial fibrillation.

Costner not Robin Hood

BY LINDA C. HUTH
PROSPECTUS STAFF WRITER

★★ out of ★★★★★
Robin Hood, Prince of Thieves
Market Place Mall, Champaign

Robin Hood, Prince of Thieves, Kevin Costner's latest vehicle, shows once again his ability to play Kevin Costner and to display his (or some double's) rear end.

This film, based on an enduring legend from the 12th Century, did not serve to suspend disbelief for more than seconds at a time. Only occasionally was Costner believable as a Middle English nobleman — his character helped immensely by the elaborate and credible costumes and sets.

I particularly like the castle interiors, shot intentionally darkly. I assume, to emphasize that candles were the sole means of illumination during the period. (Think about how dark the world must have been!)

The obligatory swashbuckling undertaken in these costumes seemed realistic enough but was so overdone as to strain the continuity of the story line. There was a great deal of violence in this film. By the time it was over, I felt as though I had seen literally hundreds of people killed in all manner of graphic ways. Also, the attempted rape scene was unnecessary in a PG-13 film.

All these things contributed to the fact that I had a hard time deciding which message this movie was trying to convey. The dialogue was hard to follow at times, which served

to confuse me even further. Additionally, Modern English was used as opposed to the dialect of that time, which detracted from the film's believability. The sporadic comic bits were not consistent with an otherwise dramatic story line but instead gave the film an almost Monty Python-ish type of feel.

Surrounded by, but not involved in this confusion, was Morgan Freeman, who with his usual focus and intensity, helped give the film occasional moments of plausibility that it otherwise lacked. Due to a rather insipid performance, I didn't believe Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio as Maid Marion.

Nor did I believe in the relationship between her and Costner, though I may have believed in a relationship between her and Robin Hood, had he been there.

What would have improved this movie is more emphasis on plot and character development, as opposed to special effects and stuntwork.

I found myself yearning for a more serious, yet less violent approach to what might have been a moving story of how good (in this case, the burdened and oppressed masses) can triumph over evil (those who would oppress them and would steal good King Richard's throne). I believe this struggle to be the essence of the Robin Hood legend and the reason it has survived for nearly 1,000 years. Instead, I left this movie feeling I'd just been served another helping of *Costner du jour*, presented on this occasion with an elaborate, though heavy, Middle Ages flair.



Farewell to a familiar face

Adele D. Myers, Welcome Center Assistant, gave one of her last campus tours to new students last week. Myers worked at the Information Desk in the College Center. In addition to giving campus tours, Myers also coordinated the Parkland Samplers and worked as a campus switchboard operator. Her last day at Parkland was Thursday, June 27. She was presented a farewell cake at the Information Desk by several Parkland staff members.

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Campus repairs to be finished before Fall

BY KOLIN ERB
PROSPECTUS STAFF WRITER

Work on the \$215,000 construction project between the "A" and "L" Wings is on schedule and probably will be completed by August 30, Denny Elimon, Physical Plant director, says.

The construction is part of the Build Illinois Drainage Improvement Project. When finished, the project will consist of a new drainage tile, wheelchair ramps, sidewalks, and retaining walls. Elimon said, "The Build Illinois Project was awarded to the college during the fiscal year of 1990 for implementation in 1991." Funding for this

project was \$99,236 from the Illinois grant and \$115,764 paid from the Capital Improvement Fund by the Parkland Board of Trustees.

So far, there have been no problems with the construction. Elimon stated, "Provisions have been made for bus pick-up in order to keep people away from the construction site. Arrangements for entering and exiting the College have also been made." Elimon added, "Health and Safety is working closely with the Physical Plant Director's Office and the construction contractors to keep the inconveniences at a minimum." No accidents involving the construction have been reported.

Neff named Spring, 1991 Employee of Semester

BY DAVID F. JACKSON
PROSPECTUS EDITOR

Parkland employee Ann Neff, of Greenwood Acres, Dewey, has been named Spring, 1991 Employee of the Semester.

Neff has been employed at Parkland for 11 years.

She worked as a secretary in the Communications Department from 1980 to 1983. Neff has worked in the Nursing Department since 1983.

In 1988, Neff assumed her current position as secretary to the chair of the Nursing Department.

Neff has also served as a member of the College's Non-Academic Executive Council.



Ann Neff

Alumni trip to Six Flags

BY DAVID F. JACKSON
PROSPECTUS EDITOR

The Parkland Alumni Association is planning a trip to Six Flags Over Great America.

The outing is scheduled for Friday, July 12, and the bus leaves Parkland at 7:15 a.m. Expected time of return is 10 p.m.

Some of the new attractions at the park this year are *The Last Buffalo*, a 3-D movie, the Condor, the Iron Wolf, the Shock Wave, and Splash Water Falls, according to Mary Davis, who works with the Alumni Association.

Tickets are available in Room X-153, for \$25, and includes the cost of transportation.

For more information, call Cathy Knight at 351-2492

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Books In Review

BY DAVID F. JACKSON
PROSPECTUS EDITOR

Mao II by Don DeLillo (Viking Penguin, \$19.95). Available at Pages for All Ages Bookstore, Old Farm Shops, Kirby Ave., Champaign, Ill.

Mao II leads readers through the bizarre wedding ceremony of 6,500 couples in New York, which was orchestrated by Rev. Sun-Myung Moon. Initially, it is not evident how the wedding is related to the rest of the book.

DeLillo's perspective in his latest novel is of words, images, novelists, and the mass mind.

Novelist Bill Gray, reclusive by choice, is drawn back into society by several acts of terrorism. Also

responsible for bringing Gray out of his protective barrier is Brita Nelson, a female photographer who has come to his residence to photograph Gray for her continuing and endless project to capture, through pictures, the many writers around the world.

Although the novel is dense, it is readable, provided distractions are relatively limited.

Parts of the book seem as though the reader should already know what is happening. Other parts have sentences that send chills racing down the spine and descriptions that dazzle the imagination so much it seems the reader is actually involved in the plot.

DeLillo's command of language

is exquisitely displayed in his latest work. *Mao II* is an excellent following to his other works, which include *White Noise* and *Libra*. He sheds light on the Moonies' way of life, and breathes life into the arid question of who controls the masses.

What is the real catalyst of the world? A writer who works, secluded from everyday life? A terrorist, operating in cadence with a larger movement that he may control?

DeLillo junks the manual typewriter approach to the novel and uses it as a stimulus for thought instead of a 500-page Hollywood contrast. *Mao II* will never make it on the big screen.

In one part, DeLillo displays himself through the character Gray. "There's a curious knot that binds novelists and terrorists. In the West we become famous effigies as our books lose the power to shape and influence," DeLillo wrote. "Do you ask your writers how they feel about this? Years ago I used to think it was possible for a novelist to alter the inner life of the culture. Now bomb-makers and gunmen have taken that territory. They make raids on the human consciousness. What writers used to do before we were all incorporated."

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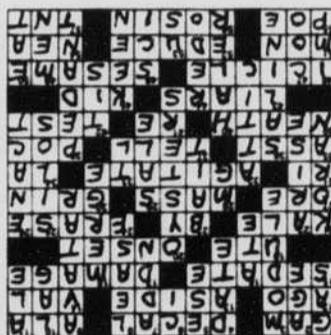
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Ramses II almost an unknown pharaoh

By DONALD J. FREDERICK
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
NEWS SERVICE

Go down the list of legendary pharaohs, and one name stands out, symbolizing the grandeur of ancient Egypt's monuments: Ramses the Great.

Assuming the crowns of Upper and Lower Egypt in 1279 B.C., the "king of kings," Ramses II, reigned for more than 60 years. He sired at least 90 children, brought his empire to prosperity and peace, built more colossal structures, and had his name carved on more stone surfaces than any other pharaoh. He is linked also with the exodus of the Hebrews.

Painstaking research and new archaeological interpretations are helping to see beyond the once cruel and romantic views of Ramses.

"As this scholarship enriches our knowledge of ancient Egypt, it is rounding out a more human portrait of this towering figure," Rick Gore writes in *National Geographic*.

Evading destruction for 3,000 years, Ramses' mummy lies inside an unmarked case in Cairo's Egyptian Museum.

James Harris of the University of Michigan led a team that x-rayed and examined the mummy before it was removed from view and put in an airtight case to protect it. He described the physical Ramses to Gore:

"He was about 5 feet 8 inches in height — one of the taller pharaohs. He had a strong jaw; a beaked nose, a long, thin face. That was not typical of earlier pharaohs."

Ramses II was about 8 when his father, Seti, became pharaoh. "Seti must have filled his son with romantic tales of war," Gore writes.

Seti infused his son with his own two great dreams: to reclaim the lands lost to the Hittites, Egypt's archenemies to the northeast, and to build colossal monuments to his own godliness in the style of the great kings of earlier dynasties.

Seti also wanted Ramses to create life. He selected a harem for him. The message was clear: start procreating.

Ramses wasted no time. His principal wife, the lovely Nefertari, quickly produced a son. His second-favorite wife, Istnofret, soon delivered another. Within 10 years, each wife produced at least five sons and several daughters. His other wives may have accounted for another five to 10 sons and as many daughters.

When Seti died at about age 50, Ramses, still in his 20's, became king. The new pharaoh immediately began a building boom.

He completed his own temple at Abydos. He built a great city in the Nile Delta at his old family home, calling it Pi-Ramses, House of Ramses. He finished the columned hall at Karnak, commissioned the mighty rock temples at Abu Simbel and raised other temples in nearly every important Egyptian city. He also took credit for many structures built by his predecessors, chiseling out their names and substituting his.

In the fifth year of his reign, Ramses decided to retake the strategic city of Kadesh. He marched into Syria with an army of 20,000 men, provoking a superpower showdown with Muwatallis, the Hittite king.

"If Ramses had lost the Battle of Kadesh, you would never have heard of him," says Egyptologist Kenneth Kitchen of the University of Liverpool. "He would have been an ob-

scure king who ruled for four and a half years."

And lost it he almost did. Muwatallis countered with an army of 40,000 men. Poor reconnaissance let Hittite chariots catch Ramses' main force off guard, and Egyptian troops scattered in panic.

Finding himself abandoned, Ramses supposedly leaped into his chariot and charged six times back into the fray, until Egyptian reinforcements finally arrived.

"The next day brought reality to both sides. Neither army was likely to displace the other, so Ramses declared a great victory and went home," Gore writes.

Ramses also may have had to deal with a troublesome people at home — the Hebrews.

Most likely they had migrated centuries earlier into the Nile Delta, the biblical land of Goshen, to escape famine. When Ramses began to build Pi-Ramses, they were forced into labor. The Old Testament relates that Moses persuaded the pharaoh to let his people go.

By the time Ramses reached his mid-40's, he had given up his annual campaigns against the Hittites, but not his mania for building. Shortly after returning from Kadesh, he began planning his greatest monument, Abu Simbel, and a monument to honor his wife Nefertari.

Little is known of Ramses' other wife, but Kitchen speculates: "Nefertari had the looks. He was obviously proud of her, showing her off all the time. But I think Istnofret had the brains. It's her offspring that wielded the most power as Ramses aged." A younger son of Istnofret, Merneptah, inherited the throne.



Ramses II lived nearly 90 years, and his mummy, now at the Egyptian Museum, has evaded destruction for 3,000 years. Embalmers spent 70 days preparing the corpse. Ramses, one of the taller pharaohs, stood about 5 feet 8 inches. Recent medical tests show that he suffered from arthritis, dental abscesses, and poor circulation.

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Name change game popular in Soviet cities

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Nizhny Novgorod.

The city, which produces everything from Volga cars to titanium submarine hulls, was once the site

Life and times of Boris Yeltsin

■ **Born:** Feb. 1, 1931, in Butka, Siberia, in Russian republic

Soviet Union



■ **1955:** Construction worker in Sverdlovsk

■ **1976:** First secretary, Sverdlovsk District Central Committee

■ **1985:** First secretary of Moscow Communist Party

■ **1987:** Outburst against conservative archrival Yegor Ligachev leads to Yeltsin's ouster from Politburo

■ **1989:** Bounces back from disgrace; wins 89% of vote to be Moscow's representative in new Congress of People's Deputies, the national parliament

■ **1990:** Republic's parliament elects him president of Russia

■ **June 12, 1991:** In Russia's first popular election, Yeltsin elected president

SOURCE: Facts on File, news reports, International Who's Who

of a great trade fair of the same name. Soviet director Joseph Stalin renamed it after Maxim Gorky, a writer turned enthusiastic communist.

Elsewhere on the Volga, the city honoring the last Communist Party General Secretary Leonid I. Brezhnev has returned to its pre-revolutionary name, Naberezhnye Chelny.

Kuybyshev, named after another party stalwart, has become Samara. Citizens of Togliatti, named for the founder of the Italian Communist Party, have petitioned to once again be Stavropol-on-the-Volga.

Other communists have fared no better.

The upper Volga city of Andropov, named briefly for the late party boss and KGB secret police chairman Yuri Andropov, has been restored to Rybinsk; Ustinov, named for a former defense minister, is again Izhevsk.

Farther south, on the Sea of Azov, Zhdanov — named for Andrei Zhdanov, who masterminded Stalin's repression of artists, writers, and Jews — has reverted to Mariupol.

Not even the Soviet military has been spared.

The aircraft carrier Kuznetsov, now on a shakedown cruise in the Black Sea, started as the Brezhnev, only to become the Tbilisi, after the capitol of independence-minded Soviet Georgia. Now it's been renamed again, after a famous World War II admiral.

A sister ship, the Riga, named after the capitol city of the break-away Baltic republic of Latvia, will be the Varyag when it goes to sea.

Western defense attaches in Moscow confirm that the Kremlin wanted to serve notice that cities seeking independence would not be

honored as namesakes of naval warships.

Now it seems to be Leningrad's and Moscow's turn in the geography spotlight.

Since name changes became a hot item in Moscow in 1987, the city council has taken a public-opinion survey and sponsored radio and television talk shows on the subject. Two-thirds of those responding to the survey favored returning to Czarist-era names.

"Our plan has been to start from the historic heart of the city," ex-

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plains the city council's Dormidontov. "We started with the most scandalous, odious names first."

While the statue of Felix Dzezinsky, founder of Lenin's secret police, or Cheka, still scowls over the square in front of KGB headquarters, the bustling traffic circle and adjoining streets have a new name — Lubyanka.

"Our grandmothers knew these old names," says Moscow cab driver Demity Zhiletov, circling the spy-agency headquarters, "but I never thought I would see the climate change this much."

At the Bolshoi Theater, home of the ballet of the same, workmen soon will remove signs marking Sverdlovsk Square, named after Jacob Sverdlov, who was partially responsible for the execution of Czar Nicholas II and his family in 1918.

At the same time, residents of Boris Yeltsin's hometown of Sverdlovsk want to return to the original name, Ekaterinburg, for Catherine the Great.

The name-change campaign has picked up some powerful sponsors, including the Soviet Cultural Fund, which counts Raisa Gorbachev, wife of Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev, as a member. The fund is helping foot the bill for tens of thousands of new street signs and maps.

In Moscow alone, city fathers estimate the cost of renaming the

battles.

Unexpected opposition has come from Nobel Prize-winning writer Alexander Solzhenitsyn, who favors Petrograd, the city's name between 1914 and 1924. Old-line communists also have formed a group to fight the change.

Like Moscow, Leningrad already has returned to the days before the 1917 revolution with some of its street names. The immense Hay Market, immortalized by Fyodor Dostoevsky in *Crime and Punishment*, is again the Hay Market after a long stint as Peace Square.

Noting that Parisians can use the books of Victor Hugo and Honore de Balzac as guides to the French capitol, Dormidontov of the Moscow City Council views the name-change campaign philosophically.

"We would like our children to read Pushkin, Tolstoy, and Chekhov," he said, "without the aid of an index that explains the names of old Moscow streets."

Happy Birthday, Dan Romine!

It's great having you around!

Dave, Doris, and Matt