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Board approves court-ordered College workers for one year

New tuition waivers put on hold because of GPA questions

BY DAVID F. JACKSON
PROSPECTUS EDITOR

The Board of Trustees approved entering into a one-year pilot program with the Champaign County Probation and Court Services' Public Service Program.

Under the pilot program, the College will serve as a work site for criminal offenders sentenced to perform public service hours. The College will initially select individuals to work in the Physical Plant to fulfill their sentence, Milton Lewis, director, Human Resources, told the Board.

A comprehensive report of the College's involvement will be presented by Lewis at the May, 1993 Board meeting.

Concerns about the grade point averages (GPA) of students who may receive one of two proposed tuition waivers prompted the Board to delay approval until May.

Trustee Robert P. Campbell asked what the minimum acceptable GPA would be for students who apply for either the proposed general equivalency degree (GED) or for a Leadership Activities waiver.

Alice Pfeffer, vice president, Student Administration, explained the new tuition waivers would be available to students maintaining at least a 2.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale.

Campbell asked if the GPA standards for the Leadership Activities waiver should be higher. He said he was interested in knowing why a student, in a leadership position, should be eligible for a two-semester tuition waiver while maintaining "average grades."

Kevin Northrup, vice president, Fiscal Administration, noted to the Board that a 2.5 GPA is "above average. A 2.5 is a C plus."

The Board decided to postpone a vote on implementing the 10 two-semester GED and 10 two-semester Leadership Activities tuition waivers until next month, allowing administrators time to consider GPA requirements and other criteria.

Sandra Boileau, director, Continuing and Lifelong Education, noted to the Board that approximately 300 students from Champaign and Ford counties successfully completed their GED requirements last year.

The Board approved checks totalling \$634,015 and petty cash vouchers for March totalling \$44,815.

Northrup noted during his financial report to the Board that the Illinois Community College Board (ICCB) credit hour grant for \$1,100,000 has not yet been received. He said it was due in

February, noting to the Board "that the ICCB was a little more than three months late with the second quarter" payment.

In other action, the Board approved submitting an application to the Capitol Development Board to replace and repair masonry balcony guard rails and equipment screen walls.

The ICCB has allocated \$97,941 that may be used for the repairs.

The Board also approved adopting a weapons policy. Under the guidelines, only law enforcement officials are permitted to carry weapons or explosives on College property.

Gerry Hough, director, Career Planning and Placement office, told Board members that of 809 1991 graduates surveyed, 669 responded. Of those responding, Hough said, 511, or 76.4 percent are currently employed. He said 350, or 68.5 percent of those responding said they were locally employed in a career-related position.

Twenty-three percent, or 188 of the responding graduates indicated they were employed out of District 505 in a career-related field.

According to Hough, graduates with an Associates in Applied Sciences had the highest career-related employment rates. Graduates with AAS degrees had a 86.8 percent employment rate, with 263 of 303 AAS graduates employed in their career fields.

Hough graduated Parkland in 1970 with an Associate degree in Micro-Precision. He attended the University of Illinois, where he received his Bachelor's and Master's degrees. He returned to the College in 1977 as an instructor. He was appointed director of the Career Planning and Placement office in 1989.

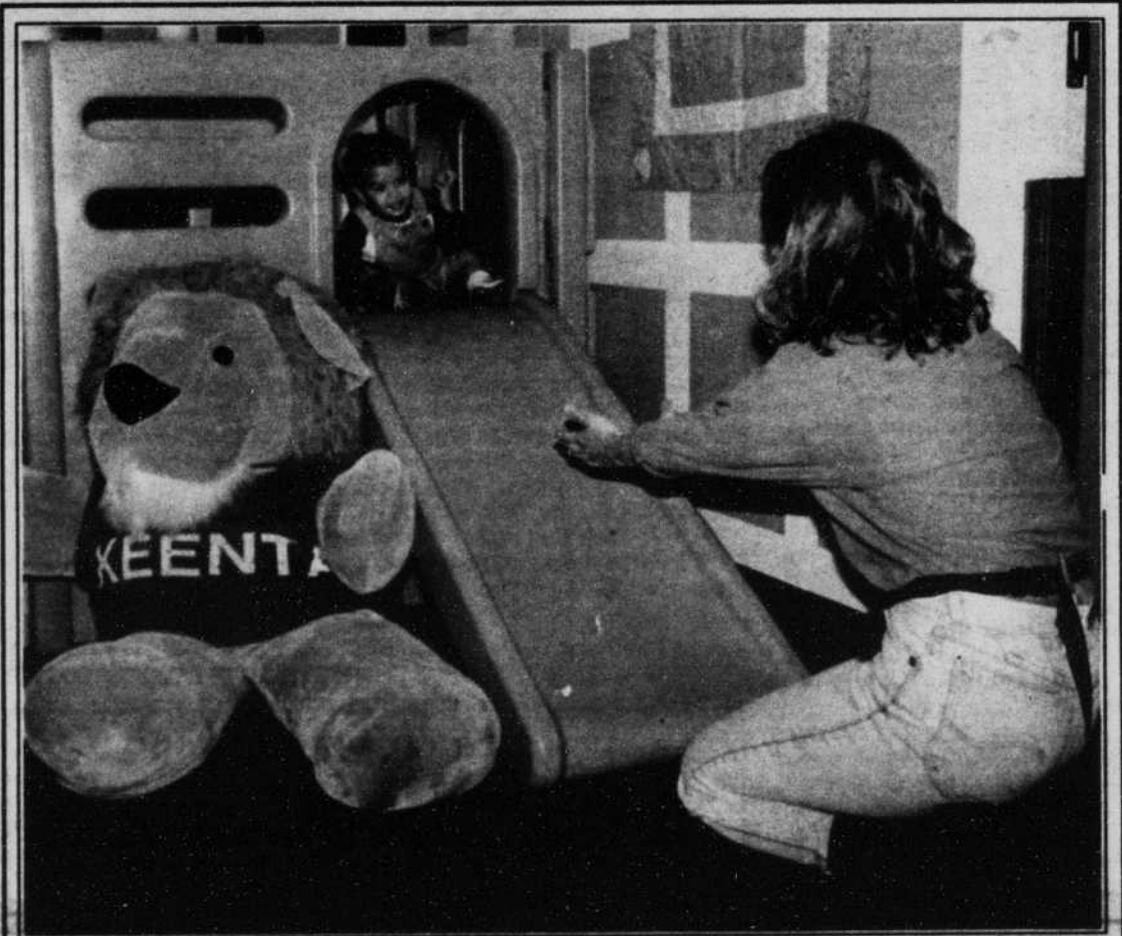
The Board approved submitting two applications to the Illinois Arts Council for grants totalling \$22,335.

One grant would provide the Art Gallery with \$11,705 to provide diverse learning experiences for those of all ages, expand community service programming in the visual arts, and present exhibits of ethnic work and art by minority students.

The other grant would provide \$10,630 to support continued publication of *Tamaqua*, a literary/arts magazine produced by the Humanities Department.

Board members voted unanimously to recognize April 24 as Arbor Day.

Two trees will be planted in the South Arbors, behind the "S" building on April 24 at 12:30 p.m.



Ginta Zvilus, a volunteer at the Crisis Nursery, spends time with a child staying at the nursery while his mother is in the hospital recovering.

The Crisis Nursery is currently planning a move to 1409 W. Park, Champaign.

PROSPECTUS PHOTO BY MATTHEW W. WALTSGOTT

Crisis Nursery plans move to Urbana this Summer

BY MARSHA WOODS
PROSPECTUS ASSISTANT EDITOR

Personnel at the Crisis Nursery of Champaign County are busy planning the move to 1409 W. Park St., Urbana, in June.

Jackie Farber, director, Crisis Nursery, said, "One of the things that we're needing from the community is support. We're needing not only financial support, but labor, especially people who are licensed plumbers or electricians. We also need anyone who is willing to help paint and decorate."

"We're in a real big transition period, and we just want to let the students know we're here," said Farber.

Farber said Parkland students have used the facility when they had to get to class because they had already missed too many classes or had tests to take. The facilities are also open to students who need time away from their children to study or rest.

The nursery began eight years ago at Burnham Hospital, now Covenant-Champaign. The nursery was originally a place where parents could take their children during a crisis, such as hospitalization or illness of a parent, violence at home, illness of the regular child care provider, or parental inability to cope.

Farber said the primary function of the nursery now is to act as an abuse prevention center. They have four programs that deal exclusively with the problem.

The first is the crisis program. The second is respite care, which provides parents a rest from overwhelming responsibilities they may encounter, such as parents of children with special needs, such as an emotional or physical handicap.

The third program offered provides assistance to homeless families with children. The nursery is open Tuesdays and Thursdays to homeless children so their parents can look for jobs, housing, or deal with agencies while their children are cared for.

The fourth program is community outreach, which provides information and support to various organizations in the community while addressing issues which are dealt with in the nursery.

The move is a result of the future closing of the Covenant-Champaign, where the nursery has been located for the past eight years.

The facility is open Monday through Saturday and can accommodate up to seven children. For more information, call the nursery at 217/337-2730

Funding woes force Champaign Police to reconsider job quotas

BY JOHN HOFFMEISTER
PROSPECTUS CAMPUS EDITOR

Concerns over funding have forced Champaign Police to cut their hiring quotas, according to Rebecca Hall, City Crime Prevention manager, speaking to a News-writing class recently.

The city is authorized to hire 103 officers—99 are working the force currently, Hall said. The problem of meeting a hiring quota

comes from the rapid development of Champaign.

"Police can't keep up with the growing city," said Hall. An 18-month training program for new officers makes current enforcement procedures difficult.

Trainees are being trained by experienced officers in demand throughout the city, she said.

While Champaign and its crime problems continue to grow, underage drinking on the UI cam-

pus also claims a big share of public attention, Hall said.

"A lot of the problems on campus are alcohol related," Hall said, and because of the "high concentration" of people in one area, frequent problems occur in campus bars.

Student party patrols are helping police combat crime on campus by aiding police to control parties that create a public disturbance, Hall said.

Silver Anniversary hosted by Band

By DAVID F. JACKSON
PROSPECTUS EDITOR

A tune to tickle most everyone's fancy will be played by the Parkland Community Band's Silver Anniversary Concert, May 7, at 7:30 p.m. in the Parkland Theatre.

The band, featuring guest artists William Warfield and Mark Hindsley, will perform a variety of music, ranging from Sousa marches and Broadway songs, to American folk tunes and big band sounds.

Warfield, retired professor, University of Illinois, is best known for his portrayal of "Joe" in the musical *Showboat* and his rendition of "Old Man River," will sing Copland's *Old American Songs* and selections from Gershwin's *Porgy and Bess*.

Hindsley, director emeritus, University of Illinois Bands, will serve as guest conductor for three musical selections, including Sousa's "Stars and Stripes Forever."

Erwin Hoffman, director, Parkland Community Band, will be assisted by Richard J. Stafford, former assistant conductor, Eastern Michigan University Band.

The premiere performance of "Two Moods for Alto Saxophone," written by Tim Schirmer, Parkland Music instructor, will be given during the concert. "Two Moods" was written for also saxophonist Lorrie Kirk, who will be the soloist for the piece.

Other soloists include Carmen Ridley and band members John Dudley and Michael Goldberg.

The Silver Anniversary Band Concert is co-sponsored by the Parkland College Foundation.

There is an admission charge. For more information, call 217/351-2483.

Prairie Art Festival featured many items

By ADRIENNE EMMERING
PROSPECTUS STAFF WRITER

The Prairie Art Festival, a local folk art festival, was held in the Parkland Gymnasium April 4.

Various features of the show included arts and crafts produced by local artisans, with styles typical of Midwestern culture being the dominant theme of the show.

Many of the show's participants were local crafts dealers whose specialties ranged from pottery to toys to clothing and classic Amish quilts. One quilt was priced at over \$500.

Although the show was not an antique show, most of the crafts were done in traditional American folk styles, namely the late 19th century.

Parkland Sampler this Saturday

Residents of Parkland District 505 will have an opportunity to tour the campus and learn about the College's programs and resources at the next Parkland Sampler on Saturday, April 25 at 10 a.m.

The program is free, and registration is not required. Participants should meet at the Information and Welcome Center desk in the College Center.

The Sampler includes brief presentations on career, transfer, and special programs as well as specifics on support services and financial aid. The program also includes a campus tour and a question-and-answer session.

For information, call the Parkland Information and Welcome Center at 217/351-2561



Parris Taylor, sophomore, Liberal Arts and Sciences, won a bronze award for his oral interpretation about the war on drugs. The national speech competition was held March 29-April 14 in St. Louis. Three hundred people entered in the oral interpretation of literature; only the top twelve

were to tinal competition. Taylor displays some of his awards he won while a member of Parkland's Speech Team. Instructors Kent Redmon and Chuck Newman serve as the Speech Team's advisers.

PHOTO BY MATTHEW WALTSGOTT

Memorial trees to be planted in South Arbors this Friday

Arbor Day will be celebrated at Parkland with the planting of two trees—one in memory of a former accountant at the College and the other in memory of the late associate principal of Rantoul Township High School.

The tree planting, in memory of

Peggy Martin and Don Tokarski, will begin at 12:30 p.m. on April 24, in Parkland's South Grove. Each tree will be marked with a bronze plaque.

Faculty, staff, members of Student Government and SWAMP (Students Against Mass Pollution), and friends and family of those being remembered will be among those attending the ceremony.

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Oakwood H.S. wins Quiz Bowl competition



Steve Brown, Speech and Mass Communications instructor, Parkland College, hands the first place trophy to Mike Hendricks, the sponsor for the Blue Ridge High School's Scholastic Bowl team. Blue Ridge defeated Oakwood High School to win the championship match in the Parkland Challenge.

Other high schools participating in the competition were: Oakwood, taking second place; and Schlarman and Mahomet-Seymour, both tied for third place.

PROSPECTUS PHOTO BY MATTHEW W. WALTSOTT

BY TUIJA AALTO
PROSPECTUS FEATURES EDITOR

Blue Ridge High School took home a trophy from this year's High School Quiz Bowl at Parkland. Oakwood took the second place, and Schlarman and Mahomet-Seymour tied for third.

The Quiz Bowl will be broadcast this summer on WPCD and PCTV.

Dan Hughes, general manager, WPCD, said the game was developed for radio in 1983. PCTV started airing the Quiz Bowl in 1985. Steve Brown, Speech and Mass Communications instructor, judged the answers. To avoid confusion during the contest, the questions are carefully chosen and the correct answers checked, Brown said.

"When we go through the questions with Dan, I try to come up with plausible wrong answers that can be defended," he said.

According to Brown, the contestants tend to be good at pop

culture and history, but they sometimes trip on current events and recent history.

The toss-up questions from history to geography and mathematics to movies could be answered to by any team member. A wrong answer gave a chance to the competing team to confer.

Last Tuesday, neither Oakwood or Bement High School team members knew the function of the spark plug in a motor (to ignite the gas), but they did know that the number of sunspots tends to vary every 11 years.

To tackle the trivia, High School Scholastic Ball Teams practice weekly. Norma Anderson, coach of the Oakwood varsity team, said members have practiced twice a week since September.

Reasons for the high school students to join the club? "We want to learn," the Oakwood team members said unanimously.

Tobi Hope, senior, had a more precise goal in mind: "I'm training for Jeopardy."

Instructor, student give lecture

Mary Lou Brotherson, Psychology instructor; Marcia Lerner, Elementary Education student, and Yvonne Cataneo, second grade teacher, South Side Elementary School, Champaign, will give a panel presentation at the Illinois Education Association's annual "Promotion Professional Practices" conference, May 2, in Springfield.

Their topic will be "Opportunities Unlimited: Teacher Education at the Community College."

Walk, hike, look, take pictures in natural setting next Sunday at Patton Woods open house

A variety of spring plants and animal life may be seen during the open house at Patton Woods, Parkland's nature preserve, on Sunday, April 26, from 1 to 4 p.m. Visitors are invited to take part in wildflower walks, bird watching, photography, and self-guided tours of the nature trail. Printed trail guides and brochures will be

available.

Patton Woods is a 14-acre tract of native hardwood forest owned by the Illinois Chapter of the Nature Conservancy and managed by the College.

A remnant of a once extensive forest along the Middle Fork of the Vermilion River, Patton Woods looks much as it did when the first

pioneers came to the area. Most of the nature preserve remains undisturbed by human activity and contains plants uncommon to Central Illinois.

Patton Woods can be reached by traveling east from Rantoul on U.S. 136, past Gifford to County Road 2500E, then north six miles.

For more information, call Earl Creutzburg at 217/351-2285.

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What affects Chicago also affects this area

The flooding of Chicago's deep tunnels draws attention to the fragility of the infrastructures of many large cities and to the interdependence of the areas that surround them.

The price tag for the disaster is expected to be around \$1 billion. Although some federal funds probably will be obtained, the state undoubtedly will have to provide a lot of the money while experiencing the loss of revenue through sales taxes, as well as increased expenditures for social services and unemployment resulting from the flooding.

Illinois was not in good financial shape before the Chicago River began flowing into the tunnels. Now things are worse and could get much worse if the tunnel walls collapse, causing severe damage to the electrical and communications networks that serve the Loop, which is the central nervous system of the city.

Although Downstate is very different in many ways from the Chicago area, we are tied together geographically, socially, and economically. What affects Chicago affects us. In a way, the water flowing in the caverns below Chicago's streets also flowed down the Main Streets of this community because we are closely involved in the large urban area 120 miles north.

Residents of this area can sympathize with Chicagoans because we've had somewhat smaller, yet similar experiences during the ice storms. We know how it feels to be without power or communications facilities. At one time, we may have thought Chicagoans were lucky because their facilities were located underground. The tunnel leak has caused us to modify that opinion.

The situation in Chicago demonstrates that many metropolitan areas are growing very old. More breakdowns will probably occur because preventative repair is postponed, as it was in Chicago, until it is too late.

— David F. Jackson, editor-in-chief

BSA petition contains 142 signatures over 'Prospectus' cartoon

To the editor:
We the undersigned are irate with the poor judgment shown by the Prospectus adviser and the editor in allowing the cartoon which was published March 30, 1992. This was insulting and denigrating to African-Americans and must not be repeated!

Kellee Wilson,
Andrea Reeves,
Mark Nelson,
Deborah L. Schultz,
and 138 other signatures

Editor's Note: The above letter was turned in by Anna Wall Scott, adviser, Black Student Association (BSA), and the president of BSA. Because of the inability to read the signatures of some signers and space limitations, we are unable to print all the signatures accompanying this petition.

He says Checkerboard Man is reactionary and as unfunny as 'Jimmy'

To the editor:
Just as unfunny as "Jimmy da Spiritual Counselor," the sarcastic and reactionary "Checkerboard Man" cartoon proves only what underlying racial perceptions and motivations were inherent in the original.

At least Checkerboard Man does deserve his place on the paper's editorial page: it provides an opinion, although not a thoughtful one. It is meant to ridicule anyone who opposes or is sensitive to stereotypes that have been used to degrade and oppress for generations.

Greg Springer
Staff Writer/
College Publications
and Creative Services

She's upset about fines

To the editor:
I read with amazement the March 16 article in the Prospectus stating the sudden and mysteriously unexplained parking fine increases which are apparently being "railroaded" through and which dramatically impact on many of us—particularly since there is an increasing shortage of available parking spots with the ever-expanding enrollment.

Perhaps this would have slipped through unnoticed by most of us, possibly as some of the proponents of the increases would hope. However, I had the questionable good fortune of approaching Doug Davis recently, and asked him to comment and explain why the parking fines were to be increased. Promptly after asking the question, he stared at me and, ignoring the question, started playing with his walkie-talkie—attempting to monitor a conversation which never took place. I asked him twice more between interruptions, again with no "attempt" at an answer or explanation from him. After the third time, he suddenly got up, said he had to go, and literally ran off, causing what appeared to be an "imaginary" problem in the parking lot.

Frankly, I was vexed, and the entire episode, consisting of about 5 minutes, left me that much more puzzled and rightly concerned about the issue of the raise in parking fines.

Since the episode, I have wondered just what the usual monies collected from fines, along with a "healthy increase," might be used for. Unlike other departments,

there are no "structures" to support, and salaries should be paid (including Doug's) out of an Administrative Salary budget. (Vehicles are also purchased out of a different budget.) Other than erecting a massive new parking garage, which should be built long before it is financially reimbursed with increased parking fines, I couldn't come up with any reason whatsoever that fines should be increased, except possibly in the case of handicapped spaces. Even unpaid fines are mandatorily paid before one can register or receive and all financial aid—so even collection should be no huge problem, and the few who leave the College with fines unpaid will never see transcripts or any other services provided until the "come clean" with overdue fines. Lastly, this department can and has resorted to towing cars in cases where owners have huge unpaid fines; so where is the money going and why the need for the increase?!

How quickly some Administrators forget their duty to serve those who in fact pay their fees, salaries—and in this case—assessed fines.

To this end, it is our right TO DEMAND a full and accurate accounting for any and all fines collected, and to have this information—without misallocation or accounting sham—to be published in this paper, as any and all other departments should do since they are being funded with OUR money—whether it is collected and given back directly or through State or Federal agencies.

In representation of a sizable constituency of concerned students and faculty, WE urge you to: 1) Put a stop to the fine increases immediately; and, 2) publish a clear and complete part and present to budget and accounting related to this department,—as ALL departments and offices of the College should be willing to do. 3) Any proposed new fine schedule should clearly itemize the budgetary reasons making the increased fines necessary. With the growing number of illegally parked cars in the parking lots over the past two semesters, the amount of fines assessed and collected has also dramatically increased. To date, no reasons have been cited in verifiable evidence to the contrary.

The only reason that a department or administrator would be unwilling or vehemently opposed to publishing this financial information would be in the instance that the persons involved would know that there is a problem of "misallocation" involved. Otherwise, the published information would and should come as no surprise to anyone, and out asserted rights to be informed of what we are already paying for will be satisfied. Until such time as the College operates on a "for profit basis," we need to assert and demand that we have access to this information—and certainly long before any new fines are assessed! If this "requirement" is not complied with, a further investigation should certainly be warranted.

L. Lauer
Champaign

Two stories on same issue

To the editor:
I was very disappointed once again with the Prospectus and how they handled themselves. In the March 30 Prospectus there were two articles that covered the same subject! The subject was on Convocations and how we in Student Government are handling the student's activities money.

I totally disagree with the statement, "From a student standpoint, this is a terrific bargain. However, it is also a terrific rip-off for students." Well, Mr. Jackson, out of the \$1.25 per credit hour that we get from students, it is dispersed to athletics, clubs, intramurals, and others, including the Prospectus. With the money that we do get, we put on many activities, such as Funflicks, Talent Shows, workshops, Christmas parties, magic shows, and many more things that we offer to all Parkland students free of charge.

Yes, their activity fees only in part are used to bring these activities here.

If a student was full time taking 12 hours they are paying \$16 in activity fees, after dispersing money to all the other areas. Convocations does not even get a fourth of that \$16. I know that we bring lots more than \$4-5 worth of things to students. Even if students got three dollars off of one ticket, that means they only have paid \$2 for all the other things that are offered to them through Convocations for the whole year. And you say that is a rip-off? The rip-off seems to be to the students for having to pay for a second edition of the Prospectus to be urgently printed for the second time because of a mistake done by your office.

Tami Vaughn
Convocations director

StuGo V.P. has questions about article

To the editor:
I would like to discuss some issues that have been brought up in the Prospectus; I also have a few comments of my own.

In the March 29 issue, there is an article entitled "StuGo senator asked for resignation; discount tickets available for students."

What kind of title is that? It is very misleading and so is the article. Wendy Peck, the senator in question, was not asked to resign "spur of the moment" or because she is a "bad senator" as the article implies. In recent years, there has

been no one asked to resign from StuGo for conduct or similar reasons. We have repeatedly tried to get information from her so we could get the full story, but it seems her schedule does not allow for that.

It does not seem right for a "story" to be printed without doublechecking for full information. Furthermore, the bit of information seemed very cut and dried compared to the main part of the article on discounted tickets to students for Assembly Hall events.

StuGo is involved in many activ-

ities—pizza sales, spring out, display cases, and more. Many StuGo members are involved in clubs as well.

It seems to me that generally material with a negative feeling is expressed in this paper, regarding StuGo. Please try to remember that the Prospectus is read mainly by Parkland students and staff. These people have a right to the full, true story. So, in addition to more articles on student activities, please try to get the story straight.

Lori Schaeffer
StuGo vice president

She wants to help 'uplift and liberate society'

To the editor:
I don't know what motivated you to enter the cartoon in Monday's Prospectus which mimicked Island dialect, as well as poked fun at the physical features of males who live in that part of the world.

Whenever an idea or comment for a newspaper, magazine, etc., can lead to misinterpretation, misunderstanding, or misrepresentation, I think it is better to not use

that piece of information; especially comments like (Todd Akers), because of the current racial climate between black and white people in the United States.

I think the illustration was insensitive and your comments in response to the cartoon being removed were immature.

An illustration poking fun at the paleness of white skin, for example, or the lack of natural body in white hair, or the blandness of the

white personality, or the inability on the part of many whites to rid themselves of racist attitudes would probably create feelings of resentment, anger, etc. And what is the purpose of poking fun at people outside of one's own cultural group?

Come on, Todd, let's uplift and liberate society.

Mwansa Mandela
Counselor

Mentor program begins May 6

BY TUIJA AALTO
PROSPECTUS FEATURES EDITOR

It is not easy to develop a mentoring relationship at a two-year college, Pauline Kayes, director, Women's Programs and Services, said.

Kayes said her experience of having a mentoring relationship in graduate school was so rewarding that she wants to give

Parkland students a chance as well.

Kayes, Ada Waddell, admissions representative, and Ruth Ann Evans, assistant director, Continuing and Lifelong Education, were enthusiastic about the idea when a group of local professional women called and suggested a mentor program for women at Parkland.

About 20 members of Altrusa

International, a service organization for professional women, participated in training courses organized by Women's Programs and Services. The meetings were meant to orient Altrusa members with the College, as well as the diversity of the students, Evans said.

A guide was compiled to summarize topics that mentors and students might want to explore. Kayes said it covers issues such as basic skills for "minimum acceptable performance" in an occupation from arithmetic skills to decision-making, and issues not easily defined, such as "giving an honest day's work."

Mentors could also provide insights for adapting and planning the future and how to plan one's life in a changing work environment.

Among the 20 women that have volunteered to mentor female students are teachers, a lawyer, and business owners. Also represented are the areas of electrical engineering, banking, and health care.

Waddell said, "We want to link two generations of business together."

The program will begin with the May 6 Brown Bag Lunch forum on "Role Models for Success and Self Esteem," Kayes said. "We'll have forms for signing up, and several Altrusa members telling about their careers."

Evans said she mainly works with returning adult students and that many of them would be interested to link up with a professional from their field.

Health care for women topic for Health Care Forum

BY TUIJA AALTO
PROSPECTUS FEATURES EDITOR

"Women need skills to find information, to ask questions," Karen Cody Carlson, Planned Parenthood, said.

Women should have the tools and information they need to make decisions regarding their bodies was one of the topics of the CEN Community Forum: Health Care Issues of Women, videotaped recently at Champaign City Hall.

The panel discussed the fact that some women still regard a boyfriend or husband as the authority when choosing the method of birth control.

Laura Jesmer, Women's Health Practice, said it can be intimidating to deal with a health care provider if he or she is "biased to begin with." Jesmer referred to different ethical values when it comes to birth control and abortion issues.

"We have to stop looking at women as reproductive agents rather than as people," Jesmer said.

"We serve 14,000 women. Three thousand to 4,000 of them are primarily interested in pregnancy tests," said Carlson. "There is no way medical personnel can talk with all of them," Carlson said.

Mary Kelly, Champaign County Health Care Consumers, said the situation is "horrifying" and af-

fects especially low-income women and teenagers.

Mary Lee Sargent, History instructor, said, "Regardless of religious values, we have to face the 20th century: More people are sexually involved with more partners."

Sargent added that sexually transmitted diseases are not "equal opportunity infections" because the risks and consequences are often worse for women.

Joan Lathrap, Champaign-Urbana Public Health District, said women who have used self-protective measures often discontinue them after they have been involved with a partner for a while.

"Based on what?" Lathrap demands. "It doesn't protect you that you are in love." She said there is a potential of lying in everyone, and the temptation to deny having a disease may be great in attempts to preserve the relationship.

Sargent said the United States is becoming a monopolized health care system. "Poor women, for example, do not have access to Christie Clinic," she said. "I see students at Parkland who don't see the physician because they can't afford it."

Other issues discussed at the forum included breast implants. "Health Care Issues of Women" was fourth in a series of CEN forums to be aired on Cable Channel 8.



Parkland This Week

April 19-May 2, 1992

Monday, April 20

Parkland Visual Arts Students Juried Exhibition • Monday-Friday 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Monday-Thursday 6-8 p.m., and Saturday 10 a.m.-12 noon • Art Gallery • Continues through April 24 • 217/351-2485

Tuesday, April 21

Sign-up for Free GED Classes • 2:30-4:30 p.m. • Room X213 • 217/351-2580
*Introductory Career Planning Seminar • 6 p.m. • Meet at the Information Desk in the College Center • 217/351-2536

Wednesday, April 22

Health Fair '92 • 10 a.m.-2 p.m. • Gallery Lounge • 217/351-2214
Men's Baseball vs. Kankakee Community College • 2 p.m. • Parkland Baseball Field • 217/351-2226
*Closing: The Key to Making Sales (WKS 936-095) • 6:30-9:30 p.m. Room L256 • 217/351-2508

Thursday, April 23

Brown Bag Lunch Forum: Boys Will Be Boys? The Relationship of Masculinity to Violence • 12 noon-1 p.m. • Room X221 • 217/351-2541

Friday, April 24

Arbor Day Tree Planting • 12:30 p.m. • Parkland's South Grove • 217/351-2458
Prairie Skies • 7 p.m. • William M. Staerke Planetarium • 217/351-2446
Hubble Report • 8 p.m. • William M. Staerke Planetarium • 217/351-2446
Mt. St. Helens • 9 p.m. • William M. Staerke Planetarium • 217/351-2446

Saturday, April 25

Cheerleading Squad/Dance Team Tryouts • 9 a.m.-5 p.m. • Parkland Gymnasium • 217/351-2226
Parkland Sampler • 10-11 a.m. • Meet at the Information and Welcome Center Desk • 217/351-2561
Larry Cat in Space • 11 a.m. • William M. Staerke Planetarium • 217/351-2446
Hubble Report • 12 noon • William M. Staerke Planetarium • 217/351-2446
Space Bus • 1 and 7 p.m. • William M. Staerke Planetarium • 217/351-2446
Men's Baseball vs. Lincoln Trail College • 1 p.m. • Parkland Baseball Field • 217/351-2226
Mt. St. Helens • 8 p.m. • William M. Staerke Planetarium • 217/351-2446

Sunday, April 26

Men's Baseball vs. Vincennes • 1 p.m. • Parkland Baseball Field • 217/351-2226

Monday, April 27

*CHIMERA: Self-Defense for Women • 6-9 p.m. • 217/351-2214

Tuesday, April 28

Men's Baseball vs. Lincoln • 3 p.m. • Parkland Baseball Field • 217/351-2226

Wednesday, April 29

Parkland Fine Arts Students Juried Exhibition • Monday-Friday 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Monday-Thursday 6-8 p.m., and Saturday 10 a.m.-12 noon • Art Gallery • Continues through May 14 • 217/351-2485
Reception, Parkland Fine Arts Students • 6-8 p.m. • Gallery Lounge • 217/351-2485

Thursday, April 30

Holocaust Remembrance Day • 12 noon-1 p.m. • Parkland Theatre • 217/351-2404

Friday, May 1

Men's Baseball Section Tournament • Games at 12 noon and 3 p.m. • Parkland Baseball Field • 217/351-2226
Women's Rituals and Celebrations • 12 noon • Parkland Theatre-Planetarium Courtyard • 217/351-2541
Planetarium Shows • See Friday, April 24

Saturday, May 2

Men's Baseball Section Tournament • Games at 9 a.m., 12 noon, and 3 p.m. • Continues Sunday at 12 noon and 3 p.m. • Parkland Baseball Field • 217/351-2226
Planetarium Shows • See Saturday, April 25
*Preregistration required.

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Volunteer firefighters answer natural calling

BY KERRIE PRUITT
FOR THE PROSPECTUS

What is the difference between a volunteer and a paid fire fighter?

Dave Lawrence, lieutenant, Carroll Fire Protection District, Urbana, explained it as a calling, and in some cases, a family tradition.

"The spirit of volunteerism is alive and well in the volunteer sector," said Lawrence.

Lawrence, a Parkland graduate with an associate's degree in Fire Service Technology. He also earned a bachelors degree in Fire Service Management from Southern Illinois University.

"Member," has no place in the volunteer sector of fire service, says Lawrence. "You join clubs,

not fire departments. You serve at the pleasure of the board of trustees, city council, or village board," he said. "If you recognize there are some skills you need to learn and safety habits you have to display, you will do well in the volunteer sector of fire protection."

Lawrence feels there is a misconception concerning volunteer fire fighters.

"Volunteers are taking it more seriously than those of the past," he said. "If we (volunteer fire departments) are compared unfavorably with the paid sector of fire departments, that reinforces volunteers to approach their jobs more seriously."

He said there are many resources available for training at a

volunteer fire department.

Carroll Fire Protection District is part of the Champaign County Fire Chiefs Association, the organization responsible for providing the resources for training and emergency operations throughout Champaign County. Included are members from Ford and Vermillion Counties.

One of the services the provided by the C.C.F.C.A. is for volunteer fire departments to have psychological debriefings after a critical situation.

"The hardest critical scene is one involving an infant. It's somehow easier to accept the death of an older person than a child," Lawrence said.

Smoking most common cause of local fires

BY SUE PETTY AND
KERRIE PRUITT
FOR THE PROSPECTUS

Smoking is the number one cause of fires, and alcohol and fire have an 80 percent correlation, Champaign Fire Chief Douglas Forsman told a Newswriting class recently.

The fire at Skelton Place on April 2 was caused by carelessly discarded smoking materials which ignited a couch in an apartment on the sixth floor, Forsman said.

When firemen discovered a walker in the smoke filled hallway, they began to crawl, and one firefighter found Emma Bialechski, 91, lying on the floor. She had been overcome by smoke. She was

listed in serious condition Saturday evening at Carle Hospital.

The Champaign Fire Department evacuated 78 people from the Skelton Place apartments. They were assisted by the Urbana, University of Illinois, and Rantoul fire departments.

Forsman said there are no individual heroes in the department because all members work as a team.

The rate of fires caused by smoking has dropped by 20 percent over the last five years, Forsman said.

The second leading cause of fire is arson, which is usually committed by people who have "lost control and are out for revenge," Forsman said. He added that the arsonist "will always be in the

crowd watching the fire."

Since the smoke alarm law went into effect in 1978, there has been a 50 percent decrease in

deaths caused by fires, he said.

Of the total work load the fire department handles, 52 percent of their calls are medical, and 20 percent of those deal with alcohol and drugs, according to Forsman.

He told the Newswriting students there is a problem with older buildings, many of which often have drop-ceilings that can cause a fire to be undetected. This is the situation that occurred in the fire at the former Red Wheel Restaurant.

The owner of the Red Wheel has acquired a building permit to rebuild at the same location, Forsman said.

Piano lab provides assistance on private, one-to-one basis

BY SUE PETTY
PROSPECTUS STAFF WRITER

"Debra, I'm having trouble with this passage. Could you please listen and tell me what I'm doing wrong?"

"Sure, Suzy. Please play it."

Suzy plays the music, Kinzer listens, but none of the other students in the class hear her.

Suzy and Debra Kinzer, Parkland Music instructor, were speaking to each other through headphones equipped with microphones in the Piano Lab.

"The Lab's state-of-the-art technology can accommodate a variety of teaching methods," Kinzer said. Using the teacher console, an instructor can listen to the music each student is practicing, as well as communicate with each student individually.

John Spencer, freshman, Music, said, "If a person is having a problem, the instructor can get to

them and work with them without disturbing the entire class."

At the teacher console, Kinzer can use the key note visualizer, which looks like a marquee sign, hanging in the corner of the classroom. The visualizer shows the student how a note on the piano would be written and where it is played on the keyboard.

Another feature is the disk orchestra machine, which accompanies a student with an orchestra "so they can get the full effect of playing the song," said Kinzer.

Kinzer said the pianos can be networked into a computer which allows students to write their own music and have it printed. The computer also can teach a student how to write music, she said.

Amy Shaw, freshman, Music, said one of the best things about the new lab compared to the old one is, "There are a full set of keys on these pianos, which allows you to play a larger variety of music."

Madrigals invited to perform at national concert in Washington

Twenty-four New Parkland Madrigals, under the direction of Sandra Chabot, are getting their program ready for their annual tour, this time to Washington, D.C., on May 21.

The singers will perform modern arrangements of patriotic favorites, a program of religious music, and some spirituals and ballads. They will sing at the Capitol building, Arlington Cemetery, and several other sites.

The program will be carried out in cooperation with the First American Music Encounters organization.

Between performances, the Madrigals will tour various points of interest in the Capitol and go on a dinner/dance cruise on the Potomac.

The group auditioned by videotape for the invitation and has received letters of commendation from Sharon Pratt Dixon, District of Columbia mayor, and Gov. Jim Edgar.

The tour is financed by member contributions, candy and pizza sales, and funds from Student Government and other groups within the College.

Parkland student has poem published in poetry book

BY TUIJA AALTO
PROSPECTUS FEATURES EDITOR

Curtis P. Gregory, a third-year Parkland Computer Science major, started writing poems 4½ years ago, while he was in high school.

It was "something to do," he said. Last winter, however, he entered one poem, the first one he ever wrote, in a contest in Sacramento.

His poem, *The Quickness of Human Emotion*, took fourth place. There was no prize for fourth place, Gregory said, but "The honor is having my poem published in a book."

The book, *The Favorite Poems of Our World*, sells for \$70.

Gregory said this was the first time he took part in a contest, but it's not going to be the last.

Although he lets friends read his writings, he doesn't feel comfortable enough to go to Red Herring on the University of Illinois campus to read his poems before an audience.

Most of his poems rhyme, and some are written in an unconventional format. The poem, "Things That Are Truly Genuine," is a numbered list of details. "The haunting echoes from the hands of time" stems from a visit to his grandmother at a nursing home where it was so quiet that the ticking of a grandfather-clock was audible.

Gregory said his goal is to write like Edgar Allan Poe. He also enjoys reading Emily Dickinson as well as Leonard Nimoy, better known as Mr. Spock of the original *Star Trek* series.

Health care forum next week

"Health Care Reform" is the topic of the C.E.N. Community Forum scheduled for 11 a.m. April 30 in the Council chambers of the Champaign City Building, 102 N. Neil.

Against a backdrop of national concern about the country's health care system, Moderator Louise Allen will explore this issue with a panel of local experts: Robert Brunner, M.D., Family Practice; Carolyn Cooper, chair, Department of Nursing; Mike Doyle, Champaign County Health Care Consumers; Prof. Tom O'Rourke, Department of Health Studies, and Richard Perry, Patient Account Services.

The forum will focus on the existing health care system and what can be done to improve it. The public is invited to bring ques-

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Just like riding a bike, huh? My, how things change

BY JEFF REISING
PROSPECTUS STAFF WRITER

"It's just like riding a bike. Once you learn how, you never forget." That cliché may no longer be true. To someone who hasn't ridden the 10-speed in the back of the garage for a few years, a trip to a local bike store may be like time-travel.

Ten years ago, an adult wishing to buy a quality bicycle had two choices: a touring bike designed to be loaded with racks and bags for long days of slow plodding or a stripped down, temperamental, and expensive racing bike designed for maximum performance but minimum comfort and durability.

Today's bikes often combine the best of both bikes plus advantages of mountain bikes and new technology to offer more versatility and performance. Riders can now zip around in the city or country on the same bike and not worry about potholes or hidden stumps.

The new bikes are generally called all-terrain-bicycles, or ATBs. They are hybrids of road and mountain bikes.

Dan Stansbury, manager, Durst Cycle Company, 1201 S. Mattis, says most of the store's new bike inventory consists of ATBs, and their average prices range from \$250 to \$400.

He explains that ATBs usually have lightweight wheels like those found on racing bikes but can accept a variety of tire sizes. Thin, light tires are best for riding fast in town. Fat, durable tires are best for off-road riding or jumping curbs in town.

However, instead of the traditional racing bike's drop-style handlebars, the handlebars are upright like those on a mountain bike.

Stansbury says, "Uprights give the rider better vision of the road and are more comfortable. This makes them better for someone who only rides once a week or so and never gets used to the bent over position of the more aerodynamic drop bars."

Because the components, brakes and drive trains, are almost all made by two companies, Shimano and Suntour, Stansbury says the biggest difference between two bikes is usually found in frame material.

High-tensile steel is the cheapest frame material, but it is also the heaviest and least durable, Stansbury said.

"Most adults want to buy a bike which will last them 20 years," he said. "They want this to be the last bike they ever buy."

For those people, Stansbury recommends buying a bike with aluminum rims and at least a chrome alloy frame. Aluminum rims are stronger, and their reduced weight makes a big difference because the wheel is spinning, he says.

If someone wants to go a step beyond, he/she can buy a bike with an aluminum frame.

Klein Bicycles, a small custom frame builder, invented aluminum bikes with fat frame tubes, which reduce weight and make the bike stiffer, thereby transferring pedaling energy to the road more efficiently than frames with more flex, Stansbury says.

Cannondale Cycles has made Klein's fat frame tube style popular.

Doug Martindale, Champaign Cycle Company, says ATB sales account for 85 to 90 percent of the firm's new bike sales. People who buy them, he says, are typically city dwellers who commute on their bikes short distances or take

them out for occasional joy rides.

Bicycle accessories also have changed in the last 10 years.

You can still buy lights and horns for bikes, but today's lights feature brighter halogen bulbs, and horns release high-compression blasts much louder than older horns.

Stansbury says the accessory which has had the most impact is the cyclometer.

"Gone are the days of the bulky speedometer mounted on the handlebars," he said.

"Cyclometers feature speedometers, odometers, stopwatches, clocks, pedal tachometers, pulse readers, and even altimeters on one component half the size of old speedometers. Some even have wireless connections between the sensor on the wheel and the read-out," said Stansbury.

Prices for cyclometers range from \$20 to \$150.

Martindale says that another accessory which has improved greatly is the helmet. Helmets 10 years ago, he says, weighed 17 or 18 ounces. Today they weigh 7 or 8 ounces.

"They're much more comfortable because of the lighter weight, and consequently more people are wearing them," Martindale said.

Helmet prices start around \$40. To keep all the equipment, locks have also been improved. Large U-shaped locks which require the jaws of life to open, cost about \$30.

Stansbury says that May and June are the busiest time for bike sales for most stores. Martindale agreed but added that bike stores do steady business all year, even in a recession.

"People save money by riding bikes," he said.

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BY SUE PETTY
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Altmyer said people who buy Air Jordans are paying for the image of Michael Jordan. A good pair of athletic shoes sell for \$60-\$70, he said.

Nike's patented Airsole cushioning are a worthwhile investment, he added. Nikes are the store's top selling brand by far, Altmyer said.

A 20-year-old Champaign man said he buys Air Jordans because of the quality. "I'd rather buy one pair of good shoes than five pairs

of shoes that won't last.

Body 'N Sole, Old Farm Shops and campustown, has the latest Nike product, the Air Huarache, which is styled after the huarache sandal. It has a "sleeve" made of neoprene and Lycra, and on the back of the shoe is a "strapping system" to secure the foot. It also has the Nike Airsole and is extremely lightweight, except for the price, which starts in the low \$90 range.

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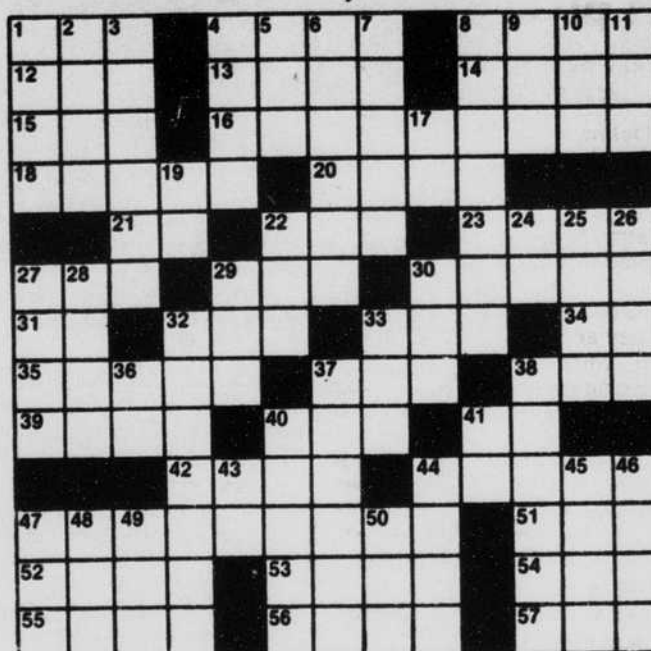


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- 21. Preposition
- 22. Prior time (prefix)
- 23. Oak
- 27. Presidential nickname
- 29. Bleat
- 30. African antelope
- 31. Us
- 32. Feline
- 33. Recumbant position
- 34. Southern state (abbr.)
- 35. Tart fruit
- 37. Even
- 38. Sports arena (informal)
- 39. Hide away
- 40. Atomic Energy Commission (abbr.)
- 41. S. Atlantic state (abbr.)
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- 44. Punctuation mark
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- 52. Secondhand

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- 54. Cloth scrap
- 55. Period of time
- 52. Saw (past tense)
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- 4. Fungus
- 5. A Gershwin
- 6. Takes photographs
- 7. Similar
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- 9. Sup
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- 11. Standard (abbr.)
- 17. Direction (abbr.)
- 19. Negative
- 22. Light tap
- 24. Egyptian sun god
- 25. Desire for another's possessions
- 26. Dutch cheese
- 27. Pointed tools
- 28. Red vegetable
- 29. Prohibit
- 30. Hearing organ
- 32. Leather made from cow
- 33. Secretion for making shellac
- 36. Midwest state (abbr.)
- 37. Human beings
- 38. In great numbers (informal)
- 40. Assumed name
- 41. Leave
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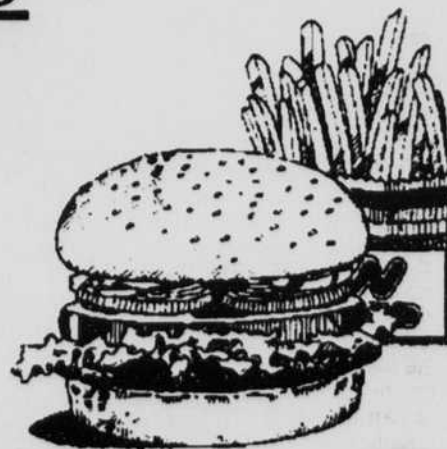
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Coach Cooper resigns after 14 years, 289-166

By LOU BABIARZ
PROSPECTUS SPORTS EDITOR

Tom Cooper, Parkland's men's basketball coach for the past 14 seasons, announced his resignation April 10.

In a prepared statement, Cooper said, "I will continue as a tenured accounting instructor at Parkland while remaining open to other coaching opportunities at all levels of competition."

On Thursday, Cooper said, "Champaign is our home now, so it would take a good offer for me to leave here, but if the right position was available, I would consider it."

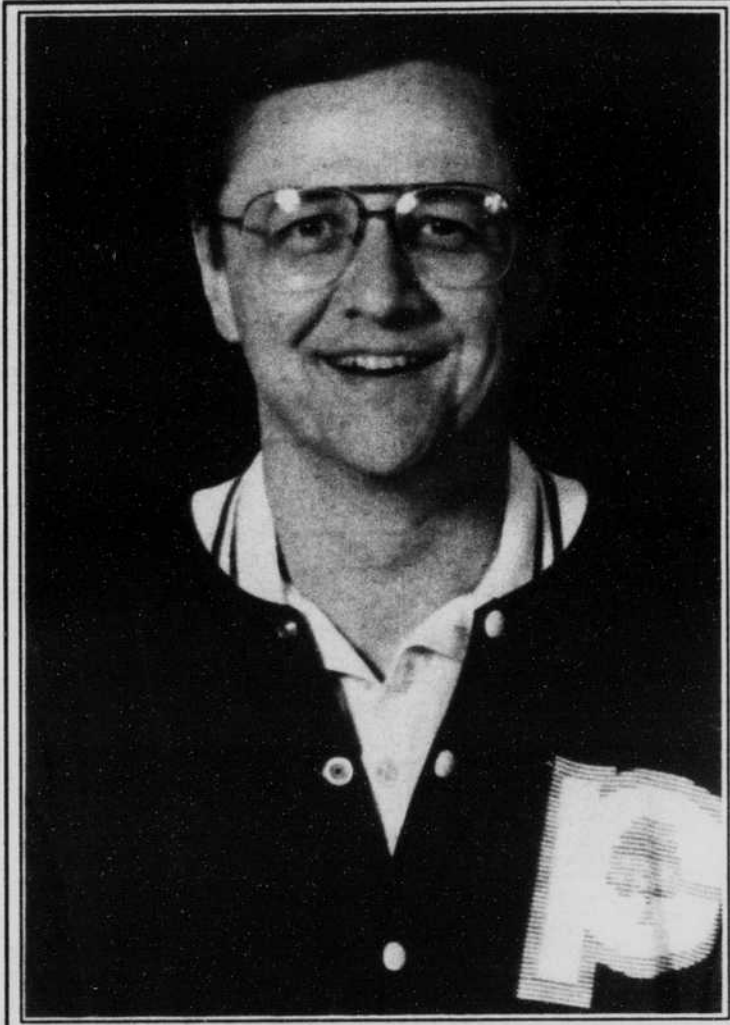
Neither Cooper nor Parkland Athletic Director Dick Kelley would comment on the reason for the resignation. "We stand by our statement," said Kelley.

The statement reads, "Parkland College accepts Coach Cooper's resignation and will honor his request to move to another level of coaching. Tom's record and accomplishments speak for themselves and Parkland appreciates his 14-year contribution to the athletic program, most notably the Division II National Championship in 1986 and the runner-up trophy in 1988. The search for a new basketball coach will begin as quickly as possible."

As of Thursday, Kelley said there were "absolutely no candidates for the job, because the position hasn't even been advertised yet." Kelley said that whether the new coach will be someone promoted from within or brought in from the outside would be up to the selection committee.

Cooper's teams posted a 289-166 mark, and advanced to the NJCAA Division II national tournament three times, winning the title in 1986, taking second in 1988 and placing fourth in 1989. This year Parkland was 10-22, including nine forfeits of games in which two starters who were later declared academically ineligible participated. It was Cooper's only losing season.

Forward Marlon Fleming, who was among the nation's leading scorers with a 24.3 average, and point guard Antiwan Easley were declared ineligible February 6 in unrelated incidents. Fleming had



Tom Cooper, who has served for 14 years Parkland's Basketball coach, announced his resignation early last week. There has been no reason why Cooper is stepping down after 14 years.

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enrolled in school after the deadline for athletic eligibility and Easley lost an appeal to the academic review board concerning a grade dispute.

Matt Ulrich, a freshman center, said the team was surprised that Cooper stepped down. "I couldn't believe it," Ulrich said. "During the year, people talked about it, but I didn't think it would happen. The past couple of years, I don't think he was really happy."

Ulrich said several team members are uncertain about their futures, himself included. "I'm

going to look around to see what's out there," he explained, "but I haven't made a decision yet. I'm going to wait to see who they hire."

"Usually when a coach leaves, some of the players decide to leave," Cooper said, "but I told the players that they shouldn't make any quick decisions."

Cobras need strategy for softball playoffs

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Things appeared to be looking up for the Parkland softball team. With postseason play less than two weeks away, the Cobras seemed to have turned the corner.

They had weathered a poor start, put together a five-game winning streak, and after defeating the University of Illinois' club team, found themselves two games over .500.

They didn't stay there long. Doubleheader sweeps by Illinois Central on Wednesday and Lincoln Land Thursday slowed the momentum Parkland seemed to be building and dropped the Cobras' mark on the year to 14-16.

Rematches with the U of I and Kankakee remain, so the Cobras still have a chance to regroup before traveling to Spoon River in Canton for the Region 24 Tourna-

ment April 24-25. Two teams will advance from the eight-team, double-elimination tournament.

Seeds for the tournament have not yet been announced, but Parkland coach Argie Johnson feels the Cobras have earned a middle seed. "I think we should be seeded fourth. We beat Spoon River twice. We beat Lewis & Clark and John Wood, and we played Lake Land pretty tough," Johnson explained.

Entering the playoffs, Johnson said the Cobras need to have a more diversified attack. He feels Parkland's run production has been too dependent on first baseman Shanna Mullins and outfielder Dianna Lashbrook. Mullins leads the team in hitting at .477 and Lashbrook is second with a .432 average.

"We've proven that we can play well in tournaments," Johnson said.

Soccer and wrestling may be added in '93

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The Parkland Athletic Department is considering adding two sports, soccer and wrestling, for the 1993-94 school year, according to Athletic Director Dick Kelley.

"There's a huge, huge demand for soccer," Kelley said. "Every high school in this area plays soccer. All the park districts have large soccer programs. It is a rapidly growing sport. Kids who graduate from high school have no place to go to play soccer other than a four-year institution."

"What I'm trying to do is get a cost analysis," Kelley continued. "The immediate problem with the program is that we would have to travel to the suburban area of Chicago or the St. Louis area to

play our games. We'd be the only soccer playing school in central Illinois."

Facilities would be easy to come by, according to Kelley. "We could put our soccer field in the middle of the track," he said. "I have already talked to the Gill Company, and they will loan us the goals. It should do no damage to the track."

Kelley feels that wrestling would also have a strong appeal, but for different reasons. "Wrestling is at every four-year school in the area, but some students don't feel they can compete at that level," he explained. "This way they could step into a two-year institution and find out if they want to go on. Again scheduling would be a problem, although we could wrestle JV programs."

Cobra pitching keeps hopes high

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If, as the cliché goes, pitching is 70 percent of baseball, the Parkland Cobras have reason to be optimistic as they enter the final third of the season and gear up for post-season play.

With 20 games remaining on the schedule, Parkland's staff has compiled a 2.64 ERA. The Cobras have allowed just 212 hits in 266 innings, and have struck out nearly twice as many batters as they have walked.

Despite an injury to starter Shane Bennett, Parkland coach Rod Lovett thinks his starting rotation of Juan Acevedo, Eric Anderson, Jamie Sailors, Willy Hilton and Steve Ekhooff gives the Cobras potential to go a long way come tournament time.

"Juan Acevedo has really emerged as our number one pitcher," Lovett said. "He has continued to give us one good outing after another." Acevedo has posted a 5-1 record with a 1.94 ERA. He has fanned 62 in 46 2/3 innings pitched, both team highs.

"We've seen a lot of improve-

ment in three other starters: Eric Anderson, Willy Hilton and Jamie Sailors," Lovett continued. "Eric's record is just 1-1, but he has kind of been the victim of non-support. Monday he went against the number eleven team in the nation, pitched six innings and gave up no runs. You can't ask for anything more than that."

"In Willy's last three starts, he has given us a one-hitter, a one-hitter and a two-hitter, and Jamie just keeps getting better," Lovett said. "And Steve, as our number-five starter, is 4-2 with a 3.06 ERA."

Lovett has not been discouraged with the Cobras' play of late, which included a 10-game stretch during which the Cobras went 5-5.

"We haven't played great baseball recently, but we kind of expected it because we knew it was going to be a real tough stretch of quality teams," Lovett explained. "Lake Land, who is one of our biggest rivals, Lincoln Land, who had won ten in a row before we played them, John Logan, who was ranked number eleven in the nation, and then Belleville. We

knew it was going to be a tough week."

"In addition, because of the respect we gained early in the season, we ran into everybody's number one, two and three pitchers," Lovett continued. "In the games we lost, the other teams shut us down. It was a matter of good pitching against us. We still pitched well."

Lovett saw other positive signs during the past few weeks. "It's been really nice to see Brad Cosgrove and Kerry Cheely pick it up at the plate. Both were having average seasons up until the last week to ten days, but both have started to hit the ball consistently. Ken Crawford is swinging the bat well. The key for us all season long is that we haven't been able to get a group of people hot at the same time."

"Our defense, as of late, has also been a lot better," Lovett said. "We've had some trouble on the left side of the infield, but lately it's been more solid. I think that's, in part, because our infielders have started to hit better, and that takes that pressure away and they

go out and field a little more confidently."

As the regular season, winds down, Parkland's main goal is to prepare for the sectional tournament, which it will host May 1-3, but the Cobras do have a secondary goal: breaking the school record for victories. Last year's squad holds the record with a 38-18 mark.

"I think it's been an unspoken goal that we'd like to break that record," Lovett said. "Last year we actually had 36 wins in the regular season, then picked up two in the tournament. I don't want to put too much emphasis on it though. Our primary focus will be on the tournament."

The double-elimination tournament will have four teams, with seeds based strictly on head-to-head competition. Currently, Olney is 4-2, Parkland is 5-3, Lake Land is 4-6 and Lincoln Trail is 3-5.

Lovett feels the teams are evenly matched. "We've all beaten each other," he explained. "All four teams have winning records. We think that we're in the tough-

est sectional of the four in the southern part of the state."

"If we get past the sectional, then anything can happen. We do feel that we may be the best prepared for a double-elimination tournament because of our pitching depth," said Lovett.

"One of the things I like about our team is that we're not forced to turn one of our starters into a reliever," Lovett continued. "Certainly if one of our starters had a bad outing, I wouldn't hesitate to put Ekhooff our (Mike) Grzanich in a long relief role. But with Kyle Matherly and Craig Henderson being in the bullpen all season long, they're already accustomed to being relievers. That's a luxury we have."

"The past two years we've lost our first game, then rebounded to make the championship game, then fell short," Lovett said. "This year our goal is to win that first game to put the pressure on other teams. If you lose, it puts you behind the eight-ball because you have to go out and win five or six straight games."