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## Discussions of ATM location on campus

by Christine Wing  
Prospectus Staff Writer

Student Government will continue to conduct talks with area banks regarding installation of an automatic teller machine on campus.

One bank has indicated that at least 3,000 transactions per month would have to be made if an ATM were installed.

Several StuGo members expressed concern that student and faculty use might not generate such a large volume of transactions.

As an alternative Jon Surma, executive director Administrative Services, suggested the possibility of "liberating" the check-

cashing policy of the College's cashier office.

Using the current system, a student with a personal checking account with a local bank can withdraw cash from that account by writing a check to Parkland College. However the amount is now limited to \$10.

StuGo members concurred with Carol Steinman, Dean of Students, that in lieu of installing an ATM, the current check-cashing policy might be modified to allow for a larger withdrawal.

The topic will be discussed at future StuGo meetings as ATM Committee members continue to meet with bank representa-



### Exchange agreement

Representatives from Chong Ju National Junior College, one of five national community colleges in Korea, arrived at Parkland Tuesday to sign a sister-institution agreement with Parkland College. The agreement will open the door for faculty and student exchange between the colleges. Pictured are: (l. to r.) Robert Frost, director/International Studies and Programs, Parkland; Dale Ewen, vice president, Academic and Student Services, Parkland; Zelema Harris, president, Parkland; Bong-Sook Kim, president, Chong Ju; Seung Yong Kim, director, Student Offices, Chong Ju; and Chin Doo Kim, director, English Department.

## Weather-related closings announced on radio, TV

by Ann Ward  
Prospectus Staff Writer

When the weather brings potentially harmful conditions, Parkland officials keep an eye on the campus and surrounding areas for possible hazardous situations.

When weather worsens overnight, the decision to close Parkland is made by 5 a.m. on the day in question.

The philosophy of Parkland is to keep the College open if at all possible, but when the weather becomes bad enough to close during the day or evening, an announcement is made over the loud-speaker system, as well as area television and radio stations.

When on-campus class cancellations are announced, they include classes offered by Parkland at Area Learning Centers.

Radio and television stations only accept

school closings, so if Parkland isn't mentioned, classes are in session.

The switchboard on campus, in addition to Parkland's radio station, 88.7 WPCD-FM, are also informed about cancellations and closings at the College.

Other stations that are contacted if the College closes are:

WDWS-1400 AM, WHMS-97.5 FM, WLRW-94.5 FM, WIXY-100.3 FM, WBCP-1580 AM, WBNQ-101.5 FM, WJBC-1230 AM, WCZQ-105.5 FM, WZNF-95.3 FM, WUFI-1460 AM, WKIO-92.5 FM, WPGU-107.1 FM, WGFA-94.1 FM, WBWN-104.1 FM, WGCY-106.3 FM, WPNX-104.9 FM, WSOY-103 FM and 1340 AM, WILL-90.9 FM and 580 AM, WZRO-98.3 FM, WGLT-89 FM, and WBGL-91.7 FM.

Also, the following television stations are notified: WAND, WCIA, WICD, and WEIU.

## PC makes statewide top 10 list

by Christine Wing  
Prospectus Staff Writer

Parkland has been cited by the Illinois Community Colleges Board as one of the 10 best community colleges in the state.

Every August, each college in the ICCB system submits their Priorities, Quality, and Productivity (P.Q.P.) report to the ICCB for evaluation in effectiveness, planning, and decision-making.

It is necessary for community colleges to assess whether they are reaching their stated goals, President Harris said, because schools cannot approach state legislators requesting more funds if these goals are not being met.

President Harris said she believes that "all things we're doing to ensure students' success were included in the report," and that's why "ours [Parkland] was selected."

## Deadline for spring scholarships nears

by Jon Nitschke  
Prospectus Staff Writer

January deadlines for spring scholarships are almost here, and March, April, and May deadlines for fall scholarships aren't far away.

Students can obtain information on scholarships from the Financial Aid office and from the scholarships bulletin board posted outside the office, A 170.

Parkland College Scholarship Guides and Higher EdNet booklets are given to students by advisers. These resources list local and national scholarships.

"Students applying for scholarships should be as specific as possible in re-

questing information because there is such a large variety," said Suzanne Woolfson, Financial Aid Adviser.

"They also must read the application carefully to see if they qualify for the award, which may be limited to a specific major, year in college, grade point average, and/or number of academic hours completed.

Scholarship shopping takes time, but it is worth it, Woolfson said, "because it forces students to examine their educational goals."

And, once a student receives a scholarship, it's not all over—most awards require maintenance of passing or perhaps keeping a B grade average.

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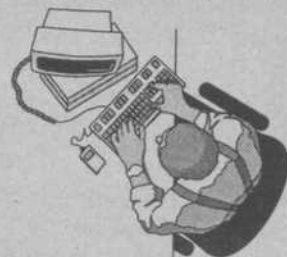
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## Job market improves for new college graduates

by Kelley Gary  
College Press Service

New college graduates should have better odds than their predecessors at landing jobs, according to a recruiting survey by Michigan State University's Collegiate Employment Research Institute.

This survey of 527 employers showed a 4.7 percent increase in the number of college grads destined to be hired, the third such increase in a row after a four-year decline.

Not surprisingly, the most marketable degree choices mentioned were computer science, engineering, science, business and healthcare.

However, survey author Dr. Patrick Sheetz warns that students should not view his survey as a mandate to major in computer science.

"Too many people decide on their occupation based on supply and demand," he said. "You should get into an occupa-

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Source: Average annual starting salaries for 1994-95 graduates were used from the Collegiate Employment Research Institute, 1995. "Salary Report 1994-95, East Lansing, Michigan."

tion that you dearly love. You will do better in it."

Although more employers plan to hire new college graduates, on average they will not be paying them more.

Starting salaries are estimated to increase only slightly — about a half a percent.

Chemical engineers out

of the gate will make the most cash, averaging \$41,182.

A tip for job hunters: get an internship and head south.

According to the survey, about 48 percent of new hires had career-related experience, and job hunters with internship experience have even a greater chance

at bagging a job.

Geographically, the Southeastern United States will be especially fertile ground for job hunters, followed by the North Central, South Central, Southwest, Northeast and Northwestern U.S.

Many college career placement offices also report that more corporations

are doing on-campus recruiting.

Colorado College Career Center Director Richard Roberts said there is sometimes a shortage of students who want to see recruiters, a turn-around from a few years ago.

But even as corporate America sends more recruiters to campuses, many graduates are steering toward careers in smaller companies and non-for-profit areas, said Roberts.

"A lot of students are pessimistic about their chances in the corporate setting, even though there is a general upturn in the job market," he said.

Before any art history majors resolve to become chemical engineers, move to Atlanta and rake in the big bucks, Sheetz advises students to use the survey as a guide only.

"Don't push students into fields because of pay and demand," he says. "Students should be aware of what's going on in the marketplace."



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## Foundation plans daily planner

■ Daily planner's front-cover and interior artwork will be designed by Parkland students

by Kevin Cash  
Prospectus Staff Writer

For those who tend to lose track of important dates throughout the school year, a daily planner is being developed by members of the Parkland Foundation.

Activities Program Manager Shelley Stoltenberg says the publication will contain important dates and other information specific to Parkland College

The date book will be available by the beginning of the 1996-97 academic year, Stoltenberg said.

She also said the planner will contain "information that Parkland students would be interested in," such as when classes begin, when midterms start and when finals are scheduled for each semester.

In addition, she said, the planner will contain sections for students to write in their class schedules and notes and possibly schedules for the M.T.D bus routes in the Champaign-Urbana area as well.

Phone numbers for various campus departments and services will also be included, she added. There is

a charge for the publication but is yet undetermined.

Stoltenberg also said the book's front-cover and interior artwork will be designed by Parkland students.

There are prizes available to those students whose artwork is selected for the publication, and any student may submit artwork for consideration, Stoltenberg said.

All artwork submitted for the publication must be accompanied by an application, which is available in Stoltenberg's X149 office.

The deadline for artwork submissions is Mar. 15, 1996.

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## PCA discusses smoking policy

■ Senate ponders whether to allow indoor and/or outdoor smoking, or teach cessation

by Melissa Vaughn  
Prospectus Staff Writer

"We would like to start smoking cessation classes for smoking students," said Donald Nolen, president of the Parkland College Association.

On-campus smoking was one of the issues on the agenda for the Nov. 16 P.C.A. Senate meeting.

Specific areas of discussion included adherence to current restrictions on outside smoking.

Several P.C.A. members, including Nolen, said

they had observed smokers lighting up in places other than the designated smoking areas.

Some members, including Health & Safety Specialist Jan Thom, also voiced their concerns about second-hand smoke.

"Many of the smokers on campus do not realize that, when they smoke in un-designated areas, they are exposing students, faculty and staff who are very sensitive to second-hand smoke," Thom said.

Thom has concerns regarding starting smoking cessation classes at Parkland, specifically that "in the community, (previous) classes have not been well attended."

Not all student smokers are content with the current outdoors-only

smoking policy, and some offered ideas for a compromise.

"I would like to see some kind of enclosed seating area for smokers," said Business major Becky Gray.

Marge Murphy, also a student, said that as the weather has become colder, some smokers are opening building doors in the smoking areas to take advantage of the building's heat.

Murphy suggests construction of a building separate from the College where smokers could go and be sheltered from the elements.

"If something were built, it wouldn't necessarily have to be lighted," Murphy said, "just so it's protected."

## PC collects 680 pounds of food

by Anthony D. Norman  
Prospectus Staff Writer

Parkland students and staff contributed 680 pounds of food for the Food for Families drive that ended Nov. 18.

The community-wide drive that began Oct. 28

surpassed last year's collection of 150,000 pounds by 23,000 pounds.

Food donated to the bank is weighed, catalogued, then warehoused until it is distributed by charitable agencies such as soup kitchens, day care centers, and other assis-

tance organizations in a 14-county area.

Activities Program Manager Shelley Stoltenberg said, "Food for Families is an important program, and I am proud that Parkland student organizations are willing to participate each year."

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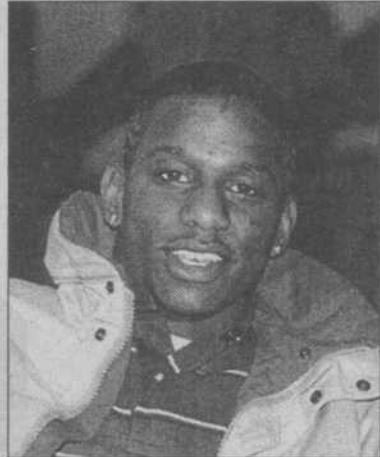
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What, if any, are your New Year's resolutions?



**Katrina Downes**  
"To actually go to and halfway study for tests. I am also resolving to beat Joe Janiszewski in Uno."



**Corey Hodges (Jonny Blaze)**  
"To make my 8:00 classes from now on."



**Jennifer Lawless**  
"To find myself a real man who can please me with lots of good home cooking."



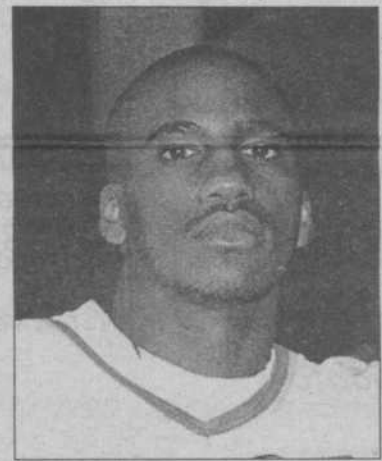
**Loraine Wright**  
"To cut down on some of my extra-curricular activities."



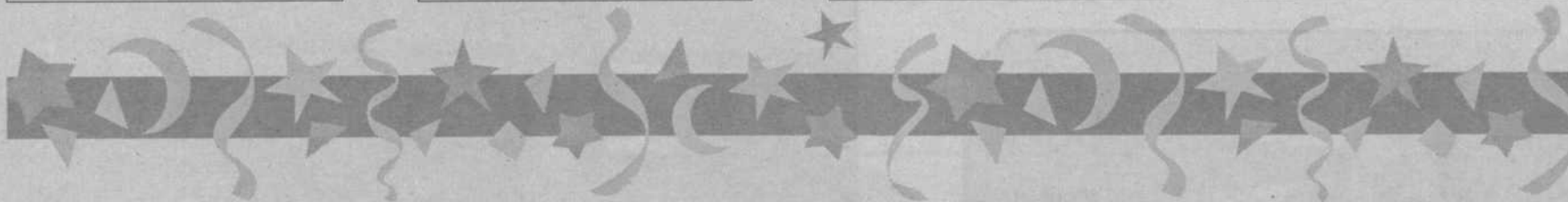
**Chad Kingren**  
"Try not to pick on my little brother as much."



**Susan Plotner**  
"To be healthier and happier in 1996. And I also wish for everyone else to have the same."



**Jerome Jenkins (Noodles)**  
"To look good because I'm cool, I'm calm and all the ladies love my Pinto."



**Kristi Sample**  
"To stop dating jerks, and to find a nice guy."



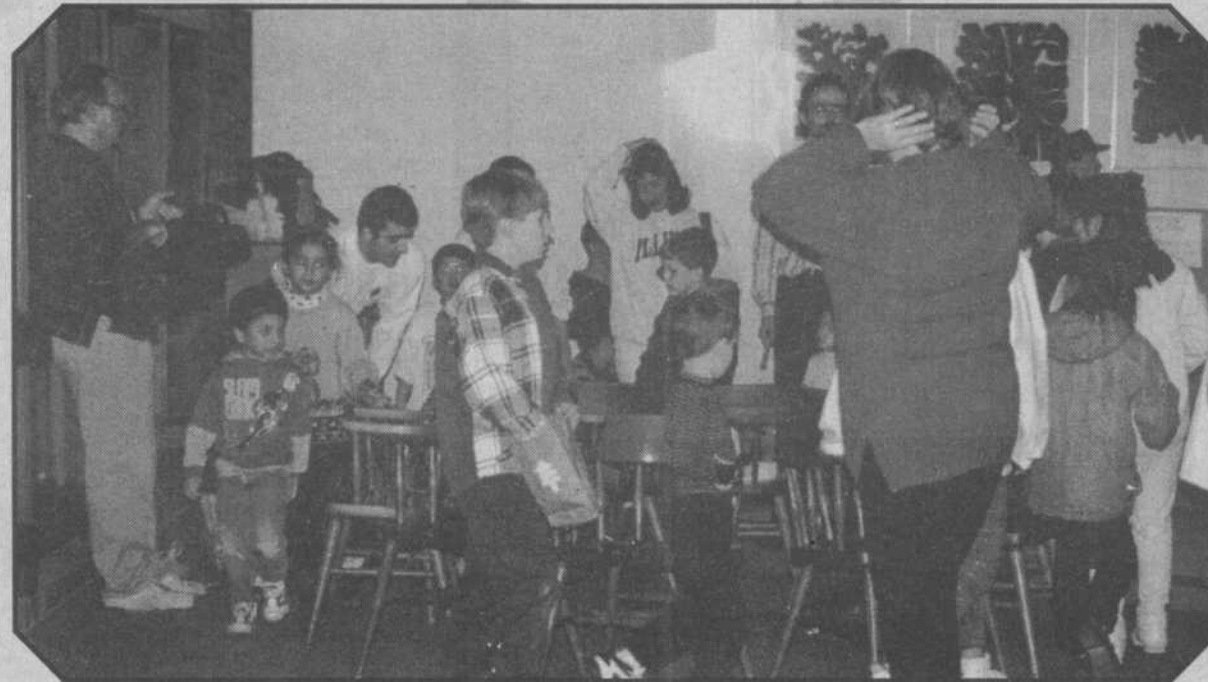
**Kelley Nash**  
"To do very well next semester in school and to find a job."



**Ryan Turner**  
"I don't plan on changing anything."



# Kids' Christmas Gala



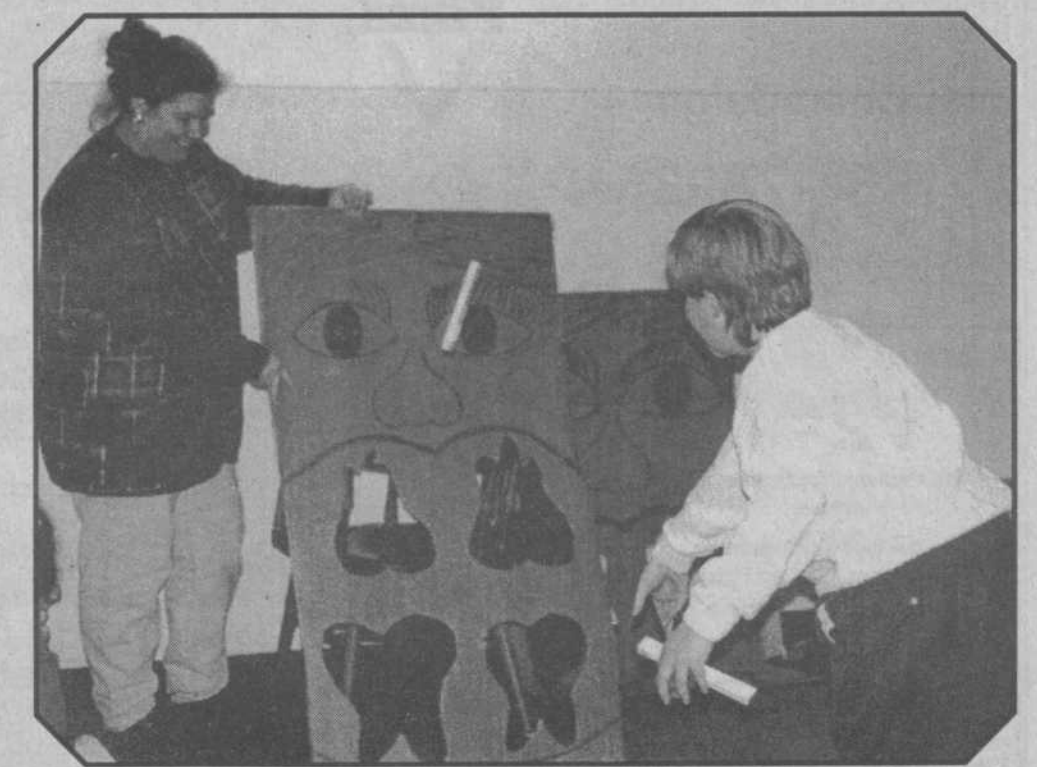
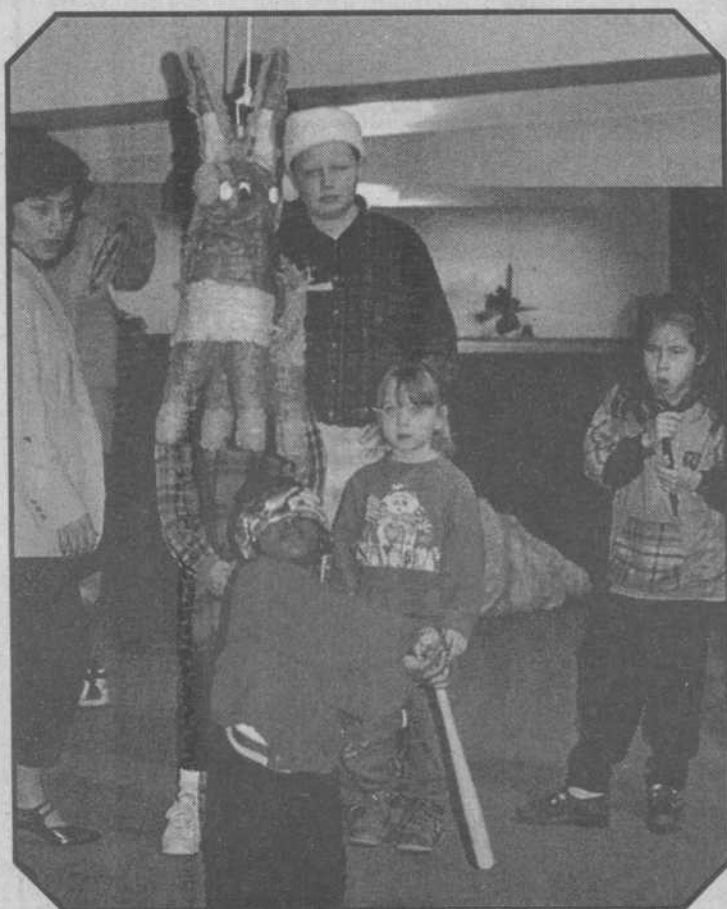
The Inter-Organization Council held the Kids' Christmas Party on Tues., Dec. 5. The party, held in the Gallery Lounge, is an annual event for all children in the community as well as children of Parkland students. Various Parkland clubs sponsored such games as Pin the Nose on Rudolph, the Toilet Paper Toss, and Musical Chairs. The children were also treated to a special visit from "Santa".

Photos by Tracy Wieland



The following clubs participated in the Christmas Party:

- Phi Alpha Chi (Ag Club)
- Hospitality Club
- SWAMP (Students Working Against Mankind's Pollution)
- Child Development Club
- Colors
- International Club
- Activities Service's Board
- JADAA (Junior Association of Dental Assistants ASSN.)
- Parkland Christian Fellowship
- Phi Beta Lamda (Business Club)
- Circle K



# Absolute Awareness for the Holidays

by Andrea Franklin  
Senior Editor

With the holiday season in full swing, Parkland's Activities and Services Board, along with Health Specialist/Educator Jan Thom, presented Absolute Awareness Dec. 11.

"Its purpose is to help people think about (alcohol/seat belt awareness) a while, so they won't ruin their holiday season," said Thom. The event replaced the annual Octoberfest.

A representative from the Champaign County Sheriff's Department demonstrated field sobriety tests; the National Red Cross Association sold first-aid kits and gave suggestions for making one's own winter safety kit; Eastern Illinois University's Office of Safety Programs demonstrated the seat belt convincer; the Champaign-Urbana Public Health District gave a "play-on-words" liquor bottle display (diseases and problems associated with the liquor product were displayed as opposed to product names), and red ribbons from Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) were distributed.

"Mocktails" (non-alcoholic beverages) and popcorn were also served.

The program is encouraged by a grant program Parkland joined three years ago, "Policies and Programs for the '90s," said Thom.

Thom said seat belt safety and alco-

hol awareness were the two main goals of the function. Seat belts are "the best defense against impaired drivers," according to the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Research done by U.S.D.O.T. has shown that safety belts reduce the risk of fatal or serious injury to front-seat passengers by 45-50 percent.

Every year more children are killed or injured by not wearing seat belts in cars than by the onset of disease, according to U.S.D.O.T., which also noted that 71 percent of childhood deaths related to motor-vehicle crashes could be reduced if children were properly seated in child safety seats.

Parkland Activities Program Manager Shelley Stoltenberg said, "We tried to make the alcohol awareness program fun and interesting — not (just) a 'Just Say No' campaign. I believe having people think and make responsible choices will bring the best response."

According to MADD, one out of every ten drivers on any given weekend night is drunk.

Last Year, 16,600 Americans lost their lives as a result of alcohol-involved crashes, U.S.D.O.T. reported, adding that one person is killed every 30 minutes due to an alcohol-related crash.

December is National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month.



## Myths & Facts of Alcohol and Its Effects

**Myth:** Alcohol is a stimulant.

**Fact:** Alcohol is a depressant. It acts on the central nervous system like an anesthetic to lower or depress the activity of the brain.

**Myth:** Drinking coffee sobers people up.

**Fact:** Time is the only thing that can sober a person up, as the liver needs time to oxidize the alcohol out of the system. Give a drunk coffee, and all you'll have is a wide-awake drunk.

**Myth:** Beer is less alcoholic than wine or the "hard stuff," like whiskey or vodka.

**Fact:** Alcohol is alcohol. One 12-ounce serving of beer contains the same amount of alcohol as a 4-5-ounce glass of wine or a shot (1.5 ounces) of the so-called "hard stuff."

**Myth:** Larger, heavier people need more alcohol to get loaded than smaller, lighter people.

**Fact:** Size is only *one* factor in how much you can drink. Metabolism, amount of rest and food intake all play a part in how you handle liquor. Impairment in motor reflexes and judgment can begin with the first drink.

**Myth:** Fresh air can help make people sober.

**Fact:** No amount of fresh, cold air can reverse impairment. You gain nothing by rolling down a window or turning on the air conditioner.

**Myth:** Driving slow helps intoxicated people be safer drivers.

**Fact:** Many people drive slow, believing they actually compensate for being impaired by creeping along at 22mph. This can be very dangerous. Others race along at 75 mph. The truth is, impaired drivers are unsafe at any speed.

**Myth:** After splashing cold water on their faces, drunks are more alert.

**Fact:** Splash all you like. You can even take a cold shower. It may make you cleaner, but it won't sober you up or make you a safe driver.

**Myth:** A drink or two makes some people better drivers.

**Fact:** Even small amounts of alcohol can impair your judgement and put you and others on the road at risk of death or disfiguring injury.

Source: United States Department of Transportation

## Tips for safe winter driving

- \* Fully check and winterize your car or truck.
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## ICCB and IBHE boards not to separate

by Christine Wing  
Prospectus Staff Writer

The Illinois Community Colleges Board and the Illinois Board of Higher Education will *not* separate, reported Kevin Northrup, Parkland's Vice President of Fiscal Services and Government Relations.

Senate bill 549 would have divided the two lobbying bodies of higher education, the Illinois Board of Higher Education and the

Illinois Community Colleges Board.

The bill passed in both Houses of Congress with "resounding" margins, said Northrup, but was then vetoed by Governor Edgar, who met with representatives of both parties and a joint education committee of government officials and university representatives who were able instead to reach a compromise.

Northrup said that preserving the union of the two

boards has its advantages for community colleges. If the ICCB had broken away from the IBHE, he said, that would leave community colleges "on their own" to generate funding and lobbying support.

Northrup said ICCB representatives who advocated separation from the parent IBHE wanted more control over the budget of the combined group and membership on the joint education committee.

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against Illinois Valley.

Parkland were 1-3 after the first four games this season.

The second four games had the Cobras coming back to .500, with a win against Triton College during the Parkland Shootout on Dec. 2-3. Parkland won over Triton by 50 points (96-46).

The next game would be at the expense of the Cobras. Jamie Newnum led the Cobras scoring with 10. Parkland lost the game against Wabash Valley 65-52.

The Cobras traveled to Quincy Dec. 8 through the snow to take on 1-6 John Wood. Parkland sprung to an early 31-22 lead by half time. Followed by a right down-to-the-wire second half. Parkland won game

by score 59-50.

Freshman forward Dane-Ann Massey led the Cobras in scoring with 12 and added a career-high seven steals, while her teammate, freshman Andrea Frederick, scored 11 points to help the Cobra cause.

Parkland used a swarming defense to force John Wood to commit 36 turnovers, compared to Parkland's 19.

In the final game, Illinois Valley took on our Parkland Lady Cobras. This game supported Coach Johnson theory, with the difference between high school ball and college ball.

"In High school you might spend maybe a max. of 45 minutes in a bus, but, in College you can spend

up to three hours in a bus before a game." Johnson says "That's why the freshman have a hard time adjusting to the traveling early in the season."

Illinois Valley led the whole game and finished with a 58-53 victory.

Sophomore small forward Sommer Hites led scoring with 15 points, and Sophomore point guard Carrie Bourff added 13 points of her own.

Bourff received a technical foul, for a questionable call by the referee during the Illinois Valley game, and is suspended for the game on Dec. 12 against nationally ranked John Logan.

Coach Johnson is trying to repeal the decision to get Bourff eligible to play in the Dec. 12 game.

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## Cobra men win some, lose some

by Andrew Howey  
Sports Editor

The Cobra men's basketball team took on second-ranked Illinois Wesleyan's junior varsity team Dec. 2, kicking off this season's Parkland Shootout.

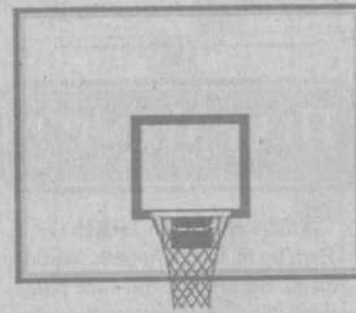
Parkland went into the game with a 4-1 record but came out 4-2. However, Wesleyan's 92-86 victory over the Cobras was only the first game of the Shootout.

Turhon Watson led the Cobras with 22 points and six rebounds in the contest.

Sullivan College owned both halves of the second game, in which they downed the Cobras 109-78 and left them with a 4-3 season record. Parkland were fourth in the Park-

land Shootout.

The 7-4 ICC Cougars squared off against the host Cobras on Dec. 5, and Parkland jumped out to an early lead in the first half and remained ahead by



seven until half time.

The second half started with a 44-37 Cobra lead and would evolve into a see-saw battle throughout. Cobra freshmen Watson and Durrell Robinson, who

led their Danville High School Vikings team to the Sweet 16 in three out of four years, ganged up on ICC in the final 3 minutes to lead the Cobras to a 80-79 victory.

Watson led the Cobras with 21 points, seven rebounds, three steals and three assists, and Robinson contributed 19 points and nine rebounds in the contest.

Rounding out the week, the Cobras met No. 1 Wabash Valley on Dec. 9.

Wabash went into the game without injured starter and leading scorer, small forward Tyron Lee.

This was Parkland's final game at home for 1995, with their next game not until Jan. 11 against the Lincoln Land Loggers.



Photo by Tracy Wieland

### Bump it up

Parkland's Cobra Dance Team performs for Cobra and Illinois Central College fans Dec. 5 at half time to the beat of Hammer's "Bump to Bump."

## Lady Cobras pushing level of intensity another notch

by Andrew Howey  
Sports Editor

"Our players are starting to play with the College intensity I'd hoped for," said Argie Johnson, head coach of the women's basketball team.

"This is good because

we have a very tough schedule coming up this year, with nationally-ranked John Logan, two games in Lexington, Kentucky and then back to Illinois on Jan. 9 to take on Kankakee," Johnson said.

"We're trying to mix around the scoring" says

Johnson "Whoever steps up in a game is our leader for that game period."

The 3-5 Cobras, led by the scoring of Stacy Terneus 8.4 ppg, and Stephanie Huelsing (8.1), were on their way back to .500 until they went up  
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