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Board supports two new programs

by Christine Wing
News Editor

Slightly fewer students are attending Parkland full-time this spring, compared to last spring, Mike Henry, director of Admissions, reported at last Wednesday's Board of Trustees meeting.

Henry cited economic factors and inclement weather as possible reasons for the one percent decline.

He noted that although more than 65 percent of new students who applied enrolled, female enrollment decreased nearly four percent from last spring. The number of non-traditional-age students also decreased in spring, as it had in fall '95.

The number of non-de-

gree-seeking students "significantly increased" during the past year, wrote Henry in his analysis. He says that Parkland has seen a shift to more full-time enrollment, partly, he believes, because of the economy.

Chuck Baldwin, Associate Vice-President of Academic Services, announced plans for two new Associate of Applied Science degree programs. A proposed Biomedical Technology program would train people to fix medical equipment.

The curriculum would include a background in anatomy and physiology, Baldwin said. Courses would appeal to students interested in electronics and would augment the electronics program at

Parkland.

Susan Maurer, Department Chair of Health Professions, said that the labor market for such professionals is growing. The home health care market alone, she said, was "huge." The need for such services is also great in dental offices, said Maurer.

A second A.A.S. degree was proposed for the field of Manufacturing Technology. The curriculum would be based largely on Parkland's already-existing manufacturing and electronics curricula, adding just five new courses to the requirements.

The Board voted to approve such additions, but both proposed programs must be submitted to the

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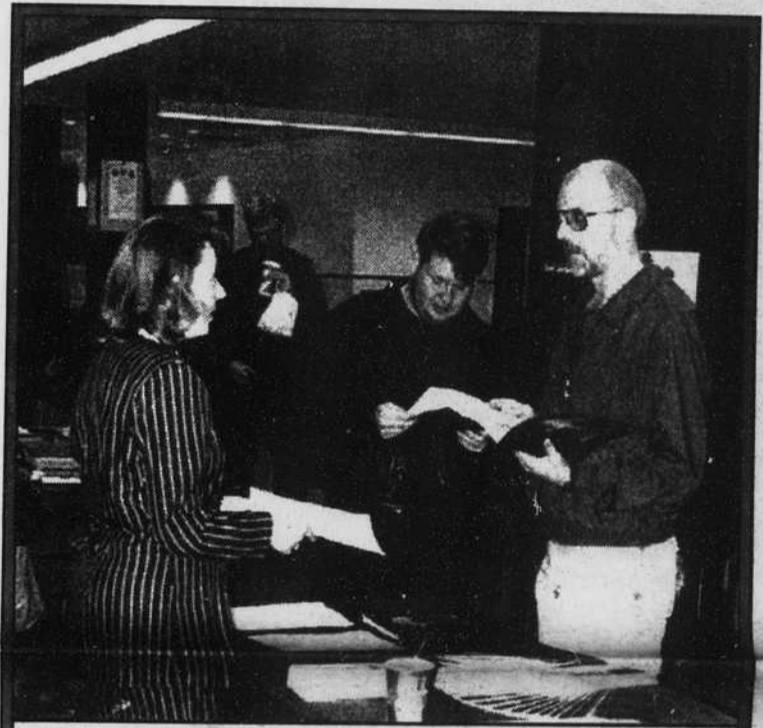


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Take my credits, please!

Graphic Arts major Steve Holy (right) talks with EIU admissions director Rita Pearson during the Feb. 21 Transfer Fair held in the College Center.

Graduation petition deadline is March 8

by Jon Nitschke
Prospectus Staff Writer

Students wishing to participate in the graduation commencement exercises need to turn in their graduation petitions by the Mar. 8 deadline.

Those who want to receive their diplomas but do not plan to attend the ceremony should submit their petitions to graduate by April 5.

To be eligible for an A.S., A.A., A.A.S. or A.G.S. degree, a student must have completed at least 60 credit hours of coursework, according to the 1995-96 Parkland College Catalog.

In addition, all students intending to graduate must have a cumulative 2.0 minimum GPA (on a 4.0 scale) and have passed the Constitution test.

"A student who has not yet filled the Illinois Constitution requirement and

who has graduated from an Illinois high school needs to have his or her high school transcript to our office, said Sheri Kallembach.

But for Parkland students who were graduated from out-of-state high schools, the exam requirement has to be fulfilled through one of two other methods mentioned in the Catalog.

The graduation petition is important because it "tells the requirements that have been met and what has not been met," said Sheri Kallembach.

Also, students should be aware that everything that is written on the document (petition) must be accurate because that is how their names will appear on the diploma, and the diplomas will be mailed to the address included on the petition.

Detention Center crowded

Local juvenile crime more violent

by Michael Sherwood
Prospectus Staff Writer

Youths admitted to Champaign County's Youth Detention Center are being charged with committing more violent crimes than those admitted a decade ago, according to the center's superintendent of operations.

Connie Kaiser, superintendent since 1994, told Parkland's Community Newswriting class last week, "There is a big difference in the nature of the offenses which we are dealing with today."

Kaiser, who began her career at the center in 1980, said the majority of the center's population in the 1980's were admitted for offenses such as aggravated battery because "they pushed a teacher at school." She said the center doesn't have room for those types of offenders anymore.

"Today, we don't have room for anyone but the most serious felony offend-

ers," said Kaiser. "And we're seeing younger children being admitted for more violent offenses, usually involving firearms."

Offenses seen now include possession of a firearm on school property, possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver on school property, aggravated criminal sexual assault, armed robbery with a firearm and first degree murder.

For the above offenses, the case of a child 15 years or older is automatically transferred to adult court. Those cases involving younger offenders or those with lesser offenses stay within the juvenile court system.

Kaiser said the Youth Detention Center is a division of the Court Services Department, which entails all of the probation services of Champaign County. Robert Schwieter, deputy director of juvenile services, is head of juvenile probation and the detention center.

Kaiser said the 13-bed fa-



Kaiser

cility is one of only 14 centers in the state and is "by far the smallest." She said in 1995 the center had an average daily population of 12.8. The 98.7 percent usage rate was the highest ever for the center.

More than 700 youths were brought to the center last year, but only 390 were admitted. Ninety of those admitted were brought from out of the county.

The maximum age of juveniles at the center is 17, and the minimum age is 10.

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News Briefs

PC hosts Farm Toy Show

Parkland College will host its 12th annual Farm Toy Show on Sat., Mar. 9, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

The event, sponsored by PC's Agricultural Club, will feature the selling and trading of farm toys, a show contest, miniature farm displays, door prizes and refreshments.

There is an admission charge. Children ages six and under are admitted free of charge.

For more information or show space, call Bruce Henrikson at 217/351-2435.

Prairienet at Planetarium

Prairienet founder Dr. Gregory Newby will be the next speaker in the World of Science lecture series at the William M. Staerkel Planetarium at Parkland.

Prairienet and the Internet will be given on Fri., Mar. 1, at 7 p.m. There is an admission charge. Members of the Friends of the Staerkel Planetarium will be admitted free of charge.

Tickets will be available at the door.

For more information: 217/351-2446.

PC Preview set for March 12

Residents of District 505 will have an opportunity to tour the campus and learn about the College's programs and resources during the next Parkland Preview Tues., Mar. 12.

The program is free and requires no registration. Participants should meet at the Welcome Center desk in the College Center at 10 a.m. or 6 p.m. for the 1½-hour program.

Parkland Preview features 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 more information: 217/351-2509.

News and public affairs series

Lifelong learners are invited to attend a four-session program on current affairs, sponsored by Parkland's Lifelong Learning Institute.

Insights: News and Public Affairs will discuss special media sources, media bias and accuracy Mar. 7 and 21 and Apr. 11 and 25 from 10 a.m.-noon at the Anita Purves Nature Center, Urbana.

The series is free for Lifelong Learning Institute members and advance registration is required.

For more information: 217/351-2544.

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The average length of stay of those serving detention was 12 days last year, an increase from 10 days of the year before.

"We have a real revolving door here," said Kaiser.

Kaiser said more than half of those admitted last year were sentenced by a judge. The maximum sentence from juvenile court is 30 days.

She said the center also receives children directly from the police when they are taken into custody for allegedly committing a criminal act. However, by law, only probation officers have the authority to make intake decisions regarding juveniles. Police do not.

Kaiser said she does not see "a whole lot of girls admitted." Usually, girls brought to the center are guilty of contempt of court for defying a judge's order that they live in a residential or treatment facility.

"They usually run instead," said Kaiser.

During the intake process, detention staff complete a case record for the child to determine who the legal guardian is and what school and grade is attended.

A screening form is completed to indicate medical treatments or problems, mental health or emotional

problems or counseling the admittee has received.

Kaiser said, "This enables us to treat them and to make sure their needs are met."

Kaiser declined to comment on the suicide at the center of David White of Woodland on Christmas Eve, 1994, saying only that it was still under review.

The 14-year-old was found hanging from a bed sheet tied to a window padlock in his detention room.

While in detention, residents are required to attend school. The Regional Office of Education for Champaign County provides an educator who contacts each child's school to get the child's current assignments. Students receive credit for work completed while at the center.

Detention staff are always present in the classroom because "these children have been the most disruptive in their own school settings," said Kaiser.

She said the children she sees have "damaged, if not destroyed self-esteem" and often have had no success in school.

"We hope they are going to walk away from here with a little bit of repair to their self-esteem," Kaiser said.

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ICCB for approval.

Kevin Northrup, Vice President of Fiscal Services and Governmental Relations, detailing legislation now before Congress, says the Illinois Student Assistance Commission is beginning to consider "access before choice."

Northrup says ISAC, in conjunction with the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) has recom-

mended a new \$500 grant program designed to assist the state's poorest students who otherwise might not be able to afford a college education.

He says there are now two bills involving financial aid for students that are vying for attention in Congress. One of these bills (Bill 1485), Northrup says, requires students to have obtained 30 credit

Since 1992, Schwieter and Kaiser have gone before the County Board's space needs committee to propose the construction of a new youth detention center.

Kaiser said the present facility is overcrowded, unsafe for the children, and is difficult to manage because of its three levels.

A one-floor layout would be ideal, said Kaiser, because it would be more manageable. It would contain a centrally located control room surrounded by clusters of detention rooms called pods. Each pod could be staffed by a single person, and every room in the facility could be monitored from the control room.

Since the county already owns the land behind the present site, costs of construction would be between \$3 to \$5 million, said Kaiser.

She said the problem is that decisions are being made by people who have never been inside the present facility.

"People can assume they know how a detention center should be run," she said, "without ever walking through the door to see what is required."

hours before eligibility and appears to disproportionately benefit students attending private institutions. This bill is supported by the Federation of Independent Illinois Colleges and Universities (FIICU).

Governor Edgar is scheduled to make the ICCB budget address on March 6, Northrup said.

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Student Organization room has opened

by Christine Wing
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Activities Program Manager Shelley Stoltenberg at Thursday's Student Government meeting announced the opening of the new Student Organization room in X148.

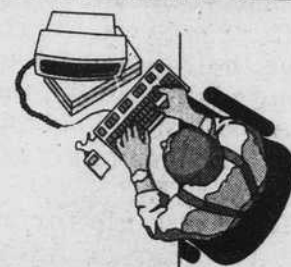
The room is already equipped with desks, a bulletin board, typewriter, magic markers and poster board. Stoltenberg says preparations will be completed after Spring Break, and she encourages all students involved in organizations to "come make use of their new work-room."

The room is designed not for regular meetings, says Stoltenberg, but for special events.

Student Government donated the television set which occupied part of the former game room, now the Activities and Services Board room, to Cunningham Children's Home, Urbana.

StuGo officers will be sponsoring a bicycle auction this Friday in the College Center. Bidding for the silent auction will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The winner must pay for the bicycle (check or cash) and take it with them on the day of the auction.

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Mitchell makes dream a reality

by Ann Ward
Prospectus Staff Writer

Call it a dream or call it destiny, Parkland alum Tim Mitchell made journalism his career.

What began as a journalism practicum at the *County Star*, Mitchell turned into 12 years of dedication to covering the news of northern Champaign County.

Mitchell, a recently hired staff writer for the *News Gazette*, held the position of sports and school editor for three years and editor-in-chief for his last seven years at the *County Star*.

Mitchell said, "The people of Northern Champaign county will always remain close to my heart, but it was time for me to move to a new challenge."

He helped the *Star* win 140 state awards from the Illinois Press Association and the Southern Illinois Editorial Press Association.

He said the hardest part of working for a weekly publication was the coverage since the staff consisted of only another guy and himself. He said, "I did all the writing and the other guy did all the advertising."

Since childhood, Mitchell says he wrote stories he thought would interest readers, including a magazine called *Transparent Gems* for his younger

sister, who was fascinated with rocks.

"I always liked to write," he said. "My sister ate it up. I would write little letters-to-the-editor debating whether aquamarine was better than garnet."

The publication also included puzzles and other articles Mitchell researched.

Mitchell grew up in Peotum, about 30 miles south of Champaign, with one younger sister and his mother. His father died when Mitchell was 13 months old.

After high school, Mitchell attended the University of Illinois for one semester before leaving to attend the University of St. Thomas in Houston, where he received a B.A. in English.

Mitchell soon learned that breaking into journalism wouldn't be easy.

"I was having trouble getting placed at a newspaper," he said. "Then I came back to Parkland College and took classes here."

While at Parkland, Mitchell wrote for the *Prospectus*, where he wrote everything from sports to book reviews.

"I was never called 'Sports Editor,' but I covered all the ball games," he said.

Mitchell's favorite article for the *Prospectus* was the one he wrote on gangs after visiting the Danville

prison as part of his newswriting class.

He said, "I did a story about how different gangs wore different clothing."

Mitchell said his love for people and writing influenced him to become a journalist.

"I'm just basically a storyteller," he said. "The newspaper is there to give the chronicle of people's lives."

Everyone is a potential story to Mitchell.

"If you're covering an area of 18,000 people, there are 18,000 wonderful life stories to unveil."

The key to good reporting, according to Mitchell, is to find a person's passion.

"Everybody has a passion for something," he said. "Once you can tap the passion they have for life, you can get anybody to talk about something."

To Mitchell, quality work is also very important.

"We want to give them something that's worthwhile when they pick up a newspaper," said Mitchell.

You've got to give them everything you've got with every article you write, he says.

If you plan on becoming a writer, Mitchell suggests reading, staying up on current events and practicing writing everything from news to obituaries.

But writing is the key, according to Mitchell.



Photo by Ann Ward

Home town boy makes good

Former *Prospectus* writer Tim Mitchell stands in front of the *News-Gazette* building in Champaign. Mitchell was recently hired as a writer for the area's largest paper.

Student Voices

Do you think racism is a problem in society today? Why or why not?



Robin Barrow

"Racism is still a problem in society today because people are still afraid to admit that everyone is basically the same; we all have the same dreams and hopes."



Harsha Panchal

"Yes. I think that racism is causing some problems in society today."



Chris Jackson

"Yes because this nation is set by double-standards."



Bernard Ramos

"Yes, I believe racism can exist in many forms. Everyone, regardless of skin color, can make racism a problem. I think that education will progress racism into nonexistence."



Jeremy Wright

"I think racism will probably always be a problem in society, but I think it's diminishing. I think the education system is teaching the children when they are young that discrimination is wrong."

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Gospel group "Voices of Parkland"

The Rev. Roland Brown, pastor of St. Luke Christian Methodist Episcopal Church in Champaign, said, "African-American churches were built after the Civil War in 1868 for blacks to gain acceptance."
Brown spoke on Black church history in X200 Feb. 26.
Brown explained how the founders' purpose of the black church was to educate and to define their values and beliefs as black people.
At a later time, Brown said, some black churches changed from AME (African Methodist Episcopal) to CME (Christian Methodist Episcopal) to include all races.
However, there are some churches that are considered to be AME that are still open to all races.
The black church doesn't only focus on worshipping God, but it also helps African-Americans by providing recreational situations, safety aspects, and education, said Brown.
He also discussed five black churches in the Champaign area and the changes those churches have undergone. He listed Pilgrim, Salem, Mount Olive, St. Luke, and Bethel.
Brown paid tribute to black mothers by saying, "Without our mothers, we wouldn't be where we are today."



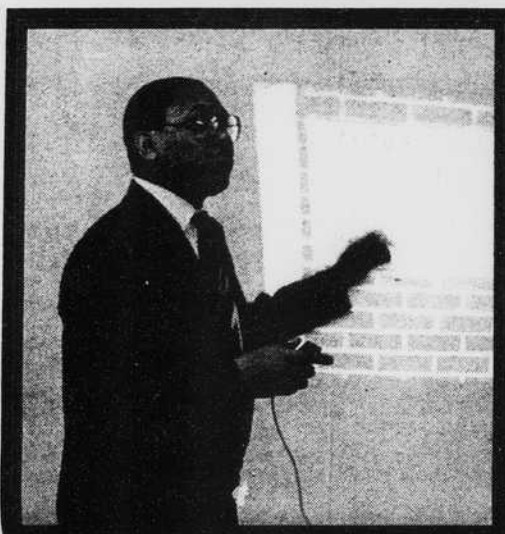
Tameka Phillips helps Metreck Hudson enjoy the festivities at the Soul Food Fest on Feb. 1.

The Black History survey below was developed by students in Bruce Walker's History 105 class and administered to individuals in this area. To the right of the possible answers are percentages of respondents who selected those answers. Letters of the correct answers are in boldface type. Also, the highest percentages of response are in boldface type.

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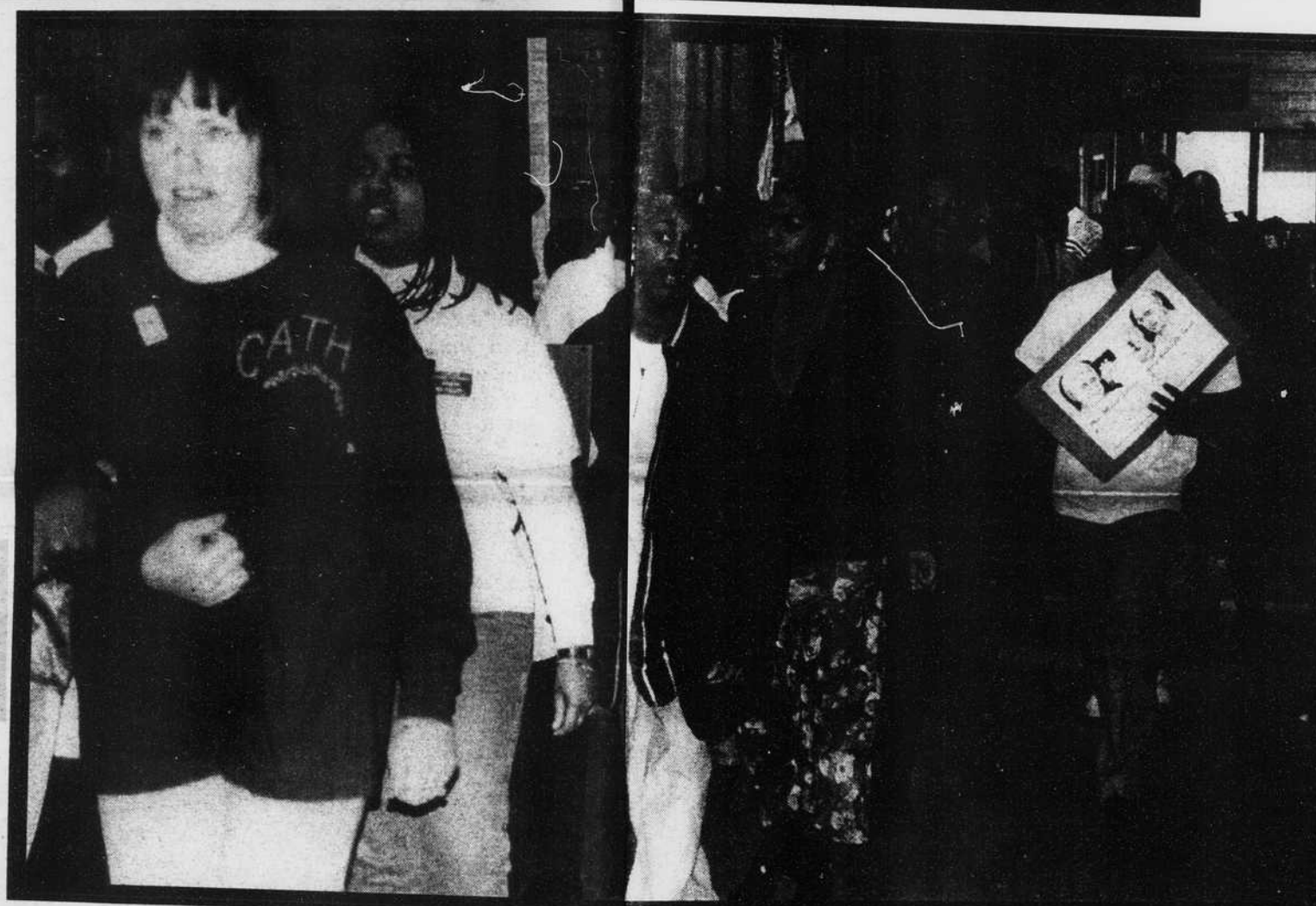
- African Americans and Hispanics made up what percentage of the cowboys?**
A. 50% (20%)
B. 20% (42%)
C. Less than 5% (32%)
D. None (5%)
- Who was the youngest person to receive the Nobel Peace Prize?**
A. Booker T. Washington (27%)
B. W.E.B. Dubois (29%)
C. Martin Luther King, Jr. (36%)
D. Rev. Jesse Jackson (8%)
- Which African-American won the Nobel Prize for literature in 1993?**
A. Toni Morrison (20%)
B. Maya Angelou (46%)
C. Cornel West (23%)
D. Adrenne Rich (11%)
- Who said, "if I were called upon to predict the future, the black inhabitants will perpetually haunt the imagination of the Americans like a painful dream?"**
A. Malcom X-1962 (58%)
B. Martin Luther King, Jr. (16%)
C. Jackie Robinson-1951 (27%)
D. Alexis De Tocqueville-1840 (16%)
- Which group of soldiers had the highest mortality rate in the Civil War?**
A. Union Troops (13%)
B. Union Naval Officers (10%)
C. Confederate Troops (27%)
D. African-American Union troops which made up 10% of the U.S. army (50%)
- In the 1954 Supreme Court case of Brown vs. the Board of Education, Topeka, Kansas, what NAACP leader and future Supreme Court justice, led the successful argument to outlaw school segregation?**
A. Thurgood Marshall (65%)
B. Clarence Thomas (16%)
C. Rev. Jackson (9%)
D. W.E.B. Dubois (10%)
- Who was the only player in the NBA to score in double figures in all 82 games played in his rookie year?**
A. Wilt Chamberlain (36%)
B. Michael Jordan (42%)
C. Magic Johnson (14%)
D. Elgin Baylor (8%)
- What town in Illinois was the principal station for the underground railroad?**
A. Springfield (27%)
B. Galesburg (47%)
C. Kankakee (17%)
D. Peoria (9%)
- Who was the man deemed, "Father of the Peanut" because he discovered over 300 uses for it?**
A. George Washington Carver (56%)
B. Booker T. Washington (16%)
C. Frederick Douglas (20%)
D. W.E.B. Dubois (9%)
- Who was the first African-American to hold the United States Military's highest position, that of Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff?**
A. General Benjamin O. Davis, Jr. -United States Air Force (13%)
B. General Daniel "Chappie" James, Jr. - United States Army (16%)
C. General Colin L. Powell -United States Army (63%)
D. General Frank E. Peterson - United States Army (8%)
- What African -American leader helped start the NAACP?**
A. Booker T. Washington (20%)
B. Martin Luther King, Jr (35%)
C. W.E.B. Dubois (34%)
D. Malcom X (10%)
- Who was the first black Coach in Major League Baseball?**
A. John "Buck" O'Neil (32%)
B. Frank Robinson (36%)
C. Ernie Banks (21%)
D. Hank Aaron (11%)
- Who performed the world's first successful heart operation on July 9, 1893?**
A. Monroe Alpheus Majors (18%)
B. Daniel Hale Williams (35%)
C. Charles Richard Drew (20%)
D. Jack White (14%)
- What was your reaction to these questions and answers?**
A. They were educational (28%)
B. They were educational and surprising (47%)
C. I was already familiar (7%)
D. They were not educational (11%)

Black History Month Revisited



Reverend Roland Brown educates students on the history of black churches.

"The impact of the African Holocaust was not just on Africans, but on Jewish Americans as well," said Fundishi Mpatanishi, historian and program director of the African American Community Empowerment Organization, Chicago. "To bring all this (holocaust) into the present outlook of the black community we must teach our children their history, not just the basic math and science courses," he said.
Over 60 people attended the forum Feb. 22, which he spoke for as part of the month long events celebrating Black History month.
Mpatanishi said that small schools need to be established "where students can identify with their families and churches to understand their place on earth."



Parkland students come together for the Unity March, which took place Feb. 1.

Fayth M. Parks spoke to Parklanders Feb. 1 about the "achievements of black women who by their various roles have provided healing in the African-American community, through the adversity of slavery until the present day."
She described African-American women's role of "root doctors" in history because they used roots and herbs to heal the afflicted.
The event was a joint effort by BSA, Student Life and Women's Programs and Services as part of the Women's Health and Healing series.

It is important to remember that men and women are different in the ways that they think and act when it comes to relationships, Rev. Harold Davis, of Canaan Missionary Baptist Church, told Parkland students Feb. 6 during his lecture on Male/Female Relationships.
A kiss, for example, is seen by a man in physical terms, whereas a woman sees it as emotional and nurturing, Davis said.
He stressed to the students present that "sex is a very sacred thing" and should not be taken lightly. It is a "symbol of commitment of one person to another. Without that commitment in marriage terms it is wrong." Part of his lecture included an exercise showing students the consequences of premarital sex: pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases, emotional problems, etc...
Terrence Stevenson, president of BSA, said, "If a woman sets her standards high, a man will do whatever he can to reach those goals."



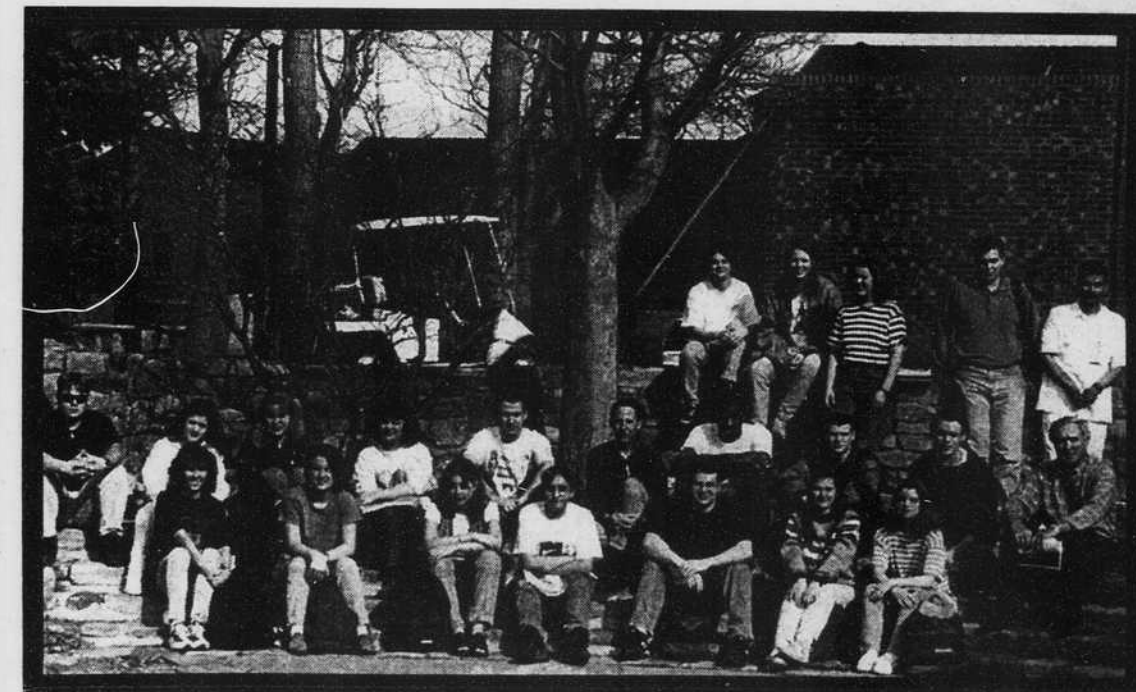
Fundishi Mpatanishi explains what African Americans experienced during the African Holocaust and how it affects them now.

text by Carlarta Ratchford



Students, faculty, and staff gather with Deborah Fulford in an interactive discussion about race vs. gender and whether women have to choose between racial or gender equality.

"When the white community catches a cold, the black community catches the flu," said Lorraine Johnson, during her talk on Lesbian and Gay Alienation in the Black Community.
Johnson said, "Blacks are expected to talk a certain way, walk a certain way, speak a certain way, and be a certain way."
Johnson said that homosexuals are seen as a further division in the black community, but she pointed out that at the beginning of the Civil Rights movement homosexuals were given more tolerance.
"Discomforts are clues about you," Johnson said. "homophobia is a fear of your own sexual identity."
Johnson played the documentary, Black is, Black ain't, by Marlin Riggs, which is billed as an up front examination as to how division hurts the black community.



Bruce Walker's History 105 class, the originators of the survey

"We need to focus on increasing wealth in the black community," Korieke Whitfield, a banking representative from Chicago, said during his lecture on Black Economics on Feb. 15.
He encouraged African-Americans to start their own businesses to help bring wealth back to the community. "The solution is to draw on our own community as other ethnic groups have in the past," said Whitfield.

During the Feb. 12 lecture, Black Women in Politics, students, faculty and staff were encouraged to vote in the upcoming Champaign County elections in March.
It is not enough to register (to vote). It is a privilege. Our ancestors have died to get that right, so register to vote," said Patricia Avery.
Avery, a Parkland student and a member of the Best Interest of Children and the YMCA, was the feature speaker for the event.

Crossword Puzzle

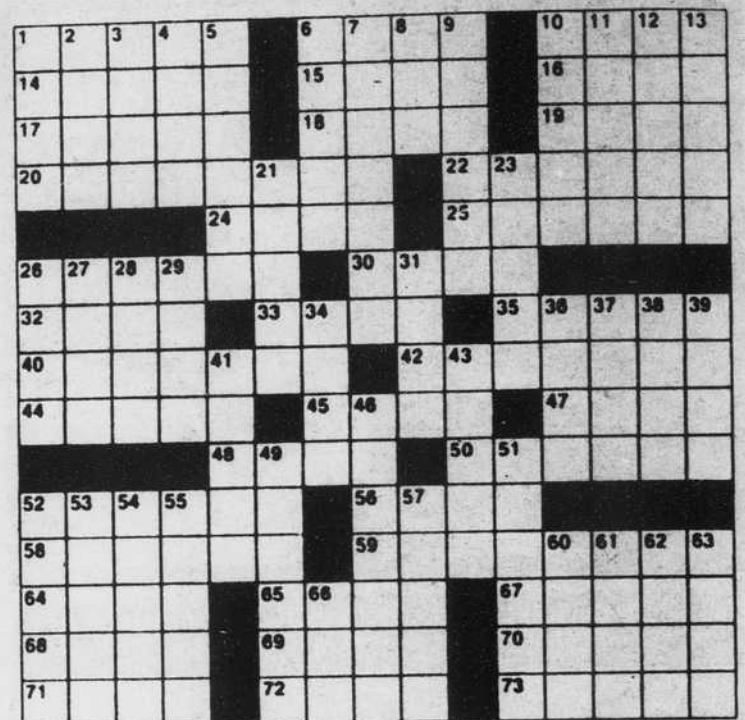
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20. Understood
22. Dog shelter
24. Sell
25. Most recent
26. New Jersey city
30. Currier and _
32. Toward shelter
33. Hamlet, e.g.
35. Rub out
40. Skunk
42. Library sign
44. Throb
45. Director Preminger
47. Rise high
48. Ten cents
50. _ public
52. Nipped
56. Alliance of World War II

Down

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2. Proficient
3. Fountain order
4. _ Knievel
5. Obtain from a source
6. Thin metal disk
7. Magic lamp man
8. Western state: abbr.
9. Titillate
10. Overcooked
11. Make up (for)
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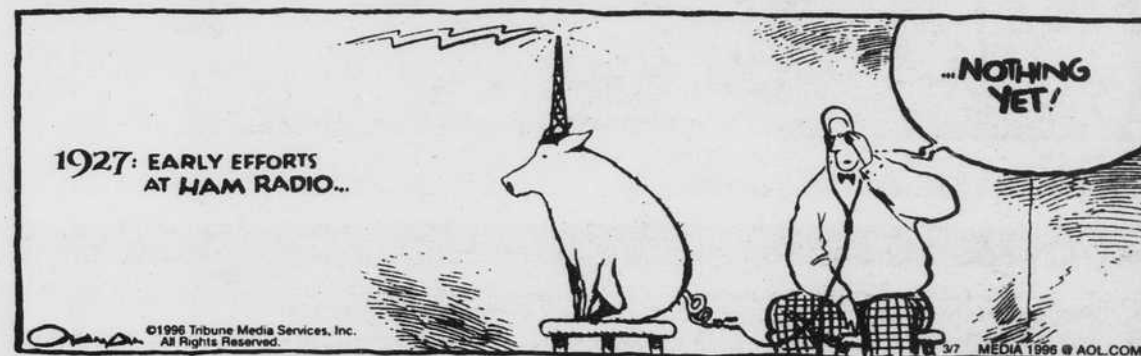
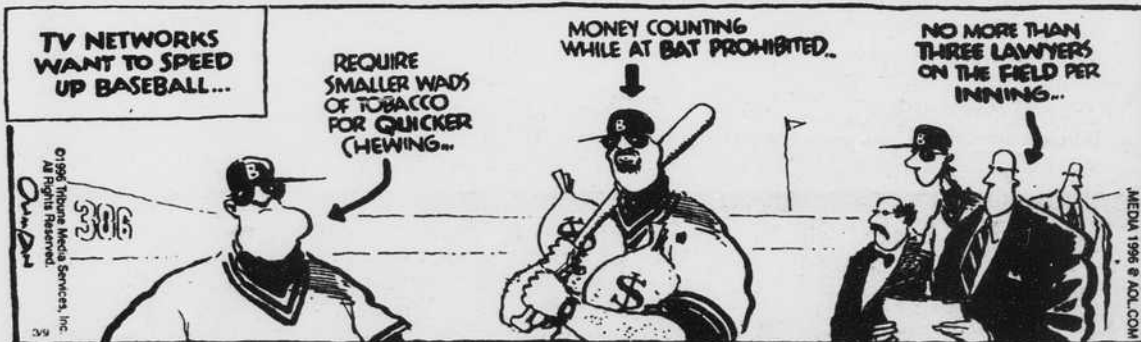
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34. Minute particle
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37. Wild ox
38. Dueling memento
39. Weird
41. Yields, as land
43. Ancient district of Asia Minor
46. Chinaware
49. Whole
51. Academy Awards
52. Packaged
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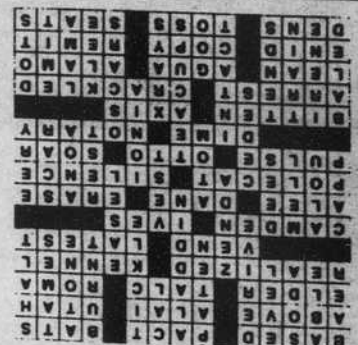
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Cobras end on one-game win streak

by Brandon Lewis
Sports Editor

The Cobra women wound up the end of their less-than-impressive season last week versus Illinois Central College, Vincennes College and Rend Lake.

Hosting ICC Feb. 20, neither team could find the bottom of the basket to save their lives. The Cobras shot a horrible 20 of 69 from the field, while ICC made only 22 of 61.

ICC made the difference in the game from the line, hitting 16 of 31 while Parkland converted only 6 of 12 as ICC went on to win 64-49.

Forward Stephanie Huelsing had a good game in the losing effort, scoring 16. Tashia Smith also played well, recording a double-double for the Co-

bras scoring 10 while grabbing 11 rebounds.

The Cobras traveled across the Illinois border to face Vincennes (Ind.) Feb. 23 for their final road game of the regular season and ended up picking up their 20th loss, 70-56

Cobra freshman Dane-Ann Massey beat the rest of the team to the show-ers, as she and a Vincennes player were asked to leave the game early for brawling.

Only one Cobra player, sophomore guard Sommer Hites, managed to score in double figures, with 17 in the game.

Following the Vincennes game, the Cobras returned home to try and end their season on a high note in their final game of the year versus 18-9 Rend Lake.

The Cobras rose to the

occasion and upset Rend Lake 69-59.

This time four Cobras scored in double figures. Stacy Terneus had 18 points, Beth Winter scored 14, and Stephanie Huelsing and Ruth Hawthorne each dumped in 13.

The win raised the Cobras record to 10-20 and ended their regular season, which was quite a drop-off from last year's record of 15-17.

The Cobra women clearly missed the services of last year's team MVP Robin Preacle. And with two of this year's offensive leaders-Stephanie Huelsing and Stacy Terneus-leaving, Argie Johnson has a lot of work ahead of him during the off-season.

Cobra's continue battle with the .500 mark

by Brandon Lewis
Sports Editor

The battle of the Cobra men and the .500 mark continued this week, as the team counts down to the Feb. 29 finale of a disappointing season of basketball.

The basketball team entered the week at one game over .500 (13-12) before games with Illinois Central College, Springfield College and Rend Lake.

Visiting East Peoria to face 20-7 ICC Feb. 20, the Cobras managed to hang with the talented club throughout the game before losing in overtime, 96-92.

Despite having five different players score in double figures, the Cobras' record dropped to 13-13.

Neither team could take advantage of opportunities from the line, where ICC made only 14 of 27 while Parkland was a little better making 14 of 25.

However, the Cobras owned the boards over ICC, out rebounding them 53-34.

Former Danville Viking, freshman Turhon Watson, led the Cobra offense with 21 points to go along with 9 boards. Freshman Danarn Hills recorded a double-double for the Cobras, scoring 17 and grabbing 11 rebounds, and also managed to swat down four ICC shot attempts.

The Cobras returned home Feb. 22 after a three-game road trip for the first time in nine days to face

Springfield College.

After entering half-time tied with Springfield at 31 apiece, the Cobras came out fired up in the second half and held on for a 87-77 victory.

Once again, the Cobras won the battle of the boards, holding a 40-33 advantage and allowing Springfield to get only eight second opportunities on offense.

Sophomore guard Demetrious Liberty was the player of the game for the Cobras, scoring 28 and making all six of his shots from inside the three point arc.

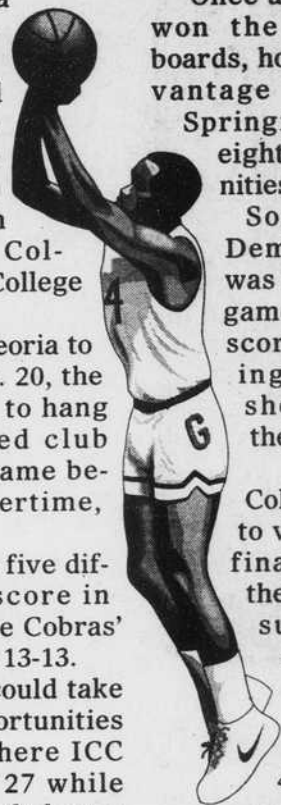
Rend Lake College came Feb 24 to visit in Parkland's final home game of the season and were subsequently demolished by the Cobras, 101-86.

Parkland led the 17-10 club 48-28 at the half and managed to withstand a late second-half surge by the visitors to hold on for the 101-86 win.

Twelve different Cobras saw action in the team's home finale, six of them scoring in double figures.

Liberty and David Freeman each scored 11, while Toporish Nash recorded another double-double for the squad with 12 boards and 10 points. The win raised the Cobras record to 15-13 on the year.

The team's regular season will conclude with a trip to Vincennes, Ind. Feb. 29.



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