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Baldwin says employers looking to PC

More employers are becoming increasingly dissatisfied with their workers' skills and are looking to two-year colleges for help, Chuck Baldwin, associate vice president/Academic Services, told faculty members last week.

Baldwin said at a Jan. 9 faculty meeting that employers cite punctuality, attitude, teamwork, flexibility, reading ability, and communications and computation skills as special areas of weakness among employees.

Some employers are even saying that many students with baccalaureate degrees lack these skills, he added.

Baldwin also announced that the Business Training Center is merging with the Engineering Science Technology Department.

Harris: Parkland must be held accountable

by Jeffrey Simpson
Editor-in-Chief

Parkland must continuously improve, Pres. Zelema Harris said last week, because legislators and constituents are holding higher education accountable and demand results, especially when they are asked for their financial support.

"We must do more with less," Harris told faculty and staff members last week, because "we cannot seriously expect much more federal and state dollars to come our way in this budget-balancing political climate."

Parkland must be the people's choice, Harris said. "All you need to do is take a drive down North Prospect, and you'll quickly get the idea."

She said retail sales in Champaign have skyrocketed from \$75 to \$85 million

in 1995. Unemployment is at 3.3 percent, lower than the state average, and 2,000 more people are working in the community than a year ago.

As a result of the expanded employment opportunities, people may think, "Why should I go to Parkland?" Harris said. Her answer is that people must constantly update their skills in order to hold jobs and be eligible for promotions.

"We must be more flexible in our scheduling," Harris said. Not everyone, she said, can invest 16 or even 8 weeks of his/her life learning a skill — but she/he "might be more than willing to invest four weeks to become more marketable and promotable."

Harris said rules, policies, processes, and systems must not impede but stimulate innovation and creativity. Decision making

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Photo by Jeff Simpson

Teachers teaching teachers

Dennis Polzin, from Parkland's Veterinary Technology department, hosts a Coordinating the Classroom Environment workshop Jan. 7 in the College Center. Workshops, as well as numerous other activities, were part of Preparation/Development Week, 1996, a program sponsored by the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning designed to aid faculty and staff in overall quality improvement.

January is time to talk transferring

by Christine Wing
News Editor

January is the month for snowmen, sledding, skating, Super Bowl, tax forms, tuition payments—and transfer admissions.

Students wishing to transfer from a community college to one of Illinois' senior public institutions will, in most cases, find they must meet certain academic requirements.

Northern Illinois University's Director of Admissions, Bob Burk, says N.I.U. requires a C-average for students transferring at least 24 credits of "core competency" hours.

This core competency, Burk says, should include two semesters of English, one semester of speech and one semester of math,

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\$2 tuition hike expected by summer '96 semester

by Carlarta Ratchford
Features Editor

At their meeting tonight, members of the Parkland Board of Trustees are expected to approve a \$2 per credit hour increase, which will raise tuition from \$40 to \$42 per credit hour.

The increase would become effective for the 1996 summer session.

The Board decided several years ago to increase tuition in increments on a year-to-year basis.

Board members also are expected to approve a \$75 community career counseling fee for individuals who are not considering attending Parkland.

However, if the client does enroll in three or more hours of credit classes within one year of the assessment, \$50 could

be refunded to the student.

For those unable or unwilling to pay, Career Planning Seminars and a SIGI Plus (System of Individual Guidance and Information) would continue to be offered at no charge.

Board members were told that between 65 and 75 career assessments per year are administered to clients who do not intend to attend Parkland. Each client has three one-hour appointments with a career counselor and one appointment with the Assessment Center lasting 1-3 hours.

The typical person who takes advantage of this service and who does not intend to attend Parkland is an adult with at least one post-secondary degree, according to information given to the Board.

Campus police look into wave of computer theft

by Jeff Simpson
Editor-in-Chief

Officers from Parkland's Office of Public Safety are investigating a wave of campus computer thefts that took place during the fall semester, according to director Paul Sarantakos.

"Over the course of the semester there were a total of about five computers that left the campus," Sarantakos said.

He noted that on only two occasions were complete computer systems taken (both from the P building).

"They seem to be fairly random, not site-specific," he said.

Other thefts usually involved single components and took place mostly in the campus computer labs, he said.

"It's all been monitors, CPUs and keyboards," he said, noting that no printers were reported missing.

While a few break-in attempts have been discov-

ered, Sarantakos said most thefts took place because of unlocked doors.

In some cases, he added, equipment has been removed while students were working in labs.

"Somebody is seeing these people," Sarantakos said.

The incidents also were spread out over the campus, making finding a distinct pattern to the crimes even more difficult.

"The problem is that it's not one location," Sarantakos explained. "Something will disappear from a B-wing laboratory, and then something else will come up missing from M-wing. It's not site-specific."

Currently, most lab computers are secured together by steel cables, a system which Sarantakos admits isn't 100 percent crime-proof.

"If you cut (the cables)," he explained, "there's nothing that tells anybody you're cutting it unless somebody walks by and

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News Briefs

Internet workshops

Introducing the Internet workshop will be offered Jan. 30, from 2 to 5 p.m. The history and issues concerning the Internet will be covered as well as the basic tools, services and methods for working with the internet.

Introduction to the Prairienet will include the history, mission and uses of Champaign-Urbana's free link to the Internet and give participants a hands-on opportunity to view menus, access community information and learn how to use e-mail on Feb. 1, from 1 to 4 p.m.

There is a fee for each workshop.
For more information: 217/351-2235

Retirement financial workshop

Financial Strategies for Successful Retirement, a four-part workshop, will be offered from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Jan. 30 and Feb. 1, 20, and 22.

The workshops will cover investments, pension options, Social Security and Medicare, longterm health care, money management for a secure income and reduced taxation, estate planning, and lifestyle issues.

There is a fee for the seminar.
For more information: 217/351-2235

School Success Seminar

Parkland College's School Success Seminar will be presented on Feb. 6 and March 5 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. for third, fourth, and fifth grade students and Feb. 8 and March 7 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. for sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students.

The five-part, after-school seminar will focus on homework tips, time management, test taking, study guides, and library work as well as subject area help in reading, grammar, and mathematics. The deadline to register is Feb. 1.

There is a fee for the seminar.
For more information: 217/351-2545

Career Planning Seminar

Parkland College's Career Planning and Employment Services will offer an Introductory Career Planning Seminar on Jan. 31 at 6 p.m. Participants are asked to meet at the Information Desk in the College Center.

The seminar is designed to help prospective and current students and other community residents develop a career plan. Participants will explore the career development process as well as their own interests, abilities, values, and goals. Available career development resources also will be discussed.

For more information: 217/351-2536

Potential homeowners seminar

Parkland College and eight area banks will sponsor a two-part informational seminar for potential homeowners on Feb. 1-8, from 7 to 9:30 p.m. in room C239.

The Home Buyer's Seminar will offer guidance on budgeting, home inspection, prequalification for loans, closings, and other important steps involved in purchasing a home.

There is a fee for the workshop.
For more information: 217/351-2235

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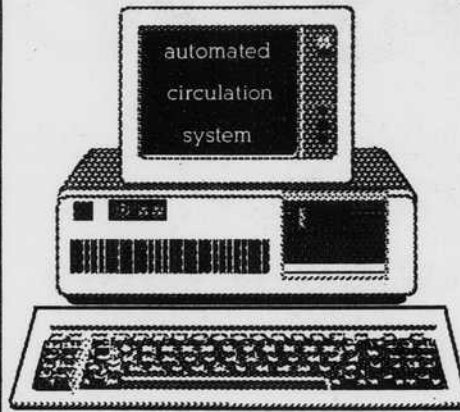
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Letters



December article was misleading

Dear Editor:

The December 13, 1995 issue of *Prospectus* contained an article on the first page, "PC makes statewide top 10 list." The article, unfortunately, contained serious inaccuracies.

The article concerned the PQP report which every college in the Illinois Community College System must submit each August to the Illinois Community College Board (ICCB). PQP is an acronym for Priorities, Quality, and Productivity.

I must correct the fact that Parkland was not specifically cited as "one of the 10 best community colleges in the state." Rather, our PQP report was one of a few which were singled out as exemplary for the numerous activities and initiatives we offer in such areas as retention and faculty evaluation.

The breadth of these activities and their quantifiable effectiveness demonstrate that Parkland is indeed a quality institution.

The PQP report is vital to all Illinois community colleges because it makes

us accountable to our legislators and taxpayers. ICCB uses the report to lobby legislators for a fairer share of state funding to community colleges.

I was extremely pleased that Parkland's many efforts geared toward students' success were among those that were highlighted by ICCB.

Thank you for the opportunity to clarify information in the article that may have been misleading.

Sincerely,
Zelema M. Harris

Letters to the Editor Policy

The *Prospectus* welcomes letters to the editor concerning college-related issues. Letters should be typed, 350 words or less in length, signed by the author, and include the author's address and phone number. If necessary, letters will be edited according to length and space at the discretion of the editor. Anonymous letters will not be printed.

Letters should be sent to *Prospectus*, Room X155, Parkland College, Champaign IL, 61821-1899, or emailed to prospect@sol.parkland.cc.il.us.



Photo by Don Manning

Harshbarger wins education scholarship

Parkland Elementary Education student Kathryn Harshbarger (left), of Atwood, receives the Roby Gregory Barnes Memorial Scholarship award from Psychology instructor Genell Hooper Harris. The \$100 prize is awarded annually to a woman enrolled in Parkland's Education program and who meets certain criteria, including submitting an essay on why she wants to become a teacher.

McAfee, Trout on academic team

Two Parkland College students have been nominated for inclusion on the 1996 All-USA Community and Junior College Academic Team, an annual competition sponsored by *USA Today*, the American Association of Community Colleges and Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society.

Kenneth "Jason" McAfee, of Urbana, plans to graduate from Parkland in May, 1996, with an associate degree in child development. His long-range

goals include becoming the director of a day care center.

Joshua M. Trout, of Arenzville, who is studying physical education at Parkland, plans to transfer to the University of Illinois next summer. His long-range goals include earning a master's degree in kinesiology and teaching at the college level.

The All-USA Academic Team recognizes scholarly achievement of students enrolled in community, technical, and junior colleges. Students are nomi-

nated on the basis of their grade-point average, their involvement in college organizations and in the community, and awards, honors, and recognitions they have received. The nominated students also must submit three letters of recommendation and write an essay describing his or her most outstanding educational experience while attending college.

Students chosen for the Academic Team will be announced in the early spring.

Student Voices

What should the penalty be for someone convicted of selling crack cocaine to a 12-year-old?



Tameka Phillips
"They should have to go to rehab to see what the consequences of using drugs are and visit the prisons to see the people who have sold crack. Then they should be forced to do some community service, then a little jail time."



Sharon McCollum
"Life in prison."



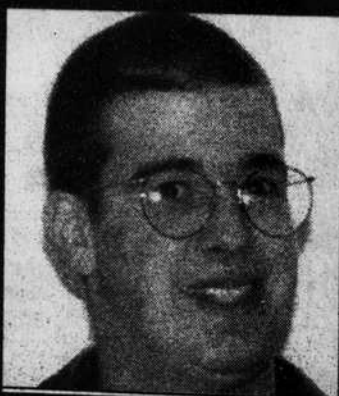
Ira Liebowitz
"I think a very severe penalty is in order. The use of crack has contributed greatly to crime and can only be detrimental to society. Distributing it to someone so young should be dealt with accordingly."



Brian Gottlieb
"3 years jail."



Lora Miller
"They should be sent to drug rehab and also be put in prison for a while."



Mike Bultemeier
"The penalty should be about 20 years. Selling drugs is a major offense in the first place, and it would definitely be increased for selling to a minor. Smack the kid, too."

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preferably an algebra course.

Burk reports that Northern Illinois will accept up to 66 credits of college work from two-year schools.

At Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, would-be transfer students with at least 26 semester credits must be carrying a 2.0 grade point and be in good standing at the insti-

tution from which they are transferring. SIU's admissions counselors cautioned that some individual departments, such as education and social work, require G.P.A.'s as high as 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale) and advised students to check with advisors in their major for specific requirements.

According to admissions personnel, SIU will, as long as the prospective

transfer student is in good academic standing, accept an unlimited number of credits from two-and four-year institutions previously attended.

Western Illinois University's associate director of admissions Aleta Steinman says WIU requires its business and education transfer students to have a 2.5 cumulative average when transferring.

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sees you doing it."

That's why Sarantakos said his department is considering replacing the steel cables with fiber-optic cables—tubes through which a constant, uninterrupted beam of light travels.

He explained that if a fiber-optic cable were severed or broken, an alarm would go off in the public safety office and, in turn, alert officers to the incident as well as its exact location in the College.

In addition to considering fiber-optic alarm system, Sarantakos said his department has taken other preventative measures against future theft.

"We've increased patrols," he said, "and we've

asked the departments to lock labs in the areas where they're not being monitored."

Parkland is not the lone victim in these cases, Sarantakos stressed.

"It's really a detriment to the students," he said.

Suspicious persons, regardless of whether they may look like computer technicians, etc., should be reported to the Office of Public Safety immediately, Sarantakos said.

"If you see technical equipment being moved around, give us a call ('2369' or '0' from any house phone)," he advised.

"I'd much rather be called a thousand times and have it be nothing than not get called once and have it be something."

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at Parkland is shared, Harris said, as shown by the operational planning process. Data are being shared, she said, and more collaboration of faculty and staff is taking place.

"We are beginning to trust one another," Harris said. She also applauded

those participating in the diversity training program in which she is enrolled in the spring semester.

There is a reason Parkland employees get up in the morning and come to work, she said, and it "is not to pick up a paycheck. We are here to teach, to support, to inspire. What a great way to life your life."

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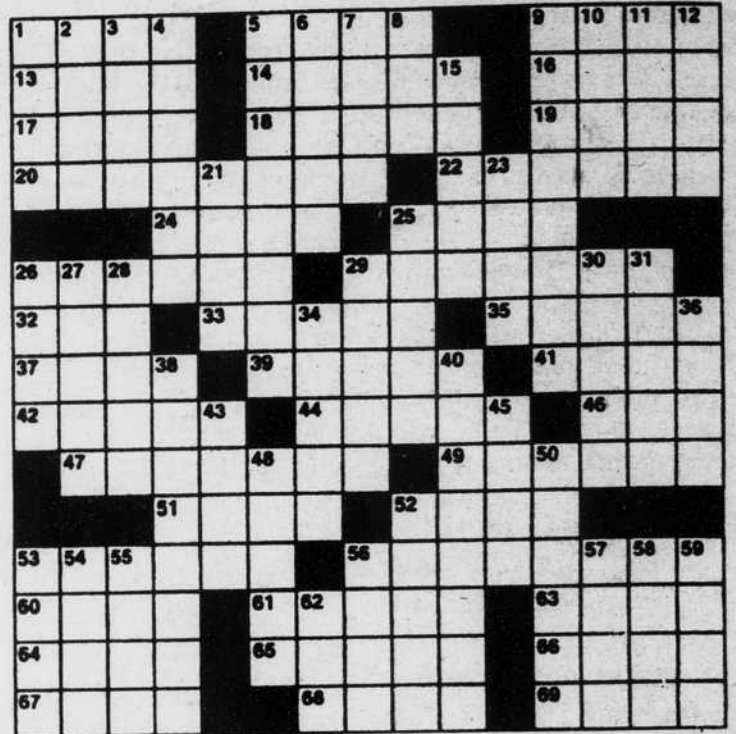
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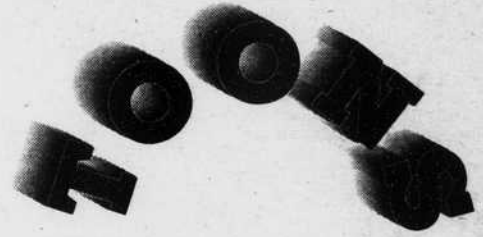
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23. "— La Douce"
25. Got along
26. Ingredient in powder
27. Not hidden
28. Parking or postage
29. Like city streets
30. A relative
31. Complete
34. Stood open
36. Tidings
38. Doctrine
40. Promoting good health
43. Stack
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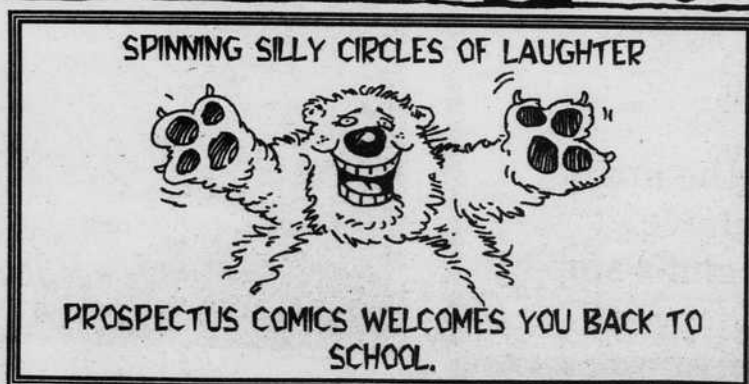
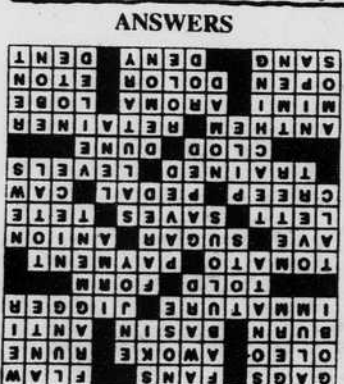
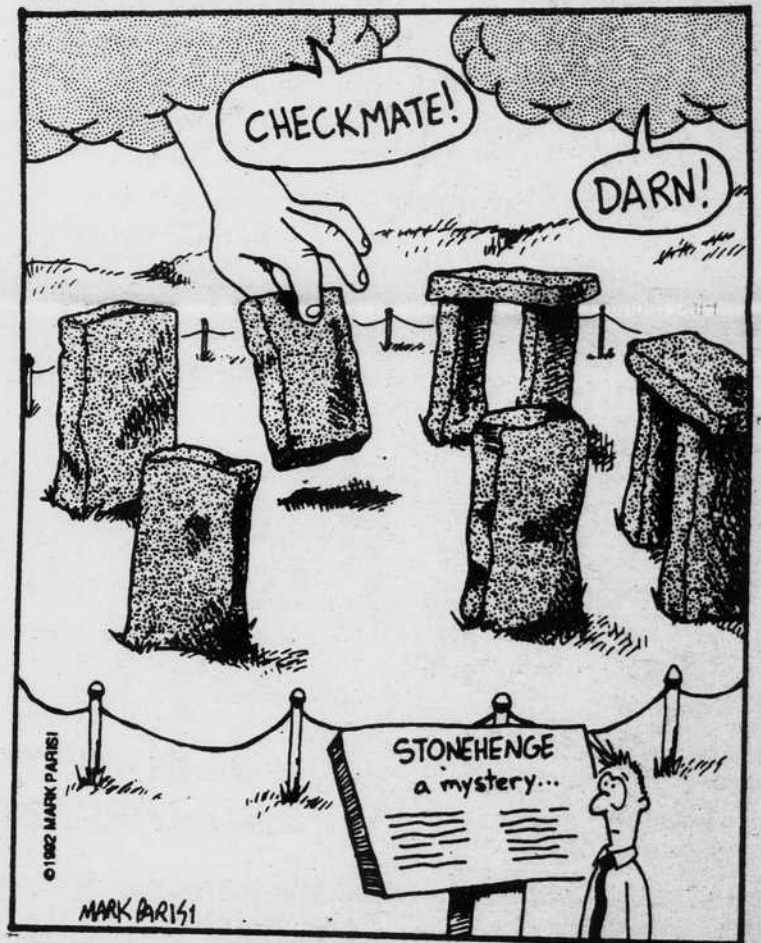
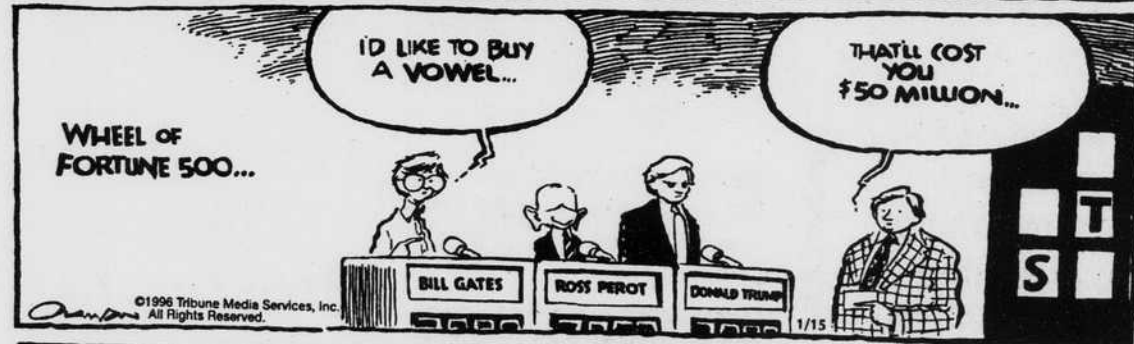


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Inconsistent play leaves Cobras with .500 record

by Brandon Lewis
Sports Editor

PC's men's basketball team continued their on-again, off-again ways of offense to start the new year.

On the team's trip south to Louisville Kentucky for the Sullivan College Tourney Jan. 6-7, the Cobras split their two games, pulling out a close 106-103 win over Roane State before falling to Sullivan 115-98.

The Cobras shot an impressive 52 percent from the field against Roane State, including 12 of 25 from three-point land.

Sophomore Demetrius Liberty lead all scorers with 28 points.

The Cobras crashed the offensive boards (21 offensive rebounds) to help Parkland squeak by Roane State.

However, the next night against Sullivan College, the Cobra offense became sloppy, allowing 26 turnovers and being shut-down dramatically on the offensive glass, grabbing only 10 boards.

The Cobras offensive inconsistency, which has been the team's Achilles heel this year, led the Cobras to their sixth loss of the season and dropped their record to 6-6 on the year.

Lack of Cobra offense (34 of 75 from the field) also determined the team's fate at Kankakee Jan. 9, where they were beaten 94-84.

Returning home Jan. 11 to face Lincoln Land, the Cobras hit 37 of 70 from inside the three-point arc to pull out a narrow 102-100 win and even their record out at 7-7 on the year.

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