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Survey to gauge student interest

Parkland dorm plans moving forward

BY JACOB LIVENGOOD
PROSPECTUS NEWS EDITOR

Planning for the first dormitory for Parkland students is underway. "We are still working on seeking some student reaction," said Eric Robeson, vice-president of Development, Robeson Inc., owners of the property.

The five-story dorm would be located in the former State Street Hotel on the corner of State and Church Streets. Floors two through five would be used for residents, the first floor for a dining hall. The parking garage behind the Hotel can accommodate 100 cars, and laundry facilities would be on each floor. Elevator access is available.

"The rooms will be somewhat larger than regular dorm rooms"

Robeson Inc., through Parkland, will be mailing a survey to many full-time students in order to receive feedback on the dorm idea, said Robeson.

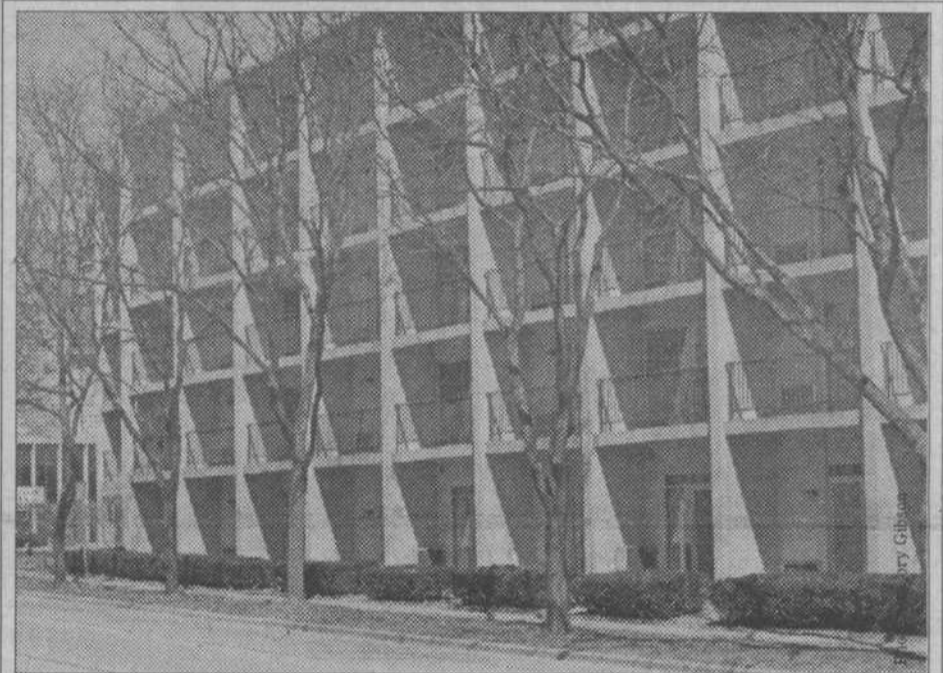
"The survey will gauge feelings of students at Parkland and will be directed toward existing full-time students," said Robeson. "The survey will seek general information on students' current living experience right now.

"We want to see who is interested so we can contact those people when the time comes,"

said Robeson.

The dorm, which would be exclusive to Parkland students, would be as convenient as possible, added Robeson.

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Proposed Parkland dorm

Five-story building across from West Side Park may become a dormitory for students.

Champaign Fire Dept: 60% medical calls

Local girls now are setting more arson fires

Fighting fires still a number one priority for fire department

BY GENE WALAG
PROSPECTUS STAFF WRITER

Sixty percent of calls to the Champaign Fire Department now are for medical emergencies, but fighting fires is still the department's number 1 priority, Dena Schumacher, CFD education specialist, said recently.

Eight years ago, 90 percent of juvenile arsonists were male, but now young females are closing that gap and are responsible for 35 percent of set fires, Schumacher told Parkland Newswriting students.

About 20 youngsters ranging in age from 3 to 18 years receive individual fire-setter counseling each year at the CFD, Schumacher said.

The majority of fires at the UI are in fraternity houses and are cooking related, Eddie Bain, director of Public Information and Arson Investigation, said. He also noted that recently a student was using gasoline to wash parts of his motorcycle in a kitchen sink when the fumes were ignited by a gas stove.

Candles also are a frequent cause of fires on campus, Bain said.

Turning in a false fire alarm is a class 4 felony, Bain said. He added that accidental fires are not accidental; they are non-intentional.

Plans of buildings showing exits, doorways, plumbing, heating, and wiring are used at major

fires, Bain said. However, technology is available that will utilize a computer at the scene of a fire instead of paper preplans.

Smoke alarms have reduced the death rate because they give people time to get out of a burning building, Bain said. He added, "In the future, residential sprinkler systems may be required, and they will save many more lives." Some buildings in Champaign already are equipped with sprinklers, Bain said.

The CFD has a budget of \$5.5 million and operates three shifts with about 25 people on each shift.

The CFD did not initiate contact with the U. of I. for fire service, Bain said.

"The University initiated the contact in both cities (Champaign and Urbana)," Bain said. "This would not be a merger, he

said. "It would be a contractual agreement to provide fire service to the University" which would save the UI \$3 to \$4 million because it would not have to build a new station or replace equipment.

The CFD has an annual budget of \$5.5 million and

operates three shifts with about 25 people on each shift.

A new fire station will be built this spring at the corner of Mattis Avenue and Paula. The station will cost approximately \$1.2 million and will take one year to construct.



And here's how it works.....

CFD Engineer Gary Gula explains to Parkland students how a ladder truck operates.

Herbert Seto memorial scholarship awarded

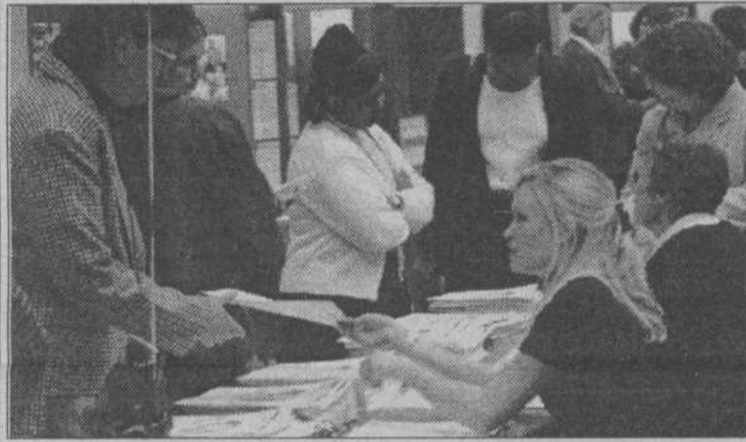
Adam Cap, of Champaign, has been awarded the Herbert Seto Memorial Scholarship.

The scholarship was created in memory of Herbert Seto, a former chemistry instructor at Parkland. It is awarded

each year to a student enrolled in chemistry 102, 201, or 202.

Cap, a graduate of Morton High school, is a sophomore majoring in Engineering Science at Parkland.

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Design Awards

Juanita Gammon (r), Mass Communications Program Director, presents checks for the MC Program Director's Visual Arts or Desktop Publishing Graphic Design student's outstanding poster design awards. Recipients are Lonna Buhr and Laura Trovillion, second year students.

Ewen, Maurer, Nolen accept Parkland wins national award

Parkland has been named the winner of one of two national Bellwether Awards presented by the University of Florida's Institute of Higher Education, the American Association of Community Colleges, and eight other co-sponsors.

Dale Ewen, vice president for Academic and Student Services; Susan Maurer, chair of the Department of Health Pro-

fessions, and Don Nolen, professor of philosophy and former Parkland College Association president, gave a presentation as one of 10 finalists and accepted the award during the 1997 Community College Futures Assembly on March 4 in Orlando.

The Bellwether Awards were created to recognize outstanding and innovative programs that are successfully leading

colleges into the 21st century.

The awards are given in two categories: Planning, Finance, and Governance and Instructional Programs and Services. Parkland's program, Linking Strategic Goals to the Budget, was selected from the top 10 finalists in the Planning, Finance, and Governance category to win the Bellwether Award.

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Gretchen Turner winner of Barnes scholarship

Gretchen Turner, of Bellflower, has been named this year's recipient of the Roby Gregory Barnes Memorial Scholarship at Parkland.

The scholarship, which is awarded to a promising woman enrolled in the Parkland Education program, was established in 1993 in memory of Roby Barnes, a descent of Piatt and Champaign County pioneers and a teacher in small town schools in East Central Illinois.

To be eligible for the scholarship, a student must have completed the Education 101 class with an A or B, have an overall GPA of 2.8 or above (on a 4.0 scale), and write an essay on why she wants to become a teacher.

Turner is a second-year Parkland student who is studying for her associate degree in Elementary Education.

Donations to the Barnes Scholarship fund may be made in care of the Parkland College Foundation.

Parkland dorm

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"Parkland is considering holding classes out there, but none are scheduled yet," said Robeson. "We would try to group students that have similar interests, fields of study, etc. We will also have a Resident Advisor for each floor."

Students would have somewhat of a different living experience than those in other dorms.

"The rooms would be larger than regular dorm rooms," said Robeson. "Each would have its own shower and bathroom."

The selection process for residents of the dorm

will be selected on a first come, first serve basis, said Robeson.

The dorm could be open for the Fall semester, according to Robeson. "We still have some internal issues that need to be considered. Once we get those figured out and response is good from the surveys, we will move forward."

Robeson Inc. has also placed a questionnaire in this issue of *Prospectus* that can be dropped off at the round information desk by the Library stairs.

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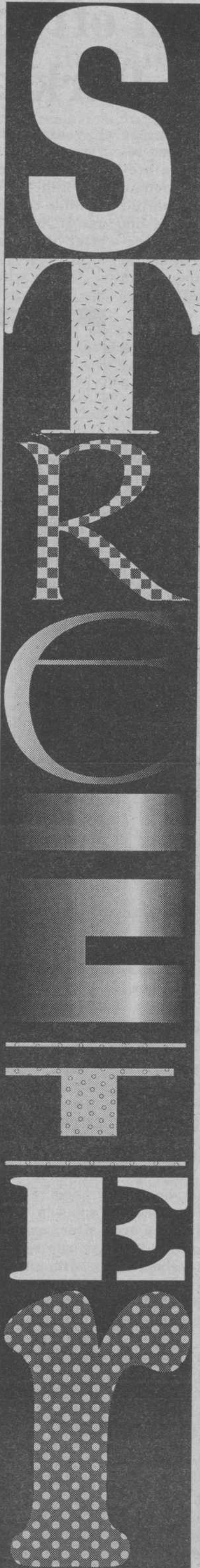
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DO YOU AGREE THAT REGULATIONS NEED TO BE ESTABLISHED TO LIMIT PORNOGRAPHIC MATERIALS ON THE INTERNET?



June-Yong Lee

"Yes, because children could get on-line. You should have to pay for it."



Sam Desterreich

"Yes. But there will be individuals who will hack or bypass any blocking system or whatever they use to regulate the limit."



Kathleen Doran

"Yes, with children having access to the internet. I feel that there should be limitations."



Wes Newport

"No. Whether or not you believe pornography is wrong; censorship should not be implemented for any reason."



Tina Wissen

"Yes, to protect adolescent computer user."



Josh Gorman

"No. Restriction of speech of any kind is just a plot by 'the man' to persuade stupidity among the masses."



Inbae Bryson

"Yes, because kids under age can get into it at any time they want. I don't think that the internet should have any pornographic materials."



Brian Weidert

"No. Limitations of any kind are bad. If kids want to see it, they'll find a way regardless of limitations or regulations."

Billie, Jim Mitchell offer skill, advice, encouragement to Parkland athletes

Tennis Coach, Secretary of Physical Education provide 'parents away from home'

By DONNA LENTS-JOHNSON
PROSPECTUS STAFF WRITER

Batman and Robin, Laurel and Hardy, Abbot and Costello, each a dynamic duo — and so are Billie and Jim Mitchell.

The Mitchells, married for 18 years, are a couple that enjoy spending not only their leisure time together, but their work time as well.

They've been working together at Parkland for several years. Billie is the secretary for the Athletic Department, and Jim coaches Parkland's tennis team.

Jim and Billie share several philosophical thoughts with the students they encounter at Parkland.

"Get your college degree," stresses Jim. "I know first hand the importance of having a degree. I was drafted while in my junior year of college and did not finish my B.A. As a result of this, I've been turned down for jobs that I know I was incredibly qualified for, more than most people. But because I didn't have a degree, I was not considered for any of these positions."

Jim worked at USI Quantum for 11 years and left to become an insurance agent. He's been an agent for 15 years. "I've worked in insurance for 15 years but without a degree, no matter that I may be more knowledgeable than most people who would apply, the person with the degree has a better chance to get the job than one who has no degree."

"Right now, however, insignificant that you might think it is in your life, getting your degree is very important," says Jim. "Get your degree and then pursue your dream — poetry or playing piano — if that's what you want to do, but get your degree first. Get your degree then chase your dream."

During his four years in the Navy, Jim worked in various locations. His term on the U.S.S. Enterprise (not the 'beam me up, Scotty' Enterprise as Jim said) Aircraft Carrier took him into many areas of the world—he once spent a two-year tour in Vietnam.

As a Calibration Technician, Jim's various duties, which were similar to those duties

that a Crew Chief in the Air Force may have, included responsibility for the maintenance of aircraft. As soon as maintenance was completed and the planes were ready, Jim would give them a final inspection and inspection flight. He then handed the plane over to the pilot for the final inspection.

Billie agrees with her husband about getting your degree and encounters this type of problem often. Her kind and mothering manner invites Parkland's athletes to share concerns or problems with her.

"She's like a mom away from home," said Trent Gastorf, a PC cross-country runner.

"I know that being in school is difficult because I am currently in school," said Billie. "I always thought I'd want to be a teacher or do something else but when I was younger life happened to me! I had to earn a

13 years in the bottling area. "They closed, so I got an opportunity to come back to school," said Billie.

Billie came back to school at age 30, having spent 13 years after high school working in a local factory.

"From what I can see, finances for parents now are no

connections in the tennis world while playing in the leagues. He began playing with college teams for recreation because they hit well and were fun to play against.

While playing with Parkland's team in 1993, he learned that the existing coach was leaving and was unable to

"Get your degree then chase your dream."

different than the finances were 25 years ago for a lower income family. Back then, you went to work and college was really not an option. Like in my family, you were sort of expected to graduate from high school, get a job, and work at that job and support yourself."

Billie is now finishing her bachelor's degree. "When

spend much time with the team. Seeing an opportunity, Jim offered his services as tennis coach. The position then became open. Since he had established himself with the team already, Jim applied for the position. He's been Parkland's tennis coach ever since.

"Jim and I try to help the kids see this. We have the benefit of hindsight. We know how important getting your degree is, and we want to help students see how important it is," said Billie.

Billie and Jim met on the tennis court when a friend of Billie's asked her to accompany her—The rest is history. "I didn't know how to play very well then, but now I am a pretty good 'week-end player,'" said Billie with a smile.

The Mitchells also have a lot of family members living in Monticello.

"Jim has a group of young people that he is working with now," said Billie. "Over the years we have had many kids that we've tried to mentor or help in their lives. There are some people who are just a pleasure to know, and we get to meet many of these people. What's nice is that I think I have a parent's perspective even though I'm not one. I feel that I can help the kids and communicate with them and not undermine what parents say and offer kids an objective person that they can talk to about things or come ask advice from."

Billie will be starting grad school this fall at Eastern Illinois University. Having graduated from Parkland College in 1994, she is approaching her goal to become a teacher.

"When you are an adult, it is a tremendous sacrifice to go back to school. It takes a lot of commitment. Lots of things are set up for the 'traditional' student. At Parkland, especially, there are people who want to facilitate and help students to achieve their goals. Education is a tool to help students realize opportunities available," said Billie.



Billie Mitchell, secretary of Physical Education, and her husband Jim, Parkland Tennis Coach, attend Parkland's opening Tennis Tournament in Champaign.

Photo by: Jacob Livengood

living, pay my bills and grow up and be an adult and I was not able to attend college until now. So I agree with Jim: get your degree first, and then explore what you think you want to do."

Billie remarked on the troubles life has to offer. "Sometimes while you think you are going in one direction, life kind of happens and can take you another way. Sometimes you don't always have the opportunity to go right from high school to college."

Working for three departments (Athletics, Intramural, and Physical Education) has helped Billie to work with, and get to know, a wide spectrum of students.

Billie, originally from Monticello, graduated from high school in 1972 and began working for Parkland shortly afterward. Before coming to work for Parkland, Billie worked at Sterling Drug in Monticello for

you're a college student, you think you don't have a lot of free time," said Billie, "but as a 'traditional' college student, you really have a lot of time (though it may not seem like it) because your focus - is on school. Compare this to someone who is returning to college after having a family and additional responsibilities.

Jim, originally from White Heath, was always been active in sports. He played many sports in college, but his love for tennis began when he was in the United States Navy. While stationed on the West Coast, Jim learned to love tennis and became a very competitive player.

Upon returning to Illinois, Jim wanted to continue to play but found it difficult to find tennis partners. At that time, tennis was not as prolific in Illinois as in California.

He began playing in tennis tournaments and developing

Dean offers advice Steinman's goal: improve morale

BY AMY PEARSON
PROSPECTUS STAFF WRITER

"Right now I have one main goal," said Carol Steinman, Parkland's dean of students: "to develop more opportunities for students to feel good about Parkland."

Steinman works with all of the department directors and advises Student Government and Phi Theta Kappa Honorary Society.

Steinman, wife and mother of two, received her associate degree from Danville Area Community College and received her Bachelor's and Master's Degree at the University of Illinois.

Starting at Parkland in 1977, Steinman began in the continuing education office, later moving to the Assistant Director of Student Support Services.

She later became director of the department.

Off and on for four years, Steinman has held the Dean of Students position.

Steinman tries to subscribe to the eight steps for success recommended by Edwin Scharlau, chairman of the board of Busey Bank:

- do it now
- organization and appearance
- be cheerful and optimistic
- moderation
- say something nice to everyone you meet
- good health and physical fitness
- enthusiasm
- keep going

"I want to be a teacher outside of the classroom," said Steinman.

Trying to eliminate the bad reputation that some high schools have given to the Dean's office is one of Steinman's goals.

"I want students to know that it is not a punitive place to be," Steinman said. "Most of the time when I call a student to my office, it is to talk about a situation or problem and come up with a solution."

During her tenure at Parkland, Steinman says her favorite part of working is the people.

"I really love to see a student when he/she enters Parkland and then again when he/she is walking across the stage in cap and gown."

When asked to describe something about herself, Steinman replied, "I hope that I never lose my sense of humor."

Proposal: employers pay loans as benefit

BY COLLEEN DEBAISE
COLLEGE PRESS SERVICE

NEW YORK — Kimberly Kleiman, a junior analyst for a suburban New York pharmaceutical company, would love to live in a trendy Greenwich Village apartment like the characters on "Friends."

But instead, the 1992 SUNY-Albany graduate rents the bottom half of a house in Iselin, N.J., an economically depressed suburb 45 minutes from the city. "I live in a basement apartment," she says. "Why? I'm paying off my student loans."

Although it's been five years since she finished college, Kleiman says the burden of payback has not eased up. Like a growing number of college students, Kleiman financed a large portion of her college education through student loans. Monthly student loan payments continue to take a big bite out of her paycheck, leaving little left over to cover rent, groceries and other necessities.

In an innovative approach to dealing with skyrocketing student debt, NELLIE MAE, the largest nonprofit provider of student loan fund, has drafted a proposal yet to be approved by Congress in which employers could offer student loan repayment on a pretax basis as part of a benefits plan.

"Because there's such a problem with student debt, businesses should take a stake in it because students are paying so much for their training," Diane

Saunders, vice president of communications and public affairs for NELLIE MAE. "It's time for the corporate world to step in."

In 1996, more than 50 percent of all U.S. students borrowed money to pay for their undergraduate or graduate education. That's partly because college costs increased as much as 200 percent between 1981 and 1994, outpacing inflation by more than 250 percent.

Experts also attribute the loan surge to the 1992 Higher Education Act, which expanded the federal student loan program and allowed more students to borrow even larger sums of money.

And simply, "more of the onus to borrow has moved to the students," said Saunders. "In the past, the state and federal government and parents all were helping students pay for college more than they are now."

Under NELLIE MAE's proposal, employers could take some of the debt burden off students' shoulders by offering a loan-repayment plan as part of the company's benefits package.

For instance, an employee would be able to set aside pre-tax income in a special account to be used exclusively for student loan repayment. Or, an employee could choose student loan repayment over benefits such as life insurance or dental coverage.

Companies also could choose to match student loan repayment dollars at levels similar to a 401(k) plan, in which an employer

may contribute 50 cents, for example, for every dollar the employee pays.

According to Kevin Boyer, executive director of the National Association of Graduate-Professional Students, it's only a matter of time before student loan repayment becomes a benefit that graduates seek when they start their job search.

"Billions are now being borrowed," he said. "At some point, students will have a difficult time repaying loans with their after-graduation salaries. Companies that are in a cash situation to repay a loan early may find a recent graduate very eager to work for them."

Financial aid directors at universities around the nation say they're willing to embrace the plan as good news for students plagued with a heavy debt burden.

In the past year, the U.S. Department of Education has reported a record low student loan default rate of slightly under 11 percent. But that follows "get-tough" policies, such as garnishing wages and tax refunds, implemented to put a lid on the soaring number of defaulters.

Kleinman said she ran in to problems when she graduated from the State University of New York-Albany without a job and a pile of student loans to pay back.

"I would take cash advances on my credit card to pay my student loans," she said. "The creditors would call me, and I would give them any excuse whatsoever."

It's not too late to buy a tree for Arbor Day

Parkland's annual Arbor Day Celebration is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. April 25 in the Memorial Grove south of the S Building.

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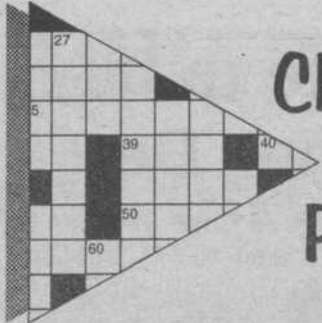
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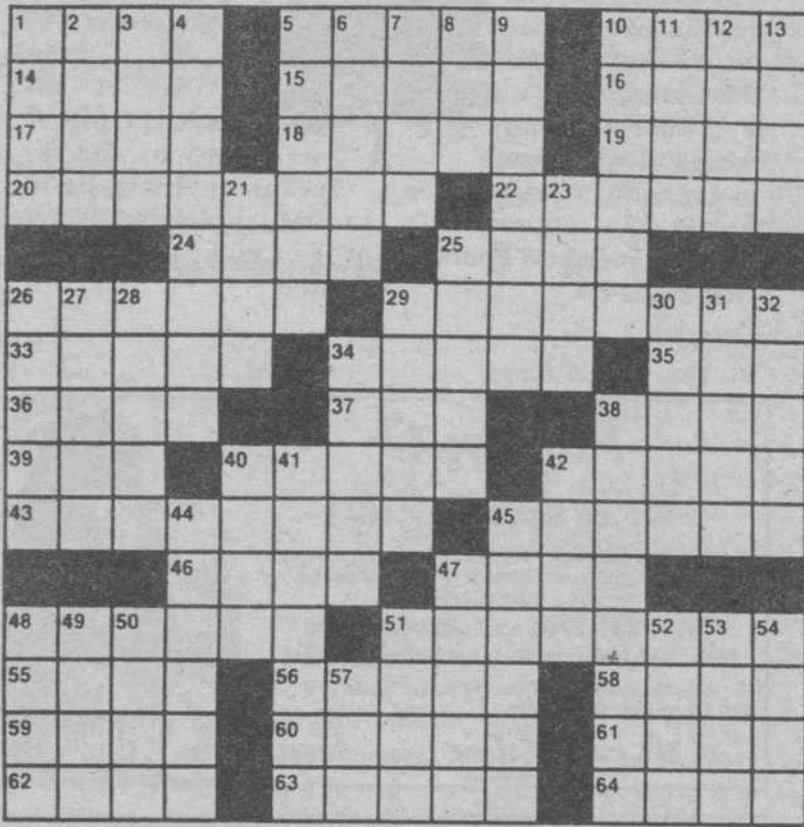
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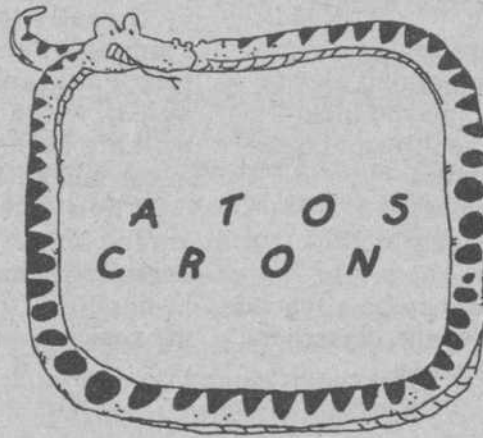
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- 15. Poetic Muse
- 16. Error
- 17. Study in haste
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- 19. Resiliency
- 20. Desirable
- 22. Blur
- 24. Feel pain
- 25. Short play
- 26. On land
- 29. Malicious
- 33. Small opening
- 34. Quick bread
- 35. — shoestring
- 36. Wee

37. Balloon basket

- 38. Belt
- 39. Assn.'s cousin
- 40. Make points
- 42. French income
- 43. Hire again
- 45. Former White House name
- 46. Smell — (be leery)
- 47. Stare
- 48. Sufferer of a kind
- 51. Very hungry
- 55. Give off
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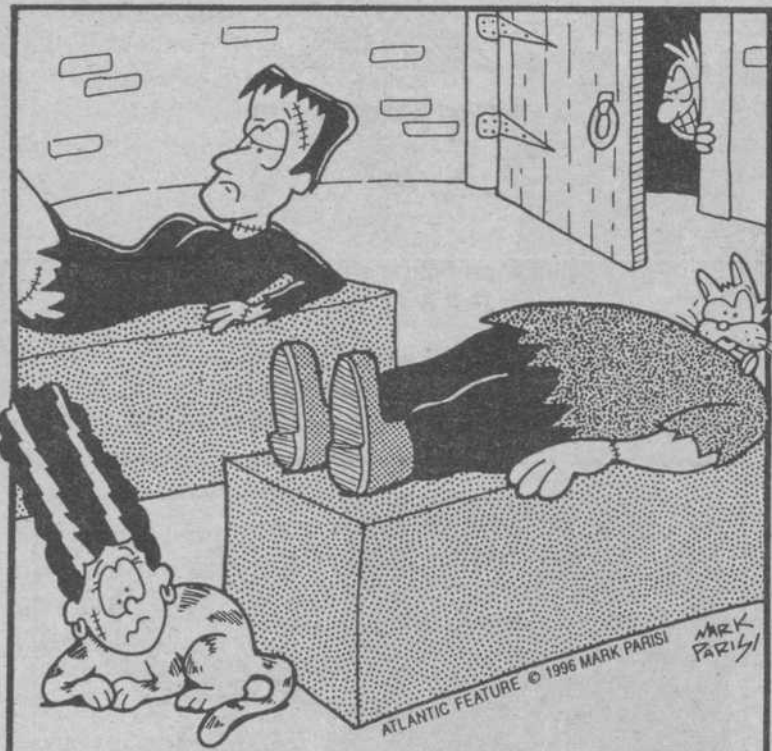
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 - 4. Musical work
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 - 8. "—a girl!"
 - 9. Soft leather
 - 10. Shrewd
 - 11. Walk heavily
 - 12. Vocalize
 - 13. Dueling weapon
 - 21. Ottoman
 - 23. A very little
 - 25. Seedlike body
 - 26. Player
 - 27. Country in Eng.
 - 28. Device on a door
 - 29. Frightening
 - 30. Spring of water
 - 31. Join
 - 32. Thereafter
 - 34. Get going!
 - 38. Sing to
 - 40. Brisk
 - 41. Make understandable
 - 44. Make a difference
 - 45. Grotto
 - 47. Croc's cousin
 - 48. Edible portion
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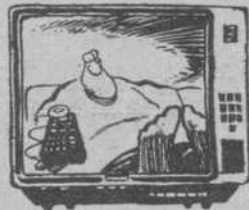
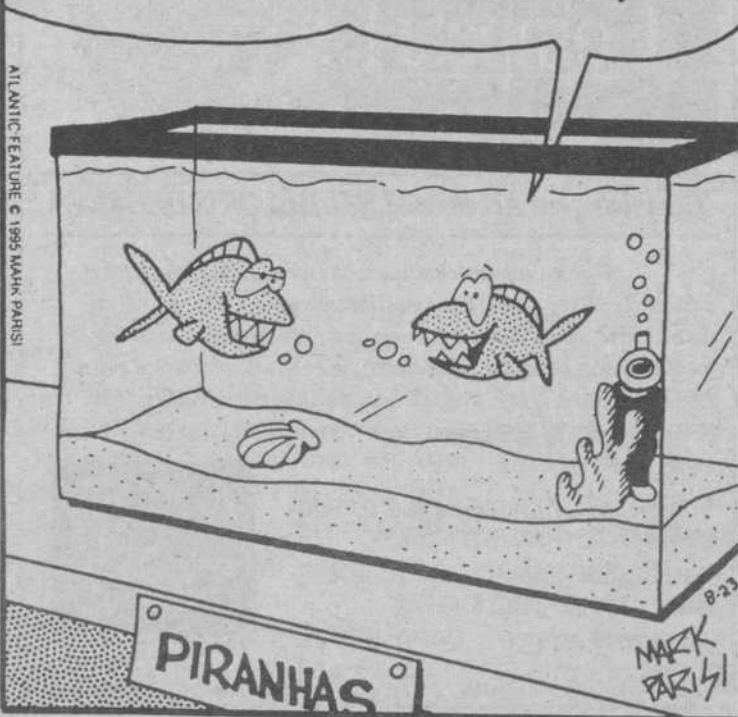
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by Mark Parisi



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MIXED MEDIA

by Jack Ohman

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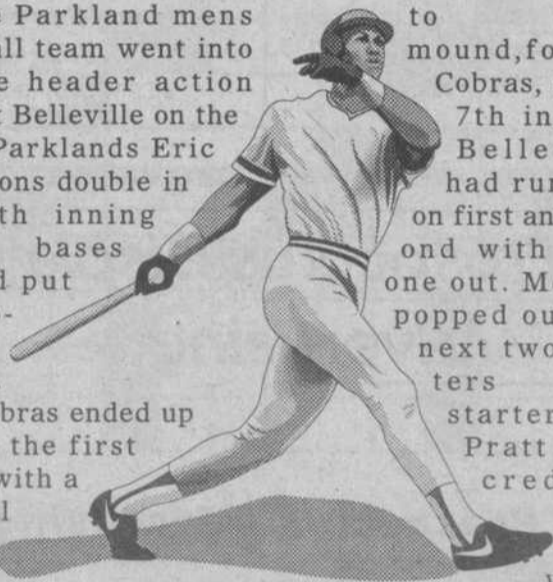


Parkland sweeps Bellville 3-1, 5-4

BY STEVEN WEST
PROSPECTUS STAFF WRITER

runs as well as being credited with a save. Mcleod was called

The Parkland mens baseball team went into double header action against Belleville on the 25th. Parklands Eric Camerons double in the 7th inning with bases loaded put the Cobras on top. The Cobras ended up taking the first game with a final score of 3-1.



to the mound, for the Cobras, in the 7th inning. Belleville had runners on first and second with only one out. Mcleod popped out the next two batters out, starter Jeff Pratt was credited with the win.

The second game against Belleville ended up with a 5-4 win for the Cobras. Parklands Cory Mcleod batted in two

The Cobras are currently 15-7 on the season and go against Lakeland on the 3rd at 1:00 p.m. here at Parkland.

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4/5	1 p.m.	Lakeland	at	Mattoon
4/6	1 p.m.	Wabash Valley	at	Mt. Carmel
4/8	2 p.m.	Wabash Valley	at	Parkland
4/9	3 p.m.	Lewis JV	at	Parkland

Women's Softball

4/3	2 p.m.	LincolnLand	at	Springfield
4/4	2:30 p.m.	Olney	at	Parkland
4/8	3 p.m.	LincolnLand	at	Parkland
4/9	3 p.m.	Kankakee	at	Parkland

Tennis

4/3	3 p.m.	Belleville	at	Belleville
4/5	11 a.m.	Olivet Nazarene	at	Parkland
4/8	3 p.m.	Lakeland	at	Mattoon

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