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New students, new classroom

Kustra: state must move fast on info highway

BY JACOB LIVENGOOD
PROSPECTUS NEWS EDITOR

"How can you guarantee that the workers of tomorrow will be as well trained as the workers we have today?" Bob Kustra, Lt. Governor and Chair, Illinois Board of Higher Education asked at the Illinois Community College System Annual Leadership Institute at Parkland on Friday.

Kustra spoke of the "new" classroom and the "new" student.

"The new classroom is the electronic classroom," said Kustra. "Community colleges pioneered the electronic classroom.

"The student no longer is the traditional student," said Kustra. "The student is a life-long learner, the student is at work, the student doesn't have time to go back to school. The student is going to have to integrate into the workplace. We have to be sure that we have the vehicles to do that."

Kustra's "vehicles" include a new technology plan that would "get us from a two-lane road on the information superhighway to an interstate.

"To get from the two-lane road to the interstate, it's going to take commitment and money," Kustra said.

The lieutenant governor said he is concerned that tax dollars are going to be according to the same formula as in the past.

"We're in a fix today because of a formula that hasn't worked very well," said Kustra. "More should go to earmarking technology. Somewhere along the line we are going



Welcome

Parkland President Dr. Zelema Harris opens the Illinois Community College System Annual Leadership Institute on Friday. (From r to l) President Dr. Zelema Harris, Joseph Neely, Vice Chair Illinois Community College Board, Lt. Governor Bob Kustra, and Joseph Cipfel, Incoming Executive Director Illinois Community College Board.

to have to define the value of technology to taxpayers who have been led to believe nothing is happening."

In order to move ahead on the information superhighway, Kustra said Illinois needs to utilize the tools it has.

"Not everybody can say they have a Mosaic (the first internet browser created at the University of Illinois)," said Kustra. "Not every state can say that almost everything you do on the internet

with your browser came out of this campus (U of I)."

Kustra plans to join forces with the National Center for Supercomputing Applications (NCSA) and the U of I.

"We will be laying out the road map that is going to move us from this initial stage of using technology to improve education for students to the next stage," Kustra said. "It's an exciting time to be working with education in Illinois."

Kustra said that the state is at

crossroads in terms of where it should go next with technology.

"We can move along with what we have been doing," said Kustra, "adding technology a little bit here, a little bit there. If we do that, we will continue to remain in the middle of the pack somewhere. The alternative is to break out of the pack."

Kustra said, "I am confident we can't afford to stay in the middle of the pack. By the way, if we don't do this, someone else will."

Leaders join forces

Parkland hosts conference

BY JACOB LIVENGOOD
PROSPECTUS NEWS EDITOR

Suits and ties, dresses, and talk about the future: these were present around campus on Friday when Parkland hosted the annual Illinois Community College System's Annual Leadership Institute.

"We're here to see how the community college is going to be transformed to satisfy the needs of students," said Joseph Neely, vice chair Illinois Community College Board. "Futurist David Pierce Snyder said, 'In America we do not have a technology gap,

we have a training gap.'"

The conference, titled "Transforming Illinois' Workforce and Workplace...The Role of the Community College" was attended by more than 200 prominent state figures in the community college world.

"Just as the means of the workforce and workplace are continually changing, so must we as community colleges," said Neely.

Leaders from state community colleges learned about ethical dilemmas, diversity, and customer services, said Neely.

Job Fair here tomorrow

BY JASON PFEFFER
PROSPECTUS
STAFF WRITER

Tomorrow is the day many job hunters have been waiting for—the annual Parkland College Job Fair in the Parkland Gymnasium from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

There will be 82 representatives from organizations in a variety of fields of work

ranging from business to health care. The event is open to the general public as well as students. Parkland program graduates are encouraged to attend.

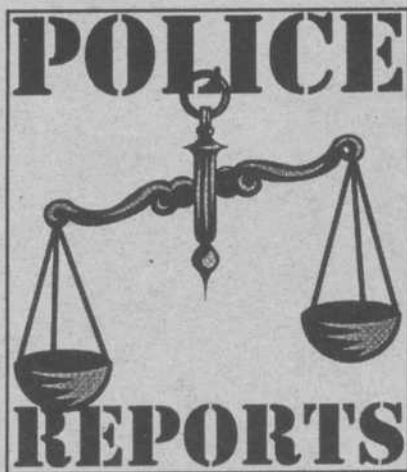
Options are available for those interested in full-time, part-time, and summer positions. Representatives of local companies will be looking for individuals with specialized training.

Last year, more

than 2,000 job hunters attended the Fair. An even larger turnout is expected for this year.

"Parkland wishes to help its students by being the middle person in making job connections," said Gerry Hough, director of Career Planning and Placement. "The Job Fair is a way to get a head start in your selected field."

POLICE REPORTS



PARKLAND COLLEGE POLICE REPORTS

MARCH 10

A FACULTY MEMBER REPORTED THE THEFT OF THREE BOXES OF GIRL SCOUT COOKIES FROM AN OFFICE IN L-WING.

MARCH 11

A FACULTY MEMBER REPORTED THE THEFT OF TEST ANSWER SHEETS FROM A LOCKED FILE CABINET.

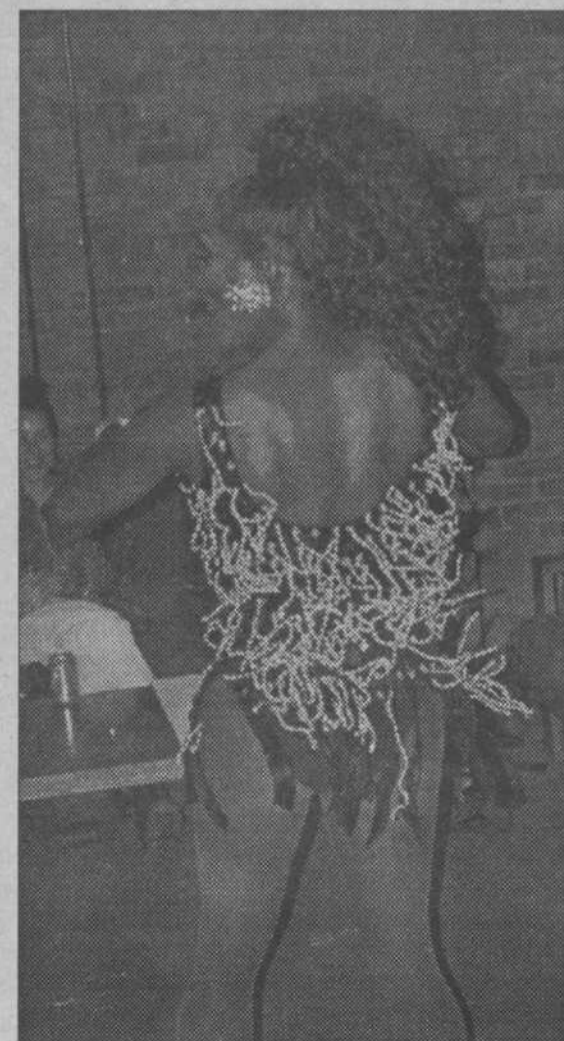
MARCH 12

OFFICERS WERE DISPATCHED TO THE SCENE OF A FIGHT IN COLLEGE CENTER. UPON ARRIVAL, OFFICERS OBSERVED A MALE SUBJECT ARGUING WITH SEVERAL OTHER PEOPLE. THE MALE SUBJECT WAS ORDERED TO LEAVE CAMPUS.

MINUTES LATER, OFFICERS WERE DISPATCHED TO A SECOND FIGHT BETWEEN A MALE AND A FEMALE IN PARKING LOT B-1. BOTH SUBJECTS AGREED TO LEAVE CAMPUS WITHOUT FURTHER INCIDENT.

MARCH 14

A TRAFFIC ACCIDENT CAUSED MINOR DAMAGE TO A PARKED VEHICLE IN PARKING LOT M-1.



Rupaul eat your heart out

Colours—Parkland College's gay, lesbian, bisexual and friends organization presented "Afternoon with the Queens," a drag show to promote Gay and Lesbian Awareness Week. Pictured above (top photo from l to r) are Tosha Nicole, Andrea Dubois, and Anita Mann.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To the editor:

My daughter Jacqueline Yap will be three and a half years old in March. She has gone to the Parkland Child Development Center for almost one and a half years.

Within this period of time, we have noticed tremendous changes in her character. She is more active, creative and cooperative. She is also better disciplined, has better manners, and is more obser-

vant. As you know, most of these behaviors, especially table manners and discipline can very seldom be taught by parents.

My husband and I would really like to thank all the teachers and staff involved in helping our child develop a healthier and happier childhood. Their patience and hard work are the key success to this center.

Thank you very much.

Sharon Yap

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Hyung Soele Kury

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Katherine Farnum

"The Doors- Considering Jim Morrison is buried in Paris, it would be quite an experience."



Louis Williams

"B.B. King. Because I like jazz and I'm from Chicago."



Kristy Price

"No Doubt- she's got a big jewel on her forehead."



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First 5 minutes crucial 'Soft factors' important in job interviewing

Personal fit a must for employers

By BRIAN KRUEGER
COLLEGE PRESS SERVICE

The truth about interviewing is that most initial interviews only last about 5 minutes. Oh, sure, the actual interview always takes longer than that. 30 minutes. 45 minutes. Sometimes even an hour. But the interview is typically over in just five minutes.

By the five minute point the interviewer can tell if you are the right person for the job (or at least a contender who should be taken to the next level). It will be next to impossible to recover. Recoveries do happen. But they are also very rare.

In that first five minutes of the interview, the interviewer will have noted many critical aspects of

your background: your dress, your grooming, your handshake, your personal presence, your eye contact, your articulation. and, most importantly, your personality.

Notice that I didn't mention anything about your coursework, your GPA, or your work experience. That's what got you to the interview in the first place. But it's all of the "soft factors" that will take you to the next level.

Don't get me wrong. Having taken the right courses, having good grades (critical!), and having related work experience are all important selection criteria. They don't matter one iota if you're not a strong personal fit for our company.

The truth is that most interviewers are seeking individuals who are able to personally present themselves well in a face-to-face interview. They are seeking to recommend those who will be a good reflection

upon themselves and their



selectivity. So most interviewers naturally gravitate to specific "success factors" that have worked for them consistently. Although they may vary somewhat from company to company, there are threads common to all employers:

Dress and grooming—

The interview is not the time to make a personal fashion statement. The best interview dress is that which is least noticed. conservative dress will allow the interviewer to focus on you, not what you're wearing. And remember that campus fashion is usually quite different from the work world. Keep it neat and simple.

Personal presence—How you present yourself by your personal presence is critical to interview success. This includes all of the "non-verbals" and other body language cues we give during the course of the interview. This is an especially difficult area for self-assessment, since we are typically unaware of our own quirks.

The sure cure for upgrading your personal presence is to conduct a mock interview (either with a counselor at your Campus Career Placement Center or with a trusted friend) in which you ask them to focus on your non-verbal body language. But be prepared for some shockers to be brought to light.

Articulation—The ability to articulate your background is a combination of good preparation (which you have full control over) and vocabulary/enunciation (which you have little control over). Your smartness, sharpness, quickness, aggressiveness, and brightness and all attributes that are typically evaluated based upon your articulation. If you have "lazy lips"

you may want to practice enunciating and forming your words more clearly. Whatever you do, don't continually reach for elusive words to perfectly portray your thoughts and feelings. Any practiced interviewer prefers an individual who is comfortable within their vocabulary level than one who is always searching at the level above. Make sure you are fully prepared. Both prepped on your own background (nothing will kill an interview quicker than someone who cannot recall personal events) and knowledge of the company. Proper research will help you formulate your answers in a clear and succinct manner.

The truth about interviewing is that it is weighed heavily toward first impressions. Interview preparation is critical, but it's important that this preparation goes far beyond having "all the right answers" to the questions. Interview preparation also includes preparing yourself for those initial impressions.

The very best thing you can do to prepare for your interview today is to participate in a mock interview. It can be intimidating to be put under the microscope. You will make errors. You will make mistakes. But how much better to make those errors with those who can help you. A mock interview gives you the opportunity to be at your very best when it means the most.



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Preparing for the Job Fair

How to find success at the Job Fair

BY BRIAN KRUEGER
COLLEGE PRESS SERVICE

Job fairs are becoming a common means of entry-level recruiting. For the corporate recruiter, it offers an opportunity to reach interviewing terminal velocity—the highest possible number of prospects in the shortest amount of time. And for many students, job fairs offer a “freebie” opportunity to meet with additional hiring companies.

However, unless you do your homework, you'll end up wasting your time at a job fair. If you understand how to effectively work within this system, you can easily double or triple your productivity and effectiveness. Usually a full 50 percent or more of the students attending a job fair are “window shoppers” who are browsing through to see what's available. While this approach may seem valid, take note that job fairs are not a “get acquainted session” for you to meet companies. They are multiple interview sessions where the plain vanilla candidates are stepped on and over by those who are targeted and prepared. Yes, even the two-to-three-minute greeting and exchange of sound bites is considered a true interview. You're being evaluated, whether it's for

30 seconds or 30 minutes. If you're to succeed at a job fair of the '90s, you have to take a very aggressive, yet structured approach.

•Walkabout the Job Fair—When you first arrive at the job fair, walk about the entire room to get a feel for the layout and where each employer is located. Most job fair rooms are laid out in a “maze format,” which requires walking through the maze to see what is on the other side. Survey the area as a military general would in planning a strategy of attack. Know specifically whom you want to talk to and in what order. But be ready to change your plan if long lines suddenly appear in your planned corridor of attack.

•Walkabout the Employer—Instead of just getting into line, approach the company booth from the side and quietly pick up one of the slick glossies that are prominently displayed on the table, and then step back a few steps. The reason for this is twofold: First, you have in your hands some extremely valuable pre-interview reading material. Second, and most important, you have an opportunity to get a free preview of the employer and the recruiter. How? By staying put four to six feet away and listen-

ing. You will be far enough away to be unobtrusive, yet still have access to the conversation that is taking place. Listen to what the recruiter asks. Be prepared to answer the same questions yourself. Listen to the responses. Did the recruiter react positively? Or negatively? Listen to two or three different interviews

to compare different responses.

If you have done your homework properly, you should be able to determine what the company's needs are and what they are specifically looking for in filling those needs. Ask yourself two questions: (1) Is this something I'm interested in? and (2) Am I able

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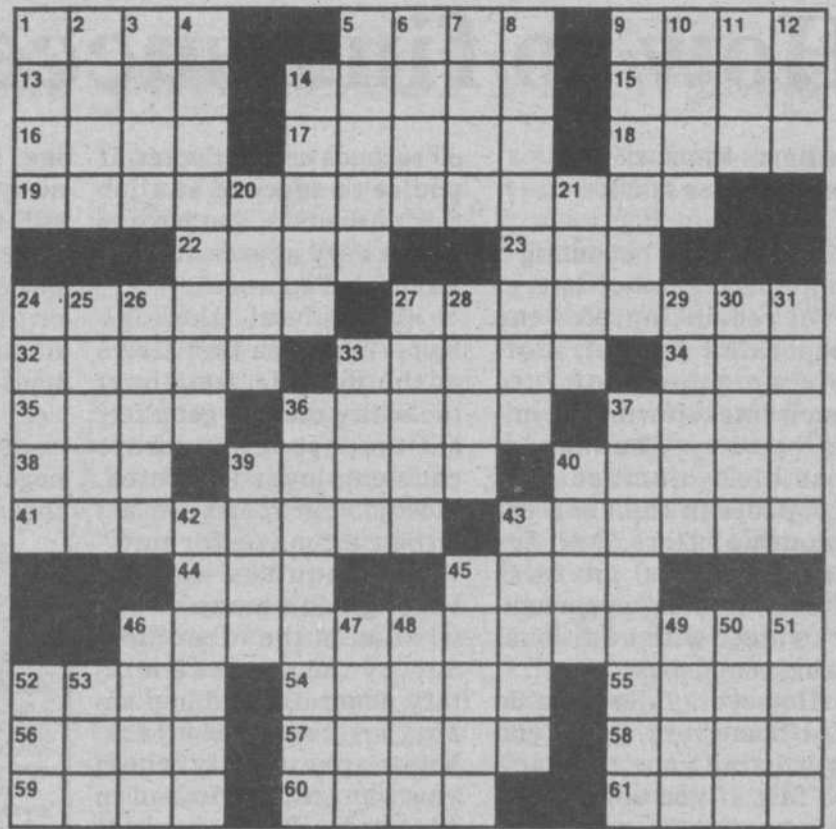
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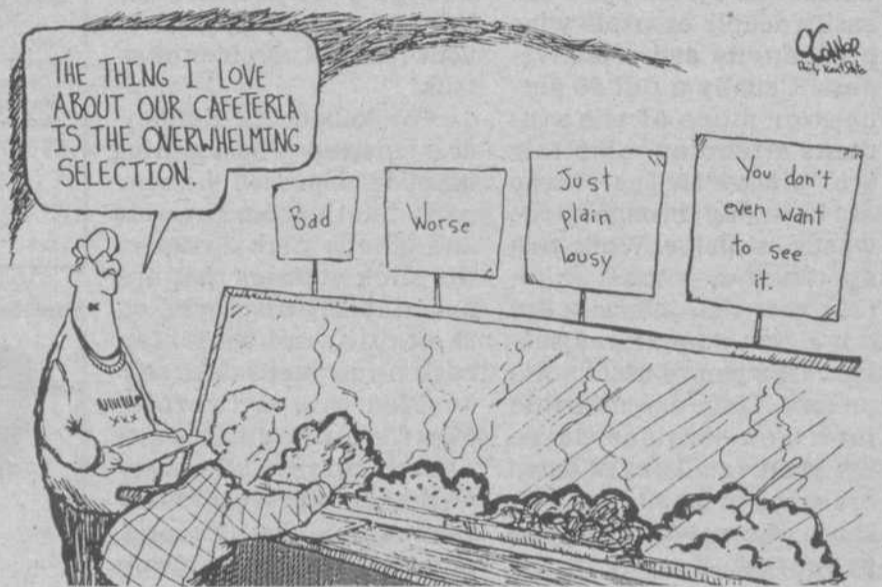
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- 31. Guide
- 33. Similar to
- 36. Touches fondly
- 37. Competitions
- 39. Inlets of the sea
- 40. That woman's
- 42. Approached
- 43. Reason
- 45. Wheel block
- 46. Race distance
- 47. Helper
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- 49. The one there
- 50. Large book
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- 52. In what way?
- 53. Lifetime



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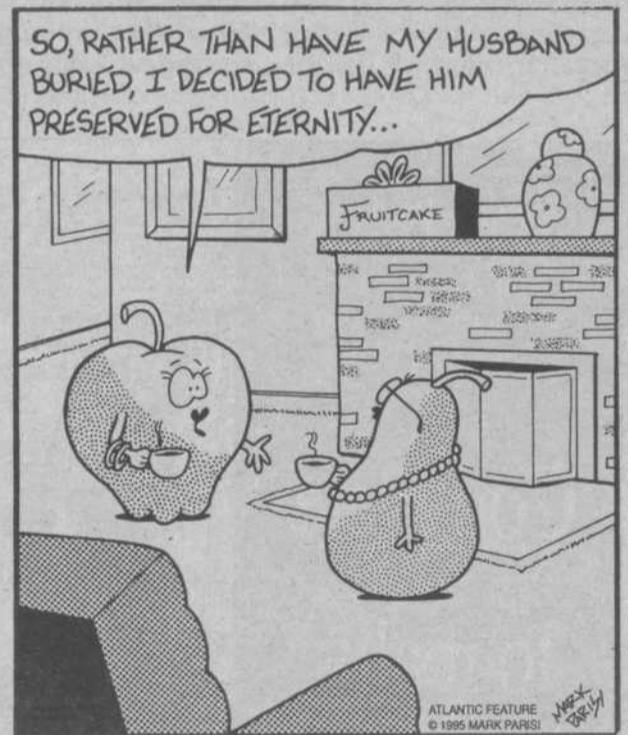
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Cobras win big in Florida

BY STEVE WEST
PROSPECTUS STAFF WRITER

Rod Lovett and the Cobra baseball team have finally returned home from tournament play in Florida. The Cobras went 7-4 in tournament play, and have an overall record of 7-6.

Team highlights included the dramatic 13 inning win over Iowa Central, and the 10-0 blowout of John Logan. Coach Lovett said, "the highlights of the tournament were pitching and good defense."

Coach Lovett was also happy with the performances of Brian Burkhart, and Joe Brazas who pitched the 10-0 win against Logan. Lovett was also happy with the performances of Justin Crowl, and Jeff Pratt.

Coach Lovett said that the only area for improvement was hitting. The Cobras had consistent hitting from Scott Scharlau (.344), Eric Cameron (.333), and Mike Kischer (.300). Coach Lovett feels that if a couple more players can become more consistent at the plate, the Cobras will have a great season. The Cobras go into action again on March 18 at Parkland against Kaskaskia. Game starts at 1:00. Go and support your Cobras.

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

PARKLAND.....0
VINCENNES.....1

PARKLAND.....6
IOWA CENTRAL.5

PARKLAND.....8
IOWA CENTRAL.0

PARKLAND.....9
IOWA CENTRAL.0

PARKLAND.....9
S.E. ILLINOIS.....4

PARKLAND.....1
GULF COAST.....8

PARKLAND.....1
JOHN LOGAN...3

PARKLAND.....10
JOHN LOGAN....0

PARKLAND.....4
VINCENNES.....11

PARKLAND.....3
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COBRA ACTION

Men's Baseball

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| 3/18 | 1 p.m. | Kaskaaskia | at Parkland |
| 3/20 | 2:30 p.m. | Wabash College JV | at Parkland |
| 3/23 | 12:30 p.m. | Vincennes/Sinclair | Vincennes, IN |
| 3/24 | 1 p.m. | Belleville | Belleville |
| 3/25 | 1 p.m. | So. Suburban | So. Holland |
| 3/27 | 1 p.m. | Illinois Central | East Peoria |
| 3/28 | 2 p.m. | Prairie State College | at Parkland |
| 3/29 | 1 p.m. | Illinois Central | at Parkland |
| 4/1 | 1 p.m. | Olney Central | Olney |

Women's Softball

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| 3/20 | 3 p.m. | Wabash | Mt. Carmel |
| 3/22 | 1 p.m. | Lake Land | at Parkland |
| 3/25-3/27 | TBA | Wolfpack Spring | Lake City, FL |
| 3/31 | 2 p.m. | Lincoln | Lincoln |

Tennis

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|------|--------|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| 3/20 | 3 p.m. | John A. Logan | Carterville |
| 3/25 | 8 a.m. | Lake land | Hilton Head, SC |
| | 4 p.m. | Olivet Nazarene | Hilton Head, SC |
| 3/26 | 3 p.m. | Savannah College of Art & Design | Savannah, GA |
| 3/27 | 8 a.m. | Barton College (NC) | Hilton Head, SC |
| 4/1 | 3 p.m. | John A. Logan | at Parkland |

Outdoor Track

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| 3/22 | Open | TBA |
| 3/26 | SIUE Twilight | Edwardsville, IL |

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