

Football fans will have an opportunity to watch the biggest game of the year on the city's largest T.V. screen during a fundraiser for the William M. Staerkel Planetarium at Parkland on Sunday.

For a donation to the planetarium of \$15 per seat, fans will view the Super Bowl game on the planetarium's 400-inch diagonal screen and enjoy pizza and beverages provided by Domino's and Pepsi-Cola before the game and at half-time.

Doors will open at 4 p.m. This event is co-sponsored by WDWS AM-1400

For tickets, visit the Staerkel Planetarium between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday or call 217/351-2567

Registrations are still being accepted for Parkland College's FREE ten-week GED preparation class for those interested in studying for the high school equivalency exam.

Classes will meet two evenings a week from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. in Paxton, Mahomet, and Tuscola beginning in February.

For registration appointments and more information, call Sue Hall at 217/351-2580 or 1-800-346-8089.

Ian Karcher, coach of Parkland's new soccer team, is welcoming any students who wish to join. The practices are held on Mondays and Wednesday from about 10:45 to 12:00 noon.

Currently, there is enough people on the team for three on three games, and if there is enough people, the team will have training and official games.

Later on in the spring when it is warmer, the team might even practice outside. Currently the practices are being held in the gymnasium.

Parents and teachers of middle-school-aged girls -- or those who will be dealing with middle school girls in the future -- are invited to a free conference on Saturday, January 31, at Parkland.

The conference, "Go Girl! -- Empowering Girls to Women: Building Confidence, Diversifying Skills, Sustaining Vision," will begin with registration and coffee from 8:30 to 9 a.m. Boxed lunches will be provided. While the conference is free, space is limited and registration is required before January 28. For more information or to register call ext 2541 or e-mail pkayes@parkland.cc.il.us.

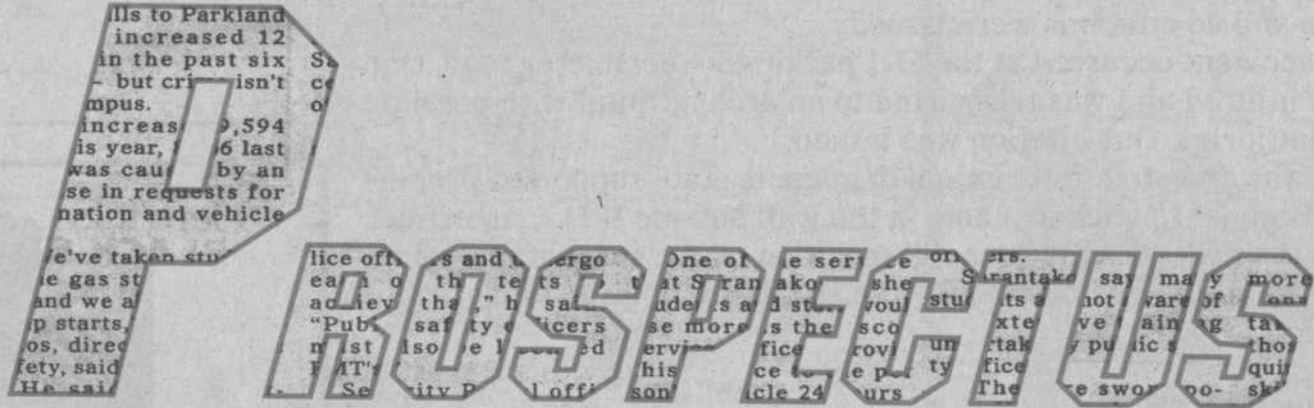
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Take a Look Inside...



Will there be classes today? College closing decision not easy task

BY JACOB LIVENGOOD
PROSPECTUS STAFF WRITER

We've been through the routine before: scrolling weather warnings on the bottom of the T.V screen and favorite songs on the radio interrupted with weather bulletins.

It's winter in East Central Illinois.

When inclement weather comes, schools close -- even Parkland.

"Parkland's goal is to keep the campus open," according to Denny Elimon, director of Physical Plant, purchasing.

But what happens if blizzard-like conditions exist?

"We continually monitor the event throughout," says Elimon. "We look at radar summaries from the doppler radar at the Public Safety Department, contact snow crews and the Illinois Department of Transportation."

Other closings are also monitored, especially other area community colleges and high schools, according to Elimon.

Unfortunately, winter weather is

not selective, so "We must monitor both morning and evening classes," says Elimon.

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Closings are decided before 5 a.m. for morning classes and by 3 p.m. for evening classes.

"We recommend to the President to close the campus. Then she confirms or denies," said Elimon.

Elimon says three steps are then

taken in closing the college: notifying the media and placing messages at the information center and on the college answering machines.

Elimon added, "It's really an individual decision. We encourage professors to make up time."

Closing the college is a difficult decision, says Elimon. There are many situations we must keep in mind due to the large geographical area of the college.

As for the number of days Parkland has been closed in recent years, Elimon says he could not remember because it has been "so long."

The college, he says, was closed last Spring for one or more days.

Fortunately, Elimon has never experienced the joy of being stranded at Parkland due to weather.

"I've heard of something like that in the early '80's," he says. "That's not our goal though."

Elimon says this has been the best winter so far, and he's been appreciative of El Nino.

Overall, however, Elimon is not optimistic. "We're gonna get it," he said, "one way or the other."

John Lee Johnson: Solve racial problems

John Lee Johnson, a community activist, spoke on racial problems during a student forum sponsored by the Student Government.

Although he addressed mainly African American people, he didn't limit his discussion to them.

According to Johnson, people simply refuse to address race issues, and he said they have to come to grips and face racial policies, quickly solve the problems, and move on to a higher level of relation-

ship. "We are a nation," he said, "and there shouldn't be racial preferences."

One of his goals is to end the mandatory assigning students to certain schools, depending on their race. "If a child is forced to attend a school, there is a problem."

He encouraged the students attending his discussion not to depend on laws and regulations to break the racial structure, but to take advantage of school
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2 Planetarium previews Course offered in Mid East

Two slide-show previews of Religions of the West, a credit course to be taught in Egypt and Israel May 20 to June 3, will be shown in the Parkland Planetarium.

The first preview of the course will from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Jan. 28; the second preview will be Feb. 1 from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Religions of the West (REL 120-930) will allow participants to talk with rabbis, mullahs, priests, and scholars about what it means to be a Jew, a Christian, or a Muslim.

College-level instruction on the teachings, history, and traditions of the three religions will be offered. All study materials will be provided.

Students may earn transferable college credit (3 hours humanities). Participants who take the course for non-credit will not have to take tests or write papers.

Some of the scriptures the touring students will read and discuss are: the Torah, Talmud, Mishnah,
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POLICE REPORTS



PARKLAND COLLEGE POLICE REPORTS

Wednesday, January 14

~An officer observed a motor vehicle accident in B-1 parking lot. There were no injuries and the damage was minimal. The drivers exchanged information and no citations were issued.

~A second accident occurred at the M-1 parking lot perimeter road. One person was injured and was transported to an area hospital with possible neck/back injuries. One citation was issued.

~A student was arrested for criminal damage to state supported property, when the student punched a hole in the wall outside L-117. An officer that was in the area was given the description of the suspect and located the individual in the book store. The student was issued a notice to appear and released.

Thursday, January 15

~A three vehicle accident was reported in the M-1 parking lot. One driver lost control of the vehicle that he was driving and struck two other vehicles. No citations were issued.

~A two car accident was reported in the M-6 parking lot. The accident had occurred earlier in the day and the drivers had exchanged information. It was later reported to the Department of Public Safty for insurance reasons. There were no injuries and the damage was minimal.

Sunday, January 18

~Officers on patrol observed what appeared to be a stolen hard drive from a computer in M-131. Officers began an investigation. It was determined that the hard drive had been removed by the academic computing staff.



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Racial Problems cont...

ing opportunities and work their way into the mainstream of America.

He also encouraged the students to get their four and six-year degrees so they can have a part in making laws.

According to Johnson, there is a structural problem in American life, and it needs to be reshaped. He said that immigrants from other countries can, with hard work and knowledge, be successful in America however he said because of structural problems left over from when African Americans were slaves, they are often kept from success.

He encouraged them not to further that image by adopting an attitude of not caring, but to help themselves and not depend on others for advancement.

The student forums will probably be every two weeks, and students who have ideas can talk to Angel West, student senator.

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- 6:00 p.m. Parkland Challenge: Chrisman Vs Oakwood
- 6:30 p.m. Parkland Challenge: Chrisman Vs Mahomet-Seymour
- 7:00 p.m. Parkland Community Forum: The Twin Cities Today, C-U
- 8:00 p.m. Live & Learn: The Counseling Center
- 9:00 p.m. Parkland Report: Business & Technical Training
- 9:30 p.m. For Arts Sake: Jess Beyler

MONDAY, JAN. 26

- 6:00 p.m. Making School Work: Creating Your Own School- to Work Program
- 8:00 p.m. Financial Aid Night (U.S. Dept. of Educ.)
- 8:45 p.m. TBA
- 9:00 p.m. Qi Gong: Meditation andd Women's Health
- 9:33 p.m. Eye Exercises & Visual Health

TUESDAY, JAN. 27

- 6:00 p.m. Prisma, in English
- 6:30 p.m. Prisma, in German
- 7:00 p.m. Prisma, in French
- 7:30 p.m. Prisma, in Spanish
- 8:00 p.m. German Scene, in English
- 8:30 p.m. German Scene, in German

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 21

- 6:00 p.m. Crossroads Cafe: Opening Day
- 6:30 p.m. Growing Pains
- 7:00 p.m. Worlds Apart
- 7:30 p.m. Who's The Boss?
- 8:00 p.m. Creating Inclusive Educational Communities
- 8:30 p.m. Real People, Real Stories, Real Jobs
- 9:00 p.m. A Learning College for the 21st Century

Students mark Kings Birthday

BY TOBIAS SIMPSON
PROSPECTUS STAFF WRITER

Martin Luther King, Jr. once said, "Human salvation lies in the hands of those who love life enough to demand it."

Lenita Epinger, Director of Academic Advising and Transfers, talked about that very thing. "How many of you know you're important?" she asked the gathered assembly.

Epinger stressed the importance of setting goals and investing in ourselves. She said the most important investment students can make is simply to make a commitment to go to class every day.

Student Life used Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday to introduce the African-American Peer Mentoring Program and Edwin Ramos, director of

Student Support Services (SSS), who is new to Parkland.

Colleen Skiera, Secretary of the Department of Student Life, felt that the goals of the assembly were achieved.

The rally began in the Flag Lounge with Voices of Parkland singing a variety of gospel songs.

Edwin Ramos spoke about what the goals of the SSS program are: increase retention, graduation, and transfers to four-year colleges. SSS would also like to promote a supportive climate for eligible students.

Eligible students include those of low-income, first generation college or disabled who can demonstrate an academic need and qualify for financial aid. They must also be full-time and degree or certificate seeking.

SSS offers free, individualized personal, academic, and career advising. They can also provide study skills assistance, in the form of tutoring and mentoring.

Lenita Epinger gave an excellent presentation. Then participants moved to the South Lounge-West for a meeting and food.

Jeremiah Kelly, a student who attended the assembly, said he needed the information, not so much for the motivation and refocusing on his goals.

The peer mentoring program is run out of room: X-153 or call Student Life at 351-2593. Student Support Services office: A-244 or call at 353-2267. Lenita Epinger's room: A-184 or call at 373-3824.

Alternative Break meeting today in South Lounge

An informational meeting on Alternative Spring Break will be at 5 p.m. today (Jan. 21) in the South Lounge, West (across from Student Life).

Thirteen Parkland students who like to renew forests, burn prairies, build bird houses, and go spelunking will have a Parkland-sponsored chance to do so during the break (March 20 - 28).

The program will cover six counties in Central and Southern Illinois. Responsibility and awareness of the environment are the primary focus of the program. Students also will have a chance to work with community members to bring about environmental change.

Although there is an initial registration fee, financing for the week-long program will come primarily from fund raising events organized and conducted by students.

Students wishing to participate should attend the informational meeting, turn in their completed applications and registration fee in room X149 by Feb. 2.

Option credit is available this year for students. For more information: Susan Pinnell, 351-2206 / SPinnell@parkland.cc.il.us or SGrenthen@parkland.cc.il.us, or inquire in room X149.

New courses cont...

Kabbala, Old and New Testaments, Apocrypha, and Qur'an.

Religious leaders they will study include Judah Ha-Levi, Jesus, Augustine, Aquinas, Philo, Maimonides, Theodor Herzl, Martin Buber, Muhammad, and Akbar.

A sample of questions the students will discuss with religious scholars: What is the meaning of religion? What is the nature of God? Who was Abraham? Who was Jesus? Who was Muhammad? Is there any common ground of belief between faiths? What is the relationship between the Torah and the Bible? What does the Qur'an teach? What is the future of religion?

Some of the sites the class will visit: the pyramids and Sphinx, Egyptian, Islamic, and Coptic museums, Synagogue of Cairo, Citadel of Salah El Din, Valley of the Kings and Queens, Colossi of Memnon, Herod's port at Caesarea, and the Ba'hai shrine at Mt. Carmel.

They also will visit Nazareth (home of Mary), Mount of Beatitudes, Jericho (oldest city in the world) Jerusalem (the Old City) Mount of Olives and Gesthemene.

Students will tour the Garden Tomb and Via Dolorosa, Dead Sea Scrolls, Church of the Nativity (Bethlehem), Massadah and Qumran caves, the Eretz Museum and Old Jaffa.

Persons interested in taking the trip-course, may contact Prof. Donald M. Nolen, 351-2536, or the Parkland International Studies office, 351-2393.

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Voices of Parkland and Champaign-Urbana gospel choirs and soloists will sing in the Annual Black History Month Gospel Contest at 7 p.m. Jan 31 in the Parkland Theatre.

A Unity March and Soul Food Dinner are planned for noon Feb. 4 in the

Gallery Lounge.

Prof. Steve Brown will present "Black Soldiers of the Civil War" at 11:45 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. in Room C 118 on Feb. 5 and 12.

"Skin Deep," a video, will be discussed at the Intercultural Awareness Se-

ries at noon in Room X150 on Feb. 16.

"Get with the Program: Black Women's Health Issues" will be presented by Imani Bazzell in Room A208 at noon Feb. 25.

Free certified nurse course being offered

A free, eight-week Certified Nurse Assistant course will be offered at the LeRoy Manor in LeRoy.

The course, offered in cooperation with Parkland,

will begin Jan. 26.

After successful completing of the course, participants will be eligible to take the Certified Nurse Assistant exam.

Those interested in attending the course may contact the LeRoy Manor administrator at 309/962-5000 for more information.

Parkland Board meets tonight

\$2 tuition increase expected

The Parkland Board of Trustees is expected to approve a \$2 tuition increase — to \$46 per credit hour — at their meeting tonight.

The increase would go into effect in the summer session. The Board decided several years ago to increase tuition in moderate increments on a year-to-year basis.

The Board also voted to spend \$64,160 to reduce the number of lost drivers on campus by ordering 12 directional signs. Four three-sided triangular

signs will be illuminated. Six other signs will have three panels, and two will have four panels.

The signs will be installed in various locations in approximately eight weeks, depending upon weather conditions.

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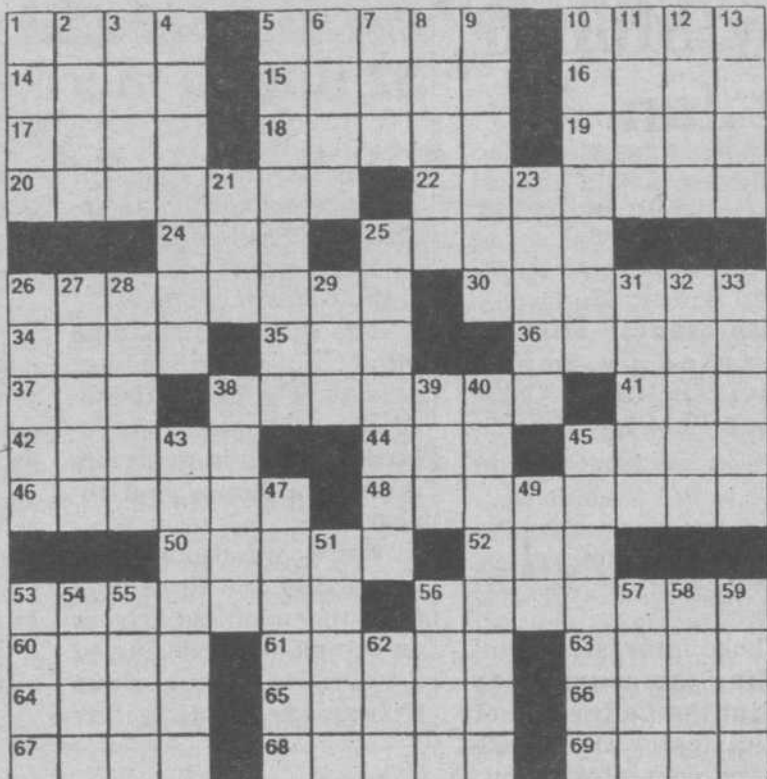
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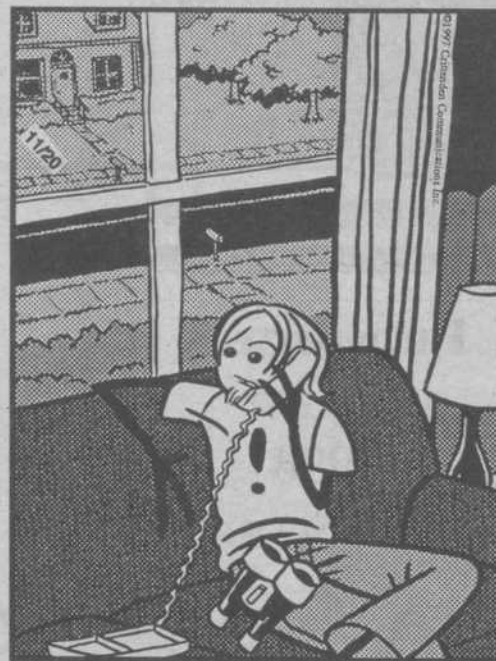
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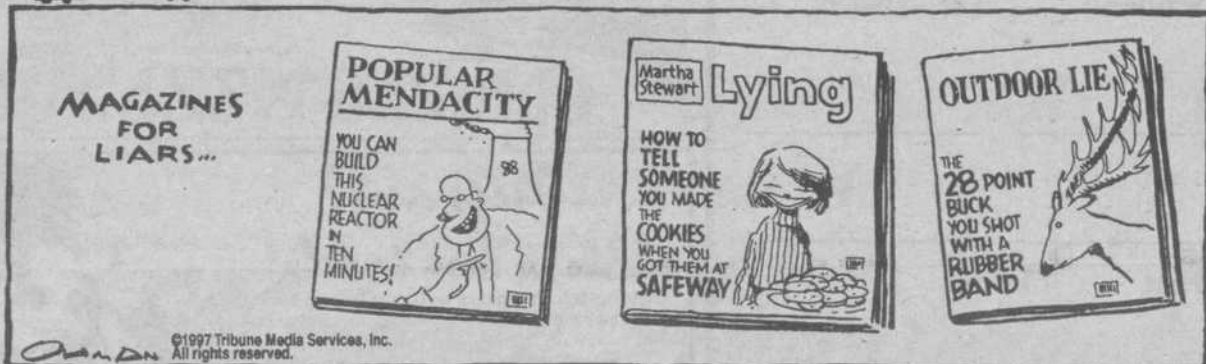


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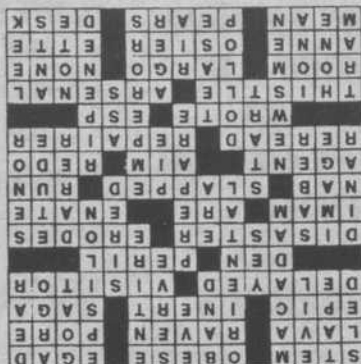
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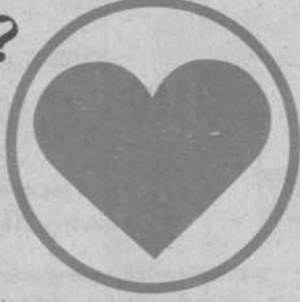
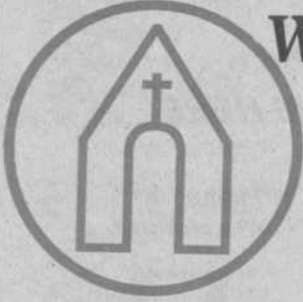
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"Charities for health disorders to help with research for medicines."



Katie Porter

"Cancer Foundation. Cancer is a big problem and everyone needs some help sometimes."



Jim Eby

"Churches, they do good for all people."



Barbara Eby

"I would certainly seek out funds or charities that benefit children and young people to aid in their care and education."

Music Reviews

By: Josh Gorman

The Mighty Blue Kings:
Come One, Come All
R-JAY Records



In their first release since their popular self-titled album, The Mighty Blue Kings again have a hit with *Come One, Come All*.

In this, their second album, The Mighty Blue Kings have developed a different style than they showed in their first album. The swing (or jump-jazz) style that popularized the Blue Kings is not as prevalent in this album. While the fun continues in songs like "Green Grass Grows all Around" and "Go Tell a Preacher", the band has definitely adopted a new style.

This time around, The Mighty Blue Kings have chosen to go with a much more mellow big-band jazz feel. Not to say that it doesn't make you want to dance — it does, just not as fast and as much as the last album.

In *Come One, Come All*, the Blue Kings have also

decided to tackle a more mellow subject that the first album tended to avoid: love. Nine of the 12 tracks on the album confront the issue of lost love or love gone awry.

However mellow, this album is still fun. This toe-tapping, head-bobbing album makes you feel good and is a great choice for when you are just "kickin' it."

The Mighty Blue Kings still have a fun style that means to please. *Come One, Come All* is definitely worth buying.



The Verve:
Urban Hymns
Virgin Records

Never having been a big Verve fan, I really don't know anything about their past albums to compare with this one. I know that it is better than those cocky blokes in Oasis have put out. I also know that I like it.

Verve caught me right

off the bat with the very popular single, "Bittersweet Symphony". Virgin Records definitely did well by putting this song up front to kick the album off. It contains some of the best modern interpretation of classical symphony out today and certainly the best you are going to find on the Top 40 or so-called "Modern Rock" radio stations.

Verve hit upon a style that everyone seems to dig (even advertising executives from a certain shoe company who put the song in one of its latest commercials).

And it is a good thing that they did well with "Bittersweet Symphony" because the rest of the album is slightly monotonous. It isn't bad, just...well...monotonous.

"Sonnet" and "Catching the Butterfly" go well with "Bittersweet Symphony" and are pretty good, but the rest of the album seems to fade out of memory shortly after listening to it.

Overall, *Urban Hymns* is a decent album with one great song. If you really like The Verve or just want to spite Oasis, get the album. If not, stay tuned to your radio.

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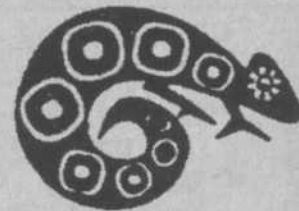
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