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This Week:**

In an astonishing display of guts, Parkland smokers snuffed out their butts in a rallied protest against marginalization. Parkland has designated courtland areas to keep the smokers properly placed, and the random grouping has the smokers up in arms.

"Why should we have to run around campus to find the 'proper' place to smoke?" one outraged smoker mused. "Shouldn't the outside be for everybody?"

Indeed, the open air often never has harsh non-smoking restrictions, but the college insists on keeping some of the grassy displays smoke-free.

So the smokers decided that the best course of action would be boycotting their use of the different entrances beside the smoking sections. Some of the doors were not opened for hours. Unfortunately, the smokers began to jones and dropped their protest after a few drags.

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New Stoplight Causes Detours

by Aaron Turner
Staff Writer

Driving down Bradley Avenue past Parkland College, one might think that a hard-hat is required for entrance into the campus. Orange barrels, fencing, machinery, and men-at-work signs adorn almost every square yard of Parkland's south side. Students and staff that usually enter Parkland through the Bradley entrance must detour themselves to either the Mattis Avenue or Duncan Avenue entrance. Fortunately, this re-routing of traffic is only a minor inconvenience. However, what most people don't realize is that that plethora of construction going on is actually several separate projects going on at once.

On the southeast side of campus, soccer fields are being laid down to the delight of many children and parents, the ones seen with soccer-ball stickers in the windows of their mini-vans and SUVs. Right next door to this future site of the '90s Family's bliss is the undertaking of a major project at Parkland's Bradley Avenue entrance. What looks to be routine road maintenance is actually a far cry from it.

Many at Parkland have little idea about the goings-on at the Bradley intersection. A

survey of students brought about a very interesting revelation. They were asked what they thought about the mess on Bradley Avenue. Tope Adesine, a fellow student at Parkland, did not feel any inconvenience towards the blocked-off entrance. He did, however, offer his advice on what he thinks should be done to the Parkland sign at the entrance, stating "They should change the 'P' on the sign to be multi-colored and put the mascot on it."

All the answers given, however, followed the same train of thought, so I figured I would just sum them all up with the one statement that seemed to ring true with all persons surveyed (including myself): "It doesn't bother me."

The complexity of this answer caused me to believe that we at Parkland College have a biased opinion of what's going on with this monumental task at hand, so I asked an innocent, non-Parkland-attending by-stander their view of the situation. The person, who asked to remain nameless, offered this insight concerning the construction at the Bradley entrance:

"Maybe they're taking off of the University of Illinois' new Admissions building Entrance—with those big



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arches—so that people will feel special when they go here, huh?"

I think the "huh?" says it all. After all, most of us have not been told of the reason for all the roadwork. So what's really going on down there? Turns out that Parkland's Bradley Avenue entrance is going to get a new facelift. In addition to an increase in aesthetic and practical value, the intersection is receiving an upgrade in public safety. The most meaningful addition to the Bradley Avenue entrance is the planned erection of a brand new stoplight.

Although Bradley Avenue is not as heavily trafficked as, say, North Prospect, Bradley Avenue is one of the main roads into and out of Cham-

paign on the west end of town. When classes let out, the Bradley intersection can get a bit backed up. The addition of the new soccer fields could elevate the amount of traffic on Bradley Avenue to an even higher level. Add to that a small amount of pedestrian traffic, and you have a need for a stoplight.

How much longer must we wait until the Bradley Avenue entrance/intersection is complete? According to Bonita Burgess, a Parkland Police Sergeant, the supposed completion date is in mid-August. Until then, we will all just have to wait patiently while using the alternate entrances available to us, keeping in mind that some day we will get to see the new stoplight.

Is Choosing Summer School Really Worth It?

Deciding if Intercession is a correct or necessary option

by Mary O'Malley
Staff Writer

Summer classes started on May 15. The intercession was both compact and stressful, leaving no time for procrastination.

Though the summer sessions are all short, full summer session classes have a shorter semester and longer days—still time consuming and stressful—but also very beneficial.

I took a human development class in early session. In that class, I learned an enormous amount of information about human development. I also learned more about myself as an individual and a student.

There are so many exciting opportunities and challenges in a classroom setting. It is up to those motivated individuals to grab them and apply them to their lives. Summer school is a great place to meet some of these extremely motivated people. One lady I met during a summer class is working on her Ph.D. For those of us who sometimes have a difficult

time getting up that motivation, the opportunity to meet someone else who is very motivated can be extremely helpful.

I hear so many students claim that taking classes is just for the credit. Although I need specific classes for my degree, I also attend classes because of the chance to improve and challenge myself. I learned so much since I began taking classes at Parkland, not only academically, but also personally, socially, and spiritually.

I am sure there are some students who would not attend summer school under any circumstances. Some would rather go home, visit family and friends, and enjoy the summer vacation. Hey, that's all right. There are some students who may not take summer classes because they need to work all summer.

Those of us who do take classes in the summer are often told we are nuts. People say we are crazy to take classes all year round without a break. But I think summer school is a great way to get a

few classes completed in a short amount of time. Time is a precious commodity; waste not, want not.

There are several benefits to attending summer school. With the little time to procrastinate those who always wait to start will be properly motivated. The classes in the summer are generally smaller, which gives students a better opportunity to work and form a relationship with their instructors. Also, instructors know that summer students are serious about their education. The campus is quieter than regular session and much less crowded, giving students more areas with which to work.

Here are some suggestions for those other students who are experiencing the summer session, for those who want more information about summer, or who think summer classes are not for them. First, you must first decide if it is worth your time (not just academically but mentally and emotionally).

Then decide if you can financially afford to attend sum-

mer school. If you have received financial aid all year, there may not be money available for summer classes.

Take your goals into consideration. Are you on track if you take the summer off from classes? Sometimes you can take a smaller load all year if you take a class or two in the summer and stay on track with your goals.

As a single parent, I know how stressful it is to juggle work, school and family. We have a wonderful support system here at Parkland. Do not hesitate to take advantage of all the resources that are available all year round.

I believe summer school is a definite plus. It has helped me to get a better perspective on life as a student, employee and parent. Plus, summer school has given me another chance to prove myself. One is able to achieve goals quickly and effectively. Remember to keep in mind that education is a journey, not a destination. Intercession helps make your educational journey more convenient.

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Dear Terri,



Dear Terri,

My boyfriend is a really great guy, but his family is just the worst. His mother is rude and says bad things about me when I'm not around. None of his family really does anything worth mentioning, at least in a positive way. My boyfriend does not have a problem letting me know when my family does something to annoy him. He says I spend too much time with my family so that they interfere in our lives too much. But I think they are much less involved in our lives than his family is. I want to tell him just what I think of his hillbilly family, but don't want to cause stress between us about it. What should I do?

"Angie"

Dear Angie,

This is a very difficult situation for many couples, even couples who have been mar-

ried for a long time. It sounds like you may be concerned with several different things. One concern is that you do not approve of how your boyfriend's family behaves. It is important that you stick up for yourself. If your boyfriend's family is saying bad things about you when you are not there, you could ask your boyfriend to ask his family not to do this. It is possible that neither your boyfriend for his family understands that when they talk about you without you being there. Let him know that it hurts you. If your boyfriend is unwilling to speak to his family on your behalf, you could talk to them yourself.

Next I think you have to understand that people talk about the other people in their lives. There will be times when people talk about you without you being there. I am sure you talk about the people in your life, including your boyfriend, with your friends and family. Asking someone to refrain from speaking bad about you is not too much to ask.

Another concern you mentioned is that your boyfriend says things about your family that upset you. You need to stick up for yourself in that situation as well. Just as your boyfriend should understand that when people say bad things about you it hurts your

feelings, he should understand how you feel about his comments about your family. You do not have to be mean about it, simply ask him to hold back his comments about your family. He should be able to tell you about his frustrations. He can learn to do that without making cutting remarks about your family and friends.

The third concern I heard was that you want to tell your boyfriend how you feel about his family, but don't want to cause a problem between you two. You should express your distaste if it is really bothering you, but hold off on the cutting remarks ("hillbilly" is not very productive). You already know how you feel when he lets you know what he thinks about your family, so he would probably react the same way you do. You can, however, express your frustrations too, but as I said hold the cutting remarks. There are few things that upset people like disparaging remarks about their families; it is sacred ground.

The kinds of problems you are dealing with can be worked out. But you need to talk to your boyfriend about how you feel. Just remember to respect your boyfriend and those important to him. Asking him to do the same may just take some practice on both your parts. Good luck!

- Terri

Fitness Forum



by: Aaron Turner

Staff Writer

Q: I don't like meat, so I use protein drinks. What makes a good protein powder?

A: I applaud your interest in this subject! I am constantly using them myself. Protein shakes are not only a good way to get your protein for the day, but a convenient way to sneak in a meal when you're in a hurry. Let me stress, however, that convenience is the only reason to use a protein shake. It shouldn't take the place of REAL food, unless you're a vegan and can't stand the thought of a dead carcass sitting on your finest china. Try to get your protein from sources like poultry, eggs, fish, etc. So then, what makes a good protein powder? I shall indeed enlighten you with...

THE TOP TEN THINGS THAT MAKE A GOOD PROTEIN POWDER

TEN: It's not a [Thin Quickly] nutrition shake. Hopefully, it's obvious that I'm eluding to a popular "nutrition drink" here. Slander is not something we at the Prospectus tolerate, however, so I've purposely put a "pseudo-name" in place of the real product name. This is not a protein shake. I added this into the Top Ten because I have a burr up my caboose about this so-called "nutritious" drink. You might as well eat a Snickers bar: yes, it's low in fat and has a few nutrients, but check out the sugar content. It's a travesty! Sugar is what people need to be watching in their diets, not just fat OK, I feel better now...



NINE: Availability of flavors. Most good protein powders come in a choice of Chocolate, Vanilla, or Strawberry. This is a good variety and allows for making numerous different "recipes." For example, add a banana to the vanilla flavor and you have Banana Cream. The protein powders that come in exotic flavors are the ones you need to look out for. If you come across something like "Vanilla Bean Graham Cracker Crust with twist of Lime Concoctus," chances are good that it will taste like "Godzilla Turd Spam Dust with twist of Slime Corruptus."

EIGHT: Availability of Powder in general. This may sound like a strange criteria, but here me out. There are several protein powders on the market that you can only get through mail order or over the Internet. This is unfortunate because several of these are of high quality. If you find one you like, you just have to keep in mind the hassle of having to order it as opposed to walking down to the corner market to buy some protein from Biff the store clerk.

SEVEN: Carbohydrate Content. I'm getting into an iffy

area here, since a true protein powder has nothing but protein in it, but there is such a thing as an MRP, or Meal Replacement Powder, and I think I should speak on this subject for a moment. MRPs are similar to protein powders, except that other nutrients like carbohydrates, fats, vitamins and minerals are added to make up a "whole meal." A good MRP will follow the same criteria that make up a good protein powder with the added criteria of carbohydrate content (in other words, how much carbohydrate is in the MRP and its source). Most good MRPs have a carb content under 30 grams per serving and the carbs are made up of complex as opposed to simple carbs (SUGAR!).

SIX: Cost per serving. This is a pretty basic concept. Take the cost of the protein powder and divide it by the number of servings in the container. For example, a thirty-dollar container of protein with 17 servings in it has a cost of \$1.76 per serving. Believe it or not, some protein powders can exceed the \$3 per serving mark. This is just a tad ridiculous: anything over \$1.75 per serving should be avoided because it just isn't worth it, unless you're filthy rich and don't give a rat's noodle.

FIVE: Mix-ability. I don't know about you, but the idea of DRINKING oatmeal just doesn't sound exciting. Unfortunately, some protein powders, even after being run through the blender, have that

same consistency. A good protein powder will mix well either in the blender or by mixing with a spoon to a nice, non-lumpy consistency.

FOUR: Taste, or "choke-ability." This could tie as number one, two, and three in the Top Ten, but as a true protein powder practitioner, if MY powder meets the remaining three criteria (3, 2, and 1), I don't care if it tastes like diesel fuel additive, I'll drink it (hence, "choke-ability"). I put this into the Top Ten for those of you that have a need for palatability.

THREE: Protein Source. Now were getting to the nitty-gritty. Protein powders usually contain protein from one or combination of the following sources: Beef, Egg, Milk (also known as Calcium Caseinate), Soy or Whey. There is a hierarchy of quality, with Whey being the best, followed by Egg, Milk, Soy, and then Beef. This is based on the human body's ability to "assimilate" the protein. Therefore, the best protein powders have Whey as the main protein source. There is nothing wrong with the others, in fact, if you're a vegan, you might want to use the Soy, since it comes from a vegetable base as opposed to a fleshy little cow or bird embryo.

TWO: Sugar Content. Here is where I'll turn back to my gripe about [Thin Quickly]. Sugar is the bane of our society. I blame pestilence, war, famine, and Regis Philbin on

sugar. Ok, maybe just our society has an extreme tendency to be overweight. This is another column's worth of info, so I'll try to sum up this criterion in just a few words: Sugar bad. So the moral is, check the sugar content of your protein powder on its nutrition label and just keep in mind that every 5 grams of sugar is equal to a tablespoon of table sugar. The good protein powders, actually, will have 0 grams of sugar, but you'll find that most MRPs do have a sugar content. Again, check the label.

ONE: It has protein in it. Aside from the obvious, a good protein powder will not only have protein in it, but will have at least 17grams (and up to 30 grams) per serving of it in its contents. What are some good brands? EAS' Precision Protein or Myoplex (an MRP), Biotest's Grow (also an MRP), Sportspharma's Just Whey, and Designer Whey Protein (I can't remember the brand name) are good choices. I hope this helps.

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Community Calendar

All Month

Invoking Spirits, a traveling exhibition of 50 quilts, will be at the Vermilion County Museum in Danville from June 18 until July 16. For more information, contact the museum at (217) 442-2922.

June 21
"Barefoot in the Park" directed by Peter Zapp, will be performed in the Studio Theatre at Krannert Center at 8pm.

June 22
"Murder at Howard Johnson's" directed by John Shepard, will be performed in the Studio Theatre at Krannert Center at 8pm.

June 23
"Tennessee Women" directed by William R. Jenkins and Sara Lampert Hoover will be performed in the Studio Theatre at Krannert Center at 8pm.

June 24
"Tennessee Women" directed by William R. Jenkins and Sara Lampert Hoover will be performed in the Studio Theatre at Krannert Center at 8pm.

June 25
"Barefoot in the Park" directed by Peter Zapp, will be performed in the Studio Theatre at Krannert Center at 7pm.

June 28
"Murder at Howard Johnson's" directed by John Shepard, will be performed in the Studio Theatre at Krannert Center at 8pm.

June 29
"Tennessee Women" directed by William R. Jenkins and Sara Lampert Hoover will be performed in the Studio Theatre at Krannert Center at 8pm.

June 30
"Barefoot in the Park" directed by Peter Zapp, will be performed in the Studio Theatre at Krannert Center at 7pm.

July 1
"Murder at Howard Johnson's" directed by John Shepard, will be performed in the Studio Theatre at Krannert Center at 8pm.

July 2
"Tennessee Women" directed by William R. Jenkins and Sara Lampert Hoover will be performed in the Studio Theatre at Krannert Center at 8pm.

July 5
"Barefoot in the Park" directed by Peter Zapp, will be performed in the Studio Theatre at Krannert Center at 7pm.

July 6
"Murder at Howard Johnson's" directed by John Shepard, will be performed in the Studio Theatre at Krannert Center at 8pm.

July 7
"Tennessee Women" directed by William R. Jenkins and Sara Lampert Hoover will be performed in the Studio Theatre at Krannert Center at 8pm.

July 8
"Barefoot in the Park" directed by Peter Zapp, will be performed in the Studio Theatre at Krannert Center at 7pm.

July 9
"Murder at Howard Johnson's" directed by John Shepard, will be performed in the Studio Theatre at Krannert Center at 8pm.

Eye on Hooters

by Scott Stealey
Staff Writer

With the influx of several chain restaurants into the area, it was only a matter of time before the most successful and notorious of the chain gang, Hooters, opened its doors to Champaign-Urbana. Located at 1706 S. State Street in the former hayloft sports-bar Time-Out used to occupy, Hooters brought along its usual dash of controversy to go with its near-world-famous buffalo wings and oyster roasts three weeks ago at its grand opening.

The controversy surrounding the restaurant focuses on the particular tendency of Hooters girls to be, well, endowed. Assistant general manager Tim Hoffman insisted, without a hint of irony, that the number one priority in the hiring of his servers is a good attitude, not a formidable bust.

Still, the National Organization for Women rallied a protest around the opening of another Hooters in Bloomington-Normal, claiming that the prominent objectification of the Hooters girls is both intolerable and sexist. In addition, NOW maintains Hooters is a spot ripe for numerous displays of sexual harassment because of its bank on male lust. With rumors of a similar protest planned for Champaign-Urbana, the legitimacy of NOW's disapproval constantly lingers.

Should Hooters be shut down, their owners given slaps on the wrists for their debauch methods? Or does NOW's upheaval only serve to further engender the sexes by pointing its finger at Hooters, an establishment capitalizing and reveling in the differences between the sexes?

To clarify the ongoing trouble, Hoffman offered in defense, "In addition to the restaurant business, we are also in the business of wholesome female sex appeal. We serve a particular demographic (75% of Hooters patrons are men ages 25-42), with a new dynamic in dining.

A Hooters girl is not just a server. She's a little bit more."

The experience at Hooters was quite interactive, and amazingly, quite shameless. Typically, the servers will sit down for some small talk with patrons, their apple-pie smiles beaming while chatting about the food or the baseball game on the television sets. With the many chain restaurants scrambling to improve the server-patron relationship with a hokey sort of casualness and flair, the Hooters experience is unusual in that it seems so honest. Patrons foster expectations upon entering Hooters, and the servers understand these expectations and fulfill them with a staggering sort of self-awareness that makes exactly what Hoffman claimed the experience is: "a new dynamic."

While entertaining myself in some of the courtesy small talk, I decided to get a better understanding of the controversy the restaurant perpetually faces. I asked my server whether or not she had encountered any problems with rowdy or oversexed patrons while on the job. "I've never seen or heard anything beyond a polite request for my phone number," she said shaking her head. "The crude guys hang out at the campus bars."

Hoffman assured that there is zero tolerance for sexual harassment of his servers, whether it is physical or emotional. "Those men are escorted out immediately should any of our employees notice it or make a comment," he said.

To further reduce the general masculine horseplay, patrons are only allowed a two-drink maximum per hour, and large groups make do with two pitchers per hour. "There's no place for drunken silliness and high jinks at Hooters," Hoffman said. "This is a fun and relaxing community restaurant." Curious, I began to look around at the other patrons, and I noticed several wedding bands on the men's fingers. This new gawk-

ing dynamic appeared to me to be pretty harmless.

Next, I decided to be candid with my server and inquired if she enjoyed her job, financial perks aside. "I really do," she said, with a genuine sort of poise. "I made a choice for myself because I believe I have a social personality, I like talking with all kinds of people. And I get that kind of opportunity here, one where I can be myself and express that personality freely." It's difficult to tell people they shouldn't do what they want, whatever the reason. My server's motivations may have seemed a little naïve, but they are still hers, and it would be very uncouth and rather holier-than-thou of anyone to judge an individual's choices, even if it seems a product of the obvious Hooters scheme.

Furthermore, my server raised an interesting point. Being a Hooters girl is a choice the women openly accept. The issue is not about the restaurant unabashedly exploiting and objectifying its servers. Hooters girls surely, if they choose, could work elsewhere; their proportions certainly do not limit their options to one job. I began to realize midway through my oysters that the real problematic issue is that a place like Hooters exists because of simple economics. There is a demand for this "look-but-don't touch" ethos in our breast-worshipping, culture.

As a mild-mannered reporter, I cannot bring in a moral dilemma, because whether it be right or wrong, Hooters still stands, and will continue to stand as long as capitalism is in place. The fact is our free-market essence encourages a business to fulfill a demand. In a battle over the pillars of the American economy, the land of milk and honey will always side with Hooters. As members of our society, what we should be asking ourselves is how we (or this particular demographic) came to demand such a superficial thing.

Privacy of Grades Disputed by N.Y. Politicians

by Scott Marinaro
TMS Campus News

The dreaded report card is causing more controversy than usual in New York. In recent weeks, some dialogue has arisen in the State Assembly about whose name should appear on the envelope containing college grades at year's end: the students who earn the grades or the parents who are paying for them.

As it stands, there is no true uniformity among higher-learning institutions on how to handle the distribution of college grade reports. In 1974 Congress passed the "Buckley Amendment" or the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). According to an Associated Press explanation, the law leaves the decision on how to handle the matter up to the college or university in question. Yet colleges seem to have uniformly accepted student privacy, though some have been slower than others have. Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs, New York, for one, stopped sending transcripts to parents only a decade ago.

Some schools now see the right to privacy as absolute, regardless of previous interpretation. Gabrielle Miskell, the Assistant Registrar at the State University of New York at Buffalo, explains that school's interpretation of the FERPA simply, saying "The students are the only ones who have own-

ership of their records. Many parents misinterpret the right to know as their right to know. In reality, the records are the property solely of the students," she says.

In response, one ardent Assemblyman, Democrat Jacob Gunther, is dismayed with the current system. That's why Gunther is spearheading an effort among some New York State Representatives to pass a bill which would inform any parents who pay for more than half of their children's schooling as to their children's progress each semester.

Gunther's determination stems from an attempt to see his own daughter's grades at the State University of New York (SUNY) at Buffalo - an education that he was paying for in full. He was told that he would need to get his daughter's consent first.

An upset Gunther stated in Schenectady's Sunday Gazette, "A parent or guardian who is paying room, board, and tuition is absolutely entitled to see [their children's] grades." His belief is that those who put up the money should be able to review their investments.

The only parents who are entitled to see their students' grades, Miskell says, are those who can prove that their children are still claimed as dependents on their tax returns for the given academic year.

Otherwise, a parent like Gunther must have a signed waiver

from his child in order to view her progress, or trust that she will share her marks with him. Parents like him may now only rest assured at Miskell's belief that the majority of students do allow their parents to see how well they performed.

SUNY-Buffalo's transcript waiver allowing parents to receive transcripts must be re-filed each semester; signing it once does not give indefinite rights to even tuition-paying parents. Theoretically, a student could sign over transcripts for his or her best semesters, but leave a parent in the dark on those that did not go as well as expected.

But even if Gunther's daughter had gone elsewhere, he would likely not have had any better luck. Hofstra University's Lynn Dougherty, a Senior Assistant for the school's Registrar's Office, turns people away regularly.

"Parents are always asking for grades. We just don't give them to them," she says.

Ultimately, the processes in place to protect student privacy are flawed - those parents who wish to find out a student's performance likely will be able to. Says Pam Lemenze of Manhattanville College in Purchase, New York, who is herself occasionally faced with inquiring parents, "Everything is sent directly to the students. If it is intercepted by the parents," she says laughing, "well there isn't much we can do about that."

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Jim's Thoughts... about Beer

by Jim Folkerts
Staff Writer

OK, I should warn you and you probably already suspect my knowledge of beer is limited at best, but who in their right mind (or out of their mind as the case may be) would refuse an offer to drink beer and get paid for it? Even Charles Manson would say, "not me!" So here is a short list of various beers followed by my honest opinions.

Bud Light (Anheuser-Busch)

My clearest memory of this beer was years ago when I was stuck with my parents at one of their college reunion get-togethers. Being alone and with nothing to do, I decided to sneak into their garage and maybe drink a beer or two. The beer was Bud Light, and I ended up

drinking maybe seven. I still question anyone who says there is alcohol in this beer. I was completely sober. I tried it again recently with the same results. Plus it doesn't even taste like beer, almost like they're trying to hide the taste. To whom are they marketing this? Like people are saying "I don't like beer and I don't like alcohol, but still I'm drinking this Bud Light for no reason." It doesn't make any sense. Maybe the joke's on me. Either way, I think the fact that Bud Light is the most popular beer is both a tribute to marketing and an insult to this country.

Guinness Extra Stout (St. James Gate)

When pouring this beer, the first thing you notice is the color. It looks almost like coffee. The taste was definitely

not the easiest thing to get used to. In fact, I never got used to it. One good thing about this beer, I suppose, is that you will never forget having it. It felt like drinking ten beers at once. Unfortunately, once the novelty wore out, it was no longer worth drinking (or eating, whichever you prefer). It had the consistency of a Frosty.

Tecate (Femsa)

There was nothing wrong with this beer. In fact, I thought it was pretty good. The only problem is that it's imported from Mexico, so it costs way too much money. Plus it's not a specialty beer at all, just really good Mexican beer. Either way, as good as the beer was, the one thing I will remember is that it cost me eight dollars for six of them and I didn't even really

want that much beer (although I found out later it's easy to drink a lot of them). Actually, I thought it tasted kind of like Miller Red, except less salty. Anyway, my dog Rusty would have loved it because he's a chihuahua, even though he couldn't have drunk too much because chihuahuas are notoriously small and dumb looking (like the Taco Bell dog) and two beers probably would have killed him.

Rolling Rock (Latrobe)

This used to be my favorite beer. It's not too strong and you can drink a lot of it. Plus, there's something odd about the taste that I could never figure out. It didn't taste bad, just odd. I read another review where this guy thought it tasted like paint. Now I'm thinking maybe he's right.

That's ok, though I still like it. I would recommend it to anyone. Plus, it comes in a green bottle. That works because I think it tastes like it's supposed to be green.

So there you have it, my first (and conceivably last) attempt to review beer. Beyond this, you're on your own. I think new experiences are always good, and from what I've seen there are innumerable beers I have never heard of or even noticed, so I guess don't be afraid to try new things. Be careful, though, because a lot of beer is really terrible, even the ones they advertise. Personally, after last week I hope to be avoiding beer for a long, long time.

Get Those Geese Away From My Golf Bag!

by Terri Landgraver
Editor-in-Chief

Geese are everywhere in Champaign-Urbana and surrounding areas these days. It used to be that you had to go the Lake of the Woods Park in Mahomet to feed the geese. With the addition of numerous ponds in both private and commercial landscaping, geese are becoming commonplace. But are the geese now becoming a real problem for us?

Some people believe so. Even though the geese have become urbanized recently,

they are still wild animals. According to the Champaign County Forest Preserve District, "They excrete waste often in the same places where people like to walk or swim. Also, male Canada Geese become quite aggressive during breeding season."

To combat the problems of large numbers of geese on local golf courses, and beach areas, the Champaign County Forest Preserve District hired a dog to keep the geese moving until they find some place to settle. This approach to the geese is working well because the geese are not

being harmed. They simply relocate in areas constructed for them.

The wetland area in Stidham Woods and the Waterfowl Management Area at Middle Fork are much better for the geese than the golf courses and beaches. Geese do not want to avoid flying golf balls or worry about kids at the beach any more than golfers and kids want to deal with the mess they leave. And nobody wants to deal with a male disturbed during breeding season!

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

We are in the early stages of the 15th congressional race, which is, frankly, a one sided proposition.

One thing is indisputable: Congress is not an entry-level position. Tim Johnson has spent 29 years in public service, local and state. He was the Deputy Majority Leader of the Illinois House, including a lengthy time as acting Speaker. His opponent has held no public office, public or private.

Washington, D.C. is no place for beginners. Whether a voter is a Democrat, Republican or independent, experience counts. Tim Johnson brings a distinguished career to this campaign and to his service as a Congressman.

Dave Raymer
Bellflower, Illinois

Congratulations to Scholarship Recipients

by Terri Landgraver
Editor-in-Chief

Kimberly Sisson of Leroy, Illinois was awarded the Jimm V. Scott Memorial Scholarship.

Michael Bowers of Champaign, Illinois is a co-winner of the Hobbico Award for Outstanding Computer Graphics.

Kenneth O'Brien of Georgetown, Illinois is a co-winner of the Hobbico Award for Outstanding Computer Graphics.

Elizabeth Birkey of Gibson City, Illinois won the Mass Communication Program Director's Award for Outstanding Illustration.

Ben Breen of Champaign, Illinois won the President's Award of Excellence for Collection of Work.

Amy Miller-Good of Champaign, Illinois has been selected to receive the William P. Myers Hospitality Management Scholarship.

LaTonya Bowdry of Champaign, Illinois has been selected to receive the William P. Myers Hospitality Management Scholarship.

Walter Echols, Jr. of Georgetown, Illinois has been selected to receive the William P. Myers Hospitality Management Scholarship.

Sarah Alexander of Mahomet, Illinois has been awarded the Parkland College Study Abroad Scholarship for the Summer of 1999 and the Astronomy Club Scholarship.

What Does it Cost to Run Social Security?

by Debra Fleig
Social Security Manager

In a recent survey on Social Security, people were asked how much they thought it costs to run the program. The answers ranged from 5% to 25% of benefits. Nobody came close the truth—it costs less than 1% of the Social Security (FICA on your pay stub) taxes collected to operate the program.

Social Security has built-in efficiencies that make it cost-effective to operate. These include compulsory participation that leads to a large number of participants. Large numbers allows the program to operate on the economy scale.

To compare, most private insurance companies, for example, have administrative costs of from 11-16%. This is partly due to the fact they must market their programs to compete for participants, which raises overhead. Moreover, they have fewer participants over which to spread their costs.

For more details on Social Security contact (800) 772-1213 and request the pamphlet Social Security: Basic Facts or visit the web site at www.ssa.gov.

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by Mary O'Malley
Staff Writer

In Our Community

AmeriCorps: Giving Hope and Getting Results

Concerned citizens, representatives of local service agencies and local government officials have developed AmeriCorps/CHART, a program with a goal to address the challenges of homelessness and to assist homeless individuals and their families find permanent housing. AmeriCorps is a National Service Organization that assists homeless individuals and people at risk of becoming homeless.

AmeriCorps utilizes thousands of people from diverse backgrounds who devote their time and energy at the local level to improve public safety, build on education, assist with human needs and better the environment. AmeriCorps is not a band-aid solution, it provides services that allow homeless people to live productive and enriching lives. At AmeriCorps they get down to causes, conditions and results.

The solution takes more than just putting individuals and families in a home. Members provide assistance in locating different resources

for the various difficulties homeless persons face such as affordable health care, transportation needs, food, clothing, hygiene needs, locating temporary or permanent employment, affordable child care and support through difficulties.

In order to fix the problem one needs to get to the root of the problem. AmeriCorps does assessments and sets goals with the people they work with in order to gain a full perspective of the conditions the individual is living in.

AmeriCorps is in its sixth year and growing strong. There have been many lives touched and changed as a result of this wholesome organization. The people they serve and the members of AmeriCorps all benefit from the quality, support and caring this organization demonstrates.

There are several individuals behind the scenes at AmeriCorps. The main office, located at Provena Behavioral Health Systems (formally the Mental Health Center), keeps the team alive and prosperous. It is a team effort at AmeriCorps, with Program Director Kathy Kessler, the members, program associates and host-site supervisors all hard at work to help.

There are several host-sites where AmeriCorps members work their magic and

touch the lives of others. The Mental Health Center (Community Support and Center-Point), Respite Center/Provena Covenant, A Women's Place/Fund, Center for Women in Transition, Champaign Company Regional Planning Commission, Children's Home and Aid Society (Round House), Homestead Apartments, New North family Resource Center, Prairie Center, Salvation Army, TIMES Center, Champaign-Ford Regional Office Foundation (Homeless Children and Youth Program and Crisis Nursery) are all active participants. AmeriCorps has full time members at different host-sites and part-time at others.

In addition to the valuable members at the host-sites, AmeriCorps is proud to present their newest project, The Working People's Clothing Source.

The idea comes from Robin Arbiter, a two-year member of AmeriCorps. The Source is open on Tuesdays 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. (by appointment only). Clients must complete an application with the help of the referring agency and AmeriCorps member at the site. In order to access The Source one must be currently experiencing homelessness or currently recovering from homelessness or receiving assistance from DHS (formally Dept. of Public Aid) or

have special needs or circumstances.

If you or someone else you know is interested in becoming a member of this distinctive and rewarding organization please call Provena Behavioral Systems at 373-2436 and ask for Camille Stolf, Heidi Lammers or Kathy Kessler. I know from serving as an AmeriCorps member that it is worth all the hard work and dedication to a team that provides such an enormous impact on those they serve.

For member Heidi Lammers, AmeriCorps is quite a valued experience. She stated, "I learned a lot about the community, learned from those with whom I worked, and learned a lot about community service, I really felt that as a team AmeriCorps/CHART had an impact on the community during our program year and continues to do so to this day." Heidi concluded that being an AmeriCorps member was one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences in her life.

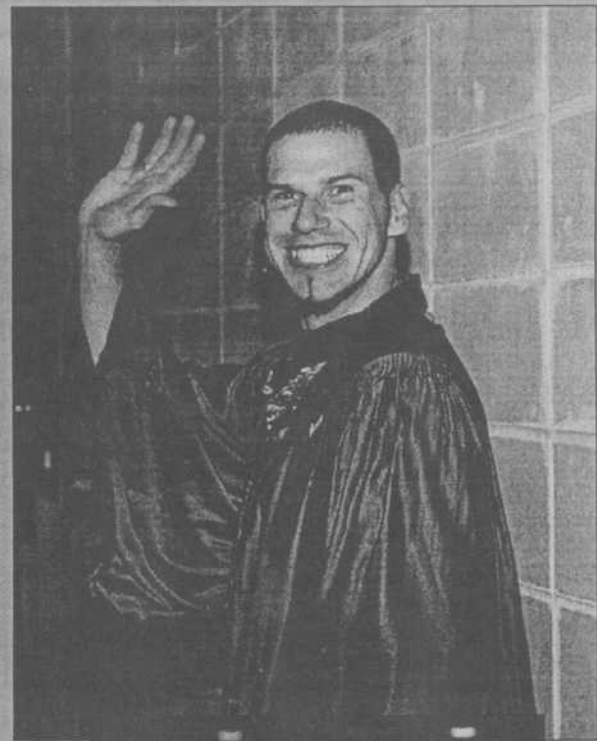
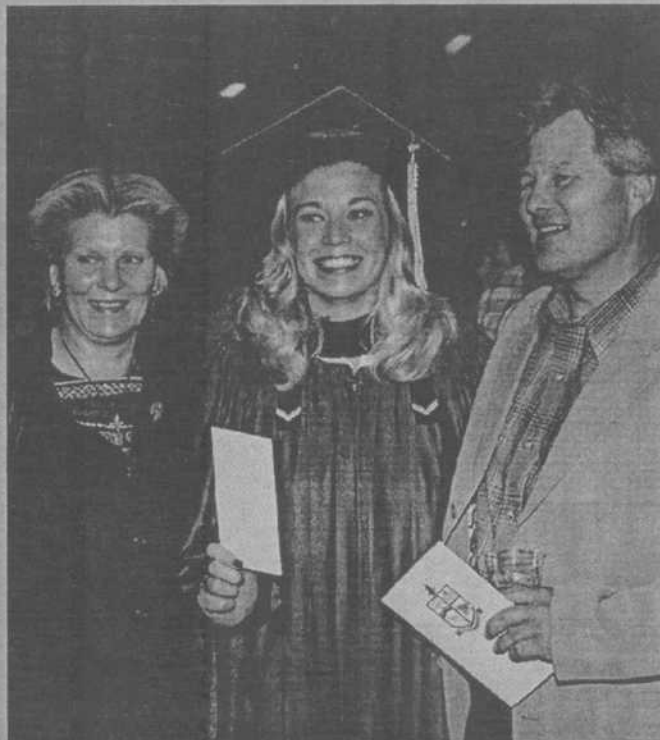
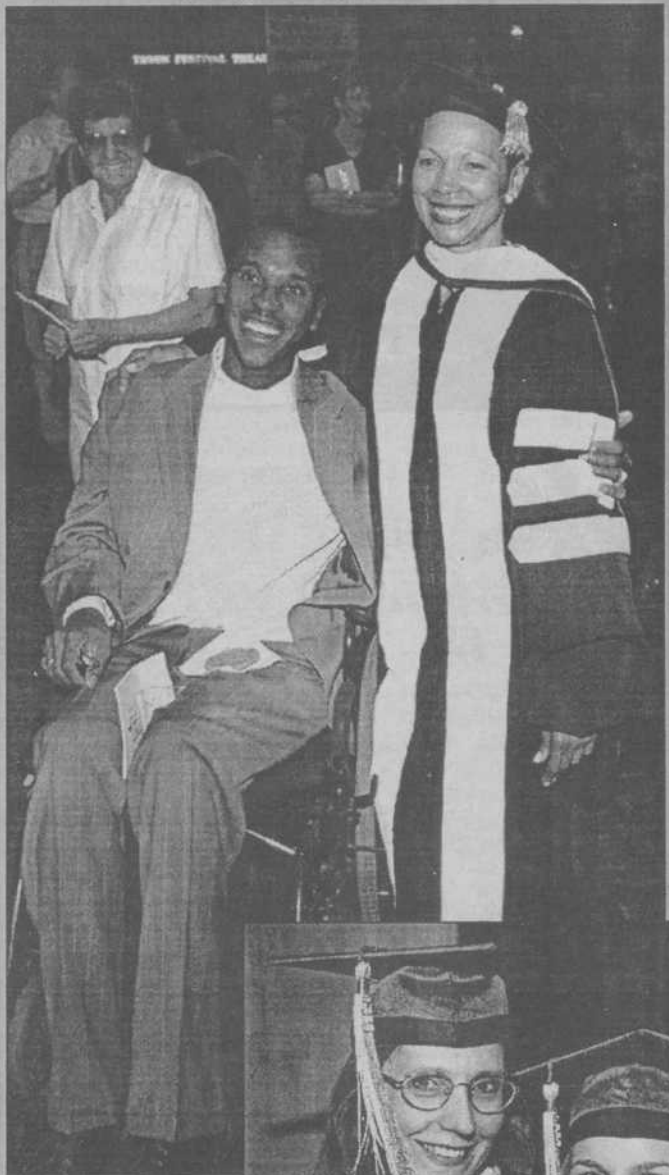
I personally made some lifelong friends during my program year and Heidi is one of them. AmeriCorps leaves a lasting impression on the clients whose lives have been enriched, on members who grow through such a rewarding experience and on the host-site supervisors.

Victor Pawlak, the host-site supervisor at Prairie Center says, "I chose to be a supervisor because I liked the idea of AmeriCorps and what they stand for and what they do. I have seen how they help the homeless and needy at Prairie Center and want to help." Mr. Pawlak has been a host-site supervisor for 3 years now and he says all his memories of AmeriCorps are delightful. AmeriCorps goes above and beyond the call of duty. They allow clients and team members to become successful and grow through the process of life.

The new AmeriCorps term will begin September 1st of 2000 and end August 31 of 2001. I urge anyone who has a passion to help those in need or anyone who would love an experience of their life to join the organization that makes lasting impressions to consider becoming a member. I grew and learned greatly from my program year and I believe you will also.

To gain more information about AmeriCorps/CHART call 373-2436, ask for an AmeriCorps Associate. You can obtain an educational award at the end of your term in addition to making a difference in someone's life and your own. You can also log on to www.americorps.org

Smiling Faces on Parkland Graduation Day



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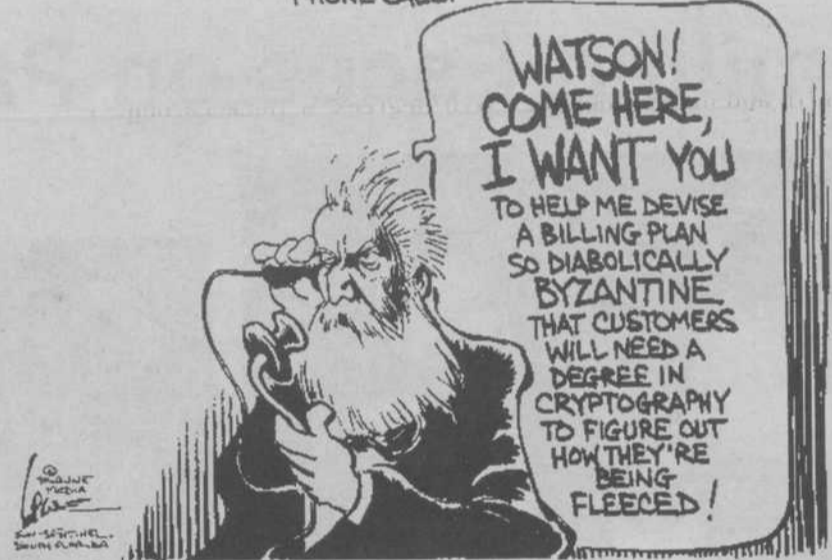
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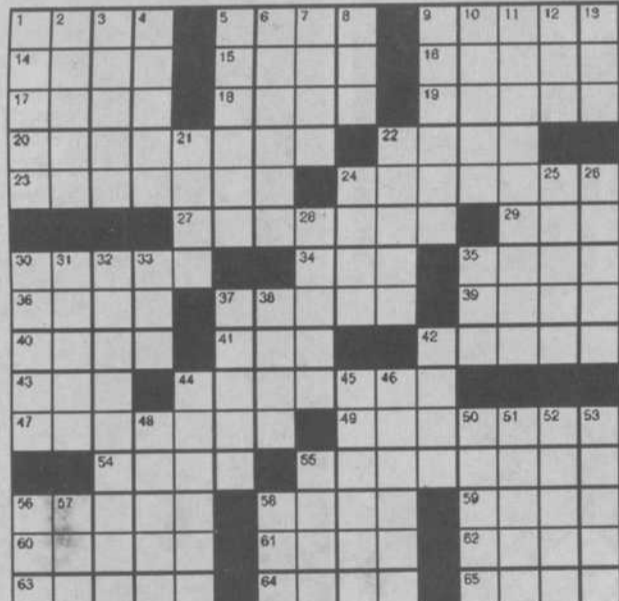


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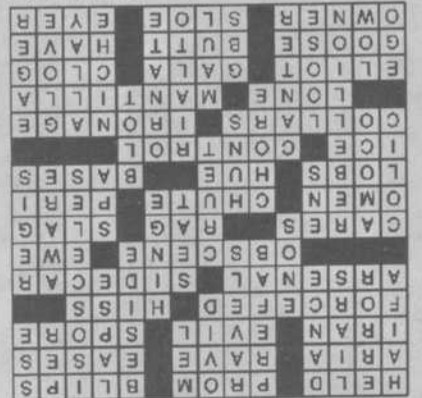


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Dr. Howard Mars Project on Display in Planetarium

by Mary Ecker
Guest Writer

A Mars colony project built by fourth and fifth graders at Dr. Howard Elementary School in Champaign is on display in the Parkland Planetarium lobby.

The project can be seen Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. or during public show hours Fridays from 5:30 to 9 p.m.

The students studied Mars and learned what it would take to maintain a colony on the planet in 2030. Champaign Planning Department members taught them about the needs of a community and the logistics of where to put structures. Studies of the Martian terrain photographed

by satellite allowed the students to choose an appropriate location for their colony.

Nighttime temperatures of -120 degrees, a thick carbon dioxide atmosphere, dangerous dust storms and the need for food and water were all problems that needed to be dealt with in constructing the model. Dr. Howard's class even experimented with fabricating concrete from Mars analog soil.

The completed model represents the way the students think people could meet the challenges of living in such an environment. The 3 ft. by 1.5 ft. homemade model will be on display in the Planetarium lobby for most of the summer. For more information: call David Leake 217-351-2547.

They Sold Your Kid Sister Cigarettes

by Terri Landgraver
Editor-in-Chief

Recently, local High School students from Champaign's Centennial helped the Champaign and Urbana Police Departments and the Champaign County State's Attorney conduct checks of area businesses that sell tobacco products in Champaign, Urbana and Rantoul. 47% of the businesses checked sold tobacco products to the students. According to Illinois Law, tobacco products can not be sold to minors under the age of 18.

Of the 34 businesses who sold tobacco products to the minors, nine were repeat offenders who also had failed compliance checks in January 2000. Checks conducted in other areas of Champaign County show similar results. According to a document released by the Champaign County Tobacco Prevention

Coalition (CCTPC), "protocol indicates that only after three consecutive failed compliance checks will a fine be imposed on the clerk that sold the tobacco product."

Kerisa Salyers, coordinator of what has been termed the "Not Here" program, commented in the same document that "We have never seen so many vendors fail these checks since we started the program in 1997, they (the tobacco vendors) need to be more thoughtful of their responsibility in dispensing these products."

The Schnucks store in Urbana is very serious about not selling tobacco products to minors. They are using the compliance checks as an incentive for their employees. Manager Doug Himelick reported to the CCTPC that any employee who passes a compliance check gets a "monetary reward." As a result, Schnucks has not been on the list of offenders.

Busted!

by Terri Landgraver
Editor-in-Chief

The police in the area have been cracking down on the underage drinking that takes place in the bars known to many as "campus bars." In a single evening, 38 people under the age of 21 were caught drinking in four different establishments.

The bar checks took place on the night of April 29 and early morning hours of April 30. Officers from the University of Illinois and Champaign Police Departments worked with officers from Illinois State Police District Ten and officers from the Illinois Secretary of State Police to find underage drinkers.

Joe's Brewery, located at 706 S. Fifth St. in Champaign, supplied the most arrests. 17 people from 18 to 20 were

busted at Joe's. Police also seized one fake ID.

C.O. Daniels, at 608 E. Daniel in Champaign, came in a close second on arrests, but supplied police with more fake ID's. Ten people between 18 and 20 were arrested and 2 fake ID's were seized.

Kam's, just east of C.O.'s at 618 E. Daniel, supplied 9 underage drinkers. The youngest person arrested at Kam's was 17. There were no fake ID's found at Kam's.

Bub's Pub, located at 211 E. Green St., supplied the least underage drinkers arrested that night. Only two drinkers were arrested at Bub's Pub. These drinkers were between the ages of 19 and 20.

All 38 underage drinkers were ordered to appear on Champaign City ordinance violations. They could be fined from \$260 up to \$750 if convicted.



According to a statement issued by Illinois State Police District Ten in Pesotum, Illinois, "The bar checks were part of an ongoing effort by various law enforcement agencies to combat underage drinking, and are also associated with the Illinois State Police Prom N.I.T.E. (Non Impaired Travel Effort) Campaign which targets under age alcohol use during April, May and June."

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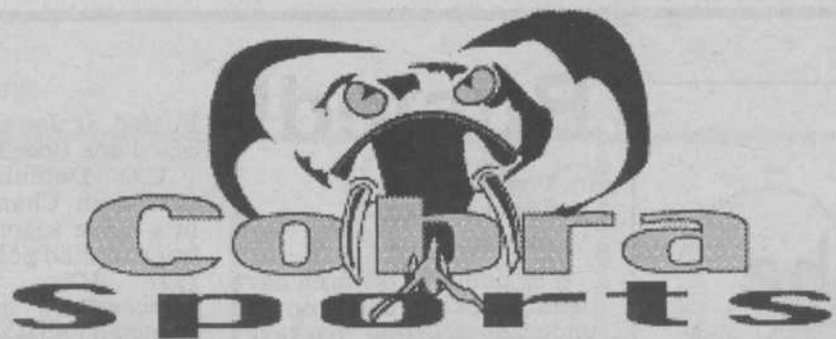
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Royals, Spectators Aren't Letting Recent Stadium Shooting Spook Them

by Steve Rock
Knight-Ridder Tribune

KANSAS CITY -- More than 27,000 fans clicked through the Kauffman Stadium turnstiles Wednesday afternoon, a testament to the fact that it's baseball as usual at the park this week.

Five days after Haysville, Kan., resident Virginia Olsthorn was wounded by a wayward bullet while sitting in section 138, fans in the section just next to right field cheered wildly as the Royals staged another late-inning, game-winning rally.

Attendance, in fact, spiked over the weekend. While Kansas City police were investigating the three shots fired on Friday night -- eventually determining that they traveled less than 1,500 feet and were surely aimed at the ballpark -- fans didn't stop going to the stadium en masse.

Average attendance for the five games since the shootings is 24,250. The season average is 21,810. And Wednesday's total of 27,028 was the largest of the week-day afternoon games this season, other than the home opener.

"Violence is everywhere," said Mark Deats, who took his wife and two sons to a game this week and promptly sat in section 138. "You can't just stop what you're doing."

Major League Baseball and the Royals seem to share that opinion.

In contrast to a recent Wrigley Field incident in which fans and players fought, the league office will not be sending a security official to assist in the Kansas City investigation. The Royals have not beefed up security during this week's homestand.

"The police are handling it," general manager Herk Robinson said. "That's not our business."

The Royals would just as soon most employees keep quiet about the incident. A random sampling this week at Kauffman Stadium found ushers and team personnel who were sworn to secrecy.

"We are the ones who have the incident reports," said Jim Lachimia, the club's senior director for communications. "We are the ones who have talked to the police. Rather than have ushers and concessionaires out there talking about it, people who have varying degrees of knowledge, it's better to go through the spokesperson."

Lachimia did acknowledge that the team has received "about a dozen" inquiries from

concerned fans, some of whom just want the peace of mind that going to the ballpark is safe.

But while there's an undercurrent of apprehension -- "I keep looking out at I-70 and thinking, 'OK, is anyone out there?'" Shawnee resident Hank Bednar said while watching a game from the concourse -- little has changed concerning Kauffman Stadium security.

In years past, stadium security issues had more to do with errant baseball bats and slippery concourses. Last season, for example, the Royals found themselves worrying about the 75 fans who were hit by balls or the 27 reported cases of fights that broke out.

"We do everything in our power to provide the very safest environment that we can," said Chris Richardson, who is in charge of the Royals' game-day operations. "That's our livelihood.



"Unequivocally, there was nothing that we could have done. It was a totally random act."

Though Richardson was reluctant to disclose specifics, he indicated that the number of off-duty police officers working security at Royals games "exceeds 30." There are also more than 100 ushers and scores of other team officials located throughout the stadium.

Those numbers have not changed as a result of the shooting.

"I don't think it's an issue of security," Robinson said. "It's been ascertained the shot was fired...off of our property."

A ballistics scientist from the police crime lab reiterated that stance on Wednesday.

Paul Richardson, a firearm and toolmark examiner for the Kansas City Police Department's Regional Criminalistics Laboratory, said that while the three bullets probably were pushed some distance from a straight course by a strong wind, he had no doubt that the ballpark was the intended target.

"(The shooter) was aiming at the stadium, I'm satisfied," Richardson said.

Weather records indicate a southeasterly wind was blowing at 25 to 30 mph at the time

the shots were fired, Richardson said. Police think the shots were fired either from a moving car on nearby Interstate 70 or from an area just north of the highway, near the campus of Vatterott College.

"We think it was a drive-by," Richardson said, but added that ballistics tests cannot tell the difference between a round fired from a moving or stationary platform.

"That area by the college is deserted on Friday night--that's another possibility," he said.

Police measured the distance from those areas to the most distant impact site, in section 416 in the stadium's upper deck. The distance from the highway's west-bound lane is 1,380 feet; the distance from the college property is 1,483 feet.

Either way, the bullets came from outside of the stadium. And, according to Major League Baseball, that's the primary reason why the league hasn't yet taken an active role in the investigation.

Kevin Hallinan, the league's senior vice president for security and facility management, learned of the shooting during a 1 a.m. phone call Saturday. He has monitored the situation closely since then, he said Wednesday, but doesn't think it's necessary to come to Kansas City.

That seems to be a different approach than the one Hallinan used last month, when some Los Angeles Dodgers tussled with fans at Wrigley Field. A security official flew to Chicago to participate in the ensuing investigation.

"What happened at Wrigley was a situation in which players and fans interacted," Hallinan said. "In Kansas City, it was someone passing by the stadium."

Hallinan said the league has a resident security agent in every major-league city. In Kansas City, that individual works for the Kansas City police and keeps the league updated on all developments.

"I'm confident that everything that has to be done is being done," Hallinan said. "If that should change, I'm an airplane ride away."

Meanwhile, fans are still crisscrossing Kansas City and the Midwest to watch the Royals in person.

"I can imagine how (the shooting) might scare someone," Crystal Drey of Omaha, Neb., said at Tuesday night's rainy Royals-Mariners game. "You kind of think of this as a safe haven."

"But we came anyway."

The Best Athlete You've Never Even Heard Of

Just because he doesn't do commercials or swath himself in self-promotion doesn't mean that Rodney Sampson is an unworthy athlete. Indeed, Rodney is in fact the best athlete the world may ever see, but, unfortunately, no one (except for local pals and yours truly) has ever even heard of him.

I met Rodney outside a local Champaign dive the other night. He approached me with a smile and introduced himself, asking me if I'd like to support the Rodney Sampson Olympic Fund with a small donation. A tall man with a trim athletic build, I asked him which Olympic sport he participated in.

After a pause, he closed his eyes, as if in a reverie--possibly one where he stood on the podium waiting to receive his glod medal--then whispered to me, "Man, I'm a decathlete."

I nodded, remembering the poise and skill of Bruce Jenner and Dan O'Brien, medalists who wowed us with their seemingly inexhaustible athletic ability.

"So you got two dollars and fifty cents to contribute to my dream?" Rodney hurriedly asked, his palm extended out sharply, as if he had just released a discus. I told him I currently did not, but I promised to help all I could if I could get an idea of his motivation and talent. He drew back his hand and understood.

Quick as a man-squirrel, Rodney sprinted toward the parking lot (a dash about 100 yards, which, if I would have had my stopwatch handy, probably would have given Carl Lewis' times a run), then proceeded toward a new Volkswagen Beetle. I blinked my eyes, and Rodney bounded directly over it magestically. He landed with grace on the other side and lifted his arms.

What could I do? I was stunned that he had such amazing leaping skill.

"How 'bout that for da

steeplechase?" Rodney said proudly, walking back. Rather than correct him and say that steeplechase was not one of his ten required events, I began to applaud and told him I was impressed. Besides, with his hops, he would surely put on a show in the long jump.

Local Sporting News with Chuck Ballast, Sports Columnist

I shook Rodney's hand and told him that as somebody who had seen a lot of talent, I was impressed. We began to talk about his many hardships, including his having to support six young children in between his daily workouts. I sympathized with him, and said he must have an incredible desire to endure the long training sessions both on the track and at home.

I began to think that it's athletes like Rodney Sampson, who can juggle two important parts of his life--that of a serious track star and a serious parent -- these types of athletes are the real role models that all the million-dollar stars claim (or don't claim) to be. Gifted athletes, gifted men like Rodney Sampson, don't come along very often in a world of big sports business and contract-grubbing over the difference between figures like 100 million and 102 million.

We went to a nearby ATM machine, and I gave Rodney most of my savings since he had made such an impression on me. He disappeared into the moonlight, and although he scampered away before I could do so, I wished him well and hoped that I had given him enough means to see his dream through.

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