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Judge rules Decatur students to remain expelled, issues ruling only over the Internet

by Liz Davis
News Editor

Last Tuesday, an Urbana judge rejected six Decatur students' claims that their expulsions violated their civil rights, renewing the controversy about the September 17 altercation that took place at Eisenhower High School and the Decatur School Board's handling of it.

In a ruling published only over the Internet, U.S. District Judge Michael McCluskey sided with the school board, ruling that they had not acted improperly in expelling the six; a seventh student involved in the incident withdrew from school before the school board was able to make a decision.

School officials, both in Decatur and statewide, praised the verdict. "Control belongs at the local level," said Decatur Schools Superintendent Kenneth Ardnt. "The board should be able to make decisions in the best interests of the students they represent. They should be able to do so without unbelievable publicity and public pressure."

The ruling also pleased Chicago schools CEO Paul Vallas. "You don't want the federal government dictating issues that are unique to local districts, such as disci-

pline," Vallas said.

Jackson and his supporters have vowed to appeal the ruling and continue protests. But the judge's ruling isn't all that is stirring up controversy; the way in which McCluskey delivered his findings is also causing debate.

Judge McCluskey said that issuing rulings over the Internet is a growing trend, especially in high profile cases. He noted that this case was followed by the New York Times, the Chicago Tribune, and hoards of other reporters. "There were about 20 people in the court room covering this case," he said.

He said that issuing his decision over the Internet allowed access for anyone interested.

"Between 10 a.m. (when the ruling was posted) and 11:30 a.m., there were 6,500 hits on the website," McCluskey noted, adding that an additional 1,000 hits were recorded before 10 a.m.

The Internet ruling was also a boon for the media. "Most media markets put hyperlinks on their news article," McCluskey stated, which would allow viewers to go to those websites to download the ruling.

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Kayes wins Human Rights Award



Pauline Kayes, after winning her Drum Major award from the City of Champaign

by Liz Davis
News Editor

Parkland has a new Drum Major, but Pauline Kayes is leading a different sort of band.

As this year's recipient of the Drum Major award, presented by the Champaign Human Relations Commission at the city's Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Celebration last Thursday, Kayes was recognized for her efforts in leading the community in multicultural awareness and activism.

She said she received word of winning the award only two days ahead of time. "I'm glad I found out because if I hadn't have known, I would have been too emotional to speak."

She is the first white person to win the award.

"This has been my entire life's commitment, the work of my heart and soul," she said. "I am so grateful to Dr. Harris and Parkland for having the vision and providing the opportunity to do this work because without that support I couldn't do it...So to me, it's the greatest honor of my life. To have my name on the same plaque as the name of Martin Luther King is just incredible because he is one of my personal heroes. He really taught us with his life that to be an activist and an educator on social, racial, economic and environmental injustices is the highest calling that you can have."

Kayes' work has not only paid off personally but also for Parkland. "It makes Parkland a leader in the state and in this area. We've

become the recognized leader in addressing issues of diversity education, access and equity issues."

She said that sometimes her experiences can be negative and even personally hurtful, but "in the long run, it's gratifying."

For the future, Kayes said she expects the multicultural program to continue to expand as more people realize the various needs of minority students in higher education, which are often overlooked.

She added that as these needs are realized, "the greater demand there's going to be for this kind of professional development for faculty and staff."

She also said that white students are also going to have certain needs met, especially in communicating and working with people of other cultures.

"[Today's students] will be working in one of the most diverse workplaces and societies that this country has ever seen," Kayes said. "Difference is going to have to be seen as an advantage, to have people who are different working together."

Kayes said that it is going to become increasingly important for colleges to meet the needs of a diverse population.

"It's incumbent upon the college to give you the people skills and particularly skills of intercultural com-

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Oh where, oh where has our winter gone?

by Liz Davis
News Editor

Snow—whether you've been eagerly awaiting your first chance for sledding or dreading the first shoveling of the nasty white stuff, you have to admit that so far, this winter has been, well...a bust.

Ed Kieser, Parkland instructor and head meteorologist at WILL, said that while a mid-winter warm-up isn't that unusual, "it is unusual that it's been this persistent, this long into the season."

Rather than there being one reason for our mild conditions, Kieser said that



Ed Kieser, Parkland instructor and WILL meteorologist, warns that winter isn't over yet

many factors are causing our current weather pattern.

Several reasons are due to the jet stream, which are winds 35,000 to 40,000 feet

above the earth.

For one, jet stream winds are blowing differently than usual. "Jet stream winds are blowing west to east, so our air is originating from the Pacific Ocean rather than the Arctic," Kieser said, so instead of getting the frigid conditions of Alaska and Canada, who have seen temperatures in the -50s, we have experienced the more moderate conditions of the West Coast.

The jet stream pattern also has played a role. A relatively flat jet stream pattern, like the one now, will bring in mild conditions, whereas a jet stream with peaks and plunges will be

more likely to blow in big storms and bring colder temperatures.

La Nina—El Nino's less-hyped sister—may also be playing a role, albeit a minor one. Kieser said that we are still in a La Nina pattern, which occurs when eastern Pacific waters near the equator are colder than normal; however, he said that from his studies, the impact of La Nina on Illinois weather isn't as extreme as in other areas of the world.

Kieser said that January temperatures have been more on the average than earlier winter months, although some days in early January were as much as 20

degrees above average. December saw temperatures that averaged 2.6 degrees above normal per day, and November's mercury soared an average of five degrees above normal every day.

So far, the only day with subzero temperatures occurred on Christmas day when the temperature dipped to five below zero.

Precipitation, on the other hand, has been below normal, causing concern among some agriculturists.

An average Central Illinois winter will record 28.5 inches of snow. So far, only about 6 have fallen, but

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Commentary: MLK day not reason to take the day off

by Billy O'Keefe
Campus Correspondent
Columbia College

When I remembered about a week ago that I wouldn't have to hop a train to school on Jan. 17, I sobbed with tears of joy.

After all, receiving a day off in college without cutting class is about as rare as finding nutrition at McDonald's.

As my investigative reporting teacher reminded the class of this rarest of occasions, my fellow students and I joined hands, sang and threw our books out the window, accidentally killing two pigeons and a snowman in the effort. (OK, so we didn't slay any birds. I added that for effect.)

To be honest, I've always been confused by the practice of taking the day off, at least in a case like this. Before you stage protests about this column, please let me explain.

In case you had a long fall down the stairs and don't remember anything, Monday was Martin Luther King Jr. Day, a date reserved for Americans - black, white, both or neither - to take time off and reflect on Dr. King's revolutionary achievements.

You did reflect on Dr. King's achievements this past Monday, didn't you?

Hmmm?
When I was younger, saying what I'm about to would most likely have won me a beating or at least a wedgie, so I kept my mouth shut. But I'm in college now, and those kids on the playground have nothing on me, so I'll go ahead and say it: Martin Luther King Day, along with Columbus Day, Pulaski Day (a crazy state holiday unique to Illinois) and all those other days, should be school days as well.

If you think I'm saying this to belittle the achievements of these people, and if you think I'm on the verge of saying something racist, start thinking in the opposite direction. Because as it stands now, Martin Luther King Day is a hollow gesture of thanks to the man whose name it celebrates.

Dr. King's rare combination of will and integrity made for a driven, yet highly sophisticated, man who quietly commanded respect, all the while working for everyone but himself. He sacrificed his own existence to change millions of lives for the better -- and we go ahead and celebrate that existence by spending a Monday in the mall or on the couch. (And just in case you were wondering, watching the weekly KKK episode of "The Jerry

Springer Show" isn't doing Dr. King's memory any favors.)

Just like we can't fight cancer with a pink ribbon or stop world hunger with a song, we can't promote Dr. King's cause, relevant now as much as ever, by phoning it in one Monday a year. It's a lousy irony that schools close on Martin Luther King Day, because there stands no better opportunity to open discussions on racism, civil rights and the race relations of today and tomorrow than in the classroom. Unfortunately, in the tradition of dumbing things down in our schools and labeling every historical figure as either good or evil, most teachers say a few words about what a special man Dr. King and company were, but never explain exactly what makes them so celebrated (or, in the more complex case of Christopher Columbus, so despised).

We're not fooling anybody these days with our current method of celebration. If we wish to preserve Dr. King's memory, we need to understand just what makes him so memorable in the first place. And for those of you teachers or parents or may someday know Dr. King and his history better than your own name, good for you. But I guarantee

someone you know doesn't know a thing. So do the honors and teach them all about it. Remember, you're free that day.

It would be unrealistic for the entire country to wind down completely and dedicate the whole day to thinking about Dr. King; in any case, that's not the point. The point is that we should take at least some time out to teach ourselves and each other about the man to whom many owe their current well-being.

After all, even if it's only for an hour or two, shouldn't Martin Luther King Jr. Day be about Martin Luther King Jr.?

Do you have an opinion about this? Let us know! Send your comments to the Prospectus (see "Policies for Letters to the Editor" below).

Campus Calendar

Wednesday, January 19

Black Male Symposium
7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Parkland
Gymnasium
Preregistration is required by calling
Nancy Willamon at 351-2521.

"Race, Class and Health" teleconference, 12 noon, Gallery Lounge. For more information, contact Imani Bazzell at 351-2546.

Women's Basketball vs. Lincoln, 5:30 p.m., AWAY

Men's Basketball vs. Lincoln 7:30 p.m., AWAY

Friday, January 21
"Winter Prairie Skies" 7:00 p.m., Staerkel Planetarium

"Destination Mars" 8:00 p.m., Staerkel Planetarium

"Age of Aquarius" 9:30 p.m., Staerkel Planetarium
Call the planetarium at 217-351-2446 for show updates and information

Saturday, January 22
Men's & Women's Indoor Track EIU Mega Meet, 10:00 a.m., Charleston, IL.

Women's Basketball vs. Lewis & Clark, 1:00 p.m., AWAY

Men's Basketball vs. Lewis & Clark 3:00 p.m., AWAY

"Larry Cat in Space" 7:00 p.m., Staerkel Planetarium

"Destination Mars" 8:00 p.m., Staerkel Planetarium

"Age of Aquarius" 9:30 p.m., Staerkel Planetarium
Call the planetarium at 217-351-2446 for show updates and information.

Ongoing
Parkland Art Gallery:
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Saturday 10 a.m.-12 noon
Closed Sundays



PC Board expected to OK tuition increase

by Staff Writer

Parkland's Board of Trustees is expected to approve tonight a \$2 tuition increase from \$48 to \$50 per credit hour effective for the 2000 Summer session.

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

Board members are expected to approve the final design of the Bradley Avenue entrance where traffic lights will be installed. Board members also will be asked to approve the final design of the Agricultural Technology Applications Complex and

to authorize the administration to request bids for the project.

The Agricultural Technology Center will include classroom space, a computer lab, and laboratories for agriculture classes.

It also will have a Diesel Power Equipment Technician Training Center and an Equine Facility which will allow expansion of the Equine Management Program.

Changes in course fees in two courses probably will be approved. These fees are charged to help defray costs of supplies, equipment, maintenance, and other expenses.

The course fee for AGB Agriculture Applicator

Technology was \$65 this year. In FY2001, the fee will be reduced to \$3 per credit hour because a software package which required a licensing fee will no longer be used in the course.

In all NUR courses, the current \$5 per credit hour fee will be increased to \$10 next year if the Board approves. The increase will be used to defray costs of commercially purchased testing materials used in the program and to pay for NCLEX exams given at the end of the program. The cost will be spread over the length of the program.

The Board also will be asked to approve the 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 calen-

dars.

Because of changes in the University of Illinois calendar, the Parkland College Association Senate and the Instructional Council have requested Board approval of changes.

The start of the Spring semester would be delayed two days to allow more time for students to register and complete tasks related to academic advising and financial aid. Both the Parkland and UI calendars mesh as closely as possible with the UIUC calendar and contain 77 class days, two more than the minimum required by state regulations.

Black Male Symposium

Parkland will host a day-long Black Male Symposium on Thursday, January 20, 2000 from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Keynote speaker will be Dr. James Anderson, head of Educational Policy Studies at the University of Illinois.

Other featured speakers will include Erica Collins of the Children's Home and Aid Society, the Dr. Rev. Harold Davis of TALKS Mentoring, and Tracey Parsons of the Urban League of Champaign

County. The event is free and lunch will be provided.

The Symposium is sponsored by the NAACP, Urban League, Champaign Park District, the United Way, and other organizations.

Participants must pre-register by calling Nancy Willamon at 351-2521.

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Applications for Conference Awards now available

Application forms for the Illinois Women in Government's Penny Sevens Conference Awards program are now available on-line at the organization's new web site: www.IllinoisWomenInGov.org.

In a statement, Elizabeth Forkins Harano, chair of the Scholarship Awards Committee, said "This will make it significantly easier for Illinois college women to apply for these prestigious conference awards. It is especially fitting that this program, which was re-named at last year's conference in honor of one of our founders, the late State Senator Penny Sevens, should be made more accessible. Senator Sevens was a great supporter of programs designed to encourage women's active participation in government and politics."

Illinois Women in Government (IWIG) is a bipartisan organization which fosters women's involvement in the political process through career development/issues workshops and

an annual statewide conference. This will be the 17th conference, and the theme will be "Into the New Millennium...the Changing 20th Century Woman."

Featured speakers will include Adele Scheele, internationally recognized career strategist and change management consultant, and Marjabelle Stewart, etiquette expert with more than 40 years experience teaching America its "manners." Other presenters will analyze public policy issues such as information mapping and how to develop successful grass roots campaigns.

The conference takes place at the State Capitol, Springfield, Illinois, from April 26 to 28, 2000.

Conference scholarship awards include the cost of registration, conference meals, mileage allowance or train/bus fare and lodging.

Each award recipient will also be matched with a state legislator or other government official for several

hours to learn first hand about the day-to-day activities of women in public service. Previous mentors have included constitutional officers, legislators, mayors, cabinet officials, press spokespersons, and other high ranking women involved with public policy and politics.

The awards are open to full time Illinois college students who are in good academic standing. Applications have also been sent to campus Career Services.

Completed applications must be submitted by March 10, 2000 to Elizabeth Forkins Harano, IWIG Awards Chair, c/o DeVry, Inc., One Tower Lane, Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181. Those postmarked or electronically delivered after that date will not be considered.

Winners will be announced by late March.

Illinois Women in Government can be contacted at P.O. Box 5328, Springfield, IL 62705-5328.

Northwestern Sorority Parties With Frats Must Have No Liquor

by Meg McSherry Breslin
Knight-Ridder Tribune

EVANSTON, Ill. -- In yet another attempt to erode the sodden "Animal House" image of fraternities, sororities at Northwestern University have voted to stop throwing joint parties at frat houses if alcohol is to be served.

The new policy, which will take effect next fall, is aimed at what for decades have been one of the most popular types of Greek parties at Northwestern and scores of other universities--the fraternity-sorority co-sponsored event. And for years alcohol has been a major part of the culture at

such gatherings.

While fraternities can still throw functions with liquor at their houses without sororities if they wish, they'll have to pay for the parties themselves without getting sororities to chip in.

The resolution comes at a time when binge drinking, by some estimates, remains at disturbingly high levels among college students. A Harvard University School of Public Health study in 1997 found 81 percent of fraternity house residents engaged in binge drinking, compared with 45 percent of dormitory residents.

While the resolution at Northwestern doesn't preclude sorority members

from attending fraternity parties where alcohol is served, student leaders say the dismantling of an old tradition will further chip away at an already limited number of on-campus parties at fraternity houses.

Some fraternity members said the sororities' plan won't have the desired effect anyway.

"I just think it's not handling the situation. I think the sorority members are still going to go the parties and have alcohol," said Ryan Highland, a junior in the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity house.

Teen Hockey Player Denies Charges

by Margaret O'Brien
Knight Ridder Newspapers

A 15-year-old Illinois high school student denied two counts of aggravated battery Wednesday in connection with a Nov. 3 cross-check that left another 15-year-old paralyzed from the chest down.

During the teen's arraignment in Lake County Circuit Court this afternoon, Judge John Radosevich accepted the plea, equivalent to not-guilty in the adult court system and set a pre-trial conference in the case for 3 p.m. Jan. 26th.

Radosevich outlined the possible sentences he could impose if the teen is found guilty in the upcoming bench trial.

The teen, from

Glenbrook High North, could be sentenced to anything between supervision -- the juvenile equivalent of probation -- or incarceration to the juvenile detention center until his 21st birthday.

The teen, wearing a jacket and tie, sat between his two attorneys and appeared nervous as he peered around them to look at the media that packed the jury box and two benches in the courtroom.

"He's a high school boy, just 15, and he's overwhelmed by all of this," his attorney Jeff Steinbeck said -- adding that he didn't think this issue belongs in the courtroom. "One tragedy has become two."

Assistant State's Atty. George Strickland said that

prosecutors weighed the case very carefully before deciding to file charges. "We don't view this as a case where our primary goal is incarcerating this minor," he said.

Strickland said prosecutors felt compelled to file charges because they believe the hit took place after the final buzzer, the teen intended to injure the victim, and because the injuries were so severe.

Prosecutors said the body blow to Neal Goss, a New Trier High School student, was payback for an altercation the boys had earlier in the game.

Paralyzed from the waist down, Goss is a patient at the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago.

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The Champaign-Urbana Junior Woman's Club will present "The Twelve Dancing Princesses" at Centennial High School in Champaign on February 4, 5 and 6.

Seven performances will be given: February 4 (Friday): 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.; February 5 (Saturday): 10:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., and 4:00 p.m.

and February 6 (Sunday): 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.

This year will mark the 46th production of the Tom Thumb Children's Theatre.

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Wayne State U. offers course in Ebonics

DETROIT (TMS) -- Wayne State University is offering a new course in Ebonics, also known as African-American Vernacular or black English.

School officials said the course is designed to help students majoring in linguistics, speech or education understand the language so that they'll be able to better help children with whom they work.

"They'll know the difference

between a dialect and a disorder," said D'Jaris Coles, the course's instructor.

The use of black English is controversial, but many scholars contend it is a distinct language with its own structure and rules. It is widely considered similar to Hawaii Creole English, Chicano English, South Carolina Gullah and Louisiana Creole English.

Dalai Lama's Monks Hide Youth

by Tribune News Services

DHARMSALA, INDIA -- Dozens of people waited outside a guest house Sunday in northern India to find out where a 14-year-old Buddhist leader who escaped from Chinese-ruled Tibet had been taken.

The Karmapa Lama was whisked away in a convoy of jeeps before dawn, accompanied by an Indian official and 15 monks of the Dalai Lama's guards.

"We don't know where our god, the Karmapa, is," said a shopkeeper, standing outside

the Chonor guest house. When asked about the Karmapa, maroon-robed monks inside smiled and said only, "We don't know."

The youth arrived in Dharmasala on Wednesday after an eight-day trek across the Himalayas through Nepal and northern India.

His defection and that of five followers embarrassed Beijing and surprised India. It is the most significant exodus since the Dalai Lama and thousands of Tibetans fled their homeland after a failed 1959 uprising against China.

Court hears arguments on women taking accused attackers to courts

Greenburg
Knight-Ridder Tribune
January 12, 2000

WASHINGTON -- Supreme Court justices appeared skeptical Tuesday that Congress had authority to authorize rape victims to sue their attackers in federal court, in a case that could have dramatic implications for the balance of power between the federal government and the states.

At issue is whether Congress went too far when it passed a provision in the Violence Against Women Act that allows victims of gender-motivated violence to recover damages from their attackers. Lawyers supporting the law argued it was important in ensuring that women can fully participate in the national economy.

But several justices questioned whether Congress was improperly interfering in areas traditionally handled by states. They also appeared concerned that a ruling upholding the law would open the door to federal intervention in a number of other areas.

"Your approach, it seems to me, would justify a federal remedy for alimony or child support or a contractual dispute," Justice Sandra Day O'Connor told Solicitor General Seth Waxman, who argued in support of the law for the Clinton administration.

Justice Antonin Scalia said the rationale for the law "would allow general federal crime laws on all subjects," such as robbery and rape.

But the more liberal justices appeared sympathetic to the law's provision. Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg suggested that the court could view it as providing an alternate forum that would allow victims to sue in state court or federal court.

Others suggested that if the court were to invalidate the part of the law being challenged, it would undermine other laws, including some federal drug laws.

The case goes back to 1995, when a female college student sued two male students for allegedly raping her in a dormitory room when she was a freshman at Virginia Tech. The woman turned to the law after the university changed its mind about suspending one of the men.

The male students argued that the law was unconstitutional because Congress intervened in an area traditionally handled by states. A federal appeals court agreed, setting the stage for Tuesday's arguments on federal versus state power.

That subject has captivated the court in recent terms, and it has begun to scale back Congress' authority over the states, particularly its power to authorize private lawsuits against states. Tuesday's case could have broader implications, because it goes to the heart of Congress' authority to pass laws that infringe on traditional state concerns.

At issue is whether Congress had authority to pass the Violence Against Women Act under the Constitution, which grants Congress specific powers and reserves the rest of the powers for the states.

Supporters of the law argued that it fell under Congress' constitutional authority to regulate interstate commerce, since gender-motivated violence cost the nation \$3 billion to \$5 billion a year in lost productivity.

Congress has long justified many federal laws under its authority to regulate interstate commerce, and the court never put up much resistance until 1995. That's when it invalidated the Gun-Free School Zones Act, which prohibited possession of firearms near schools, as an improper infringement on areas of state concern.

That decision prompted lower courts to more closely scrutinize the rationale for other federal laws, including the provision at issue in the Violence Against Women Act.

Michael Rosman, who

argued on behalf of the men Tuesday, said the 1995 decision precludes Congress' regulation of non-economic conduct. That includes the gender-motivated assaults targeted by the Violence Against Women Act, he said.

Justice Stephen Breyer asked whether, under Rosman's view, Congress also could pass laws making drug use in a person's private home a crime, since there was no sale or distribution involved. Rosman said Congress probably could not.

"There are many, many instances of non-economic activities that, when lumped all together, could have overwhelming effects on interstate commerce," Breyer said.

Supporters of the provision also argued that Congress had power to pass it under the 14th Amendment's Equal Protection Clause, which provides for equal treatment under the law and gives Congress power to enforce it.

Waxman said evidence of "archaic prejudices and improper stereotypes" about women by people in state criminal justice systems further justified the law.

But Rosman maintained that the law was targeting purely private conduct between citizens, and did not implicate the states.

Justice Anthony Kennedy asked about possible approaches in other situations, such as if Congress found that prosecutors didn't treat assaults against African-Americans as seriously as assaults against whites. Could it then make assaults against African Americans a federal crime and give them a federal remedy?

Rosman said no, because in that example, Congress would merely be offering another remedy rather than forcing the state prosecutors to comply with the Equal Protection Clause. "Congress must do something so states are no longer engaging in conduct that violates" the 14th Amendment, he said.

A decision in the case is expected by July.

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Kieser said those statistics aren't as ominous as they seem.

"Typically through December, East Central Illinois will see 7.5 inches, so the area is only 1.5 inches below average," he noted, adding that October through December were drier than normal, but that on the whole, the area ended up just two-tenths shy of the average for the year.

January has yet to have

considerable precipitation, "but that can change with one storm," he cautioned. "That's the way it usually is with snow. Most of your snow around here comes from only a few storms each winter. We just haven't had any big ones yet."

For example, the New Year's Storm of 1999 dumped about 15 inches on the Twin Cities, doubling the January average with just

one storm.

East Central Illinois has not been alone in its unusually moderate winter. Kieser said that for the first time since weather records have been kept, Chicago and Milwaukee did not report a trace of snow in November. Boston went 303 days without snow—a new record—when the first flurries didn't fly until January 13, 2000.

But before you slap a "For

Sale" sign on your snowmobile, Kieser warned that winter is still with us. "We're in mid-January, so for the next two months we still have every opportunity to get a big winter storm and turn bitterly cold...there's plenty of winter left and we're likely not going to go through an entire winter on this streak."

Ed Kieser received his Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees in meteorology from Penn

State. Besides working as an instructor for eight years at Parkland and as meteorologist at WILL, Kieser is also a meteorologist for WCIA/Channel 3.

He was voted "Best Media Personality" for 1999 by Octopus readers. His forecasts can be accessed by clicking on "Ed Kieser's Forecast" at: www.will.uiuc.edu

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munication and cooperation so you can work with diverse people. Business and industry have known this for a long time, but education is just starting to rethink what and how we're teaching."

Kayes said that a class is currently in the works on intercultural communication, and she would like to add an interdisciplinary humanities and social science class on introduction to diversity issues and concerns, but has been too busy with her other work.

Kayes has been at

Parkland since 1976 and is currently an associate professor of English. She has been Director of the Office of Women's Programs and Services and Director of the Center of MultiCultural Education.

She also chairs the President's Committee on Access, Equity, and Cultural Diversity.

She holds a B.A. in English and Philosophy with valedictory honors from St. Joseph's College of Indiana and an M.A. in English and Women's Studies from

Purdue University.

Her award is named for a speech given by Martin Luther King Jr., at the Ebenezer Baptist Church on February 4, 1968. It reads:

If you want to say that I was a drum major, say that I was a drum major for justice; say that I was a drum major for peace;

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cation reform consultant and Parkland staff member, speculated that other reasons could have also played a part in the decision to issue it over the Internet.

"Stereotypes of black people and violence and us being unreasonable and prone to violence are still the rule of the day," she said.

Bazzell said that some might argue that the Internet posting allowed "access for all," but that is not necessarily the case.

"Who has access to the Internet?" asked Bazzell. "There's a real digital divide in this country."

In fact, according to a 1998 study by the National Telecommunications and Information Act, income, race, education and household type were shown to play a significant role in computer ownership, modem ownership, and Internet usage.

The study, entitled "Falling Through the Net: Defining the Digital Divide," is the third review on the demographics of technology usage. It found that "the least connected generally are low-income, Black, Hispanic, or Native Americans, senior in age, not employed, single parent (especially female-headed) households, those with little education, and those residing in central cities or especially in rural areas."

"The percentage point gap between the lower income households versus the wealthiest households grew from 13.4 percentage points

in 1989 to 56.5 points in 1997."

"Other non-Hispanics", which accounted for Asians, Native Americans, Eskimos and Pacific Islanders were the "most connected" ethnic group, surpassing White non-Hispanics in computer ownership and Internet usage. Blacks accounted for the "least connected" in both categories and regardless of income, although the gap narrowed to only a 2.0 percentage point difference in the \$75,000 and over income bracket. Overall, those in this income bracket were shown to be twenty times as likely to have Internet access and nine times as likely to have a computer at home than those at the lowest income levels.

Although technology ownership is increasing for nearly every racial group and income bracket, certain groups are gaining technology at a far faster trend, resulting in what has become known as the "digital divide."

For instance, in 1998 computer ownership there was a 2.0 percentage point difference at the \$75,000 income bracket between Whites and Blacks, down from 8.4 percentage points in 1994. The gap between Whites and Hispanics, however, has grown from 0.3 points in 1994 to 5.2 points in 1998. The study showed that only at this top income bracket were Whites and Blacks nearly equal in computer ownership.

At the lowest income levels, Whites nearly doubled in the number of computer owners between 1994 and 1998, while Black ownership grew by only 3.7 percentage points between those years, widening the gap from 6.3 percent more Whites than Blacks owning computers in 1994 to nearly eleven percent more in 1998.

The gap between households at the lowest educational level and the highest level grew from an 8.6 percentage point difference in 1989 to a 46.3 percentage point difference in 1997.

Makeup of the household also played a significant role in the percentage of ownership. The report stated that "single parent households with children lagged considerably; female households with children trailed all others (1.0% in 1989 compared to 15.4% in 1997)...but grew faster than any other category."

Also, the report found that "Black and Hispanic households are approximately one-third as likely to have home Internet access as households of Asian/Pacific Islander decent, and roughly two-fifths as likely as White households."

The NTIA used data from the December 1998 U.S. Department of Commerce Census Bureau. 48,000 households were sampled and respondents were 15 years or older.

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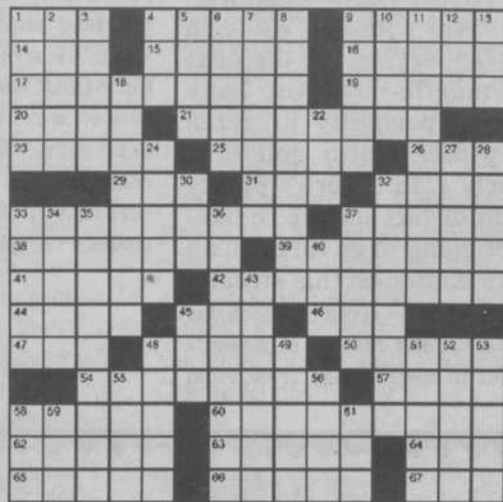
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 - In the past
 - Tropical porch
 - Make cloth gathers
 - The Swedish Nightingale
 - Smooth and glossy
 - Pot entrance fee
 - Napoleon's last exile
 - Medley meals
 - Tender spots
 - Nurse a drink
 - Healthy spot
 - Poetic offering
 - Italian volcano
 - Bold outlaw
 - Get a nosoful
 - More frequently
 - Sister river of the Congo
 - Rub it in
 - Cloud breaks
 - Second Gospel
 - Male hair
 - Harris and Asner
 - Supped
 - Skull cavity
 - Capital of Bulgaria
 - Musical repetitions
 - High time?
 - Domicile
 - Conjecturing
 - Nary a soul
 - 78-card deck
 - False story
 - Wanderer
 - Smelting residues
 - Mineo of "Rebel Without a Cause"
- DOWN**
- Indian rulers
 - provocateur
 - Carlo
 - Crazy
 - Chums
 - Component parts
 - Masculinity
 - Duck product
 - Donkeys
 - Front of a call
 - Columns set into a wall
 - Nettle
 - Weep
 - Misleading political babble
 - "Malcolm X" director
 - All in
 - Small harbor
 - Blanches
 - Ready when you
 - Ralph Waldo and Roy
 - Church truth
 - D-sharp
 - Supply cabinet
 - Fire starters
 - Framework posts
 - Actor Vigoda
 - Strange
 - Mister
 - Pace
 - Spanish missionary, Junipero
 - Thwarts
 - Asia Minor region
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by JobTrak

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A: Absolutely!! Many employers make job offers months before a candidate is actually available for employment. I would send your resume out as soon as possible and start interviewing. You may also have the opportunity to start working part-time now, while you finish up your degree. This policy will vary for different employers, but it is not unheard of. Good luck!
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LOCATING CONTACTS

Q: I'm wondering if anyone has a specific strategy for finding a name/address of someone inside a company you would like to interview with, if you have no networking contacts of your own. Any suggestions?—Jay

A: A couple of suggestions come to mind. The first would be to talk to people who might know someone who works at your target company. If you don't know anyone, continue to query

everyone you know. Sometimes networking contacts show up in the oddest places, like at the barber-shop, a club function, a sporting event, etc. Talk to everyone you know. You never know who might have a relative or a friend in the company.

Secondly, consider joining the student chapter(s) of professional associations in your field of study. Often, these associations will have professionals from a variety of organizations as conference speakers or as authors of articles in the publications of the association.

There are often opportunities at functions and conferences to network with professionals in your field as well. Next, I always suggest that students develop a relationship with their career services office on campus. These professionals not only can help you develop your job search skills, but they often arrange to have employers in a variety of fields come and give talks on careers, or serve on panel discussions and the like.

Last but not least, you might try and find names at these companies on their website. I hope this information is helpful to you. Good luck in your search!
Don Jensen
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Theatre to present "The Orphan Train"

by Staff Writer

Follow the experiences of a group of orphans who embarked from New York City on May 28, 1914, on a journey that would hopefully unite them with loving parents. Share the anxiety,

laughter, rejection, and acceptance of those who took part in this American true story.

The Parkland College Theatre will, present "The Orphan Train" at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 26; Saturday, January 29; and

February 3 through 5. Matinees will be at 3:00 p.m. on January 29 and 30, and February 3.

For ticket information, contact the Parkland College Theatre at 217/351-2528.

Through the Looking Glass

by Mike Pingree
TMS Campus

LESSON NUMBER ONE: USE FRESH HOLDUP NOTE: A robber handed the teller at a Jacksonville, Fla., bank a note saying he was armed with explosives which he threatened to set off if large sums of money were not immediately handed over. Alas, he wrote the note on the back of a police report which detailed his own previous arrest on another matter. He is in custody.

SO, CAN I BUY YOU A DRINK, MISS? A homeless man broke into the homes of two young women in Cocoa Beach, Fla., late at night for the purpose of burglary, but, in his confused state, mistook them for strippers he had observed at Sassy's, a nearby joint. In the first house, he got into bed with the sleeping woman. When she awoke, they had a brief conversation ending with her telling him to leave. He then broke into another woman's house a block away. She was in bed watching TV, and her boyfriend was sleep-

ing beside her. He began chatting with her about Sassy's when the boyfriend awoke and threw him out. He was arrested.

HEY, I'M A LEGITIMATE BUSINESSMAN: A young man pleaded innocent to drug possession charges in a Vermont court, but may have given the authorities the impression that he is no stranger to illegal substances. He filled out a routine court form, and, in the box marked "occupation," he wrote "selling drugs."

IN THAT CASE, I GIVE UP: San Diego police chased a man suspected of robbing an electronics store, but lost him in the thick underbrush along Interstate 8. They knew he was nearby, so to trick him into coming out of his hiding place, one of the cops said to the other, "As long as no one is around, let's just shoot him." The man surrendered immediately.

ONLY A FOOL WOULD TRUST A BANK: Andrea Scancarrella, nervous that his savings were not safe in the bank in Florence, Italy because of the Y2K milleni-

um bug, withdrew all his money \$5,730 last month for safekeeping. About five minutes later, he was robbed.

THE ULTIMATE IN PETTY THEFT: Mgbahi Dlamini, speaker of Swaziland's House of Assembly, was caught trying to steal cow dung from King Mswathi's royal cattle enclosure. Police suspect that he wanted to use the stuff in witchcraft rituals as it is believed to have special powers since it comes from the king's property. Speaker Dlamini has been asked to resign.

BAD TIME TO GET RID OF THE EVIDENCE: As police chased him down I-675 in Ohio, a bank robber threw the money out of his car, prompting 150 motorists to pull over and scramble after it. The bandit ended up crashing into a van, and was arrested.

Mike Pingree is an editor at the Boston Herald. Talk back to him on line at mpingree@bostonherald.com.

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Picks of the Week

by Mitchell Wilson
Sports Editor

The Sports writers at the Prospectus have decided to add a new trend to the Sports page. Each week the

Sports writers will be picking who they think will win from a number of games such as; men's and women's college basketball, men's professional basketball, the rest of the NFL playoffs,

and any other sport they decide to include. We left all Parkland games out of the picking, because we believe they will win every week.

Mitch Wilson's Picks

Brian Westbrook's Picks

Men's Games

Memphis at Cincinnati	Cincinnati
Arizona at UCLA	UCLA
Connecticut at Syracuse	Syracuse
Auburn at Tennessee	Tennessee
Duke at Wake Forest	Duke
Kansas at Missouri	Missouri
Florida at Alabama	Florida
Indiana at Purdue	Indiana
Penn St. at Illinois	Illinois

Cincinnati
UCLA
Connecticut
Auburn
Duke
Kansas
Florida
Indiana
Illinois

Women's College Game

Illinois at Purdue	Purdue
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Illinois

Men's Pro Games

Portland at San Antonio	Portland
Milwaukee at Indiana	Indiana
Portland at Los Angeles	Los Angeles
New York at San Antonio	San Antonio
Los Angeles at Utah	Los Angeles

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NFL Playoffs

Tampa Bay at St. Louis	St. Louis
Tennessee at Jacksonville	Tennessee

St. Louis
Jacksonville

Parkland Track teams getting in gear

by Mitchell Wilson
Sports Editor

On Saturday the Parkland Cobra track team competed in the Illinois Invite. The teams competing in the meet were the University of Illinois, Indiana State University, University of Tennessee-Martin, and Parkland College. Parkland was the only junior college team competing in the meet.

The Cobras were led by strong performance from Jimmy Lacy in the 200 meter and 60 meter dashes. Lacy placed 4th in the 200 with a time of 22.59 seconds and 5th in the 60 with a time of 7.15 seconds. Isaac Robinson had a respectable performance in the 400 meter dash, placing 6th in a time of 52.76 seconds.

In the distance events the Cobras were led by Robert Hanners, whose impressive finishing kick at the end of the race put him in 5th place in the 1600 meter run in a time of 4:32.92. Jackson Johnson and Roque Chavarria finished 5th and 6th respectively in the 3000

and 5000 meter runs. Johnson crossing the finish line in the 3000 in 8:59.49 and Chavarria coming across the line in 17:04.17 in the 5000.

On the women's side the only competitors for the Cobras were Jessica Sams and Teresa Thompson. Sams placed 7th in the 20 lb. Weight throw with a throw of 12.5 m and 8th in the shot put with a toss of 9.37 m. Thompson placed 8th in the 20 lb. Weight throw with a throw of 10.05 m and 9th in the shot put with a toss of 8.89 m.

Ricco Reed competing unattached place 5th in the 400 meter dash with a time of 51.3 seconds.

The Cobras will next be competing on Saturday the 22nd in the Eastern Illinois Mega Meet. The meet will be held at the Eastern Illinois University indoor track in Charleston, Illinois. The field events will begin at 9 am with the running events starting at 10 am. Come out and support the Cobras.

Lady Cobra B-ball with an impressive win

By Brian Westbrook
Sports Writer

On Wednesday the Lady Cobras skated past Lakeland College 66-59. The game got off to a slow start with early turnovers by both teams. Lakeland took advantage of the Cobras zone defense by hitting key three point shots from various spots. Cobra point guard Carrie Yerkey controlled the ball very well in the first half, not allowing Lakeland to run away with a big lead.

Keysha Myers also helped the Cobras with some early scoring in the paint area. After the halftime buzzer the score was 24-23 in favor of Lakeland but in striking distance for the Lady Cobras. The Lady Cobras were determined to

take over in the second half.

Thanks to great team defense and good ball control the Cobras put themselves in a great position to win the game. Yerkey continued to control the ball and also dominated in the scoring column by scoring a game high 27 points. A well-coached second half and good free throw shooting allowed Parkland to close the game out in winners fashion. The Lady Cobras are 8-10 and have the needed momentum to add more wins to their record.

The Lady Cobras next game will be tonight at 5:30 pm against Lincoln College. The women will play again on Saturday against Lewis and Clark at 1 pm. Come out and support the Cobras.

Men's B-ball lose a tough one

by Brian Westbrook
Sports Writer

Parkland Cobras fall to Lakeland College 98-81 in a disappointing loss on Wednesday night Jan 12th. Despite some unforced turnovers the Cobras jumped out to a 15-7 lead with 12:51 left in the first half. Lakeland battled back with some tough play by their big man Andre Newson. The Cobras point guard Dustin Bierman played with an enormous amount of energy, scoring and distributing the ball well enough to keep the Cobras leading until half-time.

The Lakeland off guard Daniel Phillips owned the second half. Phillips hit three point shot after three point shot while Parkland's off guard Carlon Butler left

the game due to an injured ankle he suffered during the beginning of the second half. Pierre Bebley and Kevin Brown sparked the crowd with two exciting dunks created by good Cobra defense.

Phillips hit more key three pointers to give Lakeland a 73-80 lead with 6:41 left in the game. Lakeland point guard Marlin Murphy controlled the ball and the clock to close the game out. Bierman led parkland with 21 points, 8 assists and only 2 turnovers. Phillips led Lakeland with 7 three pointers, 5 rebounds, and 22 points.

The men play tonight at Lincoln College at 7:30 pm and again on Saturday against Lewis and Clark at Godfrey at 3 pm. Come out and support the Cobras.

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