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'We're Here for You' Learning Lab Welcomes Students

by Claire O'Brien
Staff Writer

"We're here for you. We're committed to you. And our job is to serve you." Marilyn Newman leans forward and runs a practiced eye over a group of Parkland students gathered in the Learning Lab for a recent orientation session.

Newman, the Lab's director, speaks with an easy, encouraging air, and the students, grouped around study tables in the Math Room, listen attentively. Newman's enthusiasm is contagious. And her message is clear: "We're not for every student," she asserts, "Students who can't make it to their classes probably won't do well here. But if you're self-

motivated and have the ability to work alone and be responsible, you're in the right place. We'll do everything we can to help you succeed."

A few students smile. Another semester at the Learning Lab has begun.

The Learning Lab has been serving Parkland students for almost thirty years. When it first opened its doors in downtown Champaign in 1972, students worked in the hallways and on the floor, overflowing from the Lab's single 15 by 20 foot space.

Now occupying a suite of six modern fully-equipped rooms in C Wing, the Learning Lab carries on its original commitment to academic success, one student at a time.

Students enrolled in all of Parkland's programs use the Lab because, in addition to Applied Study Skills in math, writing, and computer literacy, its study skills courses teach strategies for academic success across the disciplines. A unique emphasis is placed on highly individualized study plans developed by both students and instructors.

After diagnostic testing to identify strengths and weaknesses, students may enroll at the level best suited to their own learning needs. And the process is a student-friendly one, made easy and accessible by the Learning Lab staff.

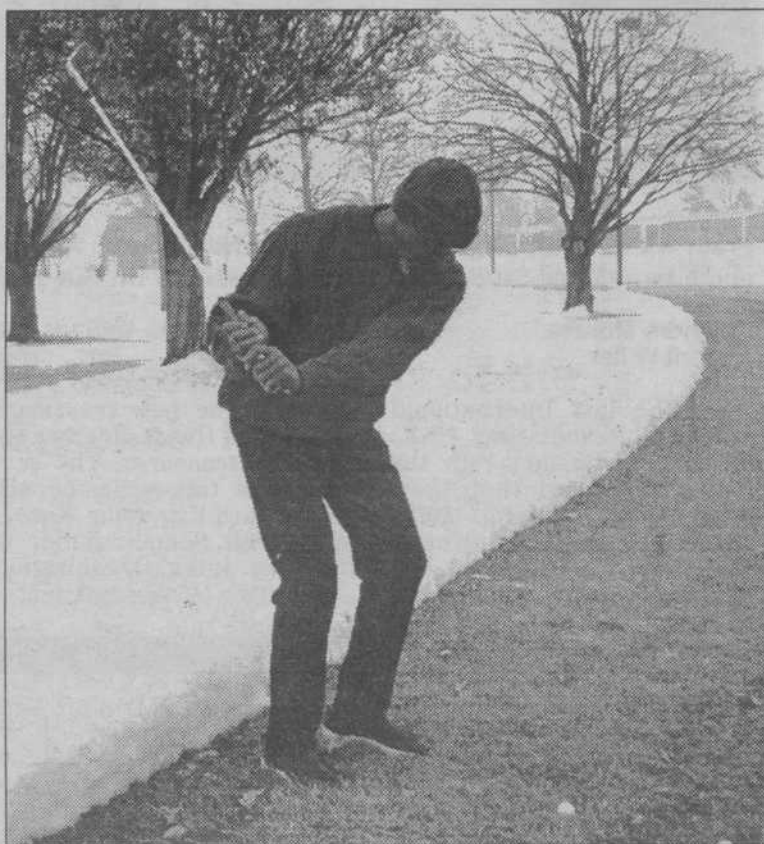
After placement in a course, students meet with instructors to develop a set of goals, based on skill level and number of credit hours. Students work on lessons on the Lab's computers at their own pace, logging in their hours and documenting their progress. A wide variety of lessons are available through NovaNet, a computer service that is linked to every reading and English class on campus.

Students also meet with instructors at weekly conferences, complete workbooks, take tests and exams, and help to monitor their own progress.

Regular grades are given and are averaged into the student's GPA.

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Winter's Little Pleasures



Mary Ecker/Prospectus

by Mary Ecker
Guest Writer

It was 24 degrees with several inches of snow on the Parkland campus last Saturday, but Nate (The Great Golfer) Shabazz was swinging away, trying to place his golf shots consistently in a small area across the road from the C parking lot where some grass was visible.

Does the bad weather bother him? Shabazz laughed and shook his head. "No, oh sure, it's better to play on a nice sunny day, but you have to take what you get and just do it."

Shabazz, who is a night custodian at Parkland, said he tries to practice outside everyday, but when the weather is too bad, he practices putting at home in his living room. He plays primarily at the U of I Orange and blue courses where he shoots in the 80s and has a 15 handicap.

As he used an iron to place shots about 175 yards across the road, he said, "Distance isn't my problem. I have to work on direction."

Now, golf is his game, but Shabazz has played other sports. He was on Parkland's first basketball team.

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Claire O'Brien/Prospectus

Learning Lab Director Marilyn Newman chats with sophomore and Lab alumnus Micheal Spencer, who is a frequent visitor to the lab.

Bush Family Reclaims Washington, Brings Changes Galore

by William Neikirk
Chicago Tribune

WASHINGTON -- After a razor-thin victory that left behind hard political feelings, George W. Bush set his sights on a course of national unity as he prepared to take the oath of office Saturday as America's 43rd president amid Texas-size hoopla, heightened security, and the threat of sleet and rain.

His high noon (EST) inauguration not only signals a decidedly more conservative direction by the federal government after eight years of Democratic reign, but it also makes Bush only the second son of a president in U.S. history to take over the highest office in the land, after John Quincy Adams 176 years ago.

Father George Herbert Walker Bush, patriarch of the Bush political clan who lost the presidency to the now-departing Bill Clinton in 1992, will be on hand along with his wife, former First

Lady Barbara Bush, to see their 54-year-old son repeat the same oath the father took in 1988. The incoming president's wife, Laura, makes her debut as first lady.

Despite the weather, hundreds of thousands gathered in the capital to witness one of the most solemn rites of American democracy and the post-inaugural parade taking Bush down Pennsylvania Avenue to the White House. Thousands of protesters, many questioning Bush's legitimacy as president, planned to line the parade route, which is to have beefed-up security.

Bush could not hide his joy at the prospect of assuming the office as he made the official rounds in the capital. On Friday, acknowledging his parents at an event with his wife, Bush said, "Mr. President. It's got kind of a nice ring to it."

At an event honoring veterans, he said he was prepared to "to become the com-

mander in chief of the greatest nation . . . I accept that honor with pride. I accept that honor with purpose."

To a group of young people, he said, "We're going to do everything we can to make this the most peaceful nation on earth."

But realizing his promise of being a "uniter, not a divider" and a "compassionate conservative" who can achieve reforms "with results" will put his political skills to a severe test in a city torn by partisanship. On top of that, he takes office at a time when the economy is markedly slowing, threatening to undermine his popularity. Yet, said Bush, he wants to "change the tone" of Washington.

That intent to achieve more national unity and political conciliation in Washington was likely to be reflected in a planned 13-minute inaugural address. Bush gave some hints of what it might contain as he indicat-

ed, in several talks Friday, that he would stress harmony at home. He said he wanted "to make sure the great potential and promise of America reaches through every single neighborhood and state all across this great land."

His first legislative package, designed to improve the educational system by requiring more accountability through testing, will be sent to Congress next week. Aides said it would contain a controversial voucher proposal that Democrats oppose, but Bush officials have also indicated this part of the bill could be dropped if it holds up the package.

Some inaugural committee officials entertained moving the ceremony inside the Capitol to escape the prospect of steady, cold precipitation, but other officials said they hoped to stage the event outside if the forecast did not become measurably worse.

ISA Elections Spring 2001



Andre L. Moraes/Prospectus

From left to right: Birgit Schneidmuller, Nilam Patel, Ai Manabe, Jeanie Moon, Barbara Kim and International Students Association advisor Dr. Sue Kuykendall.

By Andre Moraes
Staff Writer

On the last International Students Association (ISA) meeting on January 18th, the students elected their new leaders for Spring 2001. Jeannie Moon from Korea, who was vice-president last year, is now the president.

Nilam Patel from India is the vice-president for this semester. Ai Manabe from Japan is the new treasurer. She is also the student's government treasurer. The secretary for this semester will be Barbara Kim from Korea, and Birgit Schneidmuller is the new Inter Organization Committee (IOC) representa-

tive. The meeting was held in a nice environment with a pizza party. It was also discussed about the upcoming events such as the Culture Fair 2001 that will take place in March 7th here at Parkland College, and a pizza sale the ISA will have on Wednesday the 24th at the Flag Lounge.

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Starts its Second Year

by Brian Weidert
Guest Writer

Images, Parkland College's only student run literary and art magazine, begins its second year of production. *Images* was first published in 1981 under the direction of former Humanities Department Chair, Joe Harris, with the help of Fine Arts staff members.

The magazine, an annual collection of student writings; in genres like fiction, non-fiction, and artwork in photography, drawing, painting, graphic design, and sculpture ran through six issues until it ceased publication after 1986.

Images was restored in the spring semester of 2000 by Marc Thompson with the help of Paul Young, Craig McMonigal, Juanita Gammon, Cynthia Biggers, and others in supervisory roles, and student workers and volunteers Marcy Stout, Jean Cho, and Michelle Moore, among others seeing to the design and production of the magazine.

The next annual issue, due out during the spring 2001 semester, is now starting to gather momentum, but not without your help. "*Images* is student run," says Marc Thompson, "The magazine is staffed by students who are responsible for every phase of the production. The students do everything from judge entries to graphic design and layout."

For the spring 2001 annual issue, *Images* welcomes student literary submissions in all genres, including fiction, non-fiction/essay, poetry and drama, student art submissions in photography, drawing, and graphic design, painting, and sculpture.

Entry forms containing additional information are available at www.parkland.cc.il.us/h/arts/entry/htm.

Images also welcomes all Parkland students and faculty interested in joining the *Images* staff to contact the Editor through images@stu.parkland.cc.il.us or by phone at 217-356-2756. No experience is necessary. Our next meeting will be Jan. 25 from 2 to 3pm in C-123.

Choose Your Career Wisely

TMS Campus

Happy New Year, and welcome back to school!

Whether you're just deciding on a major or preparing to graduate this semester and make your mark on the world, what would you like to accomplish this semester?

One of the biggest challenges you face at this stage of your life is deciding what you'd like to do in your career so you can become an independent, contributing member of society. The important question in life isn't so much, "What do you want to do when you grow up?" Rather, it's "Who do you want to be?"

What kind of person do you want to present to the world? When you become a person of integrity (living according to your values and beliefs) and do what's necessary to fill your needs, you can be, do, and have, anything you want!

Life is about choices, and your career is a critical choice in life. Society tells us that we have to do everything possible, to have whatever we can in order to be happy. In reality, if you would just be yourself, confident that you have everything you need, you can do whatever you like!

What do you value? How do you define success? What help do you need to focus your thoughts and make wise choices?

Choose a career doing something that you love, rather than something that simply pays well, or pays the bills. Your success will be far greater in a career that you love rather than doing something that other people would like you to do for the prestige or status.

How will you use your summer vacation? How many careers/jobs have you explored to find out how interested you would be in performing them on a regular basis? What jobs will showcase your gifts, talents and interests while producing a respectable income and opportunities to grow?

Not sure what you would like to do? Uncertain about your gifts, talents, and skills? Still wondering what jobs would be most interesting and rewarding for you? Work with a career coach to help you crystallize your options and generate opportunities to succeed in all aspects of your life. Coaching is available individually or in groups. Most coaches offer a free introductory session and have a range of fees and services to meet your needs.

Career coaches exist nationwide. To find one in your area, visit www.coachfederation.org or www.coachu.com. In greater metropolitan Philadelphia, you can also find a coach at www.breakthroughs.com/paca



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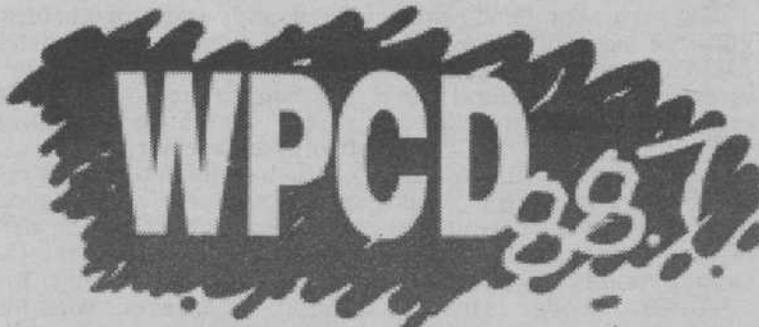
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Here Today, Gone Tomorrow

Transition to College Can Take 'Entirely Too Long'

by Rebekah Beachey
Staff Writer

Last week I got called into the dean's office. I had skipped school for 'senior skip day'. The dean, who I believe knew exactly what was going on, gave me detention. So there I was sitting at a table in the principal's office on one of my last days of school.

This week I am juggling more than a full load of college classes, writing for the *Prospectus*, and hoping to be voted in to student government. The transition from high school to college is made by millions of students in the U.S. yearly; the transition usu-

ally results from four years of high school and takes place in the fall. However, more and more students these days are resorting to early graduation. In fact, this spring semester at Parkland finds many first semester enrollees straight out of the area high schools. For the early graduates from Mahomet it was graduation on Tuesday and college on Wednesday. There is a high number of senior's opting to graduate early right now, as high as one-third of the senior class reported at Mahomet.

What's it like going from high school to college in one day? As an early graduate myself, I found registration to be a challenge. First, came the thrill of registration. There were lines, then getting override slips, then more lines. I found the lines to be incredibly tiring and draining. I wasn't the only one that thought this. Early graduate Brendan Kibbee from Urbana also found registra-

tion to be the hardest part of the transition. "It was all the forms" he explained. His thought on the process was that it "took entirely too long," compared to the high school process of meeting with you counselor for ten minutes to choose classes and signing a piece of paper saying you read the handbook. Total time allotted for high school registration, fifteen minutes, for college at least an hour if not more.

Is college socially that unlike high school? For me at Parkland I would have to say no. The class size is the same; all the same clubs and sports are offered. The main difference is the freedom. Everyone in college wants to be there. Another big change that I found between high school and college is the parking. At my high school it takes less than a minute to pull into a parking spot and walk into the building. Here I don't have it so easy. For starters there is more than

one parking section. When I went to S.O.A.R., I lost my car I couldn't remember the door I had entered in. Luckily for me a friend was around and offered to drive me around college until we found it, which we did. From that day on I park in the same section, C. It doesn't matter if all my classes are in A or X that day, I still park in C. The aisles between the rows seem awfully narrow to me as well, and students don't drive as slowly and carefully in college as they did in high school. I'll tell you what a college parking lot is a great place to practice defensive driving.

The total cost for my junior year in high school including books, sports, and supplies, would come to about 180 dollars. My classes and fees alone here at Parkland piled up to a handsome sum of over 600 dollars, which did not include the other 200 dollars I spent on books. For students who have to pay that

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much, it can lead to an ungodly amount of stress. One similarity between high school and college is the food. I am not saying the food here at Parkland or in high school is terrible, or even bad, but there is a common factor with the quality of both. Unfortunately the cost is quite a bit more. Lunch here would cost between four and six dollars, where as in high school it would be for the entire meal including drink would be a dollar seventy-five. Another interesting way to rob students of the few dollars they have left.

College has been full of new experiences for this just out of high school teen, between registration, parking, food, classes, and extracurricular and social changes it has been exciting and a bit overwhelming. I would jump at the chance to do it all over again though, because I, for one, enjoy the label of college coed.

Space, Not Time, is of the Essence: Parkland's New D Wing

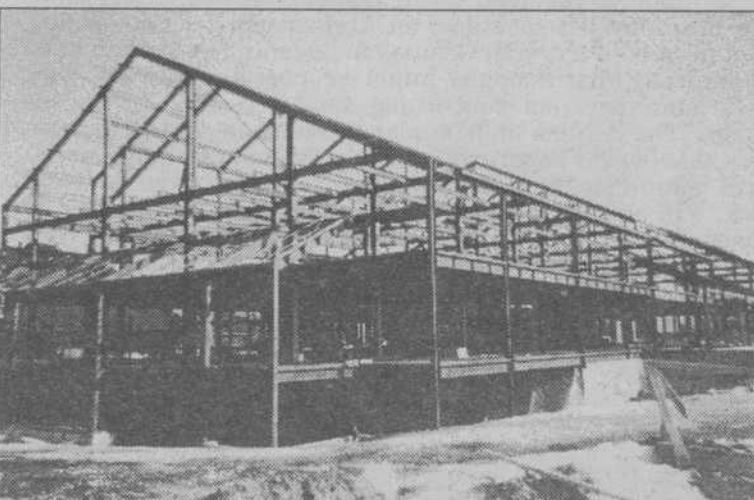
by Neil Balkcom
Editor-in-Chief

After years of waiting, debate between state representatives, and the final approval of Governor Ryan, Parkland College finally got the almost 14 million dollars it needed to build the new Social Science wing, or as most people will be calling it, the "D" wing. Parkland already has a "D" wing (the child development center) but it will most likely be renamed "G."

Dale Ewen, the Executive Vice President of Parkland,

Learning Lab, Peer Tutoring, the Writing Center, the Distance and Virtual Learning Department, the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, Campus Technologies and the Computer Technology Center to name a few.

The new wing will be almost 99,000 square feet, which is a 20 percent increase for the college, and will house 22 classrooms or labs, 14 computer labs, a multi-media conference center that will hold 200 people, and four conference rooms. It will also be home to 8000



Neil Balkcom/Prospectus

said that the 13.8 million dollar project was largely (75 percent) funded by the state and the remainder came from local sources. Parkland has been hurting for storage and classroom space for quite some time. "We're just overly crowded now... there is no space for anything," Ewen explained. But, in the fall of 2001, that problem will be remedied. "The million dollar question" though, is the exact completion date, Ewen said. He estimates that the completion date will probably be in mid-October, but admits that construction is already a month behind. Students, teachers, offices and storage will make the move when the building is ready -- even if it's mid-semester.

So, what exactly will be moving to the new D wing? Well, of course the Social Sciences and Human Services Department is moving, as well as the

square feet of badly needed space for storage and additional art facilities.

Even though Parkland will be sizably larger when the new wing opens, there are no plans to hire new instructors specifically for the Social Science wing. Ewen said that some new courses may come out of Parkland's new extension, but it is too soon to be sure.

Ewen said that the decision to move the Social Science Department as opposed to another department was logical. "We needed to move an entire department and in the original plans... the Social Science Department was the closest," Ewen said.

Even if the building is structurally ready for occupation, it will take some time to work out the details. Like assembling truckloads of furniture and installing hundreds of computers.

Black History Month Event

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WORLD NEWS

Colombian President Received Warnings of Attack From Townspeople

26 village people were slaughtered by a paramilitary death squad called the United Self-Defense Forces of Colombia (AUC) in the northern village of Chengue in Colombia last week. But this incident was neither isolated nor a surprise. The Associated Press reports that the president of Colombia, Andres Pastrana, received reports from villagers that rightists militiamen had been planning to attack their village. The reports went unheeded. The result was especially gruesome because the 26 who were murdered were torched and hacked to death by machetes, something not uncommon during a wave of violence that resembled a civil war, but that Colombians just call "the Violence," about 50 years ago.

Militia groups have terrorized the country since then and several peace talks have been held, but none have come to fruition. The three main militia groups are the leftist Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) and Army of National Freedom (ELN) and the rightist AUC. Most massacres take place in rural villages and towns. Typically the militiamen will brand townspeople as supporters of an opposing militia group, using the adage, "if you are not with us, you are against us." The suspected townspeople are then murdered, usually shot execution style in front of their families, or sometimes, if they hold a position of power or great wealth, are kidnapped.

The AUC is known for its mafia-style attacks and are most likely starting a wave violence so that the government of Colombia will give them concessions such as land.

Afghanistan Struggles with Severe Drought, Sanctions, Refugees

The leader of the Taliban movement in Afghanistan made a proclamation last week that all "countrymen are requested to offer Istisqa prayers for three days starting from Saturday so that God the Almighty sends rain of blessing to our drought-hit country." Afghanistan suffers from droughts almost every year, but the current drought is the worst in 30 years.

More than 100,000 Afghans have become refugees in other countries because of the drought and war, mainly fleeing to Pakistan, its border country to the south, and Iran to the west. Pakistan is bracing itself for a large influx of refugees and on Friday turned away hundreds of desperate Afghans. Pakistan is already home to approximately 1.2 million Afghans living in refugee camps in the northwest wedged between Kashmir and Afghanistan. Iran holds the highest number of refugees at 1.3 million. The CIA says in a report called "Global Trends 2015," that about half the world's population will live in an area that is "water-stressed," that is having less than 1,700 cubic meters of water per capita, per year -- mainly in Africa, Middle East, South Asia and China.

Sanctions

The Taliban received more troubles over the weekend. The U.S. imposed sanctions on Afghanistan for not turning over suspected terrorist Osama bin Laden. The Taliban hinted Saturday that dialogue might be possible with the new Bush administration concerning sanctions and Osama bin Laden. The Afghan ambassador to Pakistan said in a statement that he was hopeful of starting "direct talks between the Bush administration and Taliban representative in New York." In an official press release, the Taliban said that it "condemns any and all acts of terrorism... As knowing victims of terrorism ourselves, we consider terrorism inhuman and cowardly in any form."

The press release also stressed Osama bin Laden's innocence regarding the terrorist attack on the U.S.S. Cole in Aden, Yemen. "[bin Laden] remains in the country under our strict supervision... he is not permitted to make statements, communicate by any means, or conduct any activities that would threaten any other country... It would have been impossible for him to engage in any terrorist activity."

Jewish Boy Possibly Lured to His Death

The body of a Jewish boy was turned over to Israeli officials Thursday after he had been murdered by several masked men in the Palestinian-controlled town of Ramallah in the West Bank, reports the Jerusalem Post. The boy, Ofir Rahum, 16, had been missing for days.

Reportedly, the Rahum went to Ramallah to meet a girl that he had become romantically involved with through an internet chat room and was carrying a large amount of money. When the boy got to Ramallah, he met the girl and was approached by a group of masked men and shot. The men then dragged his body to the side of the road and Palestinian security officers recovered him. Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak said that the "murder of a young man is extremely grave and we will act to ensure those responsible are brought to justice."

Congo President Killed in Coup Attack

The President of Congo, Laurent Kabila was killed in his palace during an abortive coup attempt. The Belgian government, a former colonial ruler of the war-torn African nation, was the first to report the death on Wednesday and was later confirmed by the Information Ministry. Kabila has been waging a fruitless war against a coalition of rebels since 1998. Kabila came to power in his coup in 1997, prying the leadership from the aging dictator Mobutu Sese Seko. Ironically, Kabila's regime began to look more like the dictatorship he had overthrown. He ruled by decree, blocking the U.N. war crimes investigators from coming in the country. He initiated attacks and arrests of teachers, journalists and politicians, who were tortured and sometimes executed. Kabila is believed to be survived by three wives.

by Neil Balkcom, Editor-in-Chief



Chuck Kennedy/Knight-Ridder Tribune

A moving van waits outside of the White House to carry belongings of the Clinton family to New York. The Clintons had a hard time moving because they had to designate which items will go to New York, Arkansas, and their new Washington, D.C. home.

Ashcroft, Norton Picked to Please Right Wing

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His chief of staff, Andrew Card, echoed that theme in an interview with CNN, saying the address "will be a rallying cry for America to come together and unite." Card added that Bush would "talk about the need for courage and compassion and character in America."

Shortly after he, along with Vice President-elect Dick Cheney, are sworn into office, Bush plans as one of his first official acts as president to submit less controversial Cabinet nominations to the Senate. Confirmation within hours is then anticipated for Colin Powell as secretary of state, Donald Rumsfeld as defense secretary and Paul O'Neill as treasury secretary.

The incoming president also was considering executive orders that might overturn some of Clinton's orders in recent weeks dealing from everything to ergonomics in offices to putting some Western lands off-limits to commercial development, according to The Associated Press.

Fleischer said Bush may issue a moratorium on new regulations from being printed in the Federal Register, a step designed to block Clinton's most recent executive orders. New rules can't take effect unless they have appeared in this official government publication for a certain period.

Some of Bush's other Cabinet picks have met with

resistance in a Congress almost evenly divided between Democrats and Republicans. His choices of former Sen. John Ashcroft (R-Mo.) as attorney general and Gale Norton as interior secretary have provoked Democratic protests, although both are expected to be confirmed after tough fights.

The Ashcroft-Norton picks were designed to appease Republican conservatives, whom Bush can ill afford to offend if he is keep the party's base together. His father fell out of favor with the party's conservative base during his administration, contributing to his 1992 loss.

Now the elder Bush would be on the stage not only with the man who defeated him, Clinton, but also with Gore, whom his son defeated in the election. Clinton on Friday had somewhat overshadowed Bush when he reached a deal with Independent Counsel Robert Ray to avoid prosecution in connection with the Monica Lewinsky affair.

Bush, who had talked during the campaign about "restoring dignity" to the office, expressed surprise at the Clinton-Ray deal when Card disclosed it to him Thursday night, according to Card. But the deal did remove a possible distraction from Bush's presidency, as some members of Congress had called on him to pardon Clinton if there had been an indictment.

By tradition, the day before inauguration is reserved to put the spotlight on the new first lady and the incoming vice president. Laura Bush, a former school-

teacher and librarian, presided over a celebration of American authors while Cheney saluted the nation's veterans.

The incoming president emphasized his commitment to improving the military and its morale by pledging to "make sure our soldiers are well-paid and well-housed." He added that his goal would be "to have a military prepared, trained and ready to fight and win war, and therefore to prevent war from happening."

Any pronouncements in the speech on the use of American power will be closely examined at home and abroad. Bush has already signaled that he will seek to scale back the U.S. role in peacekeeping efforts and to intervene in foreign conflicts only where there is a clear American interest involved. His critics fear his administration will go too far in pulling back U.S. forces.

Laura Bush created controversy when she told NBC on Friday that she believed the Supreme Court's Roe vs. Wade decision permitting women the right to choose an abortion should remain the law of the land. "No, I don't think it should be overturned," she said.

Her husband has said the court's decision was the result of activist justices creating new law, rather than the "strict constructionists" he would try to nominate for the high court. He also has said he does not believe the political climate exists for a constitutional amendment he favors that would ban abortion except in cases of rape or incest.

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Learning Lab Continues Job, But Prepares to Move

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Director Newman and Lab Assistant Gail Hoke are very much present in the Learning Lab on a daily basis. In addition to supervising the overall operation of the Lab, Newman is there to offer individual help to students who need it. Her door is almost always open – literally. “We want to encourage students to go on and accomplish whatever they can,” she says “and we get terrific reviews from our students. They come back and tell us of their successes, and I think that’s our biggest motivator.”

Hoke agrees. “The students are the reason we’re here,” she says. “I love this job because I deal with such a wide variety of people every day. And it’s fun. When you see the students succeed, it’s really a wonderful thing.”

While Hoke holds the fort in the front office – “Gail knows all, sees all,” Newman likes to jokingly warn students – the director also has help from a variety of other people. “Our student assistants are truly dedicated to helping fellow students. They have earned our respect. And we’re lucky in that the teachers who work with us are truly student-oriented.”

Students, both new and experienced, seem to agree. “I came here for help with a math class,” says sophomore Michael Spencer, “The class was just moving too quickly for me, but here you work at your own pace. And after I began going at my own pace I absorbed the material, met my goals, and got an A and a B.”

On a recent morning, Spencer was back in the Lab chatting with Newman, whose office door was wide open. “I’m not even a Learning Lab student anymore, but I’ve kept up a great relationship with Marilyn and



Claire O'Brien/Prospectus

Learning Lab Director Gail Hoke (right) confers with lab assistant Marilyn Newman (left).

Gail. They absolutely still support me. I really got out of this what I put into it.”

Freshman Jerry Lacy is just starting out in the Learning Lab this semester. “I need to brush up on my math skills so I thought this would be useful,” she says,

“The way Mrs. Newman explains things makes me feel more confident. I can see that it’s not just the time you put in that counts, but what you do with that time that matters. There are a lot of learning tools here – I’m actually looking forward to it.”

Parkland students are not alone in their enthusiasm. The Learning Lab has a national reputation as an innovator in education. “We often act as consultants to other community colleges who are interested in setting up similar programs,” Newman explains, “We usually get visitors from other schools at least every semester, and we’re recognized at annual conferences of professional societies.”

What’s in store for the Learning Lab’s future? “Our services are always evolving,” Newman stresses. Currently, the Lab is doing outreach to establish several off-site services, and to

increase the number of online courses offered. Newman explains, “We’re looking for ways to free the Lab from the confines of one space – and we’re really looking forward to our move into the new wing currently under construction.”

The Learning Lab will begin making the move into its new space throughout the fall of 2001. Improvements include private conference rooms for instructors and students, small group-study rooms and expanded student services. The Lab will have connecting suites with the Writing Center, the Walk-in Study Skills Center, and Peer Tutoring. Students will be able to get “one-stop service” at the new facility, with all of these academic support services housed together as the new Cooperative Learning Center.

The staff hopes that more students become aware of the resources that the Learning Lab offers. All Parkland students are welcome to enroll in lab courses through the 10th week of the semester.

Those interested should call 351-2442 or drop by C-152 Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or Friday 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

STYX, Speedwagon Pump Assembly Hall with Energy, Memories

By Susan Goodwin
Guest Writer

Let’s do the Time Warp Again

It was like stepping back 25 years. The sounds of my teen years. Needless to say, I was intrigued by what I would experience at the concert of two of the biggest names in rock music during the 1970s. Would it be like I remembered or would the years have taken the thrill and excitement out of it for me and for the somewhat aging rockers?

When I got to Assembly Hall and got into the arena, I had already missed seeing Survivors. But I was in time to watch them set the stage for the next group, STYX. The stage set was nice, but minimal. It was nothing compared to the theatrics of the Areosmith stage that I witnessed when they came to town. But the set served its purpose and when the band came on and began to play, they took command from the beginning.

The first tune out was the beginning of “Grand Illusion.” The lead singer welcomed everyone and asked us to go on a grand illusion with him. The show began. The spark was there and “energy” was the word of the night. The music was great, which was made up of all of the old and new tunes. The lead singer shared a few words between songs, just enough to let us know that a new song was coming up and to check out their new CD, which is a duo with REO Speedwagon called “Arch Allies: Live at Riverport.”

I was most thrilled with the keyboard player. His rendition of “Lady” was one of the high points of the evening. The group’s performance of “Come Sail Away” brought the audience to their feet, with lighter to boot. This was classic rock at its best. I would highly recommend seeing STYX if you ever get the chance.

REO’s Riffs Ruffle Rockers

REO Speedwagon was the last to play and by far the harder rock experience of the evening. The lead singer was very powerful and brought a lot of energy to the show. The drummer was amazing and there were some guitar riffs the brought the amazed crowd to a dead silence.

They played some of the songs that were cultural icons of the 70s. “Time to Fly” was good to hear again and when “Keep on Lovin’ You” came around, the crowd was on their feet. And the infamous “I Can’t Fight this Feeling Anymore” had the whole arena singing along.

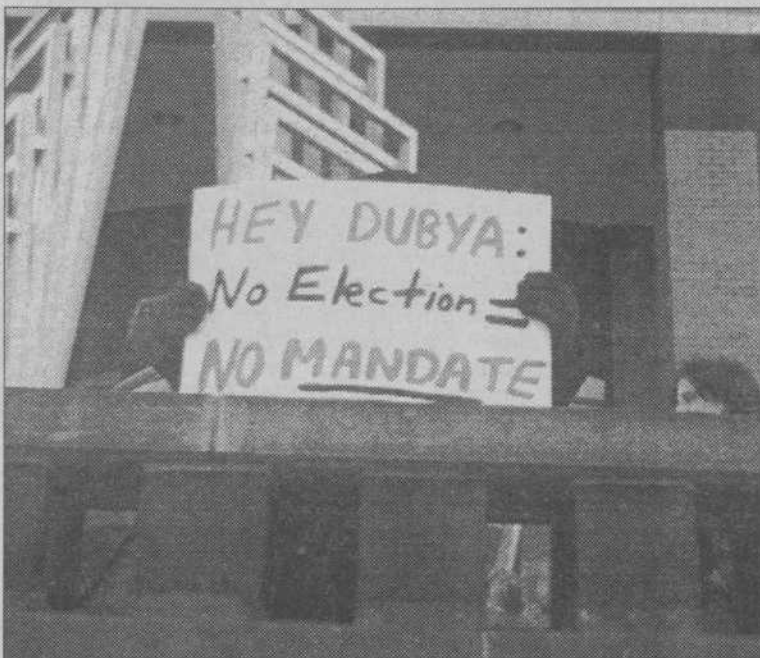
In retrospect, it seemed like something was missing: Some of the tunes I most associate with REO. That, and the lead singer took time to share personal reflections and insight between almost every song. It was great information, but it got to be a little long-winded.

The band closed and then came out for an encore of “Ridin’ the Storm Out,” complete with thunder and lightning effects.

I’m glad that the bands are touring together. STYX might have a go at it by themselves and do ok, but REO just didn’t seem to have the material to go an entire evening without supporting bands.

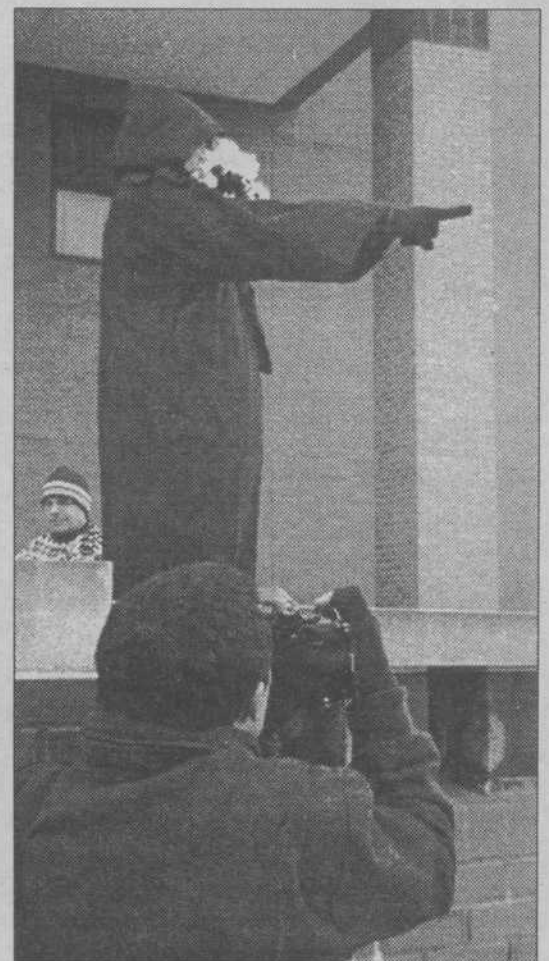
As always, the Assembly Hall is a great place to see a concert. The place was packed up to the ceiling and everyone was having a good time. Fans were courteous and well behaved. The food area was quick about getting you your food and back to your seat. I hope that if the new basketball facility idea becomes a reality, that the Assembly Hall will be able to have concerts all the time and become the town’s only full-time, major venue.

Inauguration Day in Urbana: Protest, March, Speeches Dominate Federal Courthouse Entrance



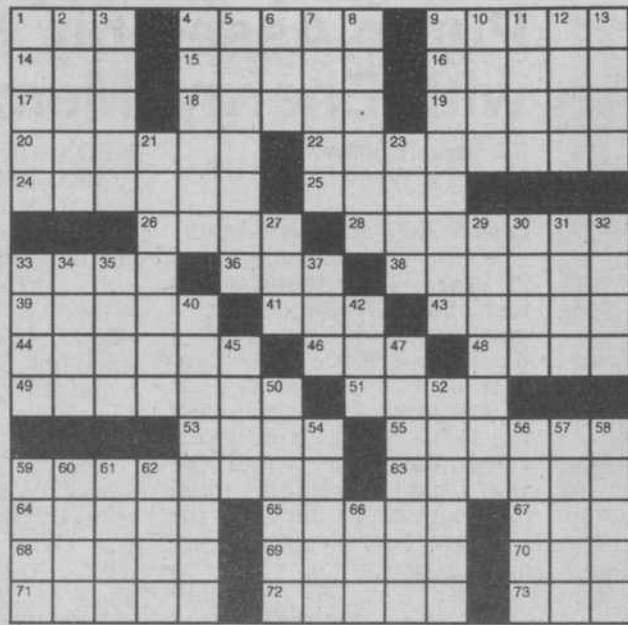
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Protestors rallied against a plethora of things on the day George W. Bush was sworn in as the 43rd president. Participants marched to the federal courthouse in Urbana and demonstrated for gay rights, womens rights, voting rights and abortion rights. The protest was particularly timely because it was held on Inauguration Day, Jan. 20 and the anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision by the Supreme Court, which made abortion legal.



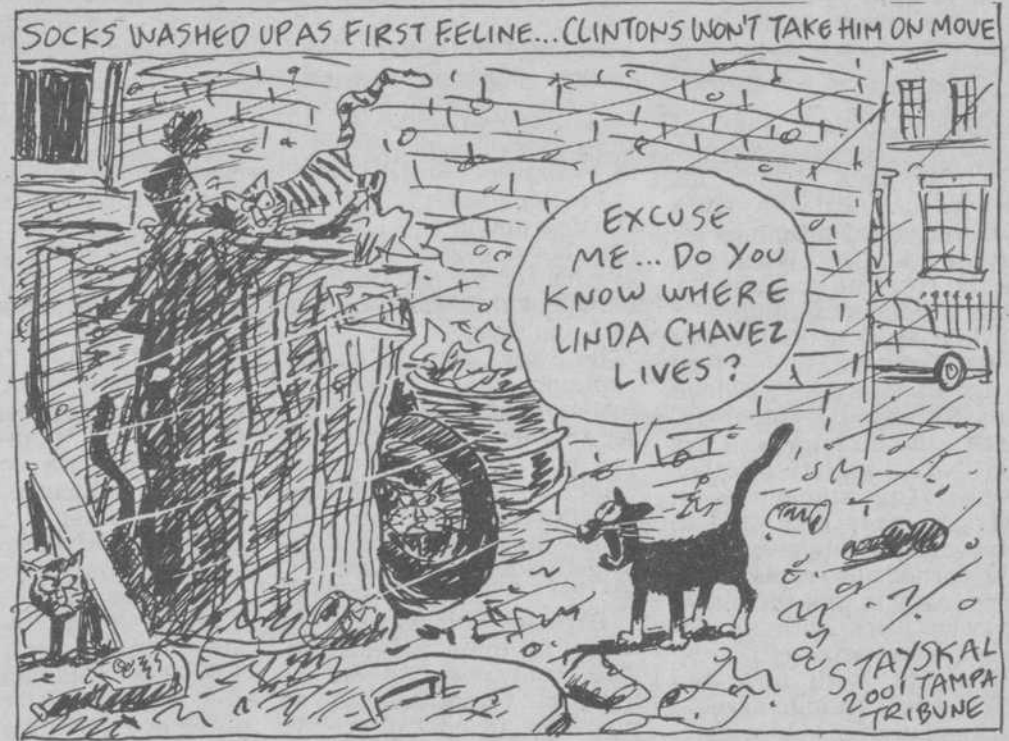
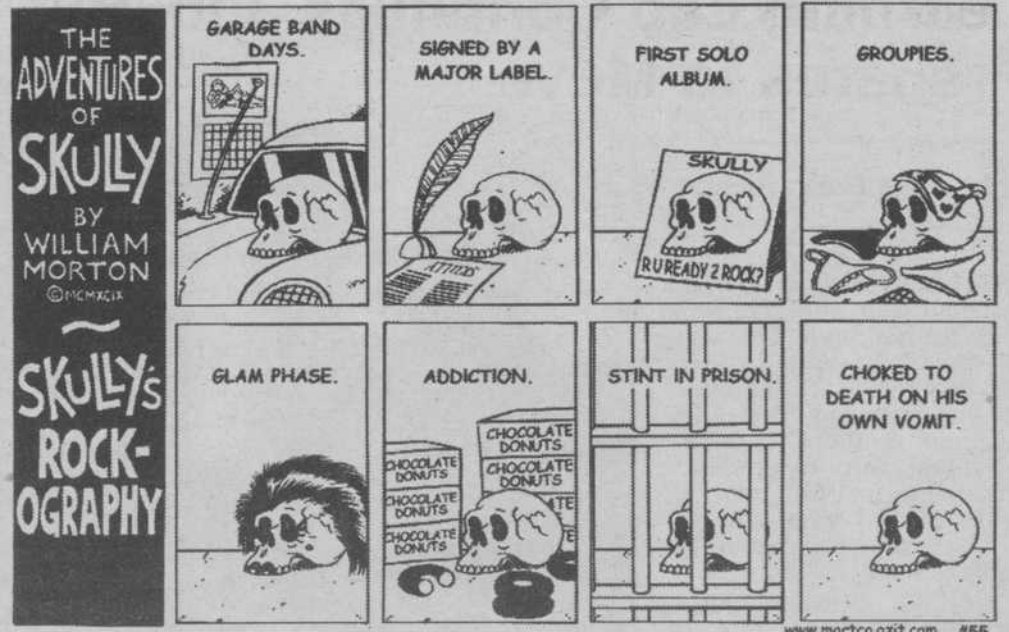
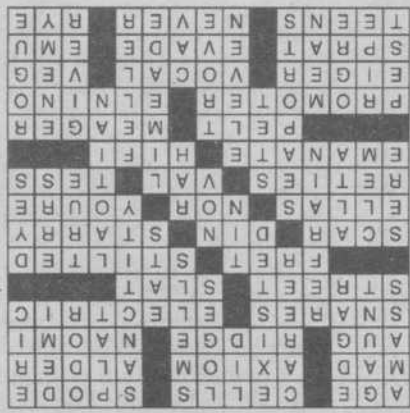
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Solutions



Weekly Horoscopes FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 24TH

by Linda C. Black

Aries (March 21-April 19). Get an adversary to put in a good word for you to the boss on Monday. But, make sure the payback is something you'll be able to afford. Ask for the raise on Tuesday and reimbursement for past favors. Put the final touches on your plan with teammates Wednesday. Thursday's stop and go all day, as you find last-minute problems. Get your priorities into order over the weekend, with love, of course, coming first.

Taurus (April 20-May 20). Set a practical theme for your travels on Monday and Tuesday. You can make that excursion tax deductible and still have a fabulous time. You can benefit from changes at the top on Wednesday and Thursday if you play your cards carefully. Remind the boss how trustworthy you are and cause your resources, as well as responsibilities, to increase. Everybody wants into your pockets on Friday and Saturday. Save up, instead, for a worthy cause you'll find on Sunday.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). If you brown bag it on Monday and Tuesday, you can save enough for a nice excursion on Wednesday. Let a fascinating foreigner talk you out of your dull routine. You'll be in the mood to do the same on Thursday and Friday, but there's almost too much confusion. Work interferes with play, but play triumphs, at home. Don't go far on Friday, or Saturday, either. Provide what an older person needs,

and you'll be generously rewarded on Sunday.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). Your partner's kind of bossy on Monday and Tuesday, but don't put up much of a fuss. You could reap heretofore unimagined benefits. Research a likely investment on Wednesday, so you can move quickly when the time is right on Thursday. If you know what you're doing, you can make a sweet deal. Don't let a gossip ruin your plans on Friday. Trust your intuition, instead. Sleep in on Saturday. Traveling early isn't a good idea anyway. Postpone your trip until Sunday, and it'll be much more relaxing.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). Friends think you're the best one for the job on Monday and Tuesday, so prove them right. Make plans with your partner on Wednesday, but don't get rigid. There are bound to be surprises on Thursday and Friday, and not all pleasant. Take them one at a time, and don't worry. The overall outcome looks positive if you mind your manners. Save your receipts on Saturday. Odds are good you'll get something you later decide to take back. Sunday you're more likely to get what you really like, but you don't mind going into debt then, either. Better take your analytical friend's advice, instead of following your own whim on that one.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). A romantic connection is worth the trouble to get there, on Monday and/or Tuesday. Sure, the work is piling up, but that's OK. Wednesday

and Thursday are about nothing else, anyway. A project you've been anticipating finally starts and stops and starts, in fits and spurts. Schedule a relaxing conversation with your favorite listener for Friday, close to home. Something you thought you had figured out could backfire Saturday, but by Sunday the bugs should all be eradicated.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Love beckons on Monday and Tuesday, but you're not quite ready yet. Finish household chores and decoration, so you can relax on Wednesday. Plans you're making show great promise then, but difficulties are encountered on Thursday and Friday. Keep talking, and you'll figure out how to fix just about everything, together. You'll lose patience on Saturday if costs run higher than expected. Keep shopping until Sunday, and you're more likely to find the perfect thing.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It's back to the books for you on Monday and Tuesday, to fix an annoying problem at home. You may be pleased with your success on Wednesday, but don't gloat. It's too likely you'll find more trouble on Thursday. Ignore a minor disagreement with your mate on Friday. Love triumphs quite nicely that day, much to your mutual delight. Be careful on Saturday, not to break something expensive. Make playing with your sweetheart the top priority for Sunday.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Help out a friend and earn a bonus on Monday and

Tuesday. Study up on Wednesday for the test that's coming Thursday. And, don't believe everything you hear on Friday. Do your own investigation and get more of what you want. You've got a mess on your hands Saturday. Don't avoid it, just do the best you can, and you'll have a snugly nest to relax in by Sunday.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). A friend thinks you can do it on Monday and Tuesday, so let yourself be convinced. The money looks too easy on Wednesday, and the problems start showing up on Thursday and Friday. You're kept hopping, but you're up to the challenge. Don't bother to run errands on Saturday. Save them for Sunday, and you're more apt to find what you're seeking.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb 18). Gather up the resources and information you still need on Monday and Tuesday. By Wednesday you should be almost ready to launch. There will be delays, you can count on that. It could be late Thursday or Friday before you actually get going. This is as it should be, so don't push. You might break something. You might also get disappointing news late Friday or early Saturday. An older person is making more demands, but that's also OK. You'll have a better result when you're finally done. Use some of that bounty you've recently acquired to fix up your place on Sunday.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20). A close friend and a distant one both have good advice on Monday and Tuesday. Listen

to them. Don't completely ignore your inner voices, just don't be intimidated by them. And, don't believe Wednesday's job will be as easy as it looks, either. It gets complicated on Thursday and Friday. Plan carefully and be prepared for just about anything. Complying with an older person's whims is a whole new challenge Saturday, but the tide's in your favor. By this weekend, you can be resting in the lap of luxury.

If You're Having a Birthday This Week ... Jan. 22: The pressure's on, but it's your own decision. Push hard to make a fantasy come true.

Jan. 23: You've got the talent, that's obvious. Now, prove you've also got the common sense. Follow an older person's advice.

Jan. 24: You're creative, confident and powerful this year! Be compassionate, too, and you'll take home all the prizes.

Jan. 25: You're facing a few tough puzzles, but don't even worry. If you didn't have a challenge or two, you'd get bored!

Jan. 26: You can win the respect you deserve and the money to go with it. Don't let a setback stop you; come back with the facts.

Jan. 27: Shrewd planning and extensive research are required. Don't take anything for granted, and success can be yours.

Jan. 28: You're blessed with a combination of mental and emotional energy. You'll be both analytical and compassionate if you're wise.

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There's No Such Thing Anymore As A Surprise Super Bowl Team

by Don Pierson
Chicago Tribune

The New York Giants vs. the Baltimore Ravens is the most unlikely Super Bowl in a whole year since the St. Louis Rams met the Tennessee Titans.

To NFL traditionalists the only familiar name among the last four participants is the Giants. The other three are either new teams or old teams in new places with new names.

also used to be in Cleveland before they moved to Los Angeles before they moved to St. Louis. The Titans were first the Houston Oilers, then the Tennessee Oilers, who played for a year in Memphis and are currently in Nashville.

If you want to bet on next year's Super Bowl, choose any two of the following: the 8-8 Buffalo Bills and Washington Redskins, the 7-9 Jacksonville Jaguars, Kansas City Chiefs or Carolina

experience, momentum, or long-term growth.

"Look around the NFL and you see what you do this year has very little carryover for next year, and what you did last year has very little carryover for what you do now," said Minnesota coach Dennis Green, who certainly hopes that is true as he tries to wipe a 41-0 scar off his forehead.

The reality of changing times was expressed by Vikings receiver Cris Carter before his team was slaughtered by the Giants in the NFC championship game.

"They're not going to give the trophy to the best team; they're going to give the trophy to the team that plays the best," Carter said.

It is another way of saying they don't play the games on paper. But these days you can't even fantasize on paper. It's too hard to tell which teams are good and why.

"Everybody had predicted the Redskins would be a Super Bowl favorite," said Gene Upshaw, executive director of the NFL Players Association and a veteran of three Super Bowls with the Raiders. "But I said from day one—you've still got to play."

The Giants are the most familiar franchise left standing. At least they have been to a Super Bowl before. The Ravens, Rams and Titans had barely been in their new cities, let alone a Super Bowl. Yet Giants co-owner Wellington Mara was compelled to defend his NFC title with sarcasm:

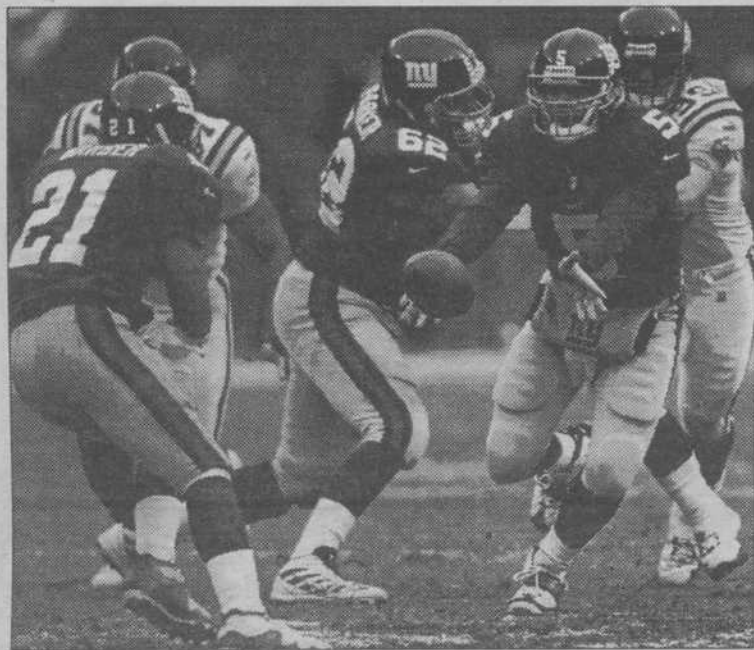
"This is a Giants team that was referred to as the worst ever to win home-field advantage in the National Football League. We proved we're the worst team to ever win the National Football Conference championship. I'm happy to say that in two weeks we're going to try to become the worst team ever to win the Super Bowl."

For the second time in three years, the six NFL divisions had six new champions. For the fourth consecutive season, at least five teams that weren't in the playoffs the year before made the playoffs. Two divisions, the AFC West and NFC West had their fifth new division champion in the past five seasons.

Only 12 different teams won the first 31 Super Bowls. This year ensures the third different winner in the last three years.

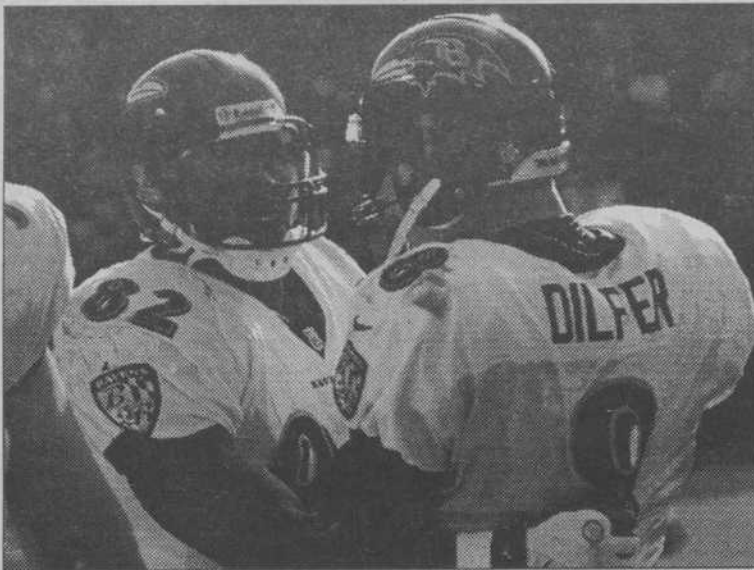
This is the age of instant gratification. Dynasties are dinosaurs. Teams come and go like dot-com companies, rising and falling on a combination of serendipitous timing and luck as much as careful planning and skill.

Assembling the right players is a year-to-year process that is only the start. Once the roster is set, it must quickly blend into the living, breathing cliché of unselfish teamwork. Egos must make room for the greater goal.



Harry Walker/KRT

New York's Kerry Collins (5) laterals to Tiki Barber (21) against the Minnesota Vikings in the NFC Championship Game Sunday, January 14, 2001. New York beat the Vikings 41-0 to advance to the Super Bowl.



Jon McNally/KRT

Baltimore's Shannon Sharpe (82) and quarterback Trent Dilfer celebrate after the two hooked up for a touchdown in the second quarter Sunday, January 14, 2001. The Ravens beat Oakland 16-3 to capture the AFC Championship and advance to the Super Bowl.

For the second straight year, the two Super Bowl teams failed to make the playoffs the previous season, emerging from mediocrity to media scrutiny in less than 365 days.

Although such sudden accomplishment gives hope to downtrodden franchises like the Bears, it gives no comfort to anyone needing a sense of predictable order in the universe.

The Ravens used to be the Cleveland Browns. The Rams

Panthers, or the 6-10 San Francisco 49ers and Seattle Seahawks.

If you still believed in the evolution of contenders, you would go with the 9-7 New York Jets, Green Bay Packers, Detroit Lions or Pittsburgh Steelers, noticing they were all winning teams that barely missed the playoffs and thus are poised to make their moves. But you would be ill advised to rely on such old-fashioned notions as franchise building,

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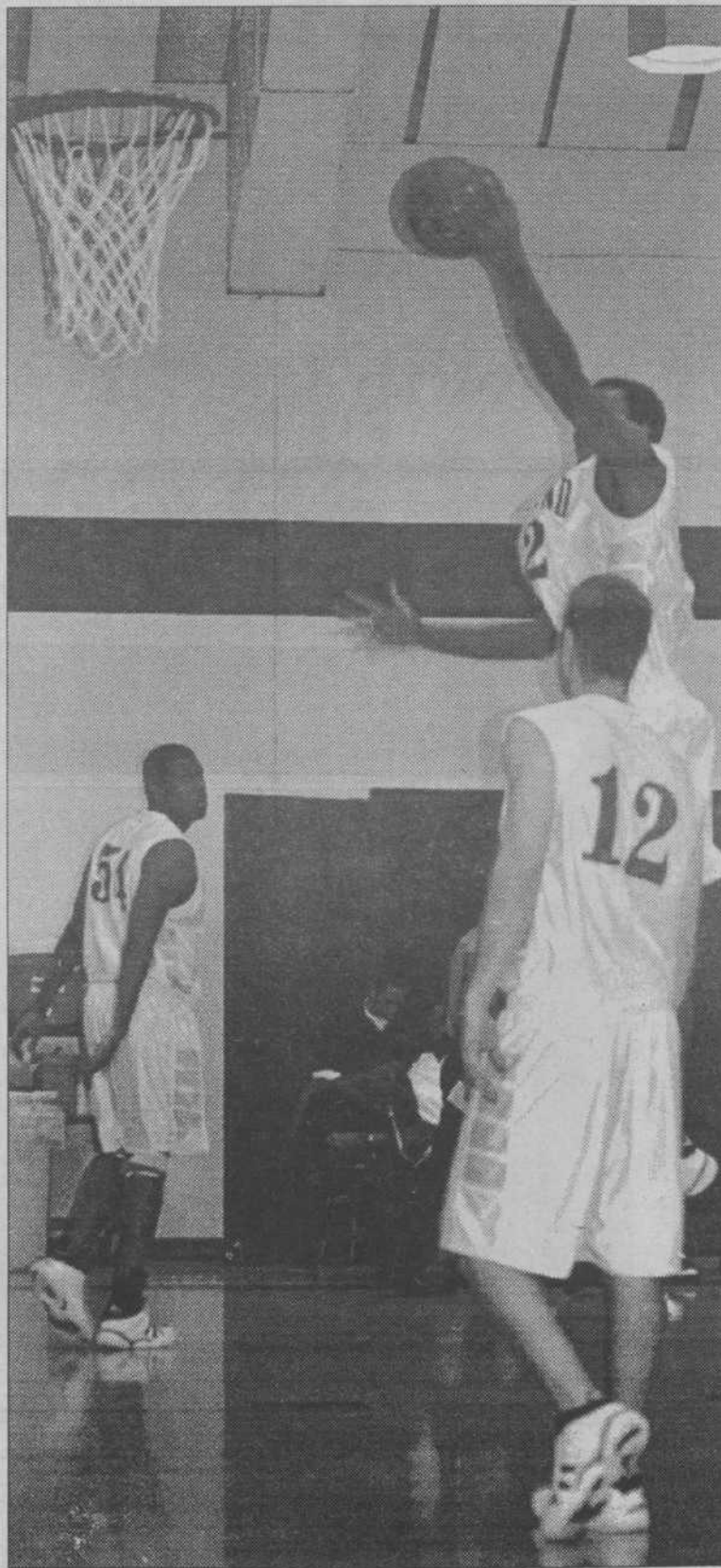
by Rod Lovett

LADIES LOSE A CLOSE ONE

The Lady Cobras struggled in a 63-71 loss to Illinois Central College. Haley Dunkman put up impressive numbers with 15 points, nine rebounds and six steals. ICC is ranked #2 in the nation. That makes this loss a little easier to swallow than previous ones.

The ladies are now (12-4) and (1-0) in conference. They outweigh their opponents in every statistical category except for free-throw percentage and block shots. Jennifer Carroll leads the team in scoring with a 17.9 points per game average for the season. Arminda Urban leads the team in assists with a 7.2 assists per game average.

Cobra Men In Training



Andre L. Moraes/Prospectus

MORE POINTS PLEASE

The Parkland men's basketball team is having problems putting up big numbers. In the game versus Illinois Central College only two players scored over 10 points. The 78-68 loss to ICC equals the men's 10th loss in only 14 games. They are (1-1) in the Conference play, which gives them a chance to maybe turn things around.

Statistics show that Parkland has a better field goal shooting average, block shot average, rebound average, and a better assist average than all their opponents. The problem comes when you look at free-throw percentage and turnovers per game. Protecting the ball and offensive aggression will be major assets for any future wins for the men.