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## Alpha Phi Eta Sponsors Free Slide show on India

Students, friends, and family are invited to India Today, a free slide show presented by Alpha Phi Eta chapter of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, from 5-6 p.m. April 10 in Room L 111.

The slides include pictures of homes, sari shops, temples, palaces, fast food restaurants, cyber. sales, school children, hotels, and weddings. The slides were taken by Umeeta Sadarangani, PTK advisor and Associate Professor of English

## PC Chamber Choir Spring Concert

The Chamber Choir title of the concert's Spring concert will be opening song. Special at 4 p.m. Sunday, April guest soloists will per21 at the Grace Baptist form at the concert. Church of Mahomet. Accompanists for the Parkland Music Prof. Chamber choir are the Philip J. Rogers will husband and wife team, conduct a diverse Erin Lindsay and Philip repertoire of Johannes Nagashim.
Brahms, Jean Berger, There will be no Houston Bright, Daniel admission charge for Moe, Hall Johnson, and the concert, but contriothers.
Professor Rogers says es will be appreciated, the theme of the concert Professor Rogers said.


Singers in teh chamber choir(l to r) Andy Ellis, Marisa Noffike, Christine Foster.

## 2002 Graphic Design Exhibition Winners <br> photos by Andre Moraes



Kurt Bielema
Electric Pictures Award for Best New Media Design


Ad Club Award for Best Concept


Gary Piper
President's Award of Excellence


Greg Zybak
Graphic Design Director's Award for Best Illustration


Kathleen Skamel
Kathieen Skamel
Speech Communication Award for Best Graphic Design


Thomas Whitaker Dept. Chair's Award for Bes Typography

## campus news

## Parkland Student Graphic Design Exhibition Award Winners

The Parkland Art Gallery is proud to announce the following as award winners for the Parkland Graphic Design Exhibit. The annual, juried exhibit opened Wednesday, March 27, and will continue through April 12. All awards were for $\$ 100$, except for of the FAA Department Chair's Award, which was for $\$ 75$.

President's Award of ExcellenceGary Piper of Savoy

David M. and Shirley A. Jones Student Art AwardOlga Kasimove of Urbana

Graphic Design Program Director's Award for Best IllustrationGreg Zybak of Peotone

Ad Club Award for Best Concept Lynn Weckhorst of Champaign

Speech Communications Award for Best Graphic DesignKathleen Skamel of Rantoul

Electric Pictures Award for Best New Media DesignKurt Bielema of Urbana

Fine and Applied Arts Department Chair's Award for Best TypographyThomas Whitaker of Champaign
Best Animation-
Mary P. Healy of Champaign
Best Illustration-
Nate Lane of Decatur and Paul Foster of Mahomet.

Gallery Hours are Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. -3 p.m., Monday through Thursday, $6-8$ p.m., and Saturday 12 noon2 p.m. All events in the handicapped accessible gallery are free and open to the public. For more information, call 217 -$351-2485$. This exhibit is supported in part by Parkland College Student Activities.

## Health and Wellness Fair

The Parkland College Wellness Center will be hosting a Health and Wellness Fair on Wednesday, April 17, 2002, from 10 a.m. -2 p.m. in the Gallery and Flag Lounges. Dianne Manganaro from PersonalCare will present "Exercise Prescription" at 12 noon in the Flag Lounge. Local health and wellness providers and organizations will be available to provide information and answer questions about various health topics. For more information contact June Burch at 373-3879.

## Graphic Design Students Compete in Annual Exhibition

by Elizabeth Simmons
Guest Writer

Parkland College is showing off its best again in the annual spring show exhibiting the work of student Graphic artists. The show which opened in the Parkland Gallery last night showcases the best of Parkland Graphic designers, Web designers, and Computer Graphics student's work. New to this year is the Computer Graphics program featuring web design, advertising, and $3-\mathrm{D}$ animation set up for viewing at several kiosks in the Parkland gallery.
Opening night, April 4th featured a variety of refreshments, a live performance by local musician Henry Frayne of Lanterna. Local
establishments provided appetizers donated by Miko Restaurant desserts by Mirabel Fine Pastries breads and sweets by Great Harvest Bread Company, fruits were provided by Urbana Produce, among others.The reception committee included Kathleen Skamel Deana Merrill, Beth Keen-Seifert, Denise Seif, Parkland Gallery Director and Paul Young, Faculty Advisor.
The show is a juried competition in which entrants work is judged for its basic suitablility in terms of quality, workmanship and overal standards. The work then accepted is part of the final competion in
which nearly $\$ 800.00$ in cash prizes were awarded to individual stsh prizes were awarded to individual students in several catagories Donors of the prize money included local businesses such as Electric Pictures, Burkett Advertising, Dr. and Mrs. David Jones.
The Show is free and gular gallery hours thFor more informatopen to the public for viewing during regu lar gallery hours through April 12. For more information call Parkland College at 217.351.2505 or visit the gallery
web site at:
www.parkland.edu/gallery

## Auditions For Extras To Dance In Annual Spring Production

Open auditions are scheduled for three female and three male dancers to perform in the annual Spring semester concert to be given by the newly established Parkland College ensemble Ethnos!
The auditions for Ethnos! roles will be at 5 p.m. April 18 with
rehearsals each Thursday there after from 6 to 9 pm . until May 9 the concert date. Audioners are to sign up at the Fine and Applied Arts desk in the C Wing
The dancers will perform to the music of Michael Jackson and Mary J. Blige. A choreographer is
being utilized for the production. Auditions are open to dancers who are students at Parkland and also to members of the community All persons must be from 18 to 28 years of age.


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- Guest writers are welcome and subject to the same rules as other correspon dence. We welcome writers from the Parkland community and the public. The edi tor will consider original works of fiction and short writings, if space is available.
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## Singles Celebrating Life

Saturday, April 13: Singles Celebrating Life will sponsor their "Second Saturday Dance" at the Urbana Civic Center, 108 Water Street, Urbana, from 8p.m.- Mid. DJ Mystro. Admission is $\$ 7.00$. For more information, call the SCL info line at (217) 355-2464.

## GirlZone: Local Business

What is a local business, and how do they make our community strong? What does it take to run a business? Let's find out by spending the day at a few Urbana local businesses, and learning some behind-the-scenes skills of the business world.
A limited number of 2-month April June GirlZone Local Business Apprenticeships are available for middle and high school young women. Call for applications!

## First Annual Illinois <br> Securities Department Enforcement Conference

On behalf of Secretary Jesse White, I would like to invite you to attend the first annual Illinois Securities Department Enforcement Conference. This year's conference will include a timely discussion on investment fraud and elder abuse and will be of interest to prosecutors, investigators, attorneys and senior activists.
Sessions at the conference will feature presentations and discussions lead by Securities regulators on spotting and investigating financial fraud, trends in investment scams and elder abuse. The keynote presentation will be by Paul Greenwood of the San Diego Elderly Fraud Unit. Mr. Greenwood is nationally recognized as a leader in fighting senior citizen fraud.
The Conference will be held on Friday, April 26th from 8:30 to 12:00 at the Auditorium in the James R. Thompson Center (State of Illinois Building) in Chicago. Reservations should be made by calling the Securities Department at (800) $628-7937$ before April 15 TH . The Conference is free to attendees, so please extend this invitation to others who would find it useful. I look forward to joining you in April.


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## Voluntary Prayer Passes House

Champaign- Rep. Rick Winkel praised House action today that overwhelmingly approved a bill that permits students to voluntarily engage in student initiated prayer.
"House Bill 4117 sends the right kind of message to both persons with deeply held religious convictions and those who ardently support the right to be left alone," Winkel said.
Winkel said he co-sponsored the bill so that there would be no question that students in public schools are allowed to voluntarily engage in student initiated prayer.
"It means exactly what it says," Winkel said. "Those who want to find some subliminal agenda can search every nook and cranny of the bill and in the end, they find nothing other than what the bill says - students can voluntarily engage in student initiated prayer - something I believe thay could have done anyway, but others, for some reason, believed was somehow illegal or wrong."
Winkel said the bill had absolutely no affect on the current ban on prayer in school that is in any way endorsed or sponsored by school officials. In addition, it does not require any student, school official or teacher to join with students in prayer and does not permit prayer in school settings that the courts have found to be coercive.
"The U.S. Supreme Court recently has allowed student initiated prayer at school events," Winkel said. "This bill very simply allows students in public schools to voluntarily engage in student initiated prayer. The bill ran into some opposition in Committee, but I trully don't understand why anyone would have a problem with the bill."

## Pages For All Ages 4th Annual Poetry Contest

Held every April, Pages' Annual Poetry Contest is an excellent opportunity for local poets to enter their creations in a juried competition. Poems will be judged on originality, form and theme.
Rules are as follows: o Previously published works cannot be accepted. No other restrictions apply. Enter as often as you'd like. Entries must be received at the Entries must be received at the
store. Each work must be submitted with a Pages For All Ages' official Poetry Contest Entry Form, available at our store in Savoy, IL. All entries must be received by Friday, April 26, 2002. Winners will be notified by phone or email on Tuesday, April 30, 2002. Prizes will be awarded.

## WEFT Benefit for Community Radio

WEFT 90.1 FM presents vocalist Koko Taylor, Friday, April 19 at the Virginia Thearer. Her special guest for this show is Chicago guitarist and singer Lonnie Brooks.

WEFT has been playing the blues for East-Central Illinois since going on the air in September, 1981. Staffed by volunteers, The blues can be heard weekdays 11:30 am to 2 pm and Friday nights $8-10 \mathrm{pm}$. Tickets for this event are $\$ 25$ to $\$ 40$ and are available at the Virginia Theater box office 203 W Park St. in Champaign, and by phone at 356 9053. For more information see the WEFT website at www.weftfm.org or call (217)359-9338.

## Rockome Gardens Opens for it's $44^{\text {m }}$ <br> Oeason

Rockome Gardens' season opens Saturday, April 13 and Sunday, April 14 from 9 am to $5: 30 \mathrm{pm}$. The Gardens will be open weekends only through April 28; Wednesday through Sunday only, Ma 1 through 19; and aily May 22 through August 18. Hours are 9-5 daily. Rockome's Family Style Restaurant hours 11 am-7pm, open days Rockome Gardens is open.

## Spring Storytelling

The members of the $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{U}$ Storytelling Guild will visit Pages For All Ages on Saturday, April 13 th, starting at 2 pm . The concert is free to the public.

## Construction Season is Back

If you hadn't noticed construction season is back. A while back we reported that work would begin again on Duncan Road and now we will get to see a mirror image of last summers construction on Duncan.

Starting Monday construction began to make the intersection of Bradley and Duncan look like a flip-flopped version of dejavue. Bradley Ave. at Duncan Rd. will be down to two lanes and they will not totally close off the intersection.
The lanes will be closed through June, but what it will give us is a nice concrete road our way to school.

## Electronic Waste Recycling Event

Champaign- The City of Champaign, the City of Urbana, and Champaign County will be sponsoring an electronic waste recycling event. The dates and hours of the event will be 8 a.m. to $3: 30$ p.m. on Friday, April 19 and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 20.
The event will take place at the City of Champaign Public Works Department located at 702 Edgebrook Drive in Champaign. The event is open to all Champaign County residents. Non-County residents will be required to pay a $\$ 5$ participant fee.

Materials that will be accepted include: computers, laptops, monitors, keyboards, cords, cables, printers, copy machines, adding machines, scanners, answering machines, pagers, Citizen Band $2-$ way radios (CB's), VCR's, computer mice, facsimile machines, shred-
ders, modems, microwaves, calculators, and other miscellaneous computer, home or office equipment. Items that will not be accepted include: televisions, telephones, cellular phones, and large appliances such as dishwashers, clothes washer, dryers, stoves, or refrigerators. Computer monitors will be accepted but there will be a $\$ 2$ fee collected for each monitor. Individual pieces of equipment weighing more that 60 pounds will not be accepted at this collection. However, arrangements can be made to deliver the equipment to another site.
If you have any questions or need further information, please call 351 4443 or at: www.ci.champaign.il.us.

## Arthritis <br> Foundation Launches Nationwide Effort

Today there are 43 million reasons to walk. By 2020 there will 60 million. One every six Americans has a form of arthritis. Yet the "faces of arthritis may surprise you. Arthritis is already the nation's number one cause of disability, affecting children, teens, baby boomers and grandparents alike.
As arthritis nears epidemic proportions, the Arthritis Foundation is fighting back with the Arthritis Walk, a new nationwide team walk event to raise awareness and crucial funds to fight arthritis. The event will kick off National Arthritis Month in nearly 50 cities across the U.S. May 3-5, including an event in Champaign on May 5th.

East Central Illinois residents are urged to join the fight against arthritis by teaming up with co-workers, friends and family for the first Annual Arthritis Walk at Centennial Park/Leonhard Recreation Center, in Champaign on Sunday, May 5th, from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. The Arthritis Walk features a fully accessible 5K walk and a one-mile walk. Registration will begin at $11 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. along with a health fair, refreshments. The walk will begin at $12: 15 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. and will wind around Centennial Park.

For more information about the Arthritis Walk and to register, contact the Arthritis Foundation at 217 -$398-7815$ or on the Web at www.arthritis.org. For a free brochure about walking and arthritis, contact the Arthritis Foundation at $800-238-7800$ or visit the foundation's web site.

## National Library Week

Bring people together, then sending them home a little happier or a little smarter - you might say that is what the Library's special programs and events are all about. During National Library Week, April 14-20, you are invited to check out your library's wide range of free programming. There is something for everyone, as our Library Week theme says: "It's all happening @ your libray."
Because there are many different ways people like to learn, our mission statement promises a diversity of enriching resources. We offer cont. on page 5 .


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hundreds of free programs eacch year that engage all the senses. During National Library Week, you can see experts, hear jazz at a Bookworm Concert, and smell coffee at the Poetry Coffeehouse. Kids will use their sense of touch with crafts at a Dr. Howard School Night.
And grown-ups can get their hands on a great book bargains at the Friends Used Book Sale.

## Is there a new opportunity for peace in the Middle East?

Join the Center for Advanced Study as they welcome HRH Prince El Hassan of Jordan, as he addresses this controversial subject.
HRH Prince El Hassan, is considered an intellectual, author, science and technology policy maker, and a politician who knows the cultural, religious, and political issues of the Middle East and beyond, will discuss the future of the Middle East after September 11. HRH believes that we live under one roof of a global village and if one part of it starts to crack, it will fall and destroy us all.

This event will take place 4 p.m., Wednesday, April 10, at the Tryon Festival Theatre, in the Krannert Center.

## Keeping Everyone Safe

Springfield - The arrival of spring traditionally signifies the beginning of outdoor activities including walking, jogging, and bike riding. As temperatures rise and ays get longer, many people begin sharing the roadways with drivers. Motorist should use extra caution when approaching a pedestrian or person operating a bicycle or other device propelled by human power. The following tips are offered for drivers when approaching a person on a bike or walking on the road:

- Slow down and be prepared to stop.
- Be aware of cyclist and pedestrians by scanning each side of the road ahead.
- Keep both hands on the steering wheel and be prepared to take evasive action in case of a fall.
- Be aware of traffic on the road with you. If you do have to stop suddenly or turn off the road, do not drive into their lane of travel.

Drivers are not the only ones responsible for keeping walkers and bikers safe. The following tips are for anyone sharing the road with cars and trucks:

- Cyclist must obey all traffic laws when riding on a roadway.
- Walkers should be on the left side shoulder of the roadway.
- Cyclist should never ride more than two abreast and should not impede traffic.
- Just like drivers, walkers and bikers must yield the right of way to emergency vehicles. - Any bicycle operated after dark must be equipped with a lamp on the front which will emit a white light visible from at least 500 feet away, and a red reflector or red light on the back.
- Pedestrians walking after dark should wear light colored or reflective clothing.

Last year in Illinois, 189 pedestrians and 18 bicyclist lost their lives as a result of crashes with motor vehicles.

## The Don Moyer Boys \& Girls Club 34th Annual Dinner and Recognition Banquet

The Don Moyer Boys \& Girls Club will hold it's 34th Annual Dinner and Recognition Banquet on Wednesday, April 10, 2002 at 6:00 p.m. The Annual Dinner will be held at the Champaign Country Club.
The event recognizes Staff and Board Members who have gone "above and beyond" the call of the Boys \& Girls Club movement. This year three staff members will be recognized for their exceptional service to the youth of our four
clubs. In addition, three Board Members will also be recognized as well. One Board Member, a long standing Board Member, will be receiving the second highest award given by the Boys \& Girls Clubs of America National Office. The event will also feature Jenell Hendrix, our 2001 Youth of the Year, passing "the torch" to Omeka Brown, our 2002 Youth of the Year for the Don Moyer Boys \& Girls Club. Omeka represented the Don

Moyer Boys \& Girls Club in the State of Illinois Youth of the Year competition in March, and was one of six finalists.
The Don Moyer Boys \& Girls Club serves over 1,000 youth in Champaign County, with four facilities @ Park Street Unit and Joann Dorsey Homes Unit, both in Champaign; Lakeside Terrace Unit in Urbana; and the Mahomet Area Unit. For more information, please call 217.355.5437.

## The Wellness Center and Wellness Fair

by Blane McClellan

Were you aware that Parkland College has a resource center for medical and health-related information? It's called the Wellness Center, and is run by June Birch, who can provide Parkland Students with all manner of information regarding medication, medical procedures, ways to relieve stress, time management techniques, alcohol and drugs, and general healthy living.
But the Wellness Center, it should be noted, is not where you go when you aren't feeling well and want immediate help. "The Wellness Center," says Birch, "is a resource center for health living, as opposed to a first-aid station." There is often confusion among students about who to turn two when facing a medical emergency. In most cases, if you need immediate help, you want to talk to security and the EMT's. If it's information and longterm help you're looking for, however, June Birch is your woman.
"I get calls from parents of students," says Birch. "People are also referred by Student Life based on concerns." The main focus is on alcohol and other drugs that students are likely to come
into contact with, however Mrs. Birch has a wealth of information on more topics than that. Every month there is a collection of materials outside the Wellness Center office, room L122. The information here will reflect current medical awareness; for example, April is Alcohol Awareness Month, so you will be able to find information about alcohol use and abuse during the month.
Come inside the office and there's more. If you want to know more about a type of medication, like what it does and what side-effects it has, June Birch may be able to help you. She can tell you about health services available in the community, or maybe she can help you with a paper; "I've had several people come to me for help on papers about nutrition," she says. And Birch is interested in extending the Wellness Center resources outside of her office as well. "I'm really interested in finding the space for a relaxation center, because that's a key issue with this population.
Everyone is stressed out. There should be a place for people to just chill." She also says she would be
delighted to visit classes before exams and offer her help. Do you love her already?
While a relaxation center may be a ways off, next week you can check out the Wellness Fair, sponsored by, who else, June Birch and the Wellness Center. The date is Wednesday, April 17 th, from 10 am to 2 pm in the Gallery and Flag Lounges. Present will be representatives from 25 health related agencies, with information and answers to your questions. This event has resources regarding general health as well as specific areas of interest.

The featured speaker at the Wellness Fair will be Dianne Manganaro from PersonalCare. Her presentation, "Exercise Prescription," takes place in the Flag Lounge at 12 noon. Manganaro will talk about fitness, and how to get into an exercise program when you don't really want to. This is the second year that the Wellness Center has sponsored this event. Check it out if you're interested, and you can also find out more about the Wellness Center, your haven for healthy living at Parkland College.

## Parkland College Workshops

Adult Degree Completion Center Informational Meeting
Monday, April 29
Learn how to finish a degree through partnerships with area universities and the wide range of support services offered by the center This meeting is on Monday, April 29, from 5:30-6:15 p.m. at Parkland College in room X150. There is no fee and no registration. For more information call 217/353-2663.

Car Show
Saturday, May 4
Parkland College automotive alumni gathering and car show with judging will be held Saturday, May 4, at Parkland College M1 Parking Lot. It's free for spectators. The fee is $\$ 5$ for pre-registration, $\$ 10$ day of the show for cars entered in the show. For more information call 351-2209.

## Earth's Energy

Wednesday, May 8
Learn how one Feng Shui's basic
adjustments can enhance and bring beauty to your life. This class will study the use of pendulums, which can lead to happier, healthier lives. The class is on Wednesday, May 8 from 6-9 p.m. at the Bauman center. The fee is $\$ 11$ Call 217/403-4590 to register.

Word 2000 -Level II
Monday and Wednesday, April 29 and May 1
Learn how to insert dates and symbols, work with Autoformat, and much more. This class is on Monday and Wednesday, April 29 and May 1 from1-5 p.m. at the Parkland Business Development Center. The fee is $\$ 90$. Call 217/3512235 to register.

## Debt Free for Life

Tuesday, April 30
Develop a computerized debt-elimination plan that will guide you through complete elimination of all debts. Participants receive one copy of the software program

Debt Free for Windows. This class is Tuesday, April 30, from 5:45-9 p.m. at the Parkland Business Development Center. The fee is \$79. Call 217/351-2235 to register.

Home Buyers' Seminar
Thursdays, May 2 through the 9 Learn the secrets of successful home buying. Topics include budgeting, inspection, aftercare, and much more. This class is on Thursdays, May 2 through 9 from 7 9:30 p.m., at the Parkland Business Development Center. The fee is \$20. Call 217/351-2235 to register.

Project 2000 - Level II
Tuesday and Thursday, May 7 and 9 Learn how to apply tools and techniques learned in the project management Seminars. This class is Tuesday and Thursday, May 7 and 9 from 8 a.m. till noon at the Parkland Business Development Center. The fee is $\$ 120$. Call 217/351-2235 to register.


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## Lady Cobras going strong halfway through the season

By Adam Soebbing
Sports Editor
The Parkland College softball team stands at 19-12, 11-5 at the midway point of the 2002 season, just about where Head Coach Chuck Clutts figured they'd be.
"I thought we'd be a little better in the conference then we are (five losses), but we are about where I thought we'd be," said Clutts. "Overall, we're doing real well. We've got nineteen victories already and we've proved that we can play with the best in the nation."
The Lady Cobras got the chance to do just that last Friday, stealing a victory in game two of a doubleheader with Kankakee, the \#1 team in the NJCAA.
The stellar pitching of Kristi Brod was too much for Parkland to handle in game 1. The All-American fired a two-hit shutout for Kankakee for the 4 0 victory.
But, Parkland got the offense going in game two behind the bats of Lacey Frankland, Rebecca Koets, and Candace Welch. Each went 2-4 for the Lady Cobras, providing support for pitcher Emily Alsup who went the distance in the 3-1 Parkland victory.
The next day saw everyone get involved as the Lady Cobras breezed to 21-0 and 12-0 victories against an undermanned Springfield squad. Another strong pitching performance by Alsup resulted in 10 strikeouts in game one, with Koets and Sara Perry leading the offense. Koets batted 3-4 with a double, a triple and 2 RBY's, while Perry went 2-2 with two walks, an RBI and three runs scored.
Game two was more of the same as Krista Kloth whiffed seven Springfield batters and Sarah Shonkwiller went 23 with a double and 3 RBI. Christie Wontland chipped in with three hits and one RBI for the Lady Cobras.
This past week also saw the Lady Cobras avenge a doubleheader sweep by Lakeland earlier this season by defeating them 3-2 in game one and 2-0 in game two last Sunday. Heiberger picked up the victory in game one and Alsup picked up the win in game two, striking out nine.
With the Lady Cobras in mid-season form it is not to early to start thinking about what improvements must be made to be successful come tournament time.

We need to get consistent hitting throughout the lineup. We don't have that right now," explained Clutts. "We'll have 5 or 6 girls hitting and 2 or 3 not hitting, and that kind of hurts us a little bit. To win a regional you have to have consistent hitting."
One thing Clutts hopes does not change is the Lady Cobras pitching and defense, which has been just short of unbeatable as of late.
"Our pitching staff is doing a great job and our defense has been absolutely wonderful," said Clutts. "We have had three errors in the last nine games so you can't complain about that."
The Lady Cobras will play six consec utive home games beginning Wednesday April 10th against Illinois Central and ending Tuesday April 16th against Lincoln College.

## Cobras 25-3 at midway point

By Jon Rule Sports. Writer

Despite two disappointing losses to Lakeland College, the Cobras closed out the first half of the season with impressive wins over St. Joseph and Lincoln Land.
The Cobra squad battled frigid temperatures last Tuesday and Thursday when they faced Lakeland, the only meetings between the two teams this season. Parkland was able to salvage a split in the doubleheader played in Mattoon.
The home matchup saw the Cobras suffer a disappointing loss to the seemingly overmatched Lakers squad.
Andy Leichty's double, Dan Grant's single and Brent Heaberlin's brilliantly executed hit and run, along with aggressive base running and Lakeland errors, plated four runs for the Cobras in the third.
The strong pitching of Matt Elder carried a 5-0 lead into the sixth inning when a controversial call at first followed by defensive errors opened the floodgates for
Lakeland to cut the lead to 5-4. Lakeland was able to plate four late inning runs and withstood a Parkland rally for the 8-7 win. Head Coach David Seifert noted the teams " bad fundamentals and execution" as keys to the loss and explained that the team, which
suffered some bad bounces in the Lakeland games, had many bounces go there way during the course of their winning streak. 'that's baseball. when you get hot things just go your way."
Parkland then traveled to Springfield on Saturday for a doubleheader against a talented Lincoln Land squad.
Derek Dragge's complete game three-hitter in game one high lighted the 1-0 victory while strong pitching from Mike Stitz and Dave Smith keyed Parkland's 2-1 win in game
 Freshman pitcher Matt Elder warms up ior the Cobras contest with Lincoln Land on Tuesday April 9th.

The Cobras closed out the weekend with 8-5 and 1-0 wins over St. Joseph.
Steve Zaroli earned his first win and Casey Hammond notched his fourth save of the season in game 1. Pat Hayes improved to $2-0$ and Luke Atkins gathered his first save in game 2.

Parkland continues their quest for the CCCI title with games against Illinois Central on Thursday in East Peoria and a home matchup with Illinois Central on Saturday at 1 p.m. The Cobras then travel to Spoon River.

## Baseball Movies: Bull Durham hits a foul ball on DVD

By Doug Nye
Knight Ridder Newspapers
Sorry, Sports Illustrated, you're wrong.
"Bull Durham" (MGM, 1988, \$24.98), which arrives on DVD this month, is not the best sports movie ever made. It's not even the best baseball movie ever made.
Baseball does serve as a backdrop to this movie, which is mostly about Susan Sarandon and her lust that surfaces when a new season nears. Each year, Sarandon picks out a baseball player from the local Durham, N.C., minor league team as her personal toy for the summer.
There is an appealing secondary storyline here. Tim Robbins plays a young pitcher who has all the stuff to become a whiz in the major leagues. The only problem is you never know if the ball will end up in the catcher's mitt or sail into the backstop.
So veteran journeyman catcher Kevin Costner, who once made it to the big leagues, goes to work with Robbins and mold him into an ace fireballer. Complicating the task is that Sarandon has chosen Robbins as her playmate of the season.

But the Costner-Robbins relationship is overshadowed by Sarandon's preoccupation with sex. If you were thinking about showing it to the kids, be aware that it also is littered with strong language. It's supposed to be a comedy, but I found only a few mildly amusing sequences.
The overrated "Bull Durham" is being released to coincide with the start of the 2002 major league baseball season (the real Opening Day was Monday). But here are some much better baseball movies on DVD that will get you primed for The Game:
"The Natural" (Columbia TriStar, 1984, \$24.98) - Robert Redford plays the aging Roy Hobbs, who shows up in the camp of the New York Knights. As soon as he and his magical bat are inserted into lineup, the Knights begin to win.
"61" (HBO, 2001, \$14.98) Billy Crystal directed this outstanding chronicle of the 1961 home-run race between Yankees teammates Roger Maris and Mickey Mantle. Barry Pepper is a dead ringer for Maris, and Thomas Jane isn't bad as Mantle.
"The Jackie Robinson Story"
(MGM, 1950, \$19.98) - Jackie Robinson plays himself in this absorbing film about the man who broke the game's color barrier. Out of circulation for years, the movie has been rescued beautifully restored.
"Field of Dreams" (Universal, 1989, \$19.98) - By now everyone knows the famous "Build it and they will come" line. Kevin Costner is the Iowa farmer who is told by "a voice" to build a baseball diamond on his property. When he does, "they" do come, including "Shoeless Joe" Jackson. Non-baseball fans won't get it,
"Major League I \& II" (Warner, 1989, 1994) - So much funnier than "Bull Durham.' Baseball fans still get a big kick out of these two comedies about the Cleveland Indians, with a diverse group of characters including "Wild Thing," winning a division and then the pennant. "I" is on VHS only at $\$ 12.98$. "II" is on DVD at \$14.98.
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