

Prospectus asks:

How did registration go?



Carmen Rohfin

"Good, phone registration was great and for the first time in three years I actually got the classes I wanted—register early."

"It was okay. The line as long and I think more advisers are needed, but once I saw an adviser it was very smooth and helpful."



Nathan Sanders

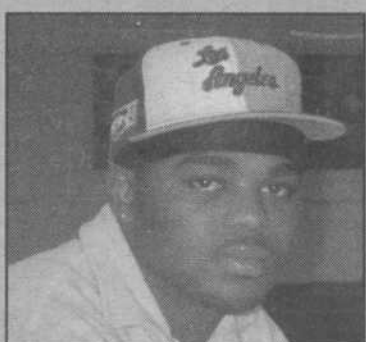


Nathan Mintz

"I went to the counceor's office and they were very helpful in chosing my classes, I got the schedule I wanted even though I had to wait awhile to talk to someone"



Amanda Cline



Lamar Coleman

"I think it went well, I went to the Academic Advisors and it went so much faster."

"Spring classes were far more easier than fall. I know where I want to go in life so my classes are thoughtout before hand"



Tyra Lee

Photos by Sara Ramey

Open House for visitors and Parkland students

by Jesse Woodrum

This Friday, November 21 the Admissions office, with the help of the student ambassadors, will be sponsoring an Open House.

Thirteen of the ambassadors will be giving tours of the college to prospective students. Students can go on a tour alone or with their troupe (parents, a friend, whomever) but it will not be a group-tour event, according to Billie Mitchell an Admissions Advisor. Mitchell says the tours will be specialized to what the student is interested in seeing.

Last year's Open House drew about 250 visitors.

The fall Open House, Mitchell says, is very popular because a lot of students are looking early at some of Parkland's selective programs such as Dental Hygiene; Nursing; Massage Therapy; Occupational Ther-

apy Assistant; Respiratory Assistant; Surgical Tech; Veterinary Tech; and Polysomnography (sleep studies).

Mitchell also said a lot of students come from out-of-district areas because they are interested in programs that are not offered at community colleges in their home districts like Engineering Science and Technology; hospitality Industry; Radio, TV and Video.

Many students will come with an idea of what they want to see or with questions they want answered but Mitchell says the tour guides will try to show prospective students as much of the school as they can.

Current Students Also Welcome

The Open House is primarily to convince students to go to school at Parkland. However,

Mitchell says there has been a move in recent years to use the Open House as a sort of "majors fair" for current students. Many students at Parkland are undecided majors, and many with a stated major are not sure they want to stay in the same area of study.

Current students will also be welcome this Friday if they have questions of if they want to see the inner workings of another part of Parkland College, like WPCD radio station or the automotive lab for example.

Friday's Open House will be a huge collection of human resources for anyone who has questions about what they want to do, or what they want to study.

For more information about the Open House or anything else concerning student curricula at Parkland, contact the Admissions Office at 217-351-2208.

Astronomer Kaler to speak at Staerkel Planetarium

Parkland News Release

University of Illinois astronomer and author James B. Kaler will be the next speaker in the "World of Science" lecture series at the William M. Staerkel

Planetarium at Parkland College. His talk, entitled "The Once and Future Mars," will be given on Friday, December 5 at 7 p.m. Tickets are available at the door for only \$1 each; Friends of the Staerkel Planetarium will be admitted free of charge.

The planet Mars has held a special place in our imaginations ever since

telescopes were first pointed towards this neighbor in space. Surface features, interpreted by some as Martian-built canals, were seen in the late 1800s, and what appeared to be ancient riverbeds were seen by our space probes in the 1970s. Dr. Kaler will examine the history of the planet from birth, take a close look at Mars' surface, and then investigate what evidence we have for water on Mars. He will also look at the "big picture" of how Mars fits into the solar system, how it compares to Venus and Earth, and how the planet will fare as the Sun ages. This talk will be a

perfect preview to the arrival of our twin rovers at Mars in January.

Following Dr. Kaler's talk, the planetarium will present its holiday special, "Rites of the Season," followed by the Led Zeppelin light show. For a full schedule and ticket information, call 217/351-2446 or see www.parkland.edu/coned/pla. Ruthie M. Counter, staff writer Parkland College Marketing & Creative Services Office: 217/373-3766 -- Email: news_releases@parkland.edu or

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Bras for a cause

By Rachel W-Domaln

This past Saturday morning, men, women and children gathered at Hessel Park to stretch a chain of 2,000 bras as far as they could, and gain awareness for breast cancer. The event, Bras for a Cause, was hosted by radio station 94.5. Jonathon Drake, the program director at 94.5, said that the group had collected over 2,000 bras from women who had been themselves been affected by breast cancer, or knew someone who had been affected. Drivers on Kirby Avenue that morning honked their horns and shouted in support.

The goal of the project, Drake said, was to stretch the chain all the way around the park. Despite many bras that had not yet been stretched out, there were not enough volunteers to hold the chain up all the way around the park. An anonymous volunteer, and survivor of breast cancer, stated, "I'm very disappointed. We have all these bras and not enough people."

During the drive, which was in progress for several weeks prior to the event, collectors for the bras set up in front of businesses in the Champaign Urbana community, including IGA, K-mart, the Thrifty Nickel and Good Will. Mike Cation, also an employee of 94.5, commented on the drives, "It was very weird having women take their bras off and give them to you, but it shows how important this kind of thing is." Bras were also collected from Danville and other surrounding communities.

Drake also specified that a minimum of \$1 donation was required with each bra, and the

money collected was given to Provena Covenant Medical Center, to support their digital mammography equipment.

Those who volunteered at the event included employees of 94.5 and their listeners, students, community members, survivors of breast cancer, and family and friends of survivors.

"It really is close to home so many people are affected by it. So many people are touched by it one way or another," said Elaine Cashmore, as she held up the chain of bras along Kirby Avenue.

Ryan Leskis, promotions director for 94.5, was one of many men present. He noted, "breast cancer affects men; too." He went on to discuss what he felt would make the event successful, "If one person detects it early, that is a success."

Rebecca Smalley, who works at the accounting firm McGladrey & Pullen, said that she heard about the event through a co-worker. "They took up a collection in the office," she said.

Laura Bynum, a participant, said that she is planning to release a book about the psychological effects of breast cancer next year. The book will be titled *The Strength of a Woman*.

Sue Wade, a massage therapist, said that she had several clients who suffer from pain and swelling of the arms, a condition that can be caused by the removal of the lymph nodes during treatment of breast cancer.

Despite the diversity of reasons for coming out, volunteers were strongly unified in their hopes to make people aware of breast cancer, and the need for early treatment, as well as support for those battling the cancer.

“Out of Order” opens Dec. 3 in PC Theatre

Parkland Theatre presents British farce *Out of Order*

Parkland Theatre presents its 13th annual student show, *Out of Order* by Ray Cooney. This British farce takes place one fateful night in a London hotel, as a Conservative Government Member of Parliament attempts to have an affair with a secretary of the Opposition. Filled with an odd assortment of characters including a conniving waiter, a suspicious hotel manager, an alert private detective, an angry wife, a furious husband, a bungling secretary, an unconscious nurse, and a dead body, nothing is going to go as planned.

Designed and directed by the Parkland Theatre scholarship students, all proceeds from this production support the Randall Millas Scholarship for the coming year.

Directed by Josh Stewart, a third-year Parkland student from Tolono, the *Out of Order* cast includes Gibby

Kirby as Richard Willey, Leila Haken as The Manager, Preston Tewell as The Waiter, Stefanie Snodgrass as Jane Worthington, James Schirmer as A Body, Thom Schnarre as George Pigden, Julia Marcotte as The Maid, Kevin Cates as Ronnie, Jessie Hausmann as Pamela, and Holly Robison as Gladys.

Performances are December 3, 4, 5, 6 at 8 p.m. and December 6 and 7 at 3 p.m.

General admission tickets are \$8 for adults; student and senior tickets are \$5. Call 217/351-2528 for tickets and information or e-mail at theatre@parkland.edu. Groups of 15 or more can receive special pricing by calling 217/373-3874 at least a week before the performance they would like to attend.

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The Journey of Race by Christine Lucks

You see me You see my face
Do you see my color? Is there any trace of me and my skin?

Do you know where I have been? I see you looking out
Can you see me looking in?

Will we be friends, Let's pretend. Do you know if I can go where you can and we will still be friends? Let's take a journey to the docks of time.
Give me your mind

You feel my pain, but do you feel the shame of a million years?
Trading places who has more to gain?

Race will always stand the test of time. You have yours
But will I still have mine?

Q&A with Christine

Prospectus: What inspired you to write this poem?

Christine: I moved to Southern (Central) Illinois from Chicago and it was a different culture as well as a different environment.

P: What does this poem mean?

C: You don't truly understand someone until you walk in their shoes. There is a struggle going on no matter what color your skin is.

P: Are there any messages you would like to convey to readers?

C: No matter what color an individual may be, race affects us all in some way.



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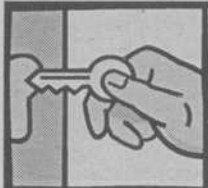
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Parkland's Meyer named CCCI volleyball player of the year

Parkland College setter, Cari Meyer, has been named the Collegiate Conference of Central Illinois Volleyball Player of the Year and to the First Team All-Region 24 team in a vote of conference and region coaches. Meyer, who transferred to Parkland after playing at Tennessee Tech as a freshman, led the Lady Cobras to a 28-24 record, a seventh straight CCCI title, and 2nd place at the Region 24 tourney. She follows on the heels of former Lady Cobra, Sima Shah, who was named the CCCI Player of the Year in 2002. Meyer, a graduate of Bureau Valley H.S., is joined on the CCCI first team by sophomore outside hitter Jessica Cisne of Jacksonville Rountt H.S. Cisne was a second team All-Region 24 selection. Freshman middle, Jennifer Bohan of Jacksonville

H.S., was named as the Co-Freshman of the Year and was a Second Team All-Conference selection. She is joined on the second team by freshman Ashley Fearday of Effingham St. Anthony H.S.

Parkland Volleyball Coach Joana Ramsey was selected along with Lincoln Land Head Coach Angie Peterson as the Co-Coach of the Year. Parkland, Lincoln Land, and John Wood finished in a three-way tie for the title.

First Team:
 Jessica Cisne (Parkland College) Carissa Drummond (Danville Area)
 Jenny Hamann (Danville Area) Kristin Majka (Lincoln College)
 Cari Meyer (Parkland College) Jenna Perkins (John Wood)
 Alicia Rankin (Lincoln Land)

Kelsey Vaughn (Lincoln Land)
Second Team:
 Jennifer Bohan (Parkland College) Lashonda Chapman (Lewis & Clark)
 Ashley Fearday (Parkland College) Holly Hoffman (Springfield College)
 Megan Keefe (Lewis & Clark) Wendy Kinsey (Lincoln Land)

Carrie Leasman (John Wood)
 Lacey McDonald (Lincoln Land)
Player of the Year: Cari Meyer Parkland College
Co-Freshman of the Year: Jennifer Bohan Parkland College
 Jenna Perkins John Wood
Co-Coach of the Year: Angie Peterson Lincoln Land
 Joana Ramsey Parkland College

Parkland volleyball coach resigns to take MacMurray job

Press Release

Parkland College Volleyball Coach, Joana Ramsey, has agreed to become the new Head Coach and Physical Education Instructor at MacMurray College in Jacksonville effective December 1. She will take over a program that finished 6-21 this past season and was coached on an interim basis by Darrin DeNeve. Ramsey will be the fifth head coach in six seasons for a program that has not had a winning season since 1996.

Ramsey, who came to

Parkland after serving for three years as an assistant coach at her alma mater Illinois College, compiled a record of (146-73) in her four years at the helm of the Lady Cobras. Parkland won four consecutive Collegiate Conference of Central Illinois titles and conference coaches selected her as the Coach of the Year each season. Her 2001 team finished with a 45-14 record and a 6th place finish at the NJCAA D-II National Tournament. That year, she was selected as the Region 24 and District Coach of the Year. In 2000, 2002, and 2003 the Lady Cobras fell just

one match short of the National Tournament, falling in the Region 24 championship game.

Parkland College Athletic Director, Rod Lovett, said a search for a replacement for Coach Ramsey would begin immediately and could hopefully be found by early in the spring semester. "We are sorry to lose Joana to MacMurray. She has done a great job at Parkland and I'm sure is the right person to turn their program around. I think it is a great opportunity for her to develop her career in both coaching and teaching, and we wish her nothing but the best."

Cobras upset Volunteers to stay perfect on '03 season

The Parkland College Men's Basketball team broke away from a 60-60 tie over the final six minutes of the game to outlast John A. Logan 81-69. The Cobras improved to (3-0) on the season making 14-16 at the free throw line and out-shooting the Volunteers 54-44% including 7-14 from 3-point range. Logan,

an NJCAA D-I team, falls to (3-2) on the season with their only previous loss coming to nationally ranked Vincennes by just four points.

Teran Lee led all scorers with 22 points while Eugene Green added 16 points, 8 rebounds, and 4 blocked shots. Colt Jones hit a three-point

basket to break the 60-60 tie with 5:20 remaining and Green added six straight free throws and a rebound dunk to put the game away down the stretch. Parkland will be off until Tuesday November 20, when they will host William Rainey Harper CC of Palatine in a 7:00 contest.

Parkland men pull away for second win of season

The Parkland Men's Basketball team used strong play off the bench to pull away from Ancilla College on Tuesday night by the score of 75-51. The Cobras (2-0) shot 55% from the field while holding the Chargers (0-3) to just 25% shooting including (4-28 14%) in the second half.

Monticello grad, Aaron Thais came off the bench to score 11 points while Chris Bunch

added 9, and Quentin Fairman and Pookie Taylor added 8 each, all off the bench. Teran Lee led all scorers with 13 points, while Eric Young added 11 rebounds, and Eugene Green had 6 blocked shots.

Parkland will try to stay perfect on the season when they host John A. Logan at 7:00 on Thursday night.

Ladies ready for home opener

Rod Lovett

The #17 ranked Parkland Women's Basketball team will play the first two of ten straight home games between now and December 20 when they host the Parkland Classic this Friday and Saturday.

On Friday, Parkland will play at 8:00 versus Harper College of Palatine. The game will

be preceded by a game at 6:00 between Lincoln Trail and Morton. On Saturday at 1:00 Lincoln Trail will play Harper and at 3:00 Parkland hosts Morton.

Parkland is coming off a (1-1) start last weekend at the Lake Land Classic, defeating McHenry CC 71-35 before falling to Coffeyville, Kansas.

Making this holiday season a little brighter

by Sarah Ramey

The holiday season is nearing. Even though Thanksgiving is still over a week away, stores are already decked in the latest holiday trends and your overly ambitious neighbors have begun stringing up icicle lights. Of course, don't get me wrong, the giant leafy wreath on your front door looks nice and "We wish you a Merry Christmas" sung by The Chipmunks is sweet even in November, but these things are starting to lose their effect on me, and many other college students in the holiday season.

Caught between commercialism and empty holiday cheer, many college students long for a more meaningful way to celebrate the holiday season. Some people can bring back the holiday cheer with family tradition, some keep the spirit alive by being around children, but one other way of adding meaning to the holiday season is volunteering.

Volunteering is a gift you can give, that will extend past even the holiday season.

According to "Making Things Happen" by Joan Wolfe, "Clubs and other voluntary organizations make a rich contribution to American life." Volunteers are responsible for providing exceptional service to humankind. They become involved in sometimes seemingly insignificant tasks that result in the ultimate betterment of society.

More than 105 million Americans volunteer an average of four hours a week to help causes or individuals. The calculated value of this time is estimated at 174 billion dollars a year, but you can't put a dollar sign on its worth; it's priceless.

Even though so many people dedicate their time to volunteering there is always a desperate need for more. Not only does volunteering benefit those in need of the services provided, but it can have many benefits on the volunteer him or herself. You can learn something new, do something different, build your resumé, make new friends, improve your social skills, and feel good about helping someone.

If more people devoted their free time to a volunteer program, the impact on the world would be phenomenal! Crisis

centers could offer more care for individuals in need of services. Neighborhoods and public areas would be cleaner and free of waste. And many more positive effects would be prevalent.

It is also very simple to become involved in a volunteer program. Every community has abundant opportunities available for those who are interested. With most organizations, a simple phone call will suffice.

So next time when you're strolling through Wal-Mart gazing at rows of wrapping paper with the chipmunks singing in the distance, and that just doesn't get you into the holiday spirit, you can think about lending a helping hand to the world around you, and make the holiday season a little brighter for you and everyone else.

Here are some of the community service organizations located right here in Champaign/Urbana.

American Cancer Society (217) 356-9076
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Center for Women in Transition (217) 352-7151

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Champaign Crisis Nursery (217) 337-2731

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Champaign-Urbana Area Project (217) 373-2827

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Salvation Army Stepping Stone Shelter (217) 373-7830

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