## What are your summer plans?



Tarara

I plan to work and enjoy the weather.


Amanda

To spend time with my 6-year-old daughter. Possibly working part-time and taking summer courses online.


Doctor Pepper

I plan to work and have lost of fun.


Andrela

Work a lot and go on vacation with my family.


I'm going to sail the seven seas and start my own bicycle company.

My summer plans is to start a family or jump out of a plane.


## Students enjoy 'Spring Fling' before exams



## Parkland campus may add equestrian facility

## Published Online Apr 24, 2004 <br> By ANNE COOK <br> News-Gazette Staff Writer

CHAMPAIGN -Parkland College is putting longtime plans to
enlarge its equine program on the fast track.
At the college's board meeting this week, business and agriindustries department Chairman Bruce Henrikson unveiled a new, expanded plan to build an Illinois Equestrian Center at the campus' northwest corner, a plan campus northwest corner, a plan
with an aggressive fund-raising with an aggressive fund-ra
and construction deadline.
The center, which would in
The center, which would include two arenas, a barn and classroom space, would make the college an attractive site for holding shows and training riders and other professionals for the growing industry. Henrikson said Parkland officials have approached University of Illinois animal scientists about sharing the facilities, and the response was positive.
"We have to meet needs statewide," Henrikson told board members. "We have to look beyond district lines. Our vision is that by 2009, we'll be recognized as the leading community college in the nation for equine education. "
"The numbers are realistic and the opportunities are phenomenal," said board member David Ehler, a horseman himself. "For a lot of people, horses are a passion, a lifelong thing. They're relaxation and enjoyment plus competition. We all enjoy that."
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ing is successful, would cost $\$ 3.8$ million and include the two aremillion and include the two arenas "with bleachers and all the
amenities," a 50 -horse stable and amenities," a 50-horse stable and
classroom and offices. Plans also include constructing a second
larger barn with 200 stalls for larger shows that would cost an additional \$1 million.
Fund-raising officially started this week. Henrikson and Chi-cago-area stable owner Bill Marshall, who has agreed to help with it, said their goal is to identify major donors by Sept. 1, break ground by Dec. 1 and hold the dedication in September 2005 Henrikson said the only othe Hommunity college equestrian community college equestrian program in the state is at Black Hawk Community College, Ke wanee, but Parkland is using a program at Kirkwood Commu nity College at Cedar Rapids, lowa, as its model. Kirkwood has agreed to share its plans, he said.
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Henrikson, Ehler and other Parkland representatives made a road trip to Kirkwood this year to learn more about how a facility like that can expand college and community opportunities.
"In 1998, the college had 35 equine students," Henrikson said. "They built the facility in 1999. By 2000, they had 70 students, and by 2001, they had to cap enrollment at 90 students They're meeting the needs of the industry. They held 44 horse shows last year. They made a net profit of $\$ 72,000$ last year on the shows alone."
Henrikson said enrollment in Parkland's equine program with 20 current participants would likely also grow to 90 students in a few years. He said additional tuition and income would cover the costs of operating the program and adding additional instructors as it grew.
Parkland's center would pro vide the space for smaller horse shows, such as dressage events,
filling a niche in the show market but not competing with huge arenas like the one at Gordyville USA near Gifford that has space for hundreds of competitors, Henrikson said.
He said the college would likely own some horses and provide boarding space for students who wanted to take their animals to the college, but it would not offer boarding services to the pubfer boarding services to the public.
"Agriculture has changed, expanded," Henrikson said. "It's beginning to recognize the importance of the equine industry in Illinois. Horses are a $\$ 25$ billion business in the U.S. and a $\$ 1.3$ billion industry in Illinois, which has more horses than the state of Kentucky. In Illinois, 213,000 people are involved in the industry.
"The biggest problem is lack of facilities," said Marshall, a retired executive from the Chicago suburb of Hawthorn Woods who attended the board meeting. Marshall said he got into the horse boarding business because his daughter, a UI freshman, expressed an interest in riding and in a career as a veterinarian.
Marshall has contributed $\$ 50,000$ to get the fund-raising off to a good start, and he likely will be a member of the canital campaign committee that will focus on the project under the direction of Parkland Foundation head Carl Meyer.

Kevin Kline, a UI equine specialist who has met several times with the Parkland planners, said there is a need in the industry for a facility like the one the community college is planning.

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## The cost of information

by Jon Volkman, staff writer

The role of the media in its effort to present news to the public is quite simple. The media funnels information to its audience through the news. The formation to its audience through the news. The
media allows its audience to stay informed, and media allows its audience to stay informed, and
shapes public opinion in the process. This role as shapes public opinion in the pro
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The media uses the concept of free speech to relay news to the public. Free speech defines not only this country, but also defines what many consider democracy. The media uses free speech to shape the opinions of its audience and to help develop their opinions. In many ways, the media's stance on an issue defines its audience, making their position a perilous one.
News media should be non-biased. In every story reported, the feature should be fair and informative, while remaining neutral. City newspapers and local television stations should present a fair and accurate report that allows its readers to form an opinion on their own. On a national scale, the twenty four hour news channels also should maintain neutrality.
It is in regards to neutrality that the news media's role as informer has become damaged. The public has begun to believe that the news is not always accurate and is defined by special interest groups. News has become commercialized, and as a result, celebrity happenings and scandals fill new reports while stories about governmental proceedings that are reshaping America are omitted.
That is one of the main problems with larger media companies. The news they report is focusing
not on what is happening but how interesting it will be to the public. The bottom line is money, not accuracy.
As a result, organizations have formed to fight the inaccuracy of news media. A media research group from Sonoma State University called Project Censored releases a list of their top twenty-five news stories that didn't make the news every year. Other organizations fight for more accurate news reporting as well, hoping to get a more accurate and unbiased news to the public
In today's society, the rise of computers has also aided in the quest for more accurate and unbiased news. One can shop around for news, sampling stories from different places in an effort to get a more accurate report. In doing so, an individual may find conflicting information. While a somewhat unsettling thought, the presence of conflicting news reports has grown as news become more filtered by media corporations.
The presence of conflicting news reports is exactly why the public needs to demand a broader, less biased reporting of the news. The role of informer should remain vital to news media companies. Having to focus on profit corrupts this role, and unfortunately, no quick fix exists.

Only a return to a more traditional, non biased role based solely on being the informer would fix the problem. Unfortunately, as long as media companies are controlling a majority of the news outlets, the desire for profit will destroy the news media's role as informer.

## The Postal Service, Give Up: a review

by Jesse Woodrum, editor

In the spring of last year, I was a freshman, I was just moving a freshman, I was just moving
into my own place and life was into my own place and life was
exciting. Then I got a hold of The Flaming Lips' Yoshimi Battles Flaming Lips' Yoshimi Battles the Pink Robots (about 9 months late, I know), and my newfound excitement had a soundtrack. I dug the new sounds (I was never a Radiohead fan) and I was completely swept up in it.
A year later, life is still exciting, for different reasons, I'm shuffling off this winter coil, spring is here, and I'm once again swept away. This year, the soundtrack of my excitement is Give Up, by the Postal Service. Again I'm late-the album came out February of 2003 -but still, I can dig it.

The band came to my attention when one of the local stations adopted one of their songs- the second track called "Such Great Heights." I must warn that this album is full of strange sounds-
many computer-generated-and electric percussion. The percussion is what really gets me. It's innovative and very bold. "Such Great Heights" has this weird little beat sound that seems as though it should be a word, like "bshwep." Then Benjamin Gibbard's wacky lyrics take the song away. I don't want to ruin the ending but he gives a short rendition of how he thinks it's cool that God made man and woman out of clay in "correspond shapes like puzzle pieces." The tone of his voice totally belies the nature of his convocation and he says, "True, it may seem like a stretch." I don't know if I should laugh or feel philosophical, but it's an amusing contrast. So far, this is my favorite song.
The first track-"The District Sleeps Alone Tonight"-is also of special note. Organ music can be cool.
Another track, called "Sleep-
ing In," is one of those songs that reads like an artist's subconscious. It's like a movie where everything is a little out of whack, and then you realize that it was a dream. It's a Freudian walk through a idyllic world without disease-much like Boxcar Racer's "Watch the World" a few years back. Somehow a song about 'sleeping in' includes commentary on Lee Harvey Oswald and global warming.
I'm definitely excited about this album and its percussion is certainly interesting, and it keeps me smiling. Admittedly, I'm not used to music heavily electronically-assisted andthough I like some of it-there are a couple of the middle and later tracks that begin to sound like a video game, but overall I am excited about the innovation. Not ashamed to buy music that came out fourteen months ago? Me neither.

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For additional information, visit the Wellness Center in L122, email June at jburch@parkland.edu

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All evening finals ( 5 p.m. or later) will be at the regular class time.


## Jazz Threads sewn up at Virginia Theater

by Patrick Yeagle, staff writer


#### Abstract

This past Sunday brought the end of the Krannert Center's Jazz Threads project, a project that delivered some of today's most influential jazz artists to the Champaign-Urbana area. A free concert at the Virginia Theater capped this column of achievement, showcasing three great jazz acts from the area. Parkland's own In Your Ear Big Band land's own In Your Ear Big Band University of Illinois Concert University of Ilinois Con In addition to the performing In and to play the In addition to the performing groups, three greatly talented groups, three greatly talented jazz figures were present. Pianist Jim McNeely, Chicago native and U of I alumnus, performed fast-paced original compositions with each group. Saxophonist Kim Richmond, Champaign native and $U$ of I alumnus, filled out the sound with his soulful soos. Also appearing was pianis Don Smith, U of I alumnus and world-traveling performer. Each of these accomplished talents has recorded for several labels and performed in several countries, and yet each has taken time to come back to Champaign-Urbana. The concert began with a selection of songs from the Parkland


College In Your Ear Big Band, led by Peter Roubal. The Band was formed about five years ago to allow area jazz musicians and students to "keep their jazz chops alive." The Band played several standard pieces, as well as some original compositions, The performance started with a smooth piece that you might expect to piece that you might expect to hear in a film from the 30 's, followed by a Latin-style piece and several wailing big band numbers featuring Kim Richmond. The group can be heard at various venues around ChampaignUrbana, including appearances at The Highdive each month. Following the Parkland College In Your Ear Big Band, Chambana took the stage, led by Don Smith on piano and vocals. The group played several original numbers, including a ballad that Smith dedicated to his late parents and a piece by trumpeter Nathaniel Banks entitled "Song for Franky." Smith's emotion-ally-charged piano style, coupled with his expressive vocals, lit up the stage. Also with the group is Ron Bridgewater, saxophonist and brother of Cecil and Dee Dee Bridgewater, both accomplished jazz artists. Jim McNeely joined
the group for a couple of song on piano.
After a fifteen minute inter mission, the University of II linois Concert Jazz Band took the stage, led by Chip McNeil The Band performed several big band standards and origina numbers in polyphonic splendor, with the full jazz band setup. full horm section, stand-up bass, un horn section, stand-up bas jazz guitar, and piano gave the sound an aunenc vibe, with drummer Jay Ferguson provid ing the occasional elaborate sol at just the right time.
The Jazz Threads projec has provided Champaign-Ur bana with exposure to some of the best jazz around over the past year, bringing legends like trumpeter Cecil Bridgewater The project was sponsored by many generous individuals and businesses in the area, including ADM, The Great Impasta, Kraft Foods, Busey Bank, The New Gazette, Provena, Bank Illinois, and WCIA, among several oth ers. With any luck, similar proj ects will again bring such great talents to the local music scene in the near future.


## We saw you at the carnival

Photos by: Chris Cunningham



## Letter to the Edition

I'd like to commend the editorial staff and student contributors to the Prospectus this year: As a student-run paper, the Prospectus has published papers of wide variability in terms of both editorial and content quality. In the past few months, however, the Prospectus has published stories highlighting award-winning faculty and students, a TRIO student who visited Congress, cultural pieces, and even stories on Parkland policies and US energy policy. One of the recent stories was work a student had done in a Biology class. The photography piece on the new metals studio was terrific. I hope this practice will piece on the new metals studio was terr
continue in future semesters! Well done

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"There's a real need for a good competition and educational center in this area for a number of reasons," Kline said. "There are state $4-\mathrm{H}$ events, intercollegiate state 4-ri events, hing opportunievents, joint teach ties for the UI and Parkland. We complement each other's pro grams, but we both have extra curricular activities for student involvement."
"It would really assist us with teaching in many different areas," he said.
Kline said plans to move the UI South Farms facilities farther south include plans for new horse facilities that have moved up to the top of the priority list
because the current ones sit squarely in the area mapped out for a future golf course.
"There are plans to build an equine center at the UI, but not an equestrian center" he said "Our facilities will be more for teach facilies will be mere the our breeding program We'd als our breeding program. We'd also have a small-scale arena, but it would be rudimentary compared to the Parkland proposal.
Henrikson said projections show the center would have a dramatic economic impact in the community. He said standard industry economic indicators suggest a two-day show that attracts 70 horses has a $\$ 73,500$ direct
impact and a $\$ 294,000$ total economic impact on a community. Parkland's equine program started in 1975, and serious discussions about building a barn and arena date to the 1980 s . Those discussions started again in the early 1990 s. Henrikson said the new program would help said the new program would help trainstudents for management, training, showing and owning horses and competitive riding, likely in the dressage and hunt seat and hunter-jumper areas, although that has yet to be
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## Which is your favorite baseball team?



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My favorite team is the Chicago Cubs.

The Tom Selek movie, Mr. Baseball, also starring Mr. Sheen.


Cubs!


## Baseball and Softball edge closer to CCCI titles, while Crane earns golf player of the year honors

Press Release

Parkland Freshman Ben Crane, a graduate of Judah Christian High School, has earned Collegiate Conference of Central Illinois Player of the Year honors. Crane had the lowest combined score of all the golfers after the four rounds of CCCI play. Play began on April 12 in Quincy and concluded yesterday with the final round being played in Savoy. Parkland won the final round yesterday firing a 301 edging out CCCI champion ICC by 10 strokes. Fellow freshman Cole Taylor (Oakland HS) and sophomore Matt Fonner (Central HS) also earned All-Conference recognition.

The \#10 Parkland Baseball team swept DACC on Thursday afternoon by the scores of 3-2 and 8-0 knocking the Jaguars out of the CCCI race and keeping the Cobras percentage points ahead of Lake Land. Parkland (35-14 19-7) has just one CCCI game remaining at DACC at 5:00 on Saturday night while Lake Land (24-18-1 16-6) still has five games left to play. In the opener, pinch hitter TJ Lindburg stroked a one-out double down the left field line to score Justin Carr with the winning run field line to score Justin Carr with the winning run
in the bottom of the $7^{\text {th }}$ inning to pick up the victory.

Aaron Hines went the distance to improve to $7-1$ on the season. In the finale, Mark Novak worked six coreless innings and Nathan Doty finished up as PC shutout DACC eliminating them from the CCCI title hunt. Sean Doherty went 3-4 and Justin Cari had two hits in the win. PC will host Prairie State a 2:00 on Friday in a non-conference game.
The \#2 Parkland Softball team moved closer to winning the CCCI title as well sweeping two game from Lincoln College by the scores of 10-2 and 8-2 Katie Appl (15-1) picked up the win Ashley Trover drove in three runs and Trover, Stacey Weaver, and Casey Wantland each had a pair of hits. Lora Fisher went $3-4$ and had an RBI. Wantland (11-0) was the winning pitcher in game 2 and got all the offense she would need from Brittany Nash who went 4 whe would need from Brittany Nash who went 4 5 with 2 RBI. Stacey Weaver had three more hit mishing 5-8 for the day while Trover and Korie in the CCCI had two. Parkland is 45-4-1 and 25 1 in the CCCI and has a three game lead with fou o play. The Cobras are scheduled to play at Joh Wood on Saturday before traveling to Lincoln Land on Tuesday to wrap up conference play.

## Poor defense dims Cobra title hopes

## Press Release

The Parkland Baseball team's chances of winning their fourth straight CCCI title took a hit Monday night as the Cobras made five errors resulting in four unearned runs as they fell to Danville Area 6-4. The loss leaves the Cobras with a record of (3615 19-8) while Lake Land is (24-18-1 17-6). The Lakers need to win two of their final four games
to tie for the lead and three or more to clinch the title In Monday night's game, Park land jumped out to a 4-0 lead scoring a pair of runs in both the first and third innings. Danville scored three unearned runs in the bottom of the third to cut the lead to 4-3 and tied the contest on a solo home run by We Pabst in the bottom of the fourth

The game remained tied until the bottom of the eighth when DACC scored the game winning runs on an infield single and an error Andy Wesley (3-4) and Justin Carr (2-4) were the only Parkland players with multiple hits. Park land will return to action with single game beginning at 3:00 on Tuesday against Kankakee.


