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CHUCK SHEPHERD'S NEWS OF THE WEIRD

By **CHUCK SHEPHERD**

Lead Story

The Modern Mother: Style and environment-conscious Canadian mothers insist on cloth diapers, especially designer labels of flannel, fleece or wool-knit, according to a November report in Toronto's Globe and Mail. Handmade embroidered diapers (perhaps in tie-dye or camouflage) are priced at up to \$80 each (and some babies get to wear them only just after taking care of business in an ordinary diaper). And, in London, mothers can take babies for workouts, as several gyms recently reacted to warnings about childhood obesity by creating programs to shape up kids as young as 10 months (teaching galloping, "monkey jumps" and forward rolls), and in February, one gym will begin accepting 4-month-olds.

Cultural Diversity

- In October, Italy's economic minister, noting that a third of all men over 30 still live with their parents and that rental housing markets are depressed, proposed a tax break worth the equivalent of about \$1,400 for each man in his 20s who will finally leave Momma's house. (A week earlier in Sicily, one mother publicly turned her adult son over to the police for staying out too late, and also took away his house keys and cut off his allowance. The son, who immediately complained that the allowance was too small, anyway, is 61 years old.)

- The normal daily tension between India and Pakistan arises in many forms, but one nightly ceremony on the border at Wagah crossing is particularly odd (described by a Los Angeles Times reporter in September as part pomp, part macho posturing, and part Monty Python's Ministry of Silly Walks). Uniformed guards from both countries march toward each other in their inexplicably complicated headgear, "glower fiercely through their mustaches" and puff themselves up, eyeball to eyeball, in a show of confidence for their respective countrymen. However, they then meekly shake hands and close the border for the night.

- Residents of small fishing villages in northern Newfoundland have for centuries been "mumming" at Christmastime,

in rituals described in an October academic journal article by University of Missouri-Columbia researchers. People disguise themselves, go to neighbors' houses and threaten violence, at which point the neighbor must guess the visitor's identity, and, if all goes well, refuse to be scared. Supposedly, the ritual induces trust by both parties, as the visitors show their good hearts by failing to actually beat anyone up, and the host shows trust by his courage and passivity. Mumming, the researchers conclude, continues today only on a "small scale."

Latest Religious Messages

- "This is a college education that I can use," said sophomore Emily Felts, 19, as she praised the homemaking curriculum of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas (which leads to a Bachelor of Arts in Humanities). Men and women may be equal, the school says, but they have different roles, and for women, that includes "how to set tables, sew buttons and sustain lively dinnertime conversation," or how to use the Internet to track grocery coupons, according to an October dispatch in the Los Angeles Times. Felts said she enjoys the work (except vacuuming), but it "doesn't matter what I think. It matters what the Bible says."

- In November, Catholic priests in Ireland and Northern Ireland complained about their respective governments' proposals to lower the presumed-impaired blood-alcohol level for drivers from .08 to .05, which they say is unfair. Because of a priest shortage, current priests expect to be driving great distances to conduct Masses this Christmas season, and since they are obliged to drink any leftover sacramental wine from each Mass, they fear inevitably approaching, or exceeding, the blood-alcohol threshold.

Questionable Judgments

- In October, Patty Cooper, 50, accused her landlord (the Central Vermont Community Land Trust) of failing to "accommodate" her disability under the federal Americans with Disabilities Act when it barred her "service horse" from living in her apartment. Cooper uses a wheelchair because of a brit-

tle-bones disorder and says the miniature horse (100 pounds, 32 inches tall) not only pulls the chair but cheers her up. A trust spokesman said keeping rats out of the hay bales would be difficult enough, but he doubted Cooper's assurance that the horse could be easily housebroken.

- In November, a California administrative judge sided with state dental authorities and suspended Dr. Mark Anderson's license, following complaints by female patients that he had massaged their chests to treat a jaw disorder. Anderson's lawyer, citing alleged dental journal articles, had asserted that jaw pain was related not only to pectoral muscles but even calf muscles. (In November, Anderson was also indicted for sexual battery against patients.)

- The head teacher of Sandhurst Junior School in south London apologized in October because a professional photographer had arranged, for his own convenience, an unfortunate group photo of the school's 100-plus students. The photographer, trying to keep from haying to re-set his reflector screens, lined up the kids from the lightest-skinned on the left, gradually over to the darkest-skinned on the right. Said the head teacher, "We can see that this was an error of judgment."

- Also Questionable: (1) Japanese adults push their children to save more, but few are buying the piggy bank introduced by the TOMY Co. in November, because, if not fed with savings for a period of time, the bank just explodes, scattering the contents. (2) In September, three young men in a dinghy on a canal in Australia's Gold Coast region stood up to moon a group of people but lost their balance and fell in, with two recovering quickly, but the third was chopped in the face by the then-circling dinghy's outboard propeller and was in serious condition.

Strange Days

Several men were arrested recently and charged with sex "crimes" involving inanimate objects. In Ayr, Scotland, Robert Stewart was convicted of sexually aggravated breach of the peace (and officially labeled a sex offender) after being caught alone and pantsless in his hostel bedroom thrusting against a

bicycle. Craig McCullough, 47, was arrested in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, in October after allegedly being caught "in a compromising position" with an inflatable toy doll, in an otherwise-empty public restroom. Steven Marshall, 18, was arrested in Galashiels, Scotland, in November (and officially labeled a sex offender) after being caught simulating sexual intercourse against the pavement of a city street.

Least Competent Criminals

In Monticello, N.Y., Steven King, 40, was indicted in October as a result of a traffic stop, for allegedly doing nearly every single thing wrong: intoxicated, driving in oncoming-traffic lanes, with an open beer container, not wearing a seat belt, driving an uninsured car, with expired safety inspection sticker, with license plates belonging to another car, and with his 2-year-old daughter-passenger neither in a car seat nor belted in.

Recurring Themes

Something About Dentists: Hard-core federal income-tax resisters are frequently in the news, but a recent spate of them involved dentists. In October, Ed Brown and his dentist-wife, Elaine, were arrested after a nine-month standoff with federal marshals in Plainfield, N.H., where they had holed up, vowing to die before paying the federal government any of Elaine's \$1.9 million in unreported income. In October, dentist Nancy Montgomery-Ware was convicted on two counts of tax evasion in Tampa, Fla., still believing that the federal government has no authority over her taxes or her practice, based on her research finding that there's no such thing as a "U.S. citizen." In October, Slidell, La., dentist Louis Genard was a U.S. citizen, though he renounced, but was nonetheless found guilty on three tax-evasion counts after a court was unimpressed that he had become an "ambassador of heaven" who is exempt from federal taxation.

(Visit Chuck Shepherd at <http://NewsoftheWeird.blogspot.com> or www.NewsoftheWeird.com.)

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Happy Holidays

Urbana-Champaign's Biggest Christmas Gift

By KATHLEEN SERINO
Prospectus Staff Writer

[Ed. Note—See pages 10-11 for exclusive photos of the new library!]

Attention Parkland students: if you're looking for a fresh place to study, read or research, check out Champaign's revamped public library. After about two years and \$29.4 million in funding, the New Champaign Public Library is finally ready for its holiday debut this Thursday and the large space features way more than just books.

According to information supplied by CPL Director, Mary Bissey, the new building will replace the old one at 504 E Grove Street, as it became too small, worn, and energy and technologically inefficient. At 122,600 square feet, the new establishment is three times the size of its predecessor, able to seat 431 occupants in new lounge chairs and at desks.

It was impossible to renovate the old building because, "at the beginning of the planning process, engineers advised us that the structure of the old building was not suitable for adding on to or for renovating to the extent needed," Bissey said in an interview.

The library also features

five public meeting rooms, six group study rooms (including a quiet study), 122 computers (not including a quiet computer room), a used bookstore, an indoor/outdoor café, a drive-thru book drop, an exciting teen space, specialized reading areas, self-service checkout stations, an upgraded infrastructure, and even extra space for more additions.

Carol Ross Barney, founder of Ross Barney Architects, Inc., designed the new and improved structure. It showcases streamlined attributes throughout, which cut heating, cooling and other electric costs considerably. Features include ample amounts of bamboo, landscaping islands, natural lighting, west-side sun blockers used during hot months, heating ducts in raised flooring used during colder months, a heat-reflective white roof, specialized glass windows, which reflect heat and deflect direct sunlight, motion-sensory lights, automatic window shades, and photocells that adjust light fixtures as needed.

Following a brief ceremony, Bissey says, the doors will be open to the public on Sunday, January 6 during their normal operating hours, 1pm to 6pm. There will be music, a special

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Six ways to make your Christmas a little greener

By MANDY ROBINSON
Prospectus Staff Writer

Use LED Holiday Lights

LED lights use 90% less energy than traditional holiday bulbs, which means that they're not only better for the environment; they also cut down on energy costs. In fact, as estimated by the Web site Earth Easy (www.eartheasy.com), lighting 500 traditional bulbs over a period of thirty days would cost an average of \$18.00 whereas it would only cost \$0.19 to light the same number of LED lights.

LED lights come in all the traditional colors and sizes and are available at any major retailer. Best of all, if one light burns out, the rest of the strand will still work!

Use Recyclable Wrapping Paper

Also according to Earth Easy, Americans create 545,000 tons of trash each year from gift-wrap and shopping bags alone. If everyone wrapped just three gifts in reused paper this Christmas, we would save enough paper to cover 45,000 hockey rinks! So please, do your part and wrap your presents in reusable materials. Contrary to popular belief, not all wrapping paper is recyclable. It is important to avoid buying glossy or metallic paper, as these are more likely to contain materials that would disqualify it for recycling. Some paper companies and party supply stores carry environmentally friendly wrapping paper made from hemp—or as an alternative, you can wrap presents in maps, comics, or even those wallpaper samples you've had lying around the house. Be creative!

Recycle old electronics

Finally replacing that dinosaur of a cell phone this holiday season? Don't throw away your old one! Electronics contain harmful chemicals that can seep into ground water and cause irreversible damage to the environment. There are places that will accept your old electronics and dispose of them properly. You can drop off your old cell

phone at any Staples location as part of their Sierra Club cell phone recycling program. [Ed. Note—Be wary of some companies that dispose of electronics; a few resell them to dumps in places like China, where people melt the precious metals. The process is extremely hazardous, and contributes to serious health problems]

Recycle your Christmas tree

Christmas just isn't Christmas without the tree, but knowing whether or not it is better for the environment to use a real tree or an artificial tree is still hotly debated among environmentalists.

The pros and cons of a real tree:

Pro – You don't necessarily have to kill the tree – some nurseries will sell the pines potted so you may plant the tree after Christmas. (And because the tree is still alive, you shouldn't have a lot of pine needles to clean up.)

Pro – Even if you do purchase a cut tree, you can still be Earth-friendly about its disposal and have it mulched. To find the tree-recycling program nearest you, go to www.earth911.org.

Con – Some tree farmers use pesticides that are harmful to the environment. If at all possible, you should buy trees that were organically grown.

Pros and Cons of an artificial tree:

Pro – No trees had to be cut down for you to enjoy your Christmas.

Pro – You only had to purchase it once and it can be reused for years to come.

Con – Even if you use the same artificial tree year after year, there is no denying that it will still end up in a landfill someday. This could have a negative effect on the environment as artificial trees tend to be made of non-biodegradable materials.

Con – People who have artificial trees tend to spray a fake pine scent from an aerosol can that is not only offensive to the nose, it also releases harmful chemicals into the air.

Decorate and Entertain with

Reusable/Recyclable Materials

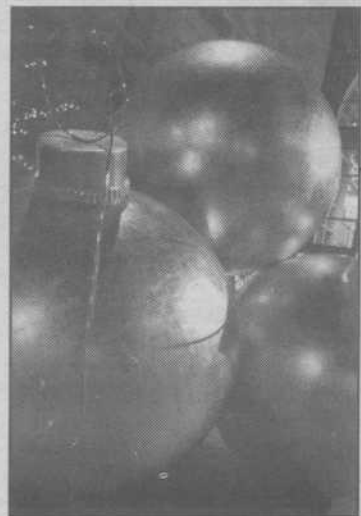
Avoid purchasing any non-biodegradable dinnerware. Plastic plates and cutlery are convenient, but extremely bad for the environment. If you don't have enough dinnerware for all of your company, borrow from a friend or request that your guests bring their own.

Make your tree more Earth-friendly by decorating it with reusable or recyclable materials. Here are some suggestions:

- Hang LED tree lights
- Bake gingerbread ornaments
- String some cranberry garland
- Dehydrate apple slices to hang on the tree
- Decorate your tree with your rarely displayed collection of Pez dispensers or Star Wars action figures (you wouldn't even have to take them out of their original packaging!)

Reuse Christmas Cards

Ok, it sounds kind of crummy, but we all end up throwing Christmas greeting cards away. To preserve the life of those cards, simply cut the front of the card off and save it for next year. When next Christmas rolls around, glue your trimmed card onto a piece of recycled card paper and voila! – You have a perfectly Earth-friendly Christmas greeting card. (Note: You may want to write the name of the person who sent you the card on the back of your trimming so that you don't accidentally send them the same card they sent you!)



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Holiday events and volunteering

■ Enjoy the season, and make a difference

By **STEPHANIE GOMEZ**
Prospectus Staff Writer

Christmas is just around the corner. How are you spending your holidays? The Prospectus has once again come up with another list of things that are happening within your local area. Whether you are spending time with the family or want to volunteer and help the less fortunate, there are plenty of activities to help you on your way.

Family Events:

Rockome Country Christmas Light Show

Where: Rockome Gardens, Arcola
When: Various dates from Friday, Nov 23, 2007, to Monday, Dec 31, 2007

Hours: 3-9pm

Description: Walk-through light show, synchronized light show, trade post with Santa, Santa's workshop, Rockome winterland express train and horse-drawn sleigh rides. Admission is \$11 for adults, \$9 for senior citizens, and \$7 for children and students with ID.

For more information: Call 217.268.4106, or visit <http://www.rockome.com>

Reading With Santa

Where: Market Place Mall, Champaign

When: Dec 4, 2007 and Dec 11, 2007

Hours: 9:00 am to 9:45 am

Description: Join Provena Covenant Medical Center and Santa Claus at MarketPlace Mall (near SEARS) for "Reading With Santa." Santa will read holiday themed books to children in an informal holiday setting.

For more information: Visit <http://www.provena.org/conventant>

Live Wreath Workshop

Where: University of Illinois Extension office, 12190 US 150, west of Danville, Oakwood

When: Tuesday Dec 4, 2007 6:30 pm

Description: Vermilion County Master Gardener Mary-Alice Stonecipher teaches the

art of making wreaths from evergreens. Greenery, wreath forms and wire provided. Bring decorations and bow. \$8.

For more information: Call 442-8615

Center for Children's Services Christmas Bazaar

Where: Center for Children's Services, 701 N. Logan Ave., Danville

When: Thursday Dec 6, 2007 9:00 am to 7:00 pm

Description: Luncheon featuring Cafe on the Lawn's salad, holiday chicken bake and pumpkin spiced cake, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; poinsettias, topiaries, small Christmas trees, Amish baked goods, candles and more.

For more information: Call 446-1300

Carle Clinic's Family Fun at the North Pole

Where: Lincoln Square Village, Urbana

When: Thursday Dec 6, 2007 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Description: The complimentary event, open to all children and their families, features safe activities including ornament making, face painting, caricatures, live reindeer, letters to Santa, a teddy bear/doll "checkup" and refreshments. Special visitors from the North Pole will be available for pictures and Santa will stop by to read a story and give a gift to each child. Children are welcome to bring a teddy bear or doll for a checkup from Carle Clinic Pediatric staff, and a camera to capture the memories.

For more information: Call 383-7510, or visit <http://www.carle.com/default.html>

Spirit of Christmas concert

Where: American Lutheran Church, 500 Church Drive, Rantoul

When: Thursday Dec 6, 2007 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Description: Christmas concert, featuring Gaither Homecoming artists Woody Wright and Stephen Hill along with local southern gospel favorites, Jake's Boys. Evening is free of charge.

For more information: Call

893-4550

Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol

Where: Parkland College Theatre, 2400 W. Bradley Ave., C

When: Various dates from Thursday, Dec 6, 2007, to Saturday, Dec 22, 2007

Description: For information on hours of production, check out the Parkland College website. Tickets: \$15, adults; \$12, seniors; \$8 for students and youth. Special Family Rate of five tickets for \$40.

For more information: Call 351-2528, or visit <http://www.parkland.edu/theatre>

Christmas in the Village

Where: Rossville

When: Friday Dec 7, 2007 9:00am to 12:00am, Saturday Dec 8, 2007 10:00am to 10:00pm, Sunday Dec 9, 2007 3:30pm to 9:00pm

Description: Three-day Christmas celebration including Bake Sale at Bank of Rossville. Tree Silent Auction; Festival of Lights at Christman Park 7-10 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9-Holiday

Homes Tour from 3:30 to 8:30pm (\$10 Ticket cost per person) featuring five homes, the Rossville Church of Christ, the Mustard Seed Day Care and the Village Art and Culture Center; Festival of Lights Display at Christman Park from 4:30 to 9 p.m.

For more information: Call 217-748-6745 or 217-748-4344

Christmas Town

Where: Downtown, Tuscola
When: Friday Dec 7, 2007 5:00pm to 12:00am, Saturday Dec 8, 2007 5:00pm to 12:00am, Sunday Dec 9, 2007 5:00pm to 12:00am

Description: Dec. 7-9, Christmas festival in downtown Tuscola, includes craft vendors, Dickens Walk, carolers, parade, children's activities, Breakfast with Santa, 5K run, Christmas dance, Christmas concerts, madrigal dinner, and shopping. Schedule subject to change.

For more information: Call 253-6240

Holly Jolly Holiday Party

Where: McKinley Family Center, C.

When: Friday Dec 7, 2007 6:00pm to 8:00pm

Description: Happy holidays from the Y! Celebrate the holiday season through decorating cookies, singing carols and sharing the holiday spirit with one another.

For more information: Call 239-2812, or visit www.ccmca.net

Breakfast with Santa and the Reindeer

Where: Miller Park Zoo, Bloomington

When: Saturday Dec 8, 2007 8:30am to 11:00am
Saturday Dec 15, 2007 8:30am to 11:00am

Description: Santa will visit with our young guests and pose for pictures, and everyone will enjoy a breakfast of bagels, cereal, and fruit. Reservations are required! Forms and additional information can be found on their web site.

For more information: Call (309) 434-2250, or visit <http://www.millerparkzoo.org>

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Decorate for the Holidays Naturally

Where: Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve, Mahomet

When: Saturday Dec 8, 2007 9:00 am to 11:00 am

Description: Adults and families can learn to use natural objects such as leaves and seedpods to make beautiful holiday decorations.

For more information: Call 896-2455, or visit www.ccfpd.org

Candy Christmas Trees

Where: The Urbana Free Library, 210 W. Green St., U

When: Saturday Dec 8, 2007 11:00 am to 11:45 am

Description: Jingle on over to The Urbana Free Library for "Candy Christmas Trees," Saturday, Dec. 8 from 11am to 11:45am. Children of all ages are invited to join the children's librarian for stories and songs about Christmas trees. Then make your own delicious, candy Christmas tree to take home. No registration is required for this free program. (Children 7 and under must be accompanied by an adult.)

For more information: Call 367-4069, or visit <http://urbana-freeibrary.org>

To Grandmother's House We Go

Where: Early American Museum, 600 N. Lombard, Mahomet

When: Saturday Dec 8, 2007 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Description: Make Christmas ornaments and gifts to take home, wrap your presents, sample cider and wafers and enjoy stories by Elaine Bearden. No admission.

For more information: Call 586-2612, or visit www.earlyamericanmuseum.org

Holiday Light Parade

Where: Gilbert and S. Chicago Streets., Rossville

When: Saturday Dec 8, 2007 6:00pm

Description: Proceeds from Chicago Street to the high school building on N. Chicago Street. Light displays in Christmas Park after the parade and throughout the weekend.

For more information: Call 748-4344

Christmas with The Singing Men of 'GNN

Where: Market Place Mall Food Court, 2000 N. Neil, Champaign

When: Saturday Dec 15, 2007 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Description: Hear Christmas Singing in the Food Court performed by the Servant Quartet at 10am and by the Singing Men of 'GNN at 1pm.

For more information: Call 367-7777, or visit <http://www.greatnewsradio.org>

English Country Christmas Ball

Where: Room 314, Illini Student Union, 1401 W. Green, Urbana

When: Saturday Dec 15, 2007 8:00 pm to 11:00 pm

Description: The Central Illinois English Country Dancers will be holding their Christmas Ball. Music by local musicians. Dancers of all ages welcome; all dances taught; partners, costumes and experience not required. Soft-soled, non-marking, non-street shoes should be worn. Admission is \$7.

For more information: Call 359-8225, or visit <http://www.parienet.org/ciecd/>

Miracle on 34th Street by Bright Lights Theatre Company

Where: Grace Community Church, Champaign

When: Various dates from Friday, Dec 14, 2007, to Saturday, Dec 22, 2007

Description: Bring the entire family to enjoy this fast paced Christmas classic. The intimate Grace Community stage combined with video, humor, and of course the real Santa will fill you with the spirit of the season. 7pm Dec. 14 and 15; 2pm Dec. 16; 7pm Dec. 20 and 21; 2pm Dec. 22.

For more information: Call 531-7839, or visit <http://brightlightstheatre.org/index>

The 44th Annual Candlestick Lane Lighting Ceremony

Where: Candlestick Lane (also known as Grant Place), Urbana

When: Sunday Dec 16, 2007 6:00 pm

Description: Visitors may walk through the neighborhood to enjoy the light displays until roads re-open to cars at 7pm. Following the ceremony, houses will be lit from dusk until 10pm each night through Christmas.

The Christmas Promise Tour

Where: The Virginia Theater, Champaign

When: Thursday Dec 20, 2007 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm

Description: The Christmas Promise Tour features Newsong "Christmas Shoes," Todd Agnew, Matthew West, Britt Nicole and several other special guests in a holiday concert that's perfect for the entire family. Tickets are \$22 and \$28 and are available through www.iTickets.com.

For more information: Call 800-965-9324, or visit www.iTickets.com

C-U at the Virginia—A New Year's Eve Celebration "Just Folk"

Where: Virginia Theatre, 203 W. Park Ave., C

When: Monday Dec 31, 2007 7:00 pm

Description: Ring in the New Year with The Chorale's 17th annual New Year's Eve show with Jean Redpath, Scottish folk singer, Jacqueline Schwab, piano, Reinmar Seidler, cello, Warren York at the Wurlitzer with Dan Perrino's Sing-Along, and a performance by a Young Artist Scholarship winner. Reserved Seating: \$20 Adults; \$18 Seniors (65+ and children). On sale now!

For more information: Call 356-9063, or visit <http://www.thechorale.org>

Red Hot Rockin' New Year's Eve Party

Where: 2301 W. Market St., Bloomington,

When: Monday Dec 31, 2007 8:00 pm to 12:00 am

Description: Featuring Deluxury "Red Hot Rockin' Rhythm and Blues." Premier Productions DJ Ben Miller Plays. \$50 per Person, \$100 per couple. 8pm doors open. Cash Bar; Hors D'oeuvres & Dessert Reception Begins; Complimentary Champagne All Evening. 9:00pm - Deluxury Takes the Stage. 12:00AM - New Year's Count Down. 12:40am - Last Call. 1:00am - Party Ends.

For more information: Call 309-829-3976, or visit <http://www.interstatecenter.com>

Events at Refinery and The Pulse Present The New Year's Eve Gala featuring Chef Benjamin & Company

Where: 2302 W. John Street, C.

When: Monday Dec 31, 2007 9:00 pm to 1:30 am

Description:

Monday, Dec. 31, 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. at Events at Refinery, 2302 W. John St., C. Interact with gourmet chefs as they create inspiring cuisine, enjoy dancing and entertainment in the spacious ballroom, ring in the new year with a champagne toast and full-service bar throughout the evening. Space limited. Purchase your tickets on-site at refinery. \$85, single; \$140, couple; \$550, group of eight.

For more information: Call 355-4444, or visit www.refinery-ourself.com

For Volunteering/Donating:

Catholic Charities

Contact: Willie Summerville Phone (217) 367-2158

Description: "Adopt" a foster family for the holiday by providing gifts and food.

Champaign Park District

Contact: Paul Bady Email: paul.bady@gmail.com

Phone: (217) 398-2550

Description: Douglass Park Holiday festival Saturday, December 8, 1pm-3pm. They are seeking help with kids activities, arts and crafts, games, and with donations of toys to give at the festival.

Calls from Santa December 11, 6-9pm. Give kids something to remember this Holiday with a call from Santa! Volunteers will call children and ask what they want for Christmas whether they've been good or not.

Community Service Center of Northern Champaign County

Contact: 217-893-1530

Description: Volunteers are needed to staff the food pantry in Rantoul. The pantry is open from 10am-4pm Mondays through Fridays. A regular volunteer schedule is most helpful: flexible hours are available.

Be a "toyshop volunteer" to sort and distribute toys to the parents of needy children from the Rantoul area. Help is needed from December 17-20, 9 am-6 pm at the Community Service Center.

Eastern Illinois Foodbank

Contact: Lisa Bralts Phone: 217-328-3663

Description: The Eastern Illinois Foodbank is looking for volunteer sort crews (5-20 people) to come in and help the ware-

house with various food and grocery product sorting tasks in December and January. Sort crews are needed to come in Tuesday, Thursday, and some Wednesday evening for two-hours slots.

Healthy Young Families

Contact: Adrienne Spires Email: Adrienne_spires@yahoo.com

Phone: 217-693-4573

Description: The Health Young Families Program is a state and locally funded program aimed at preventing child abuse and neglect. In addition, the program helps mothers strengthen the bond with their baby and deal with challenges of pregnancy and motherhood. It helps mothers cope with the problems that come with being a mother while still in school. Consider volunteering to sponsor families from HYF for the holiday season. A wish list that the families have prepared will be provided. On December 20, 2007 there will be a Holiday Celebration for our teen mothers where the families to receive their donated gift.

Peace Meal Senior Nutrition Program-Delivering Meals

Contact: Carol Lentz Email: carolmermol@peoplepc.com

Phone: 217-581-3612

Description: Volunteers are needed to deliver meals at all times of the year and participate in specific Thanksgiving or Christmas Programs

Salt and Light Ministry

Contact: Jenny Montgomery Phone: 217.493.3998

Email: jenny@saltandlight-ministry.org

Description: 4th Annual Gift Give-Away—This event provides assistance to those in need during the holidays by allowing parents to pick out one gift for each child in their home, and their children to pick out a gift for their parents. The give-away is going to take place a week before Christmas on: Thursday December 14th from 4-7pm, Friday December 15 from 4pm-7pm and Saturday, December 16 from 8am-noon. Here are some ways in which you can help:

- 1.) Hold a Toy/Gift Drive through your church group or organization.
- 2.) Volunteer during the event.
- 3.) Provide consumables for the event. (Gift wrapping, gift

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tags, snacks, etc.)

4.) Financial contributions to purchase gifts and/or consumables for the event. (Gift wrapping, gift tags, snacks, etc.)

The Salvation Army of Champaign

Description: Bellringing (Nov. 16 – Dec. 24) During the Christmas season you will see the familiar Army red kettle all over town. We are in need of individuals and groups to ring-bells during the holiday season. The money raised through this effort supports The Salvation Army programs in Champaign County throughout the year including Christmas Toy Shop, Christmas Food Vouchers, Shelter and Emergency Services. Contact Joyce Meents at 373-7832.

Angel Tree at Market Place Mall (Nov. 16 – Dec. 23) The Angel Tree affords the opportunity for the public to purchase toys for an "angel" (child). Each "Angel Card" on the tree represents a child who will receive a toy through our toy shop this Christmas season. Volunteers are needed to sit at the tree, help distribute "angel cards" and receive purchased gifts from donors. Contact Captain Jessica Lofu at 373-7832

Christmas Toy Shop Set Up (Dec. 13– 14) Organize, set up tables, stock tables, sort toys to prepare for the Toy Shop distribution. Groups and individuals are needed at various times. Contact Major Theresa Turner at 373-7832

Christmas Toy Shop (Dec. 19 – Dec. 20) 9am to 8pm Toy Shop is a program for families who have applied for assistance to "shop" for toys for their children. There a variety of volunteers needs for this endeavor: re-stock tables, assist parents as they shop, sorting toys received from the angel tree, etc. Toys distributed come from donations, angel tree and purchased with money raised from the kettle endeavors. Contact Major Theresa Turner at 373-7832

Satellite Angel Trees (Nov. 16 – Dec. 15) Your place of business, school, church, organization, etc. can have a satellite tree. You set up a tree and attach

Angel Bear Cards you have received from our office on your tree. Individuals, students, shoppers, members, take a card from the tree, shop for the child and return the toys back to your Angel Tree. You then deliver those toys to the The Salvation Army Toy Shop for distribution. Contact Captain Jessica Lofu at 373-7832.

Provena Hospice

Contact: Marlene
Phone: 217-353-3400

Description: Volunteers are needed for the Provena Hospice Memorial Teddy Bear Event on Saturday, November 17, 2007 from 9AM – 2PM at Provena Hospice, 1501 Interstate Drive, Suite C, Champaign to make memory teddy bears with bereaved families. Volunteers are needed to help with support for the families, layout patterns and cutting, help with sewing, bringing extra sewing machines.

YMCA of Champaign County

Contact: Debra Kimme
Phone: 217.239.2803
Email: debra@ccymca.net

Description: YSplash Water Safety Program needs volunteers to teach swimming lessons to disadvantaged children ages 3-12. YSplash is an introductory basic water safety program and teaches children safety and rescue skills as well as basic swimming techniques. The program is held December 17-20 with class times 4:00-4:30pm, 4:15-5:00pm, 4:30-5:00pm, 6:00-6:30pm and 6:15-7:00pm.

Make a difference and help teens in our community. The YMCA is seeking volunteers to mentor and lead teens who participate in our teen outreach programs, Fun Pass and High School Hoops.

Are you a basketball enthusiast? Help kids learn the game; volunteer as a coach or referee for the YMCA's Youth Basketball program.

Do you love the game of Soccer? Help kids improve their skills; volunteer as a coach or referee for the YMCA's Youth Indoor Soccer program.

Shop with a Cop. Join the YMCA staff and needy families have a memorable Christmas.

Painters needed. Volunteer to paint for the YMCA.

Administrative Volunteers needed. Assist YMCA directing staff with mailings, flyer distribution, and event organizing for 2 hours, 1 day per week.

Deadbeat Dad's holiday shopping guide

By SHANE SWEARINGEN
Prospectus Staff Writer

So it's the night before Christmas and you still haven't gotten any shopping done: amid the implacable anxieties of modern life (with its "x-treme" cola drinks and what have you), you just plumb forgot. Fortunately, your ex-wife came over to remind you...albeit rather loudly and during a meaningless but mildly entertaining Chargers-Broncos game. Apparently, she'd been calling for weeks to make sure you were obtaining the items on your children's Christmas lists; apparently, your children had given you Christmas lists. These discoveries lead you to the sad realization that you won't be able to fulfill the wishes of your family, as you've already exhausted your frivolous lawsuit winnings on garage renovations, bumbling race dogs, trips to the Bahamas with your nineteen year-old girlfriend Heather, and of course, Lady Liquor. But fear not, underperforming parent! I've prepared for you a fool-proof guide to overcoming the odds and making this Christmas *The Best Christmas Ever*. Or not. Let's take a look at those lists...

Your oldest son Charlie wants the special edition of the video game *Rock Band* for the X-Box 360, which comes with the guitar and bass controllers, as well as the real microphone, and real-ish drums. Considering the fact that you have a budget of \$13.95 and the game alone costs...well, considerably more that...you'll have to go a different direction. What do you do? Well, he's demonstrably interested in music: why not give him your old chromatic pitch pipe? It features the same 12 notes that compose virtually all Western music (including an F note at two different octaves!), so he'll be able to jam along with all his favorite rock records. If he has a guitar and suffers from imperfect pitch, he'll have no problem getting in tune anymore. And heck, it's a family heirloom. If Charlie's friends at the dorm want to

waste their time playing phony video games, let them. Charlie can develop real skillz to impress the ladies.

Next comes middle son Chris and he wants a bunch of compact discs: Animal Collective, M.I.A., Joy Division...you've never even heard of these acts! Clearly, Chris needs to be set straight on his music. And since years of unimaginable alcoholism have hitherto failed in their quest of completely derailing your brain, you'll have only limited difficulty recalling your

you've placed them in will be matched only by the appreciation he'll feel after absorbing their bloated contents.

Next is your youngest son Timmy, an avid reader who would like you to procure him a copy of J.K. Rowling's *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*, the thrilling conclusion to the universally beloved series. You're painfully close to being able to afford it, and in fact you're pretty sure if you scrounge really hard around your couch for a half-hour or so you'll have more than enough money, but... you know deep down you're not willing to drive thirty miles in this weather, with this traffic, just to pick up a book. Surely, you've got some appropriate reading material around there somewhere. AA Handbook...NRA rulebook...issue of Maxim from 1996...none of those things are really appropriate for an eleven year-old. Just keep fishing until you find an old bus schedule. It's got to be in there.

Timmy also wants a Star Wars light saber: an elongated wooden spoon should suffice.

Last is your daughter Alicia who wants an iPhone. That's going to be hard to approximate, but you do have some of the fundamental components of the iPhone: a drug store calculator, an old 45 player...the phone part is going to be tough to come by, though, and that's the big one.

Your best bet is to just tell her you found a great deal on an iPhone online and ordered it two weeks ago and the damn thing hasn't come yet and you're fighting mad at the delivery service because you ordered one-day shipping and you're just terribly sorry the delivery service is a bunch of good-for-nothings. Then, you just sit back, wait patiently, and hope the subject is never broached again.

Well, you did it, and you've still got \$13.95 to spare: Rachael Ray, eat your heart out!

Now to the gas station, for lottery tickets, a six of Ice House, and a pack of Liggett Select 100s: you've earned it.



pathetically misguided notion of rock's golden era: the mid-1970s. You can't give up your albums because of their acute sentimental value, but you do have cd-rs to burn copies of the albums, and a couple dozen full-lengths from the likes of Foreigner, Boston, Styx and the Eagles should set Chris on his way. The excitement he'll experience on pulling these cd-rs out of the plastic grocery bag

Happy Holidays

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How not to freeze in 60 seconds this winter

■ Warm tips from a know-it-all

By BETH VOIGT

Prospectus Staff Writer

Although we at the Prospectus have no windows through which we could see what it's like outside, we have heard that it's been getting cold out there. As we have now entered the month of December and all hopes of that one last warm day are really and truly behind us, we all have to somehow figure out how to stay warm until the spring.

OUTDOORS:

Wear layers. Many thin layers are more effective at keeping heat close to your body than one thick one. Generally natural fibers, such as cotton or wool, do a much better job of keeping you toasty than anything synthetic does, but a fluffy fleece will certainly be warmer than a flat cotton jacket. And a good windbreaker over everything will help keep the wind from stealing all your hard-earned warmth away.

Try to stay dry. Anything most people tell you about what fabrics to wear to stay warm goes out the window if you get wet. You won't catch a cold if you go out with wet hair like your mother always told you, but being cold can make it harder for your body to resist getting sick. And it's not very comfortable to sit around wet...who likes to wear wet jeans in class all day? Most wet fabrics lose heat quickly, so bring an umbrella or wear something water resistant to keep dry.

Wear a hat. It's true, you lose a lot of heat through your head (up to half!), so put a hat on to keep all that lovely warmth where it belongs. It doesn't have to be a typical winter stocking cap, either; even a baseball cap will help to a certain extent. Don't worry about hat hair, everyone's got it. Or, you could always adopt a sleek, flat style for the winter.

Don't forget about your feet. Woolly socks and nice, thick insoles will help keep your feet away from that cold, cold

ground. Boots are great for this, often with the added benefit of a tread on the bottom that will help keep you from slipping on a patch of ice and looking like an idiot (or worse, breaking a bone).

And speaking of looking like an idiot, **zip up your coat!** Although you may worry that someone might not see your snazzy outfit or that you don't look cool enough, please believe that you look even less cool doing the "I'm a Popsicle!" dance with your hands stuffed into the pockets of your open coat.

INDOORS:

Again, wear layers. Although Parkland's thermostat seems to be manic-depressive, you can be prepared for anything with a few thin layers that you can take off in hot classes and put on under your coat in the cold rooms. The air trapped between your layers of clothing holds heat, too.

Don't sit still. Using the cold as an excuse to become a slug doesn't really fly; you'll feel warmer if you get up and move around every hour or so. Get some exercise in, wash those dishes that are being colonized by something green, fix yourself a snack, whatever. Even going for a walk outside will get the blood flowing, and how great will it feel to finally make it back indoors where it's warm?"

Have a hot meal. Or a hot drink. Warm foods make you feel better inside and out: who doesn't like the idea of a nice hot dinner? Your body doesn't have to work as hard to bring the contents of your stomach up to body temperature when you eat things that are already hot. Just pay attention to how much coffee and caffeinated tea you're drinking or you'll end up bouncing off the walls.

AROUND THE HOUSE:

Block small air leaks. Improve your insulation, install weatherstripping and storm windows, and fix leaky ductwork. This is admittedly easier to do if you

own your own home rather than rent, but renters can always ask their landlord to do something if you feel a draft. Hanging heavy curtains and keeping them closed or putting up heat-seal plastic on your windows are a quick way to help keep the cold outside where it belongs.

Get a space heater. When your thermostat's set extra low or your windows are drafty, a space heater can provide some much-needed localized heat without sending your energy bills through the roof. You can turn them on and off when and where you need them, or even set them on their own timers. However, do not try to warm your home by turning on your oven or using any kind of unvented paraffin or kerosene heater; the carbon monoxide put out by such heaters can be deadly.

Wear slippers. Or thick socks, or even your shoes. There's a reason why socks with treads and slippers are such popular holiday gifts...they're warm! Cold feet are miserable and make your whole body feel cold, so warm up those tootsies with some fluffy bunny slippers or fun socks with toes. C'mon, you know those slippers that look like dinosaur feet and growl when you walk are fun!

Have friends over. The more the merrier...and warmer. More people equal more heat emitted. (Sometimes too much!) As everyone is moving around and talking, they're all staying warmer. And even if you don't have enough friends to warm your place through body heat alone, even one friend can put you in a good enough mood that you'll forget about being cold for a while.

Hopefully this very basic list of suggestions has given you a few ideas on how you can keep Jack Frost from nipping on what are sure to be some very windy Illinois winter days. Stay warm!

[Ed. Note—Don't forget to seal your windows with plastic wrap. Also make sure you have warm clothes in your car in case of an emergency.]

Grandma's holiday fruitcake recipe

■ (Staff recipes included)

By DANIEL KOLB AND THE PROSPECTUS STAFF

recipe for fruitcake.

Ingredients:

3/4 cup candied orange peel
1/2 cup coarsely chopped walnuts
1/2 cup bolts
1/2 cup golden raisins
1/3 cup molten lead
1 metric ton of quick dry cement
1-1/2 cups and 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
5 full cups of powdered sugar
2 tablespoons and 1-1/2 teaspoons honey
2 eggs
1 tablespoon and 1-1/2 teaspoons light cream
9 tablespoons whiskey
1 teaspoon vanilla extract

[Ed. Note—while the first recipe is a parody, the rest are not, including a couple of top-secret recipes that were beaten out of the staff for your enjoyment.]

The fruitcake is a much maligned food in our society. Johnny Carson once said that there is only one fruitcake in the world that is passed from family to family. Such misinformed views have greatly hurt the reputation of this fine traditional holiday food.

Fruitcake traces its early origins to Rome, where it was made with pomegranate seeds, pine nuts, and raisins.

Queen Victoria once received a fruitcake, and she put it aside for a year to demonstrate moderation and restraint.

Unmarried wedding guests during this time would put a slice of dark fruitcake under their pillow so that they would dream of their future husbands and brides to be.

A food arising from such noble origins should not be dismissed so easily, and it has also been a wonderful Christmas tradition that can last literally for years.

In today's society, sleeping with a fruitcake has taken on a whole new meaning, however in the spirit of Queen Victoria it is still often set aside for a year or more to illustrate good taste if nothing else.

What many people may not realize is that fruitcake has many practical applications, but many overlook this because eating the food is not one of them.

However, fruitcake can be used as destructive feed for civil war cannons.

- It can be used as mortar for houses.
- It can be used as a door stop.
- It makes a great tire block.
- And it can even be used to derail trains.

Now that I have illustrated just a few of the things this amazing item can do, I would like to share my grandmother's

Directions: Throw all ingredients into a large bowl except cement. Stir and then pour cement over the top, no baking needed. Serves 0 and will last for all of time, however the bolts may start to rust after awhile.

By STEPHANIE GOMEZ
Candied Sweet Potatoes

Prep Time: 15 minutes
Cooking Time: 20 minutes
Perfect Partner: Roast Turkey
Serving Size: 6

Ingredients:

1 Sweet Potatoes (16 oz.) can of whole sweet potatoes, drained
1 (15 1/4 oz.) can apricot halves
1 cup packed light brown sugar
1 1/2 tablespoons cornstarch
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon grated orange peel
2 tablespoon butter or margarine
3/4 cup chopped pecans (opt.)
1 1/4 cups mini-marshmallows (opt.)

Preheat oven to 375° F. Cut sweet potatoes lengthwise.

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Holiday messages from the Prospectus staff ■ (and other stuff that has nothing to do with the holidays)

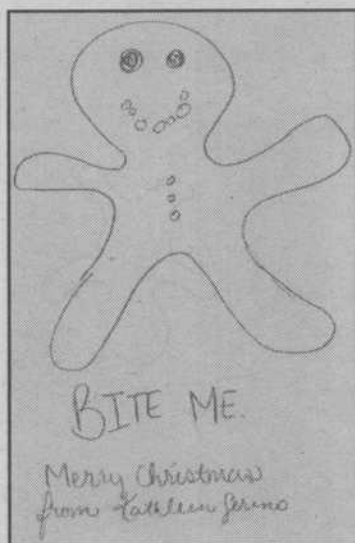
By THE PROSPECTUS STAFF

By DANIEL KOLB
Staff Writer

This is my Christmas message:

"I'd like to wish my family back home in New York along with my parents and girlfriend here in Illinois a Merry Christmas. Remember the True Reason for the Season, And Mom for this Christmas you aren't allowed to cry when you read the stupid story about that tree that becomes a Christmas tree and dies. That and Go Buffalo Bills!!!"

By KATHLEEN SERINO
Staff Writer



By STEPHANIE GOMEZ
Photographer and Writer

"Celebrate the happiness that friends are always giving, make everyday a holiday and celebrate just living!" —Amanda Bradley

You only have one life to live. It's in that life you tell whom you are the closest with just how important they are and how happy you are that they are in your life. I thank those who have helped emotionally support me this year. It has been one of the hardest times in my life. In addition, thanks to Prospectus staff for making me feel welcomed and befriended me with such warming smiles. I am truly lucky to have such wonderful people in my life.

By TRAVIS SHOEMAKER
Production and Design Manager

If anyone is in the giving mood over the holidays and wish to send me presents, my address is:

106 Sterling Ct. #301
Savoy, IL 61874

But on a more serious note, this has been a fun and quick semester. With only two classes it has still managed to become a stressful semester. Our staff consists of a great group of individuals, minus Shane! Happy Holidays to everyone except Shane.

By BRIANA STODDEN
Photography Editor

Dear Prospectus, thank you for letting me join the team. It has been wonderful working with each one of you these past few months. I look forward to next year and all the exciting projects and issues to come. I will leave you with some words from my favorite artist.

"You got to learn how to fall before you learn to fly. And mama, mama it ain't no lie. Before you learn to fly, learn how to fall. You got to drift in the breeze before you set your sails. It's an occupation where the wind prevails. Before you set your sails, drift in the breeze. Oh and it's the same old story ever since the world began. Everybody got the runs for glory, nobody stop and scrutinize the plan... You got to learn how to fall before you learn to fly... Before you learn to fly, learn how to fall." — Paul Simon 1973

May we all learn to fly from falling.

By AARON GEIGER
Editor and Publications Manager

Take away the tree, the gifts, the songs, and the food. Take away the traditions, the commercialism, and the enamor of "the Season." Close your eyes, and picture what you have left. Is it health? A new baby's cry? An upward-cascading and elevating relationship with a loved one? Is it the soft words of a grandparent's last holiday season? Or a letter from a family

member serving our country overseas? Religious or not, this time is a time not of obligatory gifts, or family rituals. It is a time to stop in the cold gasps of winter, and realize that none of the above that I just mentioned could ever be bought, or advertised, or bartered for. Remember what you have, and hold on to it tight, even in sadness or joy.

I want to thank the following people for the things that I could not buy: My daughter's perfect innocence and glorious life of a child, my overwhelming support and love from Sarah, my family's lessons, Sarah's family for their acceptance, John Eby's wonderful friendship and guidance, and my staff for their amazing support in times of stress and hard work. I wish our readers a time of peace and comfort. No matter your religion or traditions, I wish you a reflective and uplifting holiday season.

By CAMERON BROWN
Calendar and Distribution

Ladies, win a date with the One, the Only, Cameron, the calendar man. Entries are \$10 each. Drop off resume and photos at the Prospectus office, along with entry fee. No refunds. Holla.

By BETH VOIGT
Features Writer

Gentle reader:

Aaron is holding us hostage in the Prospectus office. He's paid off all of Public Safety, and there are no windows to escape from. And, worst of all, they've cut off our 'net access! Send help cash gifts.

Send TWO gifts to your friends with December birthdays, and have an awesome party for me on New Year's Eve. [Ed. Note—she's a bartender, which means she gets to watch everybody celebrate, which is why she can be bitter]

Happy...everything!

By JOHN EBY
Advisor

12 things to do to get into the holiday spirit:

1) Attend Parkland Theatre's production of A Christmas Carol. It will undoubtedly be a great show.

2) Read A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens because it's a perfectly written short novel.

3) Shop like the United States Economy depends on you and you alone. Shop at several favorite locations: Pages For All Ages (Savoy, IL); Geneva Commons (Geneva, IL); Trader Joe's (Orland Park or Batavia, IL); Bath & Body Works Outlet, Polo Outlet, and Harry & David Outlet (Tuscola, IL); Yankee Candle Co. (Champaign, IL); Williams-Sonoma (anywhere you can find one); Crate & Barrel (again, anywhere you can find one); most of the shops in Nashville, Indiana; Euro-Mart (Champaign).

4) Eat cookies—homemade, store-bought, family recipes or not. Consume them till you think you absolutely can't even think about having one more. Then have one more.

5) Listen to "A Charlie Brown Christmas" CD a half dozen times, or more. Watch the same on television or DVD.

6) Crank up to volume on 92.5 The Chief's "Continuous Christmas Music" and sing along to every tune.

7) Make sure you connect with at least one old friend whom you haven't seen for several years.

8) Wander downtown Chicago and see the lights on Lake Shore Drive.

9) Eat a whole box of Fannie May peanut brittle.

10) Bake something yourself. Even if it's just slice and bake cookies out of the refrigerator case. Sprinkle them with lots of red and green sugar.

11) Keep your fingers crossed for a white Christmas, but only one day. It can melt away on the 26th.

12) Learn something about Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Diwali, Las Posada, and the pagan origins of Christmas. Read about the history and origins of Santa Claus.

May your days be Merry and Bright!

By SHANE SWEARINGEN
Columnist

I've had a wonderful time

writing for the Prospectus and am sincerely grateful to have had the opportunity. The free food was exquisite and it was a pleasure to work with everyone. Except Travis. He's terrible.

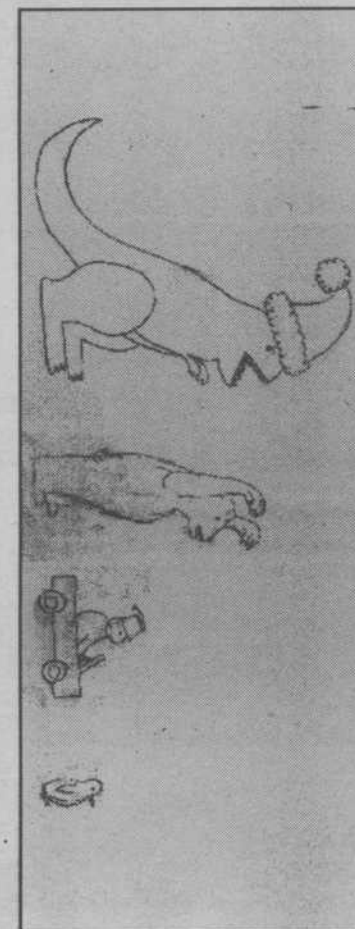
Thanks to both of you for reading.

By ANDREW SERINO
Photographer

Next to a circus there isn't anything that packs up and tears out faster than the Christmas spirit, but when it does come it lives within all. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

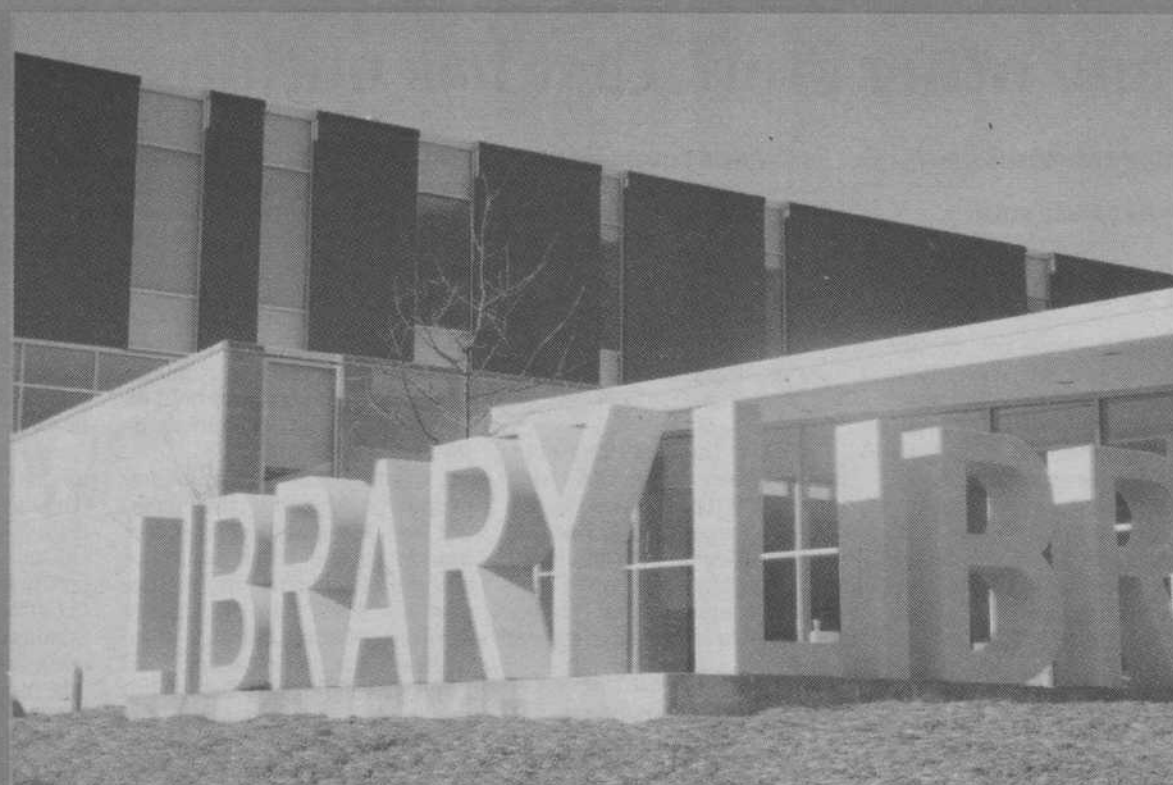
By MANDY ROBINSON
Staff Writer

I want to thank Lorne Michaels, the cast and crew, Bill, Chevy, Dan, Mya—you guys are all great! Beck was here—he's always a treat. I've had a fantastic time here in New York! Thanks for having me on. Have a safe and happy holiday everyone!



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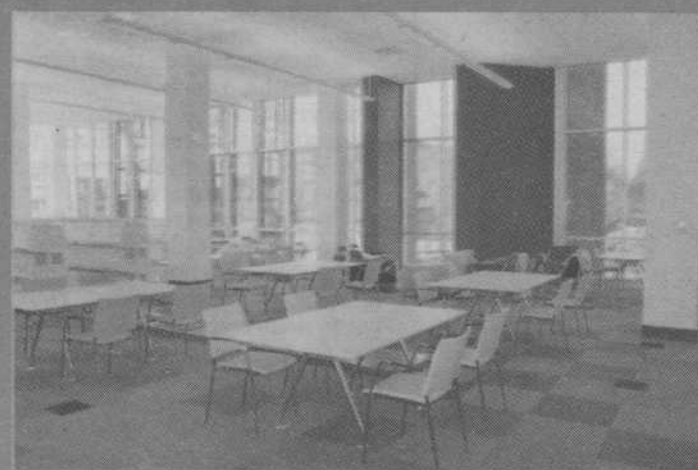
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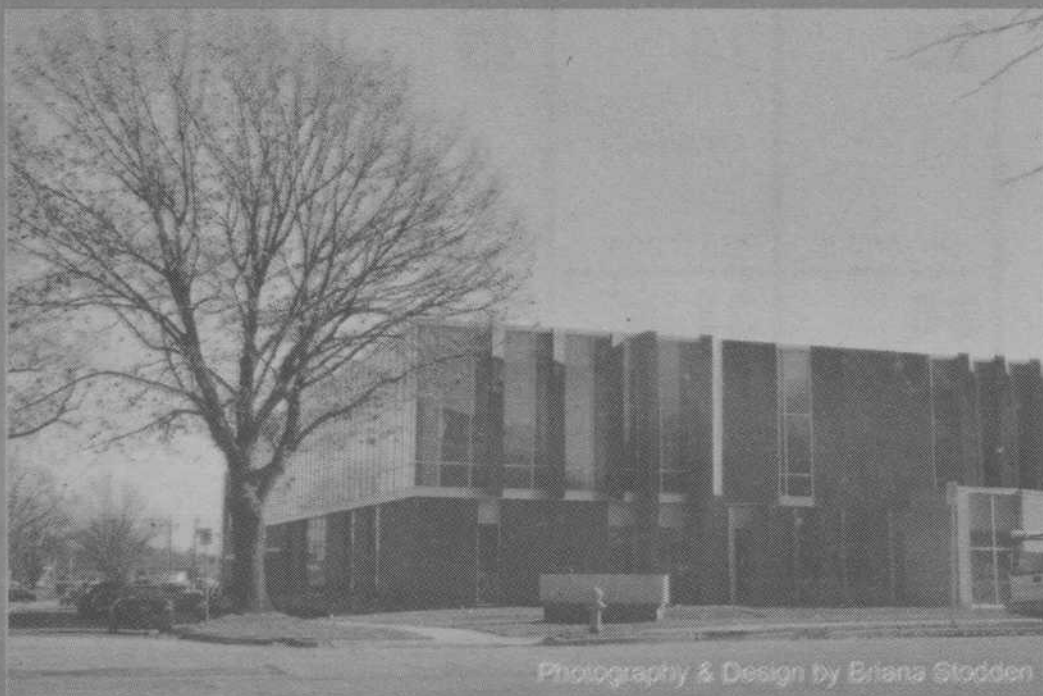
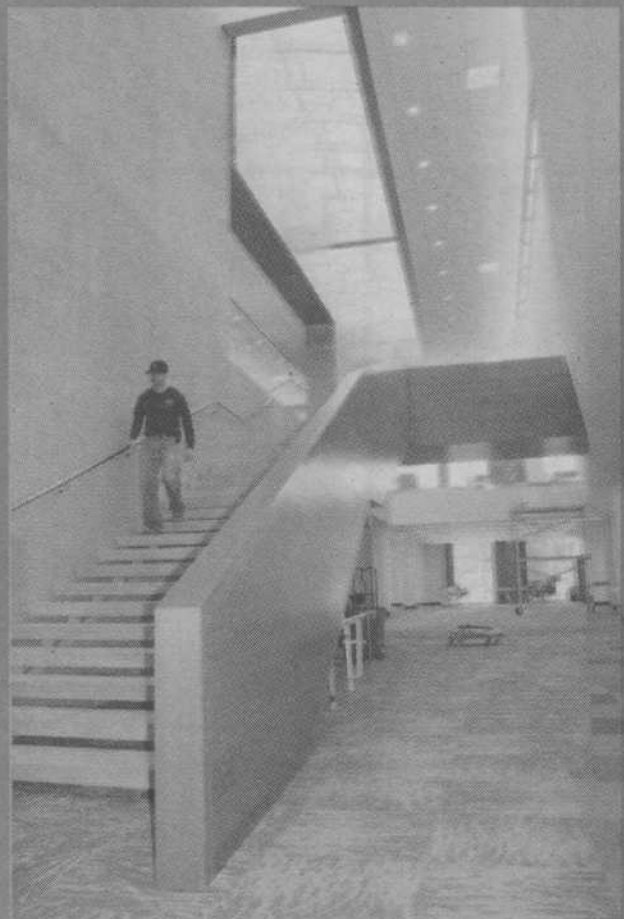
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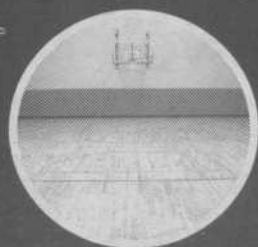


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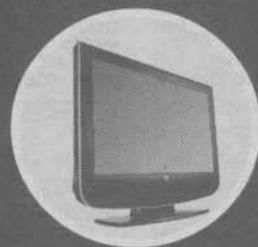
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9 NASA STS-116 launch	10 Champaign Public Library Grand Re-opening FINAL EXAMS	11 FINAL EXAMS	12 FINAL EXAMS	13 FINAL EXAMS	14 FINAL EXAMS	15 @7:00 Men's B-Ball v.s. Wilbur Wright @ Home NO SCHOOL
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The “new” WPCD served up by students ■ Parkland’s The Wave ahead of the curve

By BETH VOIGT

Prospectus Features Writer

Somewhere in the tentacles of the octopus-like arms of the X wing, near the hallway to D and past receiving, tucked behind the Parkland television station, students broadcast their voices and alternative tunes across the low end of the radio dial. WPCD is Parkland’s non-commercial, 10,500-watt college radio station, also known as 88.7 The Wave. They are “Reinventing Alternative.”

Most days of the week from about 8 am to 10 pm, any one of about 25 Parkland student DJs take requests, read the news, record promotions and public service announcements, and rattle off the weather and sports scores to anyone who cares to tune in.

The station also does live remotes from various locations around Champaign-Urbana, sending DJs out to see and be seen. And they frequently give some lucky listeners the chance to win tickets to shows at venues including the Canopy Club, Cowboy Monkey, and the Assembly Hall.

The station has gone through some changes recently, including a change of format and a new general manager.

Eleni Kametas has been at Parkland since the beginning of August, coming to Champaign from MTVU in Chicago.

“88.7 The Wave is an alternative station that focuses on a college format including rock, punk rock, hardcore, indie rock and new music serviced to us by corporate and independent record labels and promotional companies.

“We are playing the music that you will hear on commercial stations 6 months from now,” said Kametas.

“If you love music, you’ll love working in college radio,” she added.

For students in the beginning radio classes of the Mass Communications program, that means a two-hour airshift and ten newscasts each week. There are DJ spots available for other Parkland students, but the majority of the voices you hear on the air belong to communications majors.

“If you’re looking for practical experience, we can do that for you,” said Tom McDonnell, the director of the Mass Com-

available for students outside the program; Kametas said that applicants should be animated and have a passion for radio and

in the field. Parkland students have worked at Mix 94.5, WIXY, 92.5 The Chief, WDWS, Extra 99.1, WHMS, as well as television stations WCIA and WICD. Internships often involve promotions work, and some stations offer paid internships as well as college credit.

“One of the biggest misconceptions is that there aren’t any jobs in media and broadcasting, that the Internet is taking over,” said McDonnell.

“The market is changing from what it was ten, fifteen, twenty years ago, but the jobs are out there.”

Kametas added, “The majority of the people I know didn’t actually go on the air, they went to work behind the scenes.” There is a lot more to broadcasting than just getting your voice on the radio, and you can learn all about it right here at Parkland.

Every day, a playlist is generated for the computer in the DJ booth, the nerve center of the station.

Songs can be re-ordered, eliminated, shuffled, and added right on the screen. Next to the computer is a television (often tuned

In the next room, students record and upload their voice tracking, which can be inserted into the playlist at any point between songs.

WPCD DJs can either use these tracks or speak live on the air between songs for station identification, updates, and the announcement of upcoming or previously played songs.

For those of us who are simply into hearing new music, WPCD has a lot to offer. The station is constantly getting new music, and can play any track off a new CD that you want to hear. This means that new music gets played on WPCD before you ever hear it on commercial radio.

The station also submits weekly playlists to the College Music Journal, or CMJ.

Parkland’s top requests are then included in the ratings and rankings of music played on college radio stations across the country.

“We take requests any time someone wants to call,” said Kametas, and the station has shows dedicated to playing only requests.

Simply call WPCD at 217 373-3790 or email your request to wpcdradio@parkland.edu to hear your favorite song on the air.

Make sure to listen for giveaways as well, sometimes as many as two or three every week. Recently, the station has given away tickets to shows including The Academy Is... and Jimmy Eat World.

“Keep listening; we’re always playing new music and giving away tickets to shows,” said Kametas. “You’re gonna hear something you’ll like eventually.”

To find out more about the Mass Communications program, contact program director Tom McDonnell at 351-2230 or at tmcdonnell@parkland.edu.

For more information about the radio station itself, contact General Manager Eleni Kametas at 351-2450 or at ekametas@parkland.edu.

And be sure to look for WPCD online at parkland.edu/WPCD or at myspace.com/WPCD.



Zack Keagle, DJ for Parkland’s 88.7 The Wave, works a shift in the booth. Keagle’s program airs 12-2pm on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Briana Stodden/*Prospectus*

munication program at Parkland.

“We will give you all the skills you need to get a job and a broad skill set that you can apply in the job market,” he said.

WPCD is not a club, but there is a management committee for the station. Mass Communications students have the opportunity to be on the committee in the spring to help the station run more smoothly.

Students did a live remote from the Champaign County Humane Society last spring, and the station has been promoting the Children’s Cereal Drive being held by Parkland’s Fundamentals of Nutrition class.

Students have also been helping to create on-air ‘advertisements’ for various Parkland departments and organizations who are interested in promoting their events, and interested advisors are encouraged to contact the station to record their own.

For the most part, WPCD DJs are Mass Communications students. There are a few slots



music.

Work at WPCD can lead to internships at local radio stations, which can also lead to jobs

to the weather) so that DJs can be informed about the outside world and broadcast that information to you.

Happy Holidays

Student Life Presents: The Muslim Student Assoc.

■ “Fostering a better understanding of Islam”

By **BETH VOIGT**
Prospectus Features Writer

“Why do you fear me?” asked the Muslim Student Association at a recent panel discussion. Open to everyone at Parkland. The November 1 discussion encouraged an open dialogue between Muslims and non-Muslims here at Parkland.

During the panel, over 30 guests enjoyed refreshments and watched a video of MSA members Nada Youssef and Nasser Manasra interviewing students on Green Street about their views of Islam.

“We want to foster a better understanding of Islam,” said Lamia Elharrak, one of the vice-presidents of the Muslim Student Association (MSA). “This is like a new form of diversity at Parkland; people usually focus on the international students but forget about other Americans of different religions and backgrounds.”

The members of the MSA are ready and willing to get out into the community and put a positive face on Islam. These students have a significant hurdle to overcome, since so much in the media portrays the religion in a negative light.

“Most of the time, you just hear that there is some conflict out there, but not with who,” said Nasser Manasra, the other vice-president of the MSA.

In the interest of improving relations between Muslim students and faculty as well as among the students themselves, the club hosted a faculty talk on November 6. Professor Ibrahima Ndoeye invited students Stephanie Youssef, Nada Youssef, Nasser Manasra, and Herra Aamir to speak to about a dozen faculty members on the topic of “How to approach a Muslim student.”

The presence of the MSA here at Parkland is the upbeat presence of about a dozen Muslim students that are real, approachable people rather than just a vague idea of some anonymous face under a headscarf.

To meet some of those friendly faces, anyone can attend a meeting of the Muslim Student Association. The MSA meets every Thursday in D 216 from noon

to 1 pm. Meetings are open to all students, not just Muslims. Actually, they encourage non-Muslims to attend and create a more interesting and dynamic dialogue during group discussions.

“We want to integrate and work with other groups... we would like to have more non-Muslim members,” said Manasra.

At their meetings, MSA members discuss upcoming projects and activities for the semester. Currently, they are planning for Palestinian Awareness Week, April 17-21. The group hopes to host a speaker and put up a display case in the Welcome Center to raise awareness of the ongoing situation in Palestine.

The MSA will also be working with the Arab Student Association at the University of Illinois for this event.

The MSA understands that many of the topics of concern to group are sensitive issues, with many people holding dynamically opposed and strongly held opinions that often result in very heated discussions. They do their best to keep these discussions on the level of open dialogue rather than letting talk fall into anger or argument.

“As the advisor, I try to keep things civil; we want to have dialogue. We can have these kinds of discussions as long as they remain civilized,” said Dennis

Kaczor, advisor of the MSA.

The group recently held elections for spring semester officers. Electing new officers each semester gives more students the opportunity to hold a leadership position and encourages more members to be active both in the club and in the community.

When asked what the best part of being a MSA member is, words like fun, awesome, and fabulous were enthusiastically declared throughout the room. The dozen or so members in attendance repeatedly emphasized their desire to do good work in the community, and their enthusiasm showed in every word and gesture.

“We do fun activities and hands-on work with charities,” said Nada Youssef, president of the MSA.

The group organized a 5K run last spring to raise money for Alternative Spring Break, and will be running the event again in April. The funds raised will go to the Boys and Girls Club, and the MSA is looking for other campus organizations who are interested in helping with the event.

Members of the MSA will also be working on the beautification project at the Boys and Girls Club on March 17-20 in cooperation with other student organi-

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GIFT

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program in the Children's area and some behind-the-scenes glimpses, revealing some the library's new technology and other rooms. Also, all staff will

be at hand for any assistance and/or answering of questions.

As for the original building, it will be demolished upon emptying. The new location, just a few feet away from the old one, is Champaign Public Library, Clara Lane, 200 W Green Street, Champaign, 61820.



“It's OK, girl. I get tired, too.”

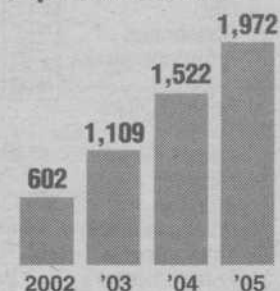


“OK, now make your heart start beating.”

Muslim civil rights complaints

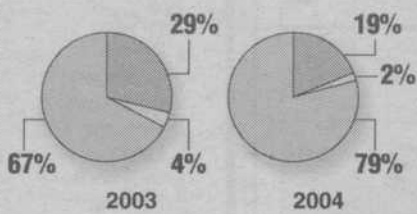
The Council on American-Islamic Relations has seen reports of alleged civil rights violations against Muslims more than triple in the past few years.

Civil rights cases reported to CAIR



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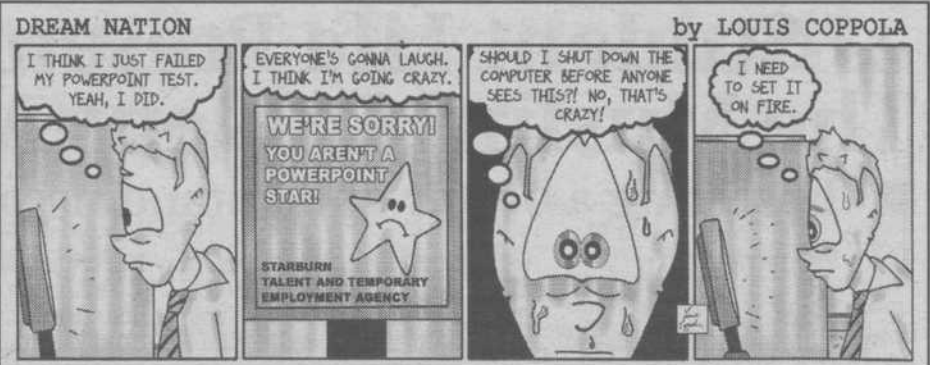
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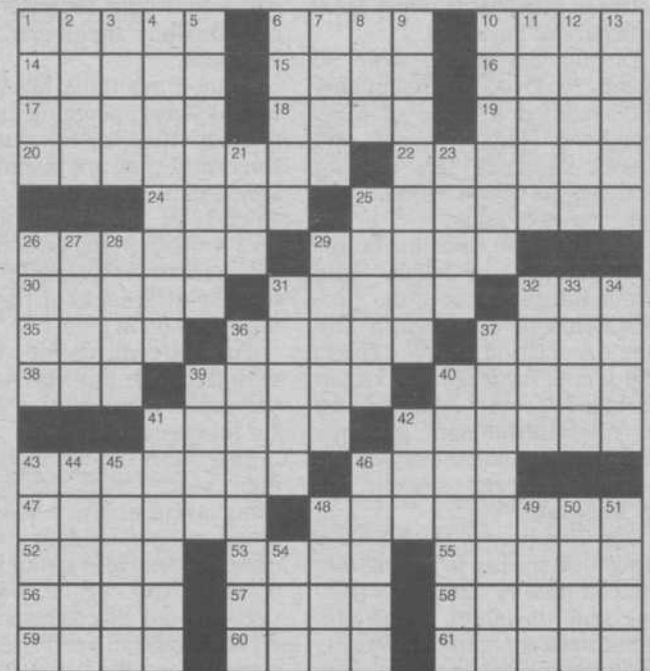
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 - 25 Unmarried folk
 - 26 Beat to the finish
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 - 30 Harden
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 - 46 Olden days
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 - 59 British pianist Myra
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 - 7 Pound or Frost
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 - 10 Primitive weapons
 - 11 Christmas song
 - 12 Speak pompously
 - 13 Tapers off
 - 21 Long time
 - 23 Extremes
 - 25 Hearts and diamonds
 - 26 Norway's largest city
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 - 28 Afternoon affairs
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MSA

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zations here at Parkland.

"We have fun working together toward a common goal," said Manasra.

The club also hopes to do some volunteer work over the holiday season. Their plans are "not concrete yet, but we are planning to volunteer somewhere or fulfill a Christmas wish list for an organization," said Youssef.

Not all serious discussion and community service, the MSA also takes time out for fun for its own sake. At the beginning of the semester,

the group held a getting-to-know-you picnic for all members.

And just this past Sunday, Manasra hosted a dinner at his home for the MSA members and Parkland's HUM 104 (Islamic Culture) classes. Those in attendance also watched the movie "Empire of Islam" together.

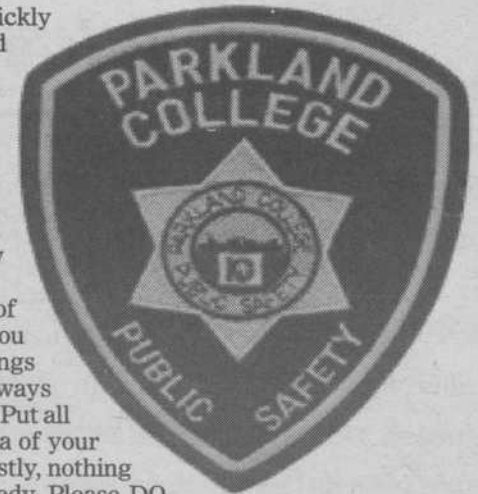
To find out more about the Muslim Student Association, contact advisor Dennis Kaczor at 353-2634 or at dkaczor@parkland.edu. Or simply attend one of their meetings on Thursdays at noon in room D 216, and become a part of this lively, diverse club.



Just so you know, safety is everyone's business

The holiday season is quickly approaching. The holidays should be filled with family, joy, peace, love, good food and plenty of shopping. If you're going to be shopping during the holiday season, remember, thefts of opportunity typically rise during this time of year. Let's make sure we have a fun and safe holiday by keeping a few things in mind.

For instance: Always be aware of your surroundings. Make sure you park in well lit areas. Don't leave things of value in plain view in your car. Always make sure you lock your car doors. Put all your bags in the trunk or in an area of your vehicle that is not in plain view. Lastly, nothing ruins the holiday season like tragedy. Please DO NOT, under any circumstances DRINK and Drive!!! Have a happy holiday season.



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Friday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 23.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 41.

Saturday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 37.

Sunday: A chance of rain. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 51.

Sunday Night: A chance of rain. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 40.

Monday: A chance of rain. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 48.

CrimeStoppers seeks assistance

This week, CrimeStoppers and Champaign Police investigators are seeking information regarding a burglary and an attempted burglary at Ellusions bar, located at 207 West Clark Street, Champaign.

On Tuesday, October 23, between the hours of 2:30am and 2pm, a door to the business was pried open. Taken were flat screen televisions, as well as two turntables and a

mixer from the DJ booth. Numerous items in the bar were also damaged.

On Sunday, November 4, at approximately 5:21am, officers



responded to an alarm at Ellusions. There was damage to a door and a lock, but entry to the bar was not gained and nothing appeared to be miss-

ing.

If you have any information at all, please call CrimeStoppers at (217) 373-TIPS or (217) 373-8477. The information

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CrimeStoppers will pay a reward if the information you provide leads to an arrest for these crimes. Cash rewards are also paid for information on other crimes.

Parkland's The Wave 88.7 Presents the Top 30 countdown

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FOOD

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Arrange in a small baking dish.

Drain apricots reserving 1/3 cup syrup. Combine brown sugar and cornstarch in a small saucepan. Stir in salt, cinnamon, and orange peel. Stir in Reserved apricot syrup.

Bring Syrup mixture to a boil, stirring continually, for 2 minutes. Stir in apricots, butter, and pecans.

Spoon apricot mixture over sweet potatoes. Sprinkle with marshmallows. Bake until marshmallows are puffed and golden brown, about 20 minutes.

By **MANDY ROBINSON**
Russian Teacakes

Ingredients:

1 cup butter at room temperature
1/2 cup powdered sugar
2 teaspoons vanilla extract
2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
1/4 teaspoon salt
3/4 cup finely chopped toasted nuts*
Powdered sugar

*To toast nuts, spread them in a single layer on a cookie sheet (preferably one with walls) and bake at 400 degrees for 7-10 min-

utes or until nuts start to turn a golden brown. Shake the pan halfway through baking time.

In a large bowl, cream butter, powdered sugar, and vanilla extract until light and fluffy. Slowly mix in flour and salt. Stir until well mixed. Mix in nuts and refrigerate for 1 hour.

Preheat your oven to 400 degrees. Roll dough into 1-inch balls. Place onto an un-greased cookie sheet. Bake for 10-12 minutes or until set — you do not want them to brown. Remove the teacakes from the oven and cool slightly on wire racks. While the cookies are cooling, pour some powdered sugar onto a plate.

While the cookies are still warm, roll them in the powdered sugar. When they have fully cooled, roll them once more in the powdered sugar to get a nice, even outer coating. Store in airtight container.

Yield: 4 dozen cookies

By **BRIANA STODDEN**
Kahlua Brownies

Ingredients:

2 cups sugar
1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
2/3 cup dutch process cocoa
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon ground cinna-

mon

1 cup butter, melted and cooled

4 eggs

1/4 cup Kahlua or other coffee-flavored liqueur

2 teaspoons vanilla extract

1 cup chopped nuts (pecans, walnuts, or almonds, for use to garnish icing when finished) (optional)

1 cup semisweet mini chocolate chips

1 ounce white chocolate, chopped or white chocolate chips

Preheat oven to 350°F.

Grease and flour a 13x9x2 baking dish and set aside

In a big bowl (preferably by hand)

Combine well the sugar, flour, cocoa, baking soda, salt and cinnamon.

Add melted butter, eggs, vanilla, and Kahlua, and stir just until blended

Fold in chopped nuts, if you are using them.

Put batter in prepared baking dish, evening out the batter with a spatula.

Bake for 40- 45 minutes or until the edges of brownies begin to pull away from the sides of the dish.

Immediately sprinkle dark chocolate chips over top of hot brownies.

Lightly place a sheet of alumi-

num foil over dish to hold in and reflect heat.

After about 5 minutes, when chips are melted, spread over the brownies with a spatula.

Immediately sprinkle white chocolate over the frosting, and lightly cover dish with the foil again.

After about 2 minutes, when chocolate is melted, gently swirl them into the dark chocolate to create a marbled look.

Let cool 2 hours before cutting.

By **AARON GEIGER**

Naughty Eggnog (old-school)

This is the old-school, make-you-fat, give-you-a-buzz, memory kick-starter that makes store-bought eggnog seem like a watery protein shake. It's naughty and nice, but mostly naughty.

Ingredients:

4 cups milk
5 whole cloves
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon (buy a stick of it and shave it!)
12 egg yolks
1 1/2 cups sugar
2 1/2 white rum (Vanilla Cruzan should work, too)
4 cups light cream
2 teaspoons vanilla extract

(yes, more)

1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg (of course)

Get a saucepan out and pour the milk, cloves, the 1/2 teaspoon of vanilla extract, and cinnamon in it. Turn on the burner, and slowly bring to a boil.

Meanwhile, in a fairly large bowl, mix the egg yolks and sugar. Whisk vigorously until you get some fluff action going. Reach over and get the boiling milk mixture and pour it into the large bowl and whisk the combined ingredients together. Pour the new mixture back into the saucepan, and turn the heat down a bit. Stir constantly for a few minutes, and do not let the contents boil. Strain your mixture to remove the cloves, and let the liquid cool for at least an hour.

Stir in the rum (make sure guests are okay with alcohol—never surprise somebody), cream, the two teaspoons of vanilla extract, and nutmeg. Chill for at least a day and a night before serving. The spices will 'bleed' their flavor into the mixture, and the rum will stay evenly displaced, thanks to the whisking action. Serve in moderation.

Don't look up the ingredients in a calorie-counter. It's the holidays. Who cares what you're drinking and eating?

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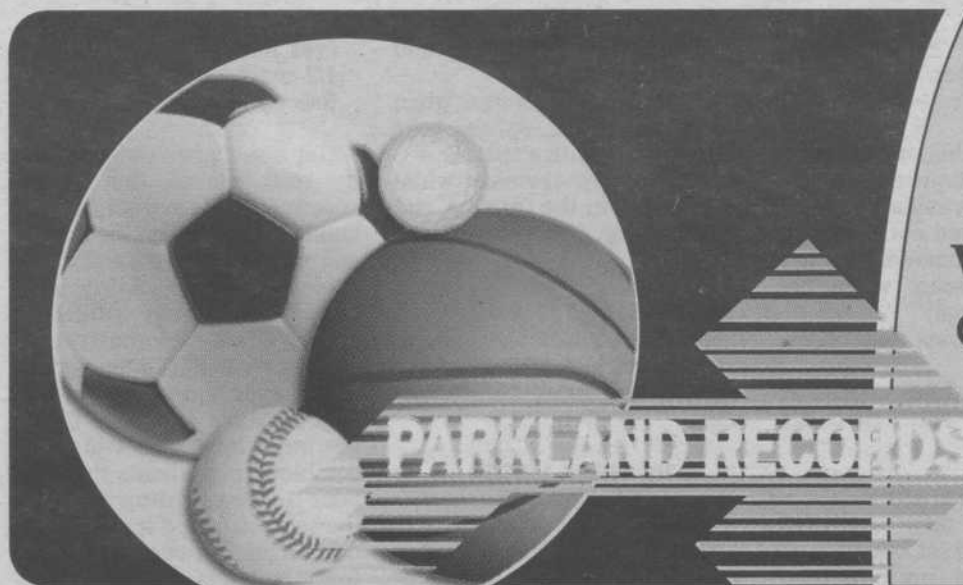
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2007 Hall of Fame Inductees

Student-Athletes:

P.J. Bowman-Men's Basketball (Member of 1986 National Champions, D-II All-American and member of University of Illinois Final Four team)

Russ Oliver-Men's Basketball (NJCAA All-American from Urbana who went on to be a two-year starter at Baylor University)

David Patrick-Men's Track And Field (NJCAA 600 meter and 400 hurdles champion. NCAA 400 hurdles champion at Tennessee and 1992 member of USA Olympic Team)

Coaches/Administrators:

Joe Abbey-Athletic Director and Track Coach (Started sports at PC, AD, and Track Coach from 1968-1988)

Jim Reed-Athletic Director and Baseball Coach (Two-time AD from 1988-1991 and 1992-2000, Baseball Coach from 1971-82)

Contributor:

Bob Abbuehl-(Former PC employee and supporter who served in many capacities, from scorekeeper to statistician to bus driver for several Cobra teams)



1986 Men's Basketball Team
(National Champions)



1999 Women's Volleyball Team
(National Champions)

Parkland Athletics Press Release

By THE PARKLAND ATHLETIC
DEPARTMENT
Contributing Writer

Women's Soccer

Linda Hernandez scored four goals and Michelle Looker added three assists to help lead the Parkland Women's Soccer team to a 5-3 victory over Lincoln College on Wednesday aft11-29-07

Parkland College's Mens Basketball Team survived a slow start and pulled away in the second half to down Millikin JV last night 78-57. The Cobras went down 12-3 early but rallied to a 31-31 half-time tie behind improved defensive pressure and 9 first half points from Lester Hart. Parkland's aggressive defense continued in the second half holding the Big Blue to 26 second half points on 27% shooting from the field. Andrew Wilkerson led all Parkland scorers with 15 and Antonio Lofton added 13 on 50% shooting from the floor. Tydus Townsend had 8 rebounds and Matt Mierzycki chipped in with 8. Millikin's Dana Givens led all scorers with 21 points while his teammate, Darrell Adams had 17 rebounds and 6 blocked shots.

The Parkland men and Women both travel to Centralia, IL this weekend to play in a tournament at Kaskaskia College. The women open up at 8 PM tonight against the hosts and the men open up

Saturday at 5 PM against Southwestern Illinois College.

Volleyball

The No. 9 ranked PC Volleyball team went 2-2 in their own Invitational to finish in 3rd place. On Friday Parkland defeated Shawnee (3-1) and Kalamazoo Valley (3-0) to move into the Championship bracket with No. 1 Kishwaukee and No. 8 Southwestern Illinois.

Parkland battled, but fell to SWIC in four games and lost to Kishwaukee in three games. The top-ranked Kougars (28-0)—the defending NJCAA D-II National Champions—have now won 51 straight matches since losing to Parkland on September 30, 2006.

The Cobra Softball team had an impressive weekend going a perfect 6-0 at events at Eastern Illinois and McKendree College. Last Saturday, the Cobras pounded St. Mary's of the Woods 12-1 and Robert Morris College 11-6, and shut out Eastern Illinois 4-0.

The following day the Cobras made quick work of Southwestern Illinois College 10-1 and the University of Illinois Springfield 9-2 before blanking McKendree 3-0.