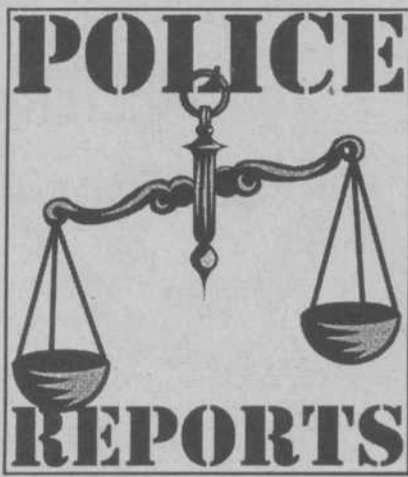


POLICE REPORTS



Tuesday, January 20

- Persons reported to officers that there was a possible theft in progress near the reading lab in the C-wing. Officers responded and upon their arrival found a female removing a computer. Upon further investigation by the officers it was concluded that the female owned the computer, which she brought in for repairs. Officers cleared without a report.

- Officers responded to a report of subjects smoking cannabis in the bus stop area. Upon officers arrival the subjects had left the area. The area was searched with negative results. Officers cleared without a report.

- Female caller requested police officers respond to the physical education facility in reference to harassment in progress. Caller stated that she is being harassed by her ex-boyfriend who is familiar to police. Upon the officers arrival the suspect had left the area and was unable to be located. A report was filed by the caller and is currently under investigation.

Wednesday, January 21

- Police officers took a theft report from Robeson Hall (Student Housing). Stolen was a video cassette recorder in the teaching laboratory at Robeson Hall. The theft is currently under investigation by officers of the Department of Public Safety.

- A police officer took a theft report from the Physical Education building. The reporting person reported their book bag stolen during intermural basketball games. This case is currently under investigation.

- During routine patrol a police officer noted a burning smell in the Physical Education building. Other officers responded and assisted in determining the source of the odor. After a complete search of the building the source was unfounded. Officers cleared with no report. Extra patrol of the area is being conducted.

Wednesday, January 22

- A police officer completed a theft report. The reporting person reported that her purse had been stolen within the last 30 minutes. Reporting person had left the purse for a short period of time and upon returning to retrieve the purse found that it was gone. A complete search of the area was not successful in recovering the purse. This theft is currently under investigation by the Department of Public Safety.

- METCAD (Champaign County 911 Center) received a call of an incident in the B1 parking lot at Parkland College. The accident involved two vehicles and involved no injuries. A police officer investigated the accident a traffic crash report was completed. The officer also issued one of the involved parties a traffic citation for improper backing.

- Police officers responded to a report from a male subject sleeping in a college officer. The reporting person stated that upon entering the office she found a male in the room asleep. She stated that she immediately left the room and called for police assistance. Upon officers arrival the male subject had already left. Officers located the subject in the area and confirmed that he had authority to be there. Officers cleared with no report.

Friday, January 23

- Parkland College grounds department staff reported an accident in the C-4 parking lot. Upon an officers arrival the accident was investigated and a traffic crash report was completed. No traffic citations were issued as a result of the accident.

Saturday, January 24

- Police officers responded to assist the Champaign Fire Department and Police Department near the intersection of Alpine Dr. and Bradley Ave. where an adult male and his K-9 had fallen through the ice on a pond. Upon the officers arrival the K-9 had already been rescued and fire department personnel were in the process of rescuing the male subject. Officers stood by until rescue was successfully completed.

Sunday, January 25

- Parkland police officers responded to assist the Champaign Police Department at the intersection of Pomona Dr. and Bradley Ave. for a report of a fight in progress. Upon arrival the officers stood by while CPD made two arrests. Officers cleared with no report.

Bill Clinton and Al Gore speak at Assembly Hall Continued from Page 1...

reinvented government and revived hope for education."

"Last year was the best in a generation for education," said Clinton.

Over 200,000 new Pell Grant swere created, said Clinton and also Hope Scholarships that give a \$1,500 tax cut for tuition.

"You need to get the message out that if you work hard, you can go to college," said Clinton. "College should be open to all."

Social Security was also an issue.

"People in their twenties say it's more likely for UFO's to land before they receive social security," said Clinton. "We shouldn't take it out on our younger generation."

"America must work as a seamless network. This will affect everyone and we need to find the best way to prepare for the baby boomers retirement."



Photo By: Jacob Livingston

Packed house

Thousands waited in line, Wednesday, to catch a glimpse of President Clinton and Vice-President Gore.

He said that generation has the second largest number of people in history.

A year of forums on the social security issue are being planned.

"We need to craft an historic bi-partisan legislative body for everybody," said Clinton.

Vice-President Gore said

we must remember what the country was like five years ago and be thankful for what Clinton has done.

"They had driven the economy into the ditch," said Gore.

Clinton said young people should keep their eyes on the future. "Do not let pessimistic people bring you down."

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New youth center 'may happen'

By JACOB LIVENGOOD
PROSPECTUS STAFF WRITER

"I believe it may happen," says Jnanne Flentje, Champaign County probation officer that has spent nine years at the Champaign Youth Detention Center.

Past funding opportunities for the \$5.6 million project have failed including a county-wide quarter-cent sales tax in November.

Currently, the Champaign County Board's Budget and Finance Committee is looking for ways they can cut into the budget to help pay for the new building.

"We were promised a new facility in 1989," said Flentje during a press conference with Parkland Newswriting II students. "They make lots of promises."

"I couldn't believe how disappointed I was after the election. We're the smallest facility in the state."

The Youth Center has already received a \$1.6 million grant, leaving \$4.0 million.

Department Director of Course Services for the Juvenile Division Bob Schwieter says he wishes funding problems wouldn't have to be discussed. "I'd like to see a soci-

ety where we didn't need any jails or youth centers.

"If the county board doesn't want to have a new building that's their decision."

Students visited the 13 bed center on Washington Street in Urbana, which houses juveniles while they are going through the court process.

"We house children between the ages of 10 and 17," said Flentje. "The majority are 15 and 16-year-olds, but we do get 10 and 11-year-olds."

Flentje said there are 16 centers in the 102 counties in the state. "We were never intended to be a locked facility," she said.

The Center doesn't meet state requirements. "They say we must only have one floor," said Flentje.

The two-story building houses mostly juvenile felons convicted of such crimes like aggravated battery, burglary, and sexual assault.

"People come from every kind of background to this facility," said Flentje. "You name it, it exists. We've had kids from every background—from prominent parents to extremely abusive and scary homes."

If the Center is full, juveniles go into a home detention program, says Flentje. "We call their home about every hour to check up on them."

In the past, Flentje said mattresses were placed on the floor for children if the Center was overcrowded, but she said that hasn't been done in a while.

"It was better than placing them on the streets," said Flentje.

The Center is not a rehab facility, but Flentje said they probably do more programming than anyone in Illinois.

The youth attend school from 8:30 to 4:30, and classes are monitored by two officers and a teacher.

Classes sometimes start with singing the "Itsy Bitsy Spider," the "Star-Spangled Banner," or even Christmas songs.

"It's amazing to see the difference in the kids on the days they sing," said Flentje. "They are more alert."

"They most likely didn't get to do these things when they were smaller," said Flentje. "It's really exciting to see a 6 ft. 2 in boy lead in singing the 'Itsy Bitsy Spider.'"

Workforce cont. from Page 1...

The center's task is to fill a gap and operate within a system where participants can acquire the skills and the training necessary to enter the workforce in a 16-week program, or even a shorter program according to Hattie Lenoir-Price, director of the Workforce Preparation Center. It can be a 4-, a 8-, or a 12-week program.

Lenoir-Price said the center will be responsive to the needs for basic skills instruction, job coaching, job placement, job connection to clients, support services, child care, transportation, opportunities for training and short-time vocational education.

Al Anderson, director of the Job Training Partnership Act (JPTA), said the center is geared toward people who have been on welfare for 30 months or more. Welfare reform is forcing many welfare recipients to find jobs but some lack the skills.

"Our principal goal," Anderson said, "is putting welfare clients to work." He said the center will build up a support system and a support network that will help welfare clients to achieve self-sufficiency. Support is also part of the equation, he said.

Self-sufficiency is also a key word, according to Jill Johnson, of the department of Human Services. She said that with welfare reform, the emphasis has shifted to putting welfare clients into jobs to enable them to become self-sufficient.

The center is not only geared toward welfare recipients; it is also for those who want to improve their skills.

"The ultimate goal," Parsons said, "is to attain full employment."

The center is the result of a collaborative effort of various state and local organizations and agencies. State Rep. Richard J. Winkel, Jr. praised their combined efforts to help people to get back into the workforce. He congratulated them for "being willing to take the bull by the horns" and reassured them of his "unwavering supporting efforts."

The Workforce Preparation Center Council is comprised of the Department of Human Services, Housing Authority of Champaign County, Illinois Employment and Training Center (Job Training Partnership Act, Department of Employment Security), Parkland College, Regional Office of Education, University of Illinois, Urban League of Champaign County, and Urbana Adult Education.

So, how does the center-work?


It will be open to the public through referral from several agencies. Potential participants will be tested to assess their needs so that center personnel can better serve the participants. The center plans two sessions of up to 30 students each, one in the morning and one in the afternoon.

People interested in enrolling in the Workforce Preparation Center should go to Robeson Hall on the Park, 222 N. State St., Champaign, Ill, 61820, or call Hattie Lenoir-Price at 217/355-4836 (Robeson Hall). Hours: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday - Friday.

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Student Voices

Do you think the recent allegations about Bill Clinton are true or false. Why?



Christie Collier

"Probably true. Does it matter? How many presidents have screwed around on their wives?"



Chinitha Lee

"False. He should be smarter than that."



Joel Wilcox

"I am not really concerned. Trivial, but not real important."



Gary Walker

"I don't really care, because it does not effect my life one way or the other."



Fahad A. Khan

"True. It is to big for it to be all made up."



Dylan Cherry

"True. I don't trust Bill Clinton. Don't think it really matters to the State of the Union."



Jana Brown, Mindy Able, Neil Ehlers

"True. Because he's done it in the past, he's from Arkansas, and there's to much evidence for it not to be true."

Letter to the Editors

Media hype over Clinton sex scandal

"SPECIAL PROSECUTOR AMBUSHES EX-INTERN AND DETAINS HER FOR HOURS" "IRAQ THREATENS, CLINTON SENDS TROOPS TO PERSIAN GULF"

Either of those headlines could have been printed last week as the stories of President Bill Clinton and ex-White house intern Monika Lewinsky surfaced across the country.

Sex in the Oval Office: maybe it happened; maybe it didn't. At this point, two people know that answer. All the media know is that this story is selling.

Across the country, people are crying out against the President, not because he had sex, but because he allegedly had a close friend try to coerce Lewinsky to lie to a grand jury.

Polls are showing that less than 40% care about the sex, but nearly 60% will demand impeachment if he did, in fact, try to get someone to lie.

I have heard several peo-

ple say with absolute certainty that President Clinton will indeed be impeached. Never mind that Monika Lewinsky hasn't even admitted (under oath) having an affair of any sort much less having anyone tell her to lie. She is waiting until she can get out of trouble until she spills the beans (for she swore under oath that nothing happened). Even if she does talk, she must rise to the presidential challenge of "Prove it."

But back to the first headline. Michael Isikoff, the Newsweek editor who essentially broke the story, said in a recent interview that the blatant disregard for ethical questioning by Kenneth Starr is what he thought would be the big revelation of the story.

I agree that it should definitely be recognized. I mean, here is a man who was appointed years ago to investigate a real estate deal (Whitewater) and has since messed up several investigations (remember all of those "-gates") of Presi-

dential affairs, all of which were proclaimed as the scandal that would bring Clinton down. None of them did. Too bad for Mr. Starr, this could have been the one.

It could have been the one if the media had first concentrated on Starr's misconduct and then realized that something was rotten in the State of the Union. Instead, Starr's plan was sabotaged when the media wooed the public with the instant gratification of a juicy sex scandal.

The public can forgive an adulterer. If not forgive, they will ignore it and start picking up the tabloids again as soon as there is a more entertaining story.

President Clinton will live to see better days, and, if another war with Iraq ensues and everyone continues to make money, he may live to see those 60% approval ratings again.

Josh Gorman, History student

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New carpeting being tested by Physical Plant

By TOBIAS SIMPSON
PROSPECTUS STAFF WRITER

So you don't like any of the three patterns in the carpeting at the intersection of the Gallery Lounge and exit to the outdoor fountain area?

Not to worry. Denny Elimon, director, Physical Plant/Purchasing, says quality and durability, not pattern, are being tested.

Three competing manufacturers are demonstrating the quality of their carpeting and their carpeting system, Elimon said.

The carpets in the testing area are not made up of a single piece. They are 3 x 3 squares of carpeting laid on an adhesive surface.

No decisions have been made concerning what colors or designs will be employed

for the new carpeting, but Elimon said it will not be identical to that which is in place now.

After two or three months of testing by foot and cart traffic, the recommendations and findings will be given to the Operations Planning Committee, and a final decision will be made.

Following the committee's decision, phase one of the "master carpet plan" will be initiated.

Phase one will involve recarpeting floors one and two of the College Center this summer. That alone will take more than 3,000 sq. ft. of carpet.

The rest of the college will follow, in phases, over the next five to seven years, Elimon said. The system is expected to have a 15-year life expectancy.

Some of the current carpeting is 20 years old. The manufacturer of the original carpeting is no longer able to supply it. These two factors have led the school into a search for new carpeting.

A third element, style of the carpeting, also is involved. The style now covering the floors is known as broadloom, which is a wall-to-wall system.

The new tile system allows smaller areas to be replaced, and it also requires a lot less storage space.

But Elimon pointed out, there are also disadvantages. First, there are more seams to deal with, which introduces more opportunities for complications.

Second, there is the potential that the adhesive holding down the various tiles could relax or come loose.

Uneven replacement of tiles results in uneven wear and appearance, Elimon said, because new tiles must be mixed with old.

To avoid these problems, the manufacturer suggests picking up and rotating every tile annually, which would involve a large amount of labor, maybe, more than is feasible.

The new carpeting fits into the existing Operations and Maintenance budget will provide a much needed face-lift. At this time, Elimon said the pros of the tile system seem to outweigh the cons.

Any comments or suggestions should be directed to Denny Elimon, Director, Physical Plant/Purchasing at 351-2211 or e-mail: delimon@parkland.cc.il.us.

Eastern rep.
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nance, computer informational systems, and accounting. Six hours would be in general education classes, and six in electives and senior seminars.

Kathawala said he is expecting about 30 students for the fall semester, but up to 50 could be admitted.

Kevin Ward, a student attending the discussion, said he thought the program was an "excellent" plan, especially from the standpoint of cost.

He said students enrolling in the Parkland-Eastern program could save a lot of money on transportation, and he likes the idea of evening classes because they are all in a block rather than spread out like day classes.

The courses will be offered at Eastern's tuition rates, according to Parkland's contact representative Pat Huffmeyer. The cost is \$114.50 per credit hour, but it also includes textbook rental.

Pat Huffmeyer's office is in A 184; her phone number is 351-2543.



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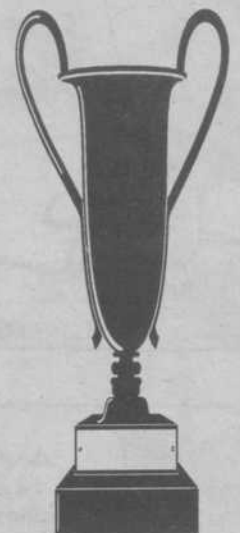
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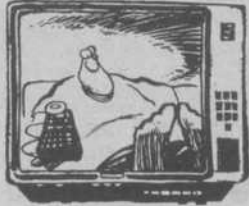
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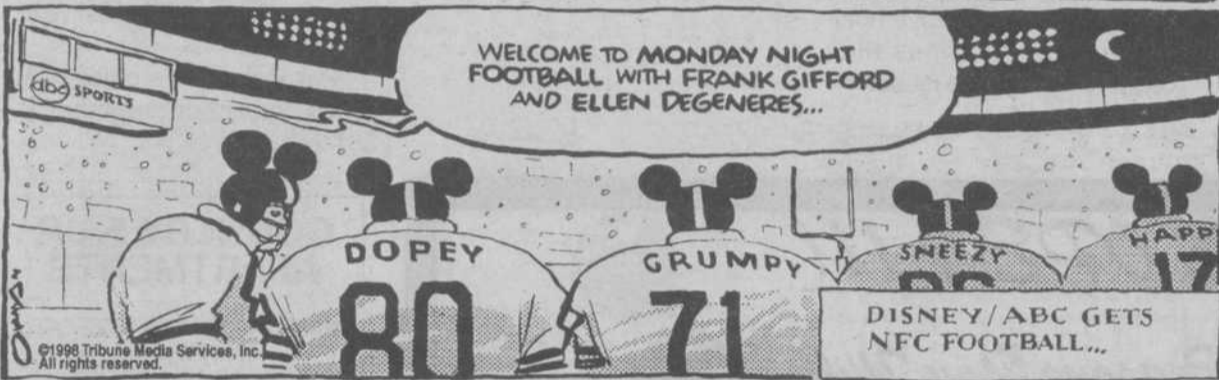
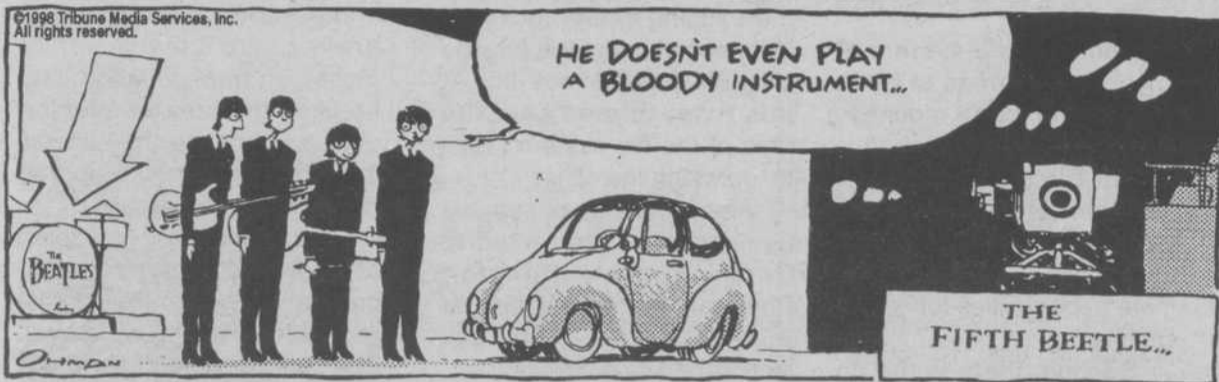
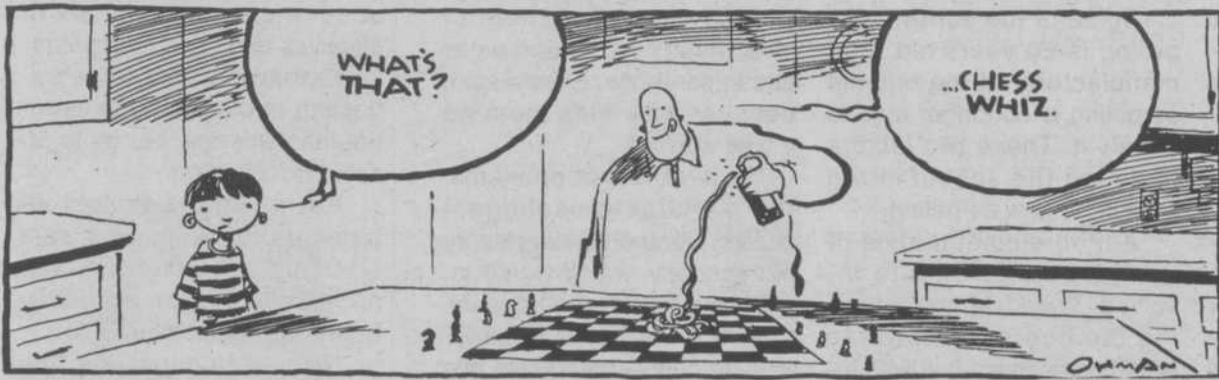


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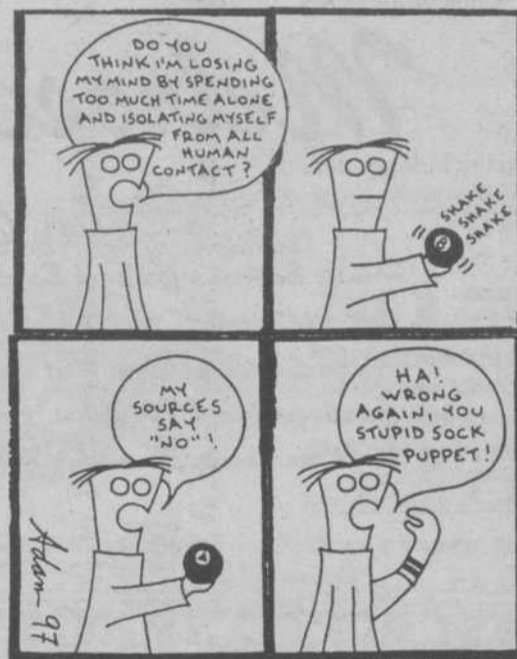


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Discussion of the video <u>Skin Deep</u> |
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Sports



Lady Cobras halfway through season with a .500 average

By NICHOLAS TRAXLER
PROSPECTUSSPORTS EDITOR

The Lady Cobras are mid-way through the season and this young team has posted a respectable .500 mark at (7-7). After a slow start the team has played increasingly well and Coach Johnson is encouraged by the improvements his players have made. Even with the loss of Latrice Ray and LaDonna Barton to start the second semester the Lady Cobras are gaining confidence with every game. This past week saw the club split important Region 24

games against tough local competition. Thursday in Danville the Lady Cobras surprised the 2nd ranked Region 24 Lady Jaguars on a three pointer by freshman point guard Ebonie Kelley. The bucket, 3 of Kelley's game high 20 points, came with less than a minute to go. The squad held off the Lady Jaguars in the waning moments to gain a 55-52 victory. Coach Johnson said the team again relied on their steady young point guard much like last year with departed Yvonne Tarr. Kelley also led

the team in assists and the team as a whole played outstanding defense holding high scoring DACC to 55 points.

Saturday however the tables were turned. Parkland had trailed DACC until the last 10 minutes and then roared back to win. At home just two days later they watched a large lead disappear and Lincoln's Lady Lynx gave them a tough home defeat. In this game the Lady Cobras again held a potent offense to under 60 points but costly fouls down the stretch allowed the Lady Lynx to close the gap at

the free throw line. During that stretch, Lincoln netted 9-10 charity tosses with the clock stopped. In the end Lincoln had the win on Parkland's home court and the Lady Cobras were dropped back to .500. Coach Johnson explained that coming off such an emotional high beating DACC in Danville his young charges had a mental letdown versus Lincoln. Heading into the latter part of this season Coach Johnson had these things to say about his young, but talented club. "We are winning games with defense

right now. Our shooters, Niki Cutchin and Erin O'Connell, are slumping as they battle injuries yet we are still even at 7-7". When asked about a prediction for the Region 24 tourney Coach Johnson replied, "As these girls become more comfortable in our offense we get better and better. If we can put it all together we will be a team no one wants to play". The team is back in action at home Saturday versus Forrest Park and will be preparing for a home tournament the following weekend.

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