Benjamin Roberts is a student at Parkland studying business management who hopes one day to work in the corporate ladder. Roberts says he was born and raised in Urbana, and has a lot of friends in the community. He says that he thinks the Champaign-Urbana community is very special because of the resources and the history it has. After finishing his associate degree, Roberts would like to work at a company in the community and possibly take over his father’s local business one day.

Outside of studying business, Roberts is an avid piano player. “I’ve been playing the piano for about 14 years,” Roberts said. “It’s one of the things I’m best at.”

Roberts says he has stuck with the piano because he found it interesting and liked the idea of being able to sit down and play. He also enjoys how flexible it is.

“The [piano] is really wide range of modes, which anywhere from play...
With spring break arriving next week, and summer just around the corner, many students and staff members are dying to shed some extra pounds accumulated from winter and summer just around the corner. Josh Dietrich, Kaleb Collier, and Andrew Moen, all recent graduates of the University of Illinois, held an open house on March 9, 2018, at the Engineering Open House.

The three-day diet consists of eating extremely small meal portions in an attempt to rapidly lose weight, generally by forgoing physical fitness routines and weight training and replacing these with low-calorie foods. The three-day diet is usually used by athletes before weigh-ins, or military reserve members, who want to lose weight quickly and sustain it over the long term, like athletes before weigh-ins, or military reserve members, who want to lose weight quickly and sustain it over the long term, like athletes before weigh-ins, or military reserve members, who want to lose weight quickly and sustain it over the long term, like athletes before weigh-ins, or military reserve members, who want to lose weight quickly and sustain it over the long term, like athletes before weigh-ins, or military reserve members, who want to lose weight quickly and sustain it over the long term, like athletes before weigh-ins, or military reserve members, who want to lose weight quickly and sustain it over the long term, like athletes before weigh-ins, or military reserve members, who want to lose weight quickly and sustain it over the long term.
ACROSS
1 Fruit drink (6,6)
9 Member of Tinners’ Parliament requires tin to be brought to a height (9)
10 One is left nothing (5)
11 Terribly rude fellow (6)
12 Operatic heroine gives thanks (8)
13 Ex-president of Yugoslavia doesn’t start in the usual manner (8)
15 About-turn can be employed more than once (8)
18 The enemy’s returning old silk to the front of the ship (8)
19 Turn over hotel heartlessly (6)
21 The privileged can use it to pay for diamond perhaps (4,4)
22 Operation to keep or improve it (6)
23 C-convexity of surface (6)
26 Out of practice for a year (5)
27 Bismarck Wood marched to here? ’S absurd (9)
28 Drivers end up here, of course, having drunk up dry gin mix (7,5)

DOWN
1 Greek hero lost doughty exterior, having swallowed ring of bone (7)
2 Give notice over conflict (5)
3 Turning traitor, initially, renegade is produced (9)
4 Brittle at extremely egregious upset (4)
5 Held aloft... plutonium? (8)
6 Part of plant could become petals with time (5)
7 Leaderless town in Beds is liable to flare up (8)
8 Writer embracing exciting militia movement ends up in the soup (8)
13 Ex-president of Yugoslavia doesn’t start in the usual manner (6)
16 Browning in Australia, giving offensive snub to a monarch? (9)
17 Attribute good character to a church leader (8)
18 Work out to keep or improve it (6)
20 Old dish for 8 – could be casserole, we hear (7)
22 Shy bear we’re told – or another animal (5)
24 Minor poet like Wordsworth? Hardly! (5)
25 Nameless woman in Massenet’s opera gets beheaded (4)

FACT OR FICTION
Fiction: The legend contends that Saint Patrick drove away serpents.
located at the Veterans Resource Center, which is right next to the Office of Financial Aid and Veteran Services.

“Any veteran interested in joining SVAP can attend our monthly meetings,” Taylor said. “This is no official enrollment process.”

The Student Veterans Association at Parkland was made to help veterans in a variety of ways. SVAP can attend our monthly meet and gain 150 points. Financial Aid and Veteran Services.

“There are also several other ways that SVAP helps veterans such as serving as a safe place, and hosting guest speakers.”

“It serves as a safe place where veterans can understand them since they have similar experiences as them.” Taylor said. “It helps us ease the transition from the military to civilian life and assists where veterans come to support other veterans or find out about resources available to them.”

“SVAP also allows veterans to continue to serve through various volunteer activities and raises awareness of veterans and veterans’ issues. Each fall semester, the group also hosts the annual Parkland Veterans Day Ceremony.” Taylor said. SVAP is looking forward to some events in the near future: “This semester, the president of the organization has been focused on remodeling the Veterans Resource Center,” Taylor said. “We are looking forward to seeing the changes happen.”

Parkland serves as an educational resource for many veterans of the armed forces. “Veterans are a diverse group and provide many benefits to the campus and community.” Taylor said. “They have unique perspectives to add to the discussions and learning experiences of their fellow students.”

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