

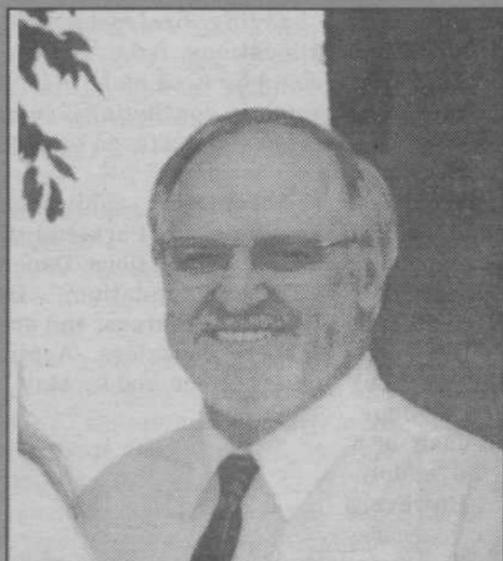
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Parkland College Dedicates New Wing, Celebrates 35th Anniversary Finale

Department head dies



Most people knew David as the Chair of the Department of Fine & Applied Arts. If you were one of the fortunate ones, you knew David for the twinkle in his eyes and a laugh that approached a giggle, something you wouldn't expect from a Ph.D.

As we cope with David's loss, here are a few thoughts and remembrances about a remarkable man:

President Zelema Harris: "David's untimely death is a devastating loss to Parkland College. His leadership as department chair, mentor, and teacher will be missed by all of us who knew him. So many of us relied on David's leadership. He was always willing to assist us in moving the college forward. His contributions throughout the college have been significant. I join so many others in expressing my sympathy to David's wife Shirley, his family and friends."

Executive Vice President Dale Ewen: "I cannot find words that adequately describe the great loss of our colleague, mentor, and friend."

Juanita Gammon, Program Director, Mass Communications and Acting Director, Fine & Applied Arts: "David was the spirit of our department. He was a friend and a mentor for every one of us. He cared so deeply about our students and he always reminded faculty that students are the reason we are here."

"A group of us all started teaching at Parkland around the same time many years ago. We would often get together to support each other. We grew up and learned together. Even on 'bad' days, David would remind us that we're here because we want to teach. He would recall those early days with such affection. We will all miss him so much."

Jim Hall, Department Chair, Mathematics: "David was the conscience of Parkland. He always encouraged us to do what was right."

Kent Redmon, Associate Professor, Speech: "I had failed all of my classes and was placed on academic probation. I was ready to drop out of Parkland when David stepped in and encouraged me to join the speech team. He said I needed to find something to belong to. I joined the speech team, improved my grades and

On Thursday April 11, 2002, at 10:00 a.m., Parkland College will hold a ribbon cutting ceremony in the recently completed new "D" wing. This event is being held in conference room D-244 on the second floor in conjunction with the College's 35th anniversary finale celebration.

The "D" wing, a near \$15 million project, was built to alleviate a serious space shortage for classroom and instructional services and to better serve District 505 students. It is comprised of 22 classrooms/labs, 14 computer classrooms/labs/multi-media classrooms, 42 offices and 4 conference rooms. It houses the Department of Social Sciences and Human Services, which includes psychology, sociology, criminal justice, education, history and political science; Cooperative Learning Center which includes the Learning Lab, Peer Tutoring and Writing

Center, the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning; the Center for Virtual Learning; Campus Technologies/Academic Computer Support, Computer Technology Center, art classrooms, a language laboratory and a conference center.



L to R: Dale Ewen, Executive Vice President; Zelema Harris, President; Lin Warfel, Board Secretary; Bonnie B. Kelly, Chairwoman Board of Trustees

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went on to win state, regional, and national speaking titles in three different public speaking events. David then encouraged me to accept an academic speech scholarship at Bradley University. Thanks to David I had a place to live in the summer months because David took me in rent-free. He was a true friend and mentor."

I am just one of many individuals who David took under his wing. We'd laugh about silly things. We'd go to dinner and the Parkland Theatre. He'd encourage me. He believed in me. What stood out for me about David:

He called me (and others) "kiddo."

He adored his wife, Shirley.

He led meetings better than anyone I've ever seen in my professional career.

He had a temper, but he only used it when he saw an injustice.

The deep friendships he made with his Parkland colleagues, especially his pals from the college's early days, could be written up in textbooks as examples of respect, teamwork, compassion, humor, commitment, and love.

I woke up this morning to the sun streaming through my bedroom window. I looked up at the sky and I saw David smiling. "Better get to work, kiddo." And we go on.

Jan Simon
Executive Assistant to the President

Dr. Jones formerly served as advisor for the Parkland Prospectus.

Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the Renner-Wikoff Funeral Home on Philo Road in Urbana. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Parkland College Foundation and to the Parkland Fine and Applied Arts Fund.

EIU Professor Discusses Four-Year Journalism Degree

By Gary Bellitt
Guest Writer

Beginning in the Fall semester of 2002, students interested in getting a four-year Bachelor of Science degree in Journalism from Eastern Illinois University will be able to take courses at Parkland that count as credit in the EIU program.

Marta Ladd, Associate Professor of Journalism at EIU, will teach News Writing and Society, Feature Writing, and Public Relations in Society at Parkland this fall. All three courses will count as credit toward the EIU degree. These courses will count toward a minor in Public Relations at EIU as well.

Dr. Ladd spoke with Newswriting 1 students about these courses this week at Parkland.

The journalism program at EIU is highly regarded among schools in the U.S., Ladd said. The university also has a program in Electronic Journalism.

There are currently about 160 students in the Journalism program at EIU, which is approximately a one-hour drive from Champaign.

Although some courses will have to be taken on the EIU campus, the offering of the courses on Parkland's campus will make it easier for local students who are interested in pursuing a Journalism degree from EIU.

In addition to the courses taught by Ladd, many of the General Education courses required for the Journalism major are also offered at Parkland.

Ladd, who obtained a Bachelor's Degree from Southern Illinois University and a Master's Degree from EIU, began her career as a reporter for a small market newspaper. All of the faculty member in the EIU program are experienced in the journalism field, she said.

Starting salaries for graduates from the program are estimated to be between \$20 - 25,000 per year for entry-level jobs.

Students interested in the EIU Journalism degree are encouraged to speak with EIU representative Pat Hufmeyer, School of Continuing Education Office, Parkland, which is located next to the Art Gallery.



Prof. Marta Ladd, Eastern Illinois University, discusses with News Writing I students, the new four-year degree which EIU will bring to Parkland this fall.

campus news

'Road Warrior' at the Dome

The Science Fiction Film Festival continues at the William M. Staerkel Planetarium on Tuesday nights.

Made in 1981, "The Road Warrior" stars Mel Gibson, Bruce Spence, Vernon Wells, and Virginia Hey. The film is set in the Australian Outback where Mad Max is lending support to a small band of survivors who are losing their struggle to protect an oil refinery under siege by a band of savage, mohawked marauders. The film is rated R.

Tickets are \$5 and may be purchased at the Planetarium, the Orpheum Children's Science Museum, and at Record Service on Green Street.

Annual Heritage Scholarship Festival

The Black Student Association of Parkland College will host their first Annual Heritage Scholarship Festival. The concert will feature national recording artists, Troy Sneed, Kingdom Krew, and Converted. Special guests for the evening will be the Mississippi Mass Choir. Soloist Jennifer Jenkins will also appear.

The program will begin at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, April 13. It will be held in the Parkland College Gymnasium.

Tickets are \$20 for the general public and \$14 for students. Tickets may be purchased from Cyprus Hughes at Parkland (room A163) or at Berean Book Stores, Claudeen's Clip N Curl (in Danville), Family Christian Bookstores, Westside Creations (in Decatur), or at the door. For additional information, call 217/390-1002, 217/351-2887, or 217/351-2537.

IMAGES Release This Week

by Blane McClellan

Images, Parkland's student arts magazine, will be released this Thursday, April 18. You can pick up your copy for \$2.00 at the Parkland Library circulation desk, the Parkland College Bookstore, and Pages For All Ages. Also, on the 22nd there will be an Images reception and exhibit in the Gallery Lounge; original work appearing in this year's issue will be on display, and authors of poetry appearing in the issue will read some of their work. You can also pick up a copy at the reception, as well as drinks and pizza. Finally, the Parkland College Library will feature a display of Images history, with copies of past and present issues. The Images staff has worked hard to bring you this quality student arts magazine, so show your support and don't miss your chance to learn more about Images and those involved.

Carle Scholars at Parkland Announced; Health Care Scholarships Available

The Carle Scholars at Parkland, a partnership funded by the Carle Foundation, was announced at a news conference on April 1.

The Carle Foundation has funded the partnership through a community health grant in the amount of \$160,000. Through the joint efforts of the Carle Foundation Hospital and the Parkland College Foundation, the partnership focuses on recruitment of healthcare professionals, scholarships, program development and excellence.

The Carle Scholars Program is a scholarship program for health care students. Carle Scholars will sign an agreement to work for Carle for one year for each year they use the scholarship.

The restricted scholarship effort will lower the amount of money Carle currently uses for recruiting and training. Carle will also have greater contact with these potential employees, which means that these gradu-

ates are more likely to be placed in the area of Carle where they will make the greatest positive impact.

The Carle Recruiter costs include salary, travel, and office expenses. A year of data on the effectiveness of recruiting is known, and as time goes on, the program will become even more effective. Like scholarships, effective recruiting for health care students will help Carle reduce budgetary amounts for recruiting and training by getting potential employees in the pipeline at Parkland.

The Carle Chair of Health Services is an Endowed Chair of Health Sciences. The Carle Chair of Health Sciences will provide high visibility as well as high quality in the health sciences field of Parkland College. Typically, an endowed chair at a university requires an endowment of \$1,000,000. However, \$20,000 per year for five years;

when added to what Parkland can pay for this person, will be sufficient to name the chair the Carle Chair of Health Sciences.

Health career faculty are also interested in combining continuing education efforts with Carle. Parkland faculty and Carle professionals have similar needs in keeping up with their rapidly changing professions. Current allocations from both entities could be used more efficiently if some continuing education efforts are offered on a cooperative basis.

Scholarship applications are available at Parkland College Health Professions Department, Carle Foundation Hospital Human Resources, and area high school counselors. Applications must be received by May 1, 2002.



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Want a New Pet? Champaign County Humane Society Is Place To Go

300 to 500 animals are usually sheltered at the Champaign County Humane Society, 1911 E. Main St., Urbana, and more than 2,500 adoptions are arranged each year, Ann M. Strohmeyer, Marketing Director, said recently. "We even had an alligator last year," she said.

The Society takes its adoption procedure very seriously. It will not allow just anyone to adopt a pet. There are guidelines that the adopter has to follow: he/she must be 21 or older and be financially stable enough to care for a pet properly. An adoption application must be filled out, and the application is reviewed with the person or family. The counselor discusses the care of the animal that was chosen and may ask more questions about the adopter's lifestyle and home.

Once the counselor approves the adoption, a blue tag signifying "adoption pending" is placed on the pet's cage, and no one else may adopt the pet. A mandatory 24 hour waiting period is required for every adopter. This time period allows the person time to think about his/her 10 to 20 year commitment and to prepare a home for the new pet.

After 24 hours, the person is allowed to pick up the pet and pay the refundable adoption fee. The fee for puppies and dogs is \$65 and \$55 for kittens and cats.

"We do not hide that we sometimes have to euthanize animals. Our reasons for euthanizing depends on the animal's health, behavioral and training history, behavior at the shelter, and age as well as the amount of kennel space available in the shelter," Strohmeyer said.

The Society spends about \$20 per animal per day to provide quality care for the animals at the shelter. The Shelter is funded largely by local contributions and volunteer workers. Help as an adoption counselor, bather and groomer, work on special projects and events, and pet socialization are needed. To volunteer, call th Shelter at 344-PAWS or send an email to volunteer@cuhumane.org to request an application.



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Addicted to 'The Osbournes'? Find out more about Ozzy online

By Summer Seay
Zap2it.com

Mother, daughter, son, Ozzy? That's right, it's "The Osbournes." As one of MTV's highest rated shows ever, "The Osbournes" is redefining family values.

This newest addition to the ever-growing genre of reality shows stands out simply because the cast members are endlessly fascinating. Ozzy, Sharon, Kelly and Jack let us into their lives without much regard to the cameras or their affinity for profanity.

That same fascination has crossed over to the Web in a big way, spawning fan sites full of family photos and chat rooms buzzing with talk of recent episodes. Check out the cream of the virtual crop for yourself with Zap2it's handy guide.

www.mtv.com/onair/osbournes. Considering MTV was wise enough to add this show to its roster, you can bet it's also smart enough to do justice to the online counterpart. Obviously, this is the best place to get schedule information, but in addition to the standard fare, fans can log on to check out video clips for previews of upcoming episodes as well as read interviews and look through a fantastic collection of family photos. Plus, users can take a virtual tour of the Osbournes' Beverly Hills home.

The Osbourne Files www.liquid2k.com/whs/osbournes-files.html As one of the first fan sites dedicated to "The Osbournes," the webmaster deserves kudos just for being so on top of it. That said, there is definitely room for improvement - or

just some major additions. Currently, this is a great portal for fans of the show to join other fans on the posting boards and add to the hilarious list of Osbourne "ism's." In addition to the message boards, there is section for live chats, which definitely makes visiting this site in progress, worth one's while.

Television Without Pity: The Osbournes www.televisionwithoutpity.com/ijsbb/forum.cgi?cn=74. So far, this is one of the best message boards around. Thousands of fans are voicing their opinions on topics like, "You know you've been watching too much Osbournes when ...," "Osbourne song parodies" or "Osbourne haikus." Meet other devoted Osbourne fans and find out you're not alone.

Ozzy.com www.ozzy.com. The official site for the unofficial "Prince of Darkness" is a must see, especially after watching Ozzy complain about doggie doo on TV. Sign up for the mailing list and get schedule updates for "The Osbournes" as well as vital information regarding other appearances the rambunctious family will be making. There are also Ozzfest lineups and links to lists of ticket sale dates. Don't miss the chat rooms, you'll find some longtime, die-hard fans in there, just waiting for some new blood.

Sir Links A Lot: The Osbournes (<http://www.sirlinksalot.net/osbournes.html>). Sir Links A Lot always does a great job supplying links for the latest reality shows. The page for "The Osbournes" is no excep-

tion. In addition to links, users will find a thorough grouping of series-related articles, including one announcing President George W. Bush inviting Ozzy to the White House for dinner. There are also Ozzy posters for sale, as well as links to clubs and fan forums.

Groupie Central: Sharon Osbourne www.groupiecentral.com/gwl-sharon.html. Though it's highly debatable whether Ozzy's wife Sharon can really be called a "groupie," Groupie Central has done a nice job putting together a page dedicated to her, with a very interesting biography about the wild life of Mrs. Osbourne. Upon entering the site, you'll be greeted with a lovely picture of Sharon and Ozzy as well as some vital stats about momma Osbourne and the Osbourne babies.

Jack Osbourne jackosbourne.homestead.com/jackosbourne.html. Little Jack Osbourne has got some real dedicated online fans, mostly of the female persuasion. This fan site is a great resource for old Osbourne family photos, especially if you're looking to see shots of Jack as an adorable rock 'n' roll toddler. After you check out the section of fan art that's mostly comprised of sketches of Jack's face, feel free to submit your own. The "Did You Know/Facts" section is chock full of interesting "stats" about Jack, such as: he's dyslexic, he has ADD (attention deficit disorder), and he has a home tutor.

PC Student Planning Run for District 6 County Board

By Elizabeth Owen

Parkland student Chris Collins has a lot on her plate:

- She's taking classes to complete a graduate degree in Public Administration as a part of the Governors State University program at Parkland.
- She's a case manager for Restoration Urban Ministries in Champaign.
- She's running for a seat on the District 6 Champaign County Board.

Collins said her family has been involved in politics for 30 years. That fact, added to her work with the homeless and low-income populations, helped her to decide to run.

According to Collins, her emphasis once in office will be on welfare reform. She's already a member of the Champaign County Board's Welfare Services Committee, and

her work at Restoration Urban Ministries has included teaching classes in financial management and self-sufficiency. "I try to really understand people," Collins said. She knows the welfare issue "goes across party lines."

Collins' work for the Welfare Services Committee entails efforts in local party politics, information gathering, research, and keeping up with welfare grants - work that dovetails with her studies. She says by taking part in a federal work-study program, she can set her own hours, so she can always be there when her kids get home from school.

In the upcoming November elections, Collins faces the incumbent Champaign County Board Chair. Even if the votes don't go her way, she said she won't give up. She plans to maintain her involvement

in the Welfare Services Committee. After completing her degree, she wants to go to law school. She anticipates finishing the program in August of 2003 or 2004. Then she wants to teach at the college level.

Collins' goals as a potential member of the District 6 County Board include dealing with the welfare reauthorization process and state budget cuts, areas in which she went to be "very well versed." She hopes the position will give her opportunities to learn and gain experience at the local level that she can take with her.

In the future, Collins is thinking about running for the Illinois State Senate. But for now, she said, "I want to learn as much as I can about the needs of this community."

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Parkland Art Gallery

To find the gallery when classes are in session we suggest using the M parking lot on the campus. Enter through any door and follow the ramps uphill to the highest point on the first floor where the gallery is located

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Local Special Olympics at Central High School in Clifton

Champaign, IL. - Volunteers, families and spectators will be cheering on runners, shot-putters and other athletes as they compete in the largest Area event of the year for Special Olympics/Eastern Prairie Area 8 when the Area holds its annual Spring Games Saturday, May 11th at Central High School in

Clifton, Illinois Approximately 200 + athletes from the counties of Champaign, Douglas, Ford, Iroquois, Kankakee, Piatt and Vermilion are expected to compete at this event.

Athletes will compete in track and field events such as shot-put, high jump, long jump, and meter races just to name a few. The event begins with the traditional Opening Ceremonies at 10:00 a.m. Athletes, coaches and volunteers parade onto the track and are introduced and recognized. Competition will begin at 10:45 a.m., shortly after Opening Ceremonies.

To compete in the Special Olympics Illinois Eastern Prairie Spring Games, athletes must train for eight weeks prior the event. Athletes are then divided according to their ability, gender and age. Athletes who win a gold medal, for each division, at these Area games to quality to compete in the Special Olympics Illinois State Summer Games held June 21-23 on the campus of Illinois State University in Normal. More than 3,500 athletes compete in the state summer games.

For information regarding the event or volunteering for Special Olympics Illinois/Eastern Prairie, please contact your Area office 217/355-1750.

Discuss Fate of Douglass Branch Library

The public is invited to come share ideas or opinions on the future of the Douglass Branch Library

Town-Hall meeting on a Common Vision for the Douglass Branch Library Thursday, April 18, 2002 at 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the Meeting Room of the Douglass Branch Library.

Popeye, WPCD Cham-Jam Host, Well Known in Music Scene

By Gary Bellitt
Guest Writer

WPCD, the radio station operated by Parkland Broadcasting students, is one of the most popular station among teenagers in East Central Illinois. A lot of this popularity is due can be attributed to the Urban/Hip-Hop format the station follows from 6 p.m. until 5 a.m. each night.

The daytime format of the station, a mixture of Classic Rock and New Rock, also maintains a loyal base of listeners. But on Sunday afternoon, the airwaves belong to Popeye Carlsinger.

Popeye, an accomplished blues musician, is the host of the Sunday afternoon show, "Cham-Jam," a program featuring the work of local musicians.

If anyone in the Champaign area is qualified to host a radio show spotlighting local musicians, Popeye is the man. While his involvement in the local music scene spans the better part of the last two decades, Popeye has been involved with music in one way or another virtually all his life.

Born Ray M. Curtsinger in Union City, Tenn., Popeye spent most of his childhood as a ward of the state in Kentucky, bouncing among reform schools, work farms, and juvenile detention centers.

"There wasn't a reform school or work farm in the entire state of Kentucky that could keep me down," he reminisces. "Every time I was placed in one, I found a reason and way to bust out of there."

In spite of his seemingly troubled youth, Popeye found his musical calling through the church.

"When I was six years old, I received a callin'... and it wasn't as much the promise of God as it was the promise of the music they were singin' in that Southern Baptist Church...there is one step difference from Southern Gospel to Blues... it's the same music, just the lyric content is different. That's the only difference there is. By the time I was seven, I was singin' solos in that church. By the time I was eight, they were carryin' me around to other churches to sing."

By the time he reached his teens, Popeye was ready to get out of Kentucky.

"When I turned sixteen, they locked me up for thirty days in a real jail for the first time for running away from the foster home where I was living."

Shortly thereafter, Popeye joined the Army.

"The only logical place for somebody like me to go after that was the Army."

The military provided Popeye with some structure to his life. After his basic training, he went into photography training in Denver, Col.

His stay in the army was cut short, however, after he burned his hands in acid that had been carelessly left out in the darkroom.

Following his stint in the Army, Popeye returned to Kentucky

where he was hired as a groundskeeper at Murray State College.

At Murry State, Popeye met his first wife, and they became the parents of a child. Needing more money to support his family, Popeye went to work on riverboats, traveling the lower Ohio and Mississippi Rivers. His nickname Popeye came about while working on the riverboats.

"We would be out on the boats working sometimes for over a month straight, so naturally, when the boat stopped at one of the towns along the river, we would all go out to the bars with our fat paychecks and get drunk. I always seemed to come limping back to the boat with black eyes and busted lips. So that's how I got the name Popeye- because I was either getting popped in the eye or popping someone else in the eye."

When President Carter signed an oil and grain embargo against Russia, many sailors on the river, including Popeye, were left jobless.

At this point, he went to work for The Grand Ole Opry touring company, selling tickets and making arrangements for the group's trips. While working for the company, Popeye started getting some gigs of his own, singing in clubs around Arkansas.

Through the years, Popeye has had the privilege of sharing the stage with such famous acts as Bo Diddley, Koko Taylor, Little Milton, The Coasters, and Bowser from Sha-N-Na, to name a few.

One night on stage, Popeye met his second wife, Susan, who traveled with him on tours. She had a son, and soon it came time to put the boy in school. Enrolling a child in school was not easy while living on the road.

Looking for a place to settle down, Popeye contacted his mother, who lived in Champaign. She encouraged him to visit Champaign, enticing him with the prospect of seeing some big names in the music business at the first Farm-Aid Concert in the University of Illinois Stadium.

Popeye discovered a thriving local music scene in Champaign and decided to settle here with his family.

Once in Champaign, Popeye's family grew, and his son, Curtis, now 13, was born. Two more children were to follow.

Brandon, Popeye's third son born in Champaign, died 33 days after birth from crib death or Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, commonly referred to as SIDS. Brandon was the second child Pope lost to SIDS, the first one occurring 10 years earlier.

Overwhelmed by the child's death, Popeye was surprised by the support he received from other local musicians at the boy's funeral. People he hardly knew came to offer their condolences and support for his grief-stricken family. Even yet, Popeye gets goose

bumps thinking about the love and support he got from the music industry on that sad occasion.

This event turned on the proverbial light in Popeye's mind. "If these guys are willing to support me in my time of need, then maybe I can talk them into supporting all of the parents that are going through wheat I'm going through in their time of need and try to sop that damn disease," he recalls.

At that time, Popeye was a regular fixture on Monday nights at the Alley Act's (now Fat City) open stage. He approached the owner of the Alley Cat with his idea about a benefit concert and was given the green light to the what was to become the first of several "Cham-Jams."

After the first Cham-Jam, the benefit grew and a second stage was added in the parking lot.

Excited with the success of the event, Popeye went all out to attract more acts for the benefits. He gave out free T-shirts and beer to local bar owners and to the participating musicians and their crews. After the fourth year, however, his generosity got the best of him, and the event went bankrupt.

The pain of his child's death coupled with the stress involved in organizing such an event took a toll on his personal life, and he and his wife were divorced. However, Popeye continued to lay and around Champaign with his band, The Bad Whiskey Blues Band.

In 1999, following the suggestion of his younger brother, Popeye took a GED preparation course at Parkland.

After passing the GED, he enrolled in the Parkland Broadcast Communications Department, which led to his radio gig at WPCD. In addition, he put together and filmed two cham-Jam TV shows on PCEYV featuring local music legend Keith Hardin on one and "AJ" Apple Jack Williams, who had played guitar for years in The Bad Whiskey Blues Band on the other.

Following the death of their drummer, Doug "The Stump" Iverson, The Bad Whiskey Blues Band has not performed together for more than a year. However, Popeye still plays occasional shows with other groups. His guitar player, AJ Williams, a graduate of Parkland, is now living in the Chicago area, plays with Shirley King, daughter of blues legend B.B. King. Popeye has played shows with Shirley's band, and in fact, will be playing with them in Springfield at the end of April.

Cham-Jam, Popeye's Sunday afternoon radio program, lives on as well. In addition to playing music from local bands, Pope often has guests in the studio for interviews. Some of his guests have been Shirley King, local blues bands Kilborne Alley and The Delta Kings, Johnny Kilorne Alley and the Delta Kings, Johnny Kessler, and recently George

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Harris's sister who was on his show just before the former Beatle's death.

Popeye summer up his involvement in the music business: "The thing about music is that a lot of people like music and listen to it, but it touches me...It's changed my whole life, and I base my whole life around it. The only way I've been able to live through some of the pain I've had is to write it down and make a song out of it and shout it out to the people. If you really want to know about me, there's only one thing to be said: I'm a musician and I'm gonna play music until the day I die whether I get paid or not...you cannot stop me from bringing music to somebody, somewhere, somehow."

Popeye currently lives in Champaign with his son, Curtin, and his "Old Lady", Becky.

Popeye is always interested in hearing from local musicians and welcomes submissions from local bands in the form of cassette tapes or CDs. Interested bands are encouraged to send their material to Uncle Popeye, c/o WPCD Radio 2400 W. Bradley Ave., Champaign, IL 61821.

Humor Present in Pictures By Local Landscape Artist

By Katelyn Scott
Guest Writer

You don't have to travel to the Art Institute in Chicago to see impressive works of art because long-time Champaign resident and artist, Patrick Harness, creates magnificent pieces you can admire right here at home.

Harness, who has experimented with numerous media during his career, has spend the last 30 years perfect his talent with pastels. Landscapes are his chosen focus, and he presents the elemental subject matter with an interesting twist.

Bright colors couple with images of shelter, trees, and hills to represent whimsically scenes and seasons people of all ages and cultures can appreciate.

To see a piece by Harness is to smile. His sense of humor and appreciation of life emanate from each piece. Harness describes his work as "An amalgam of post-impressionist filtered through cartoons of my youth - Disney and Bugs Bunny."

Though his parents weren't artists, they encouraged him to express himself artistically at any early age. He started taking structured art classes at age 8 and continued his instruction through college. He attended Pratt Institute in New York where he studied industrial design.

Creating pastel landscapes is his passion but not his only vocation. Harness works for Health Alliance Medical Plans in Urbana as a new member orientation specialist. His position requires a lot of travel, so he utilizes his time on the road to take photographs of passing scenery to use as bases for his compositions.

You can view Harness's work at Framer's Market, 807 W. Springfield Ave. in Champaign during the Octopus Art Walk on April 19 and 20. He also has an exhibit displayed at Kennedy's at Stone Creek, 2560 S. Stone Creek, Urbana.

Plant Expert Gives Tips On Spring Flowers

By Heather Randolph
Guest Writer

It's that time of year again - Spring! - and no one knows that better than the people at Prairie Gardens.

Judie Fair, horticulturalist and Prairie Gardens Plant Expert, says the top selling annual flowers are impatiens, geraniums, and wave petunias. She added that roses continue to be a favorite and that this is the "Year of the Rose."

May 15 is the ideal time to start planting annuals to avoid a kill frost, Fair said. A gardening rule to live by, she added, is to plant a new variety every year.

Favorite perennials, according to Fair, are hostas, tulips, and of course, rose bushes.

Ornamental grass remains a favorite for its fast growing ability while flowering dogwood is a leader for tree lovers. Maple trees still stay at the top of the sales list because of their longevity and beautiful foliage during the fall season. Fair reports that color scheme and foliage are factors for buyers when selecting trees.

The air of springtime fills the store at 3000 W. Springfield Ave., Champaign. "This time of year is not only exciting to start new things," Fair said, "but to see what has survived from the year before."

Singles Celebrating Life

April 19: Ralph Deal Contact: The first four minutes part III Friday, April 22: Singles Celebrating Life will meet at the University Place Christian Church, 403 S. Wright, Champaign, from 7-9 p.m. for "Contact: The First Four Minutes,

Year of the Horse...A Chinese Allegory

By Juan Peng
Guest Writer

The year of 2002 is "the year of horse" in Chinese horoscope. Chinese people like horse, and there are many idioms in Chinese that are related to horse.

Chinese idioms are different from American idioms. Basically, most Chinese idioms originate from historical stories with allegorical meaning. The idioms are comprised of our characters. Usually, the four characters will generalize and abstract the historical story and convey its allegorical teaching.

Once formed the idioms can be changed. The four characters should always be used together in a fixed order. There are two types of idioms. For some idioms, you can get their meanings very quickly by just looking at the four characters. For example, the idiom "yi jian zhong qing" means "fall in love at first sight."

So, you can tell the meaning through its surface meanings. However, for many other idioms, you can't really figure out their meanings through the surface meanings. You have to know what stories are behind the idioms and

Part III", presented by Ralph Deal. All singles are welcome and free baby sitting is provided. For more info, call 217/355-2464.

Green Party Press Conference

Green Party Candidate will run against Unopposed Republican Incumbent Tim Johnson For U. S. House of Representatives in Illinois' 15th District

Carl Estabrook, Green Party candidate and opponent of the Bush Administration's war on terrorism, will announce his candidacy for the U.S. House of Representatives Illinois 15th District at a press conference at 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 16, at the Independent Media Center, 218 West Main Street, Urbana, Illinois. Estabrook, 59, a historian, radio personality and newspaper columnist who lives in Champaign, Ill., will run against Tim Johnson, the incumbent Republican. There is no Democratic candidate at this time.

For more information contact T. K. Harris at (217) 384-2001. The Independent Media Center telephone number is (217) 344-8820.

For a photograph and biography of Mr. Estabrook, please see his website at:

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April 20, 2002

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May 1, 2002

12:00-1:00 p.m. Parkland College Room D-244 2400 West Bradley, Champaign 6:30-8:00 p.m. Champaign Public Library 505 S. Randolph, Champaign

Presenter: Doug Yore, RN, BSN Assessment Specialist at The Pavilion.

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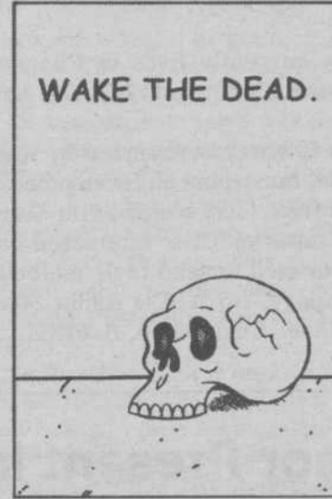
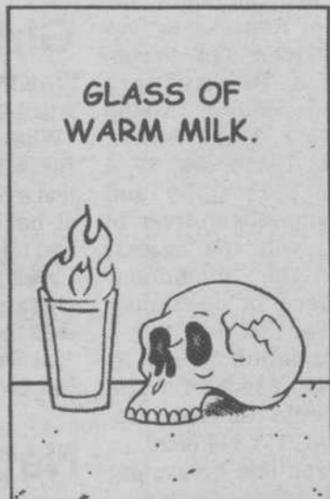
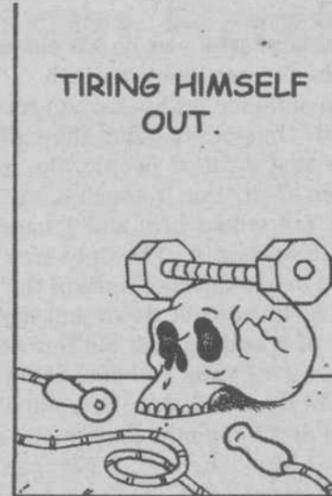
Once he painted a tiger and showed it to a group of his friends. "Do you know what this is?" he asked. His friends couldn't agree on what he had painted. Some of his friend thought it was a tiger while some thought it was a horse. The mayor was not happy at this. He had hoped they could recognize it as a tiger at the first sight. He stopped their debate and said, "Oh, it doesn't matter. Horse horse, tiger tiger, both are animals."

Then one day, the mayor's son met a tiger in the mountains. The poor kid thought it was a horse because his father said either horse or tiger didn't matter. Also, his father's bad tiger paintings confused him about tiger and horse. The boy thought the tiger was a horse and approached it to ride on it. The tiger was irritated and ate the kid.

So this story is a true but allegorical story. It tells us that you must be meticulous with things, be strict on yourselves, and that you should not settle with a so-so result. Otherwise, the outcome may be terrible.

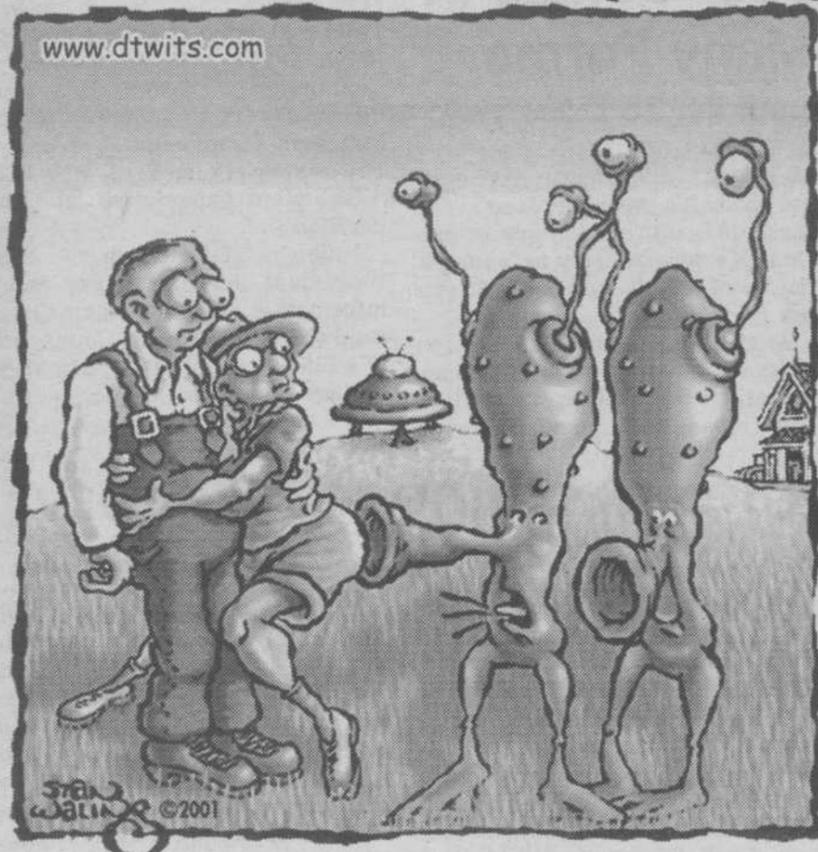
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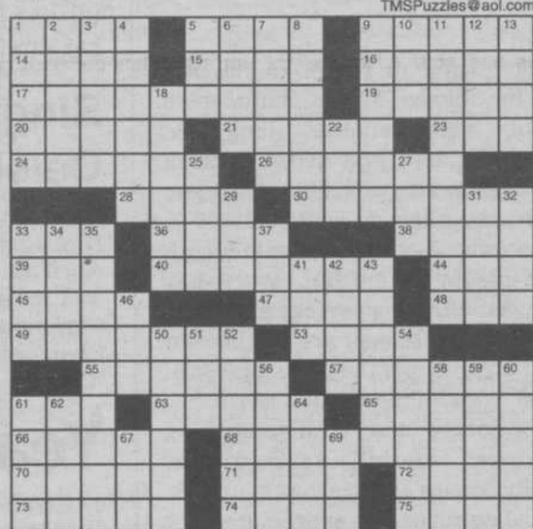
"Yeah, they're nice folks, but geez they sure could use a breath mint!"



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THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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- 9 Leg-up
- 14 Himalayan VIP
- 15 Mugging defense
- 16 Playwright Rice
- 17 Mediator
- 19 Actress Adoree
- 20 Tommyrot!
- 21 Fancy feather
- 23 DDE
- 24 Raglan or dolman
- 26 Manufactured home
- 28 Soil
- 30 Put in another's care
- 33 Yoko
- 36 Arrange one over another
- 38 Russian ruler
- 39 Dawber or Tillis
- 40 South Pacific area
- 44 Down Under bird
- 45 Prepare copy
- 47 Valhalla VIPs
- 48 Match a raise
- 49 Bicuspids' neighbors
- 53 "The Truman Show" director
- 55 Eyelike
- 57 Aviator Earhart
- 61 Personal pronoun
- 63 '50s candidate Stevenson
- 65 Buck of country music
- 66 Burning desire
- 68 Eat-anything types
- 70 Artifact
- 71 "Cheers" barfly
- 72 Strong cord
- 73 Sir Arthur Conan
- 74 Clipped-off piece
- 75 Models in parts



By Robert Zimmerman
San Diego, CA

4/16/02

DOWN

- 1 Messy eaters
- 2 Sri Lankan people
- 3 Stroll
- 4 Measured
- 5 Ambulance grp.
- 6 Access road
- 7 Resell tickets
- 8 Faculty status
- 9 Grief-stricken
- 10 Corrida cheer
- 11 Anthologies
- 12 Dig for
- 13 Shoe shaper
- 18 Danny of "Taxi"
- 22 Adult males
- 25 Comic Idle
- 27 Creative skill
- 29 Pipe junction
- 31 Ditto
- 32 Arnold movie, "Lies"
- 33 Well-fixed group?
- 34 Nothing in Nogales
- 35 With menace
- 37 Waste cloth

Monday's Puzzle Solved



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- 41 Equality grp.
- 42 Novel thought
- 43 Author of "The Gods Themselves"
- 46 Twitch
- 50 Subtle meaning
- 51 Yore
- 52 Permanent places?
- 54 Make over
- 56 Actor Novarro
- 58 The king of France
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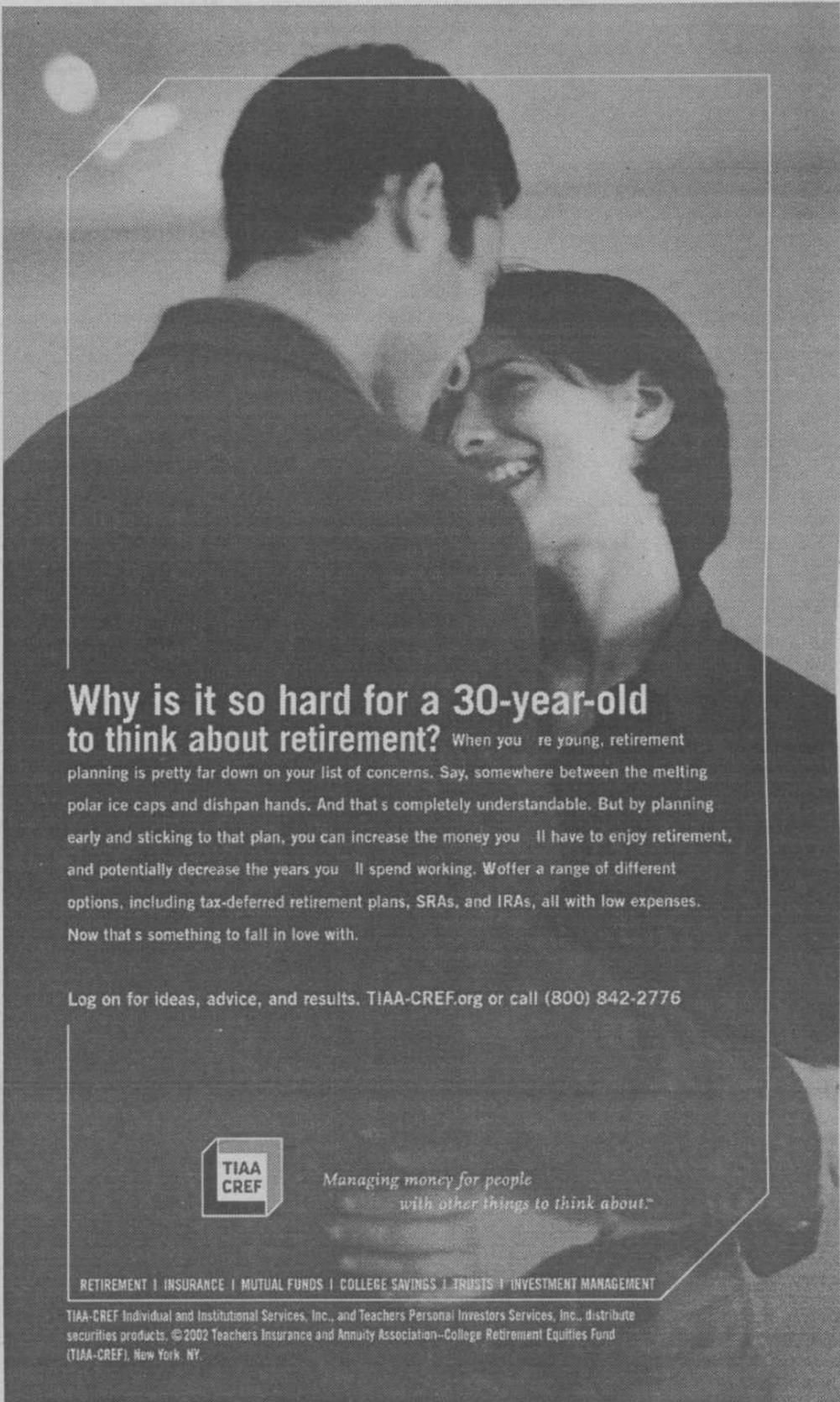
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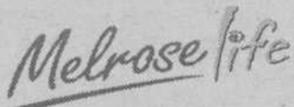


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Two Parkland athletes share many interests

By Ben Lee
Guest Writer

Beau Links and Greg Schweighart have a lot in common - they are freshmen at Parkland, play on the baseball team - and they also are roommates.

Links, 19, is from Huber Heights, Ohio, and plays left field for the Cobras. Schweighart, also 19, is from Camargo and is a right-handed pitcher.

Links, who likes to be referred to as "Teedo" (his favorite of the Jackson 5), was interested in Parkland because head baseball Coach Dave Seifert was interested in him.

"I came here mainly because coach recruited me," Links said. Links is majoring in Elementary Education.

Schweighart came to Parkland because of its convenience.

"It's close," he said. "It's just the right size too. Not too big and not too small." Schweighart is majoring in Business.

Both guys have been playing baseball since they were five years old and have developed a great love for the game. According to Links, the best part of the game is the competitiveness and the camaraderie. Schweighart believes it's the different roles that are played that makes baseball so great.

"You don't have to be the best to be productive," he said. "Just know your role and you'll be fine."

However, the two agree that baseball does have its down side. Both Links and Schweighart feel that it is the constant occurrence of failure that is the most difficult challenge.

"In baseball, if you fail 7 times out of 10, you're still successful," Links said. "In any other job, that would get you fired quick."

Playing the game for so long has brought about many memorable moments to the two roommates.

Schweighart remembers winning the Regional championship his senior year in high school as his most exciting accomplishment in baseball.

Links said the most exciting thing he's ever done in baseball is hit a home-run off of Schweighart in practice. Seldom does he ever let a chance go by to ridicule his roommate about that hit.

After Parkland, Schweighart plans to finish a four-year degree and hopes to become a high school superintendent. Links wants to keep playing baseball as long as possible, and would really like to enter some branch of the military because, "that would be an awesome job."

As for now, Links and Schweighart are a part of the #1 ranked Junior College baseball team in the nation. They both believe the team can make it to the World Series.

PC baseball ranked #1 in nation

By Jon Rule
Sports Writer

The Parkland baseball team received its highest national ranking in program history last Wednesday by being voted the #1 NJCAA Division II team in America.

The Cobras earned their #1 ranking by posting an 8-3 conference record, and an overall record of 26-3. The Cobras are well on their way to breaking last years record-setting mark of 51-14.

Parkland took their #1 ranking on the road Thursday when they faced conference rival Illinois Central College. Parkland's fourteen-hit offensive attack was offset by their defensive mishaps, which led to the Illinois Central College 13-7 victory. Derek Drage suffered his first loss of the season and the Cobras surrendered their lead in the CCCI.

After Parkland's disappointing loss on Thursday, the team traveled to Illinois Wesleyan for a non-conference matchup against the Titans JV squad Friday evening.

The Cobras tore up the base paths for 11 stolen bases in the game, seven of which by the com-

bined efforts of Mike Coles and Dan Davy. Ben Lee (2 for 3, 2 RBI) and Tommy Johnson (2 for 4) led the offensive attack.

Strong outings by Cobra pitchers Derek DeClerk, Jeff Hayes, Luke

ry.

The Cobras closed out the weekend by regaining sole possession of first place in the CCCI after sweeping the Titans of Illinois Central on Saturday.

Game 1 of the twin bill featured an offensive attack led by shortstop Dan Grant's 4-4, 3 RBI performance.

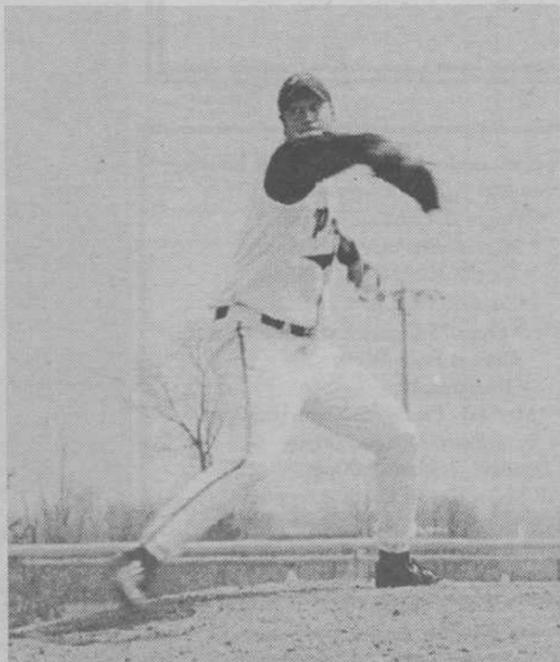
Dave Smith pitched six solid innings of work before turning the game over to Casey Hammond, who secured Smith's fourth win of the season and his sixth save in the 10-7 win.

Mike Stitz silenced the Titan Bats in game two. Stitz's complete game four-hitter highlighted the 5-0 victory. The Cobra offense only had four hits in the game, but capitalized on hits in the early innings of the matchup.

The Cobras sweep of Illinois central improved their overall record to 29-4 and 10-3 in conference play, giving the team some breathing room in the CCCI standings.

Come see your #1 ranked Cobras take on Spoon River at Parkland Field on

Thursday at 2:00 and Lincoln College on Saturday at 12:00. Admission to all Parkland home games is free.



Freshman Dave Smith fires a pitch to the plate in the Cobras 10-7 victory over ICC.

Atkins and Anthony Billups secured Mike Tomaszewski's four solid innings of work. Tomaszewski improved to 3-1 with the 7-2 victo-

Cobra golf team in full swing

By Kevin Ducey
Sports Writer

The Parkland College golf team has carried its success from last fall over into the spring season.

The Cobras had a strong showing in last fall's region 24 tournament, finishing third, just two strokes from qualifying for the national tournament. Freshman Josh Borchardt from Rantoul earned his own ticket, getting in as an individual qualifier.

Borchardt will compete in the national tournament at the end of May in Phoenix, Arizona. Freshman Craig Toler, of Findlay, is the first alternate for the region, as he was one stroke shy of the score needed to

qualify.

So far in the young spring season the Cobras have finished 4th, 2nd, and 3rd respectively in the MacMurray tournament, the Illinois College tournament, and the Western Illinois University tournament.

The Cobras were carried at the MacMurray tournament by freshman Drew Hartrich's 80.

The second place finish at Illinois College was due to the strong performances of Toler and Matt Golden, of Leroy. Golden turned in a score of 79 and Toler a 78.

Golden and Toler were also responsible for pacing the Cobras in last weekend's tournament at WIU.

The Cobras are currently in preparation for the conference

season, which opens Wednesday April, 17 at Danville. The Cobras are hoping to improve on last seasons second-place finish in the conference.

Coach Greg Thom is expecting some improvement from his young golf squad as it returns Kirtis French, of Porta, from a shoulder injury.

French was an All-Conference selection for the Cobras in 2001, and has yet to play in the spring season; however, he is expected to compete in Danville.

Coach Thom is also counting on some major contributions in the conference season from sophomores Brandon Coffey and Jason Watson, as well as freshmen, Jason Holdren and Nick Lynch.

Late inning heroics lift Lady Cobras

By Adam Soebbing
Sports Editor

In a doubleheader to remember, the Parkland College softball team used two late inning rallies to upend Lincoln Land 5-4 and 6-5 in CCCI conference play last Saturday.

In game 1, Parkland trailed 4-2 in the bottom of the seventh inning before singles by Katie Anderson and Kasie Stigers got the rally started.

After a sacrifice advanced the runners, first baseman Rebecca Koets stepped up big time with a game-tying double to right-center field.

Christie Wantland, pinch running for Koets, scored the game

winning run on Lacey Frankland's clutch single.

Game two saw the Lady Cobras trailing 5-2 in the bottom of the sixth. The game was tied up before Lincoln Land knew what hit them going into the seventh, thanks to a lead off home-run by Koets and a two-run double by Sarah Shonkwiler.

Nicole Prager's leadoff single in the seventh set the stage for Koets to play the hero again. Koets stepped up to the plate and knocked in the game winning run with another clutch single.

Emily Alsup was the winner in game 1, with an impressive complete game ten strikeout performance. Haley Heiberger earned

the victory in game two for the Lady Cobras.

In other action last week: Alsup tossed a no-hitter, striking out 13 of 15 batters to lead the Lady Cobras to a 9-0 victory over Spoon River. Game two was forfeited to Parkland by Spoon River.

Carrying a no-hitter through seven, Heiberger gave up two hits and two runs before being replaced by Krista Kloth last Wednesday against ICC. Kloth pitched her way out of a bases loaded jam, setting up the game winning run by Parkland in the bottom half of the inning on a wild pitch. The Lady Cobras swept ICC winning both games by the tally of 2-1.