

RLC officials seek student help for Master Plan

BY DYMIN HAYES

Rend Lake College is developing a master plan for future growth and development of campus capital projects. This plan will be a work in progress for the next 10 to 15 years.

The planning committee will review the progress of the programs that have already been implemented and will be determining if improvements need to be made.

The Master Plan will include the ever-changing technology needs and provisions for curriculum expansion. Also, the committee will evaluate how the current building facilities are being utilized and determine whether additional spaces are needed to accommodate future growth.

Bob Carlock, a member of RLC's Master Planning committee, stated, "As a rule, your building programs are driven by the programs that you have on campus." He said that recommendations are made to the administration and then sent to the architect for implementation. When the planning project is complete, the means to fund the new programs and facilities are addressed. Now, this is where the student population is so desperately needed.

The Master Planning Committee is asking for all concerned students to express their ideas on the RLC website. Also, there will be a meeting to listen to the voices of the student population on campus on May 2, 2013 from noon to 4 p.m., in Learning Resource Center Room 207. The committee is asking for all willing students to attend this very important session.

Can't make the meeting? take the Student Survey to weigh in with your opinions. It has been emailed to all students through WarriorMail and can be found on the RLC website at www.rlc.edu. Click on the Current Students link.

RLC Star of the Year



Juanita Jones of Mt. Vernon was named STARS Student of the Year during the program's annual banquet, Tuesday night, at Rend Lake College. Jones, a music major at Rend Lake, also picked up an award for maintaining a grade point average between 3.50 and 3.99. STARS is a federal TRIO program designed to help students reach their goals of graduating and transferring to a four-year university. Find more photos from this event on RLC's Flickr page at www.flickr.com/photos/rendlakecollege. (Photo by Nathan Wheeler / RLC Public Information)

Rend Lake College's Hollmann featured in Green Economy Network newsletter

The summary of an interview with RLC Associate Professor Greg Hollmann was a key feature in the Illinois Green Economy Network's April newsletter. Here's the IGEN "Sustainability Professional Highlight" below.

Greg Hollmann is an assistant professor at Rend Lake College who helped form RLC's Greening the Campus Committee in 2007, which really moved forward quickly with IGEN funding assistance and education. Greg has acted as RLC's Sustainability Professional for the past 2 years; he shared answers to the following questions about greening RLC.

In your experience as a sustainability professional, what has been the biggest challenge?

Effective delegation is always a challenge. Greg has succeeded in engaging others across the campus but sharing responsibilities and/or effectively delegating has consistently been a challenge. It's sometimes tough to get others to take ownership of the sustainability program. Sharing timely, pertinent information is one key to involving others.

In your time as a sustainability professional, what has been RLC's greatest success?

Definitely GYC, or Greening Your Curriculum. Greg took the time and effort to create a 2-credit continuing education course for faculty professional development, which was approved through both the RLC

Curriculum Committee and the Illinois Community College Board. GYC 1101 has been well received since its establishment and this acceptance has helped to disseminate sustainability concepts to departments across campus.

How have you overcome the challenge of having no paid, fulltime sustainability professional on RLC's staff?

RLC has an engaged, helpful Greening the Campus commit-

tee. Greg was also very fortunate to have a stellar student worker last year who contributed extra care and hard work. Greg finds that when he takes the time to teach and explain his passion for sustainability to others, his own perspective and commitment are renewed. RLC has recently identified a young professional in the Registrar's Office whose director is willing to allow him to dedicate the required time to become the new IGEN liaison for RLC. The work of the Registrar's Office is somewhat seasonal and the director sees value in RLC's sustainability program and relation-

ship with IGEN. Greg expects that with the new sustainability professional's help, RLC will be able to take sustainability implementation to the next level.

Do you have suggestions for successfully engaging students in sustainability programs?

Greg finds taking sustainability programs to students in the classroom is the most successful form of engagement. Hands-on activities for sustainability con-

cepts are popular, such as Greg's wind turbine demonstration, the Energy Bike, and Kill A Watt meters, which students are allowed to borrow to gauge their home energy use. He finds the student newspaper on campus is a great way to spread the word and get students to events. Engaging students in friendly competitions like their Sustainable Art Fair is another way to spark interest. A recent series of poster contests for graphic design students was popular. The poster designs will be on display during Earth Week and students will vote for their

favorite, which will then be used to promote the program. Students are also involved in designing signage for the campus recycling program; all fun, hands-on projects.

What are your future plans for the RLC Sustainability Program?

Rend Lake College will continue its annual events such as the Sustainable Art Fair and community electronics collection day. Their next focus is increasing student engagement, including the formation of a student sustainability club, possibly in conjunction with the existing student Outdoor Club, which has similar interests. Greg will continue to serve as the Greening the Campus coordinator and Tyson Ellis will soon be confirmed as the new IGEN liaison and sustainability contact. Ty will handle coordinating with off-campus groups and Greg will coordinate on campus.

Do you have sustainability program suggestions for other colleges to consider?

Greg feels that the very best thing about being involved with IGEN is the opportunity to learn about what other Illinois community colleges have done with sustainability initiatives. Sometimes RLC can replicate others' ideas and sometimes not, but it is always inspiring to hear what others are doing. Greg encourages all community college supporters of sustainability to keep in contact with each other and take advantage of the resources IGEN offer; the network has made his job easier.



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Rain barrels



Rain Barrels designed by Art Professor Therese Melena were auctioned off Monday and Tuesday as part of Earth Week education by the Rend Lake College Greening the Campus Committee. The winners were announced Tuesday afternoon. Instructor Rob Little won a flower barrel, student Joelle Keener of Benton won the Tiger design, and student Daniel Arcuri of Ina won the peace sign design. RLC Sustainability Coordinator Greg Hollmann is pictured above. Activities to promote environmental sustainability will continue throughout the week on campus.

RLC offers summer agricultural institute class

Rend Lake College is offering a Summer Agricultural Institute class for Preschool through High School educators.

The institute is designed for educators who wish to expand their curriculum to include topics related to agriculture and meet the core standards set by the state. Students will learn about food and technology in and around Southern Illinois as well as how to integrate available resources and hands-on activities about agriculture and the environment into existing classroom curriculum. Teachers will receive 18 CPDUs, curriculum materials, hands-on activities with mag-

ic kits integrating academic concepts, and field trips to agribusinesses. Space is limited, so register early. If you are a Farm Bureau member, stipends may be available through the Farm Bureau in the county in which your school is located. The class will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wednesdays, June 12, 19, and 26 in the Applied Science Building in Room 102 on the main campus in Ina. The registration fee is \$99.

To register or for more information, contact Rend Lake College Community and Corporate Education at (618) 437-5321 at x1267 or x1714 or in-district residents may call toll-free at (800) 369-5321 at x1267 or x1714.

Air Evac Lifeteam visits RLC



Rend Lake College nursing students check out the Air Evac Lifeteam helicopter at the Ina campus on Thursday. The students heard from Air Evac Lifeteam representatives about the field, what the company does, and received an in-depth explanation of the helicopter from Flight Paramedic Darrin Bradham. (Photo by Nathan Wheeler / RLC Public Information)

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Smith elected student trustee at RLC

BY DYMIN HAYES
CLOCKTOWER CHRONICLE STAFFWRITER

Haden Smith is Rend Lake College's new Student Trustee. Smith is an agriculture production and management major from Wayne City. He is the son of Craig and Marcella Smith.

Smith said he was nominated by his teacher, Kathy Craig. He was elected by the student body to the position. His hobbies include sports and working on the family farm.

Smith replaces outgoing Student Trustee Kelsey Allen of Bonnie. He said he believes he has big shoes to fill, but feels the job of representing the RLC student body is of utmost importance. "I will do my best to represent the student body," he said.

The RLC Board of Trustees is a group of individuals who make important decisions that affect the success of all involved at the college. The Board is made up of seven elected trustees — Chair Bryan Drew, Vice Chair Ed Cunningham, Secretary John Kabat, Eric Black, Rick Marlow, ICCTA Representative Marvin Scott, and Randy Rubenacker. Drew was reelected to the board earlier this month and Scott is stepping down after more than three decades of service. His

replacement is Larry Manning of Hamilton County.

The student trustee represents the ideas and concerns of the student population. The student trustee sits in on "executive session" where members go behind closed doors to talk about issues such as personnel, investments, and acquisitions of land. Everything else is talked about in open session in which the public and media can attend. The student trustee gets a vote - an advisory vote that does not make an actionable item pass or fail. The present board has said time and again that they sincerely listen to the voice of the student trustee.

Allen was a remarkable student trustee, according to board members.

"I liked being a part of the decision making at Rend Lake College," she said.

"The board always listened to my opinion and would ask me how the students felt about issues. The board, administration, faculty, and staff at Rend Lake College are such wonderful people and it was a pleasure to serve with them. I wholeheartedly believe that my opinion was valued by the board. They would always ask me, as a student, how I felt about issues and how the students were

responding." Allen said she will miss the monthly meetings. "I have to say, they went by very quickly and the ride home from my last meeting was a very sad one. There was never a dull moment at those meetings and I will be back to visit in the future!" Allen said she is grateful to those who voted for her and all who supported her during her time as Student Trustee. "I would like to thank the board and all who attended the meetings for putting up with me! I had the time of my life at Rend Lake College and have learned so much. This institution and the people here have truly been a blessing to me and I am so thankful!"



Haden Smith

RLC Campus Connection

The Chronicle's Fernando Jacinto set out on campus to find out ... What does Cinco de Mayo celebrate?



Melinda Veller,
English Instructor
A. ... Not the independence of Spain.



Whitney Sanders,
Woodlawn, Major:
Undecided
A. I don't know.



Brandon Beckman,
Wayne City, Major: History
A. It celebrates uh ... it celebrates the life of something. Like the life of ... it's like a woman, isn't it? If I remember right from Brouwer's class, that's about all I can remember.



Steve Kennett,
Indianapolis, Philosophy Instructor
A. It celebrates the Mexican heritage, especially in the Southwest. I think it originates with taking out the French by Mexican forces (I forget what year). I think it was in the 19th century. My understanding is that it is not celebrated as much in Mexico as it is here. (Way to go Steve! This is the correct answer!)

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Barb Hampton,
Carterville, Developmental Reading and English Associate Professor
A. Mexican independence.



Bailey Battaglia,
Zeigler, Major: Radiology
A. It's the fifth of May and it gives you a reason to celebrate in Spanish class.

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In U.S. News

Fuel barges explode on Alabama's Mobile River, injuring three

Fires still raged on Thursday morning, slowing efforts of emergency responders to contain the damage. The Associated Press reported. (Washington Post) April 25

Woman, 80 accidentally

swallows \$5K diamond at Tampa, Fla., charity event

The idea behind the Tampa Women's Club charity event was simple. For \$20, you could buy a flute of champagne and a chance to win a one-carat, \$5,000 diamond. (FoxNews) April 26

In World News

Fugitive on FBI's 10 Most

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Wanted list arrested in Nicaragua

Nicaraguan police said on Monday they had arrested a U.S. man on the FBI's 10 Most Wanted list suspected of child pornography offenses, and handed him over to U.S. (Reuters) April 22

Chile newborn 'dies in sect ritual'

Police in Chile have arrested four people accused of burning a newborn baby to death in a "healing ritual." Those arrested include the mother of the child, and the suspects are said to be members of a religious sect. (BBC News) April 26

In Entertainment Jury set For Michael Jackson's wrongful death lawsuit

The jury in the Michael Jackson wrongful death trial has been selected — six

men and six women were chosen on Monday, nearly three weeks after jury selection began in Los Angeles Superior Court. (starpulse.com) April 23

Ben Affleck to get Brown University degree

The actor/director is among six getting honorary degrees at next month's graduation ceremonies. (USA Today) April 25

In Science New 'Fairy' insect is mind-blowingly small

A new species of tiny fly named after the fairy in "Peter Pan" is mind-blowingly miniscule, with delicate wings trimmed in fringe. (Live-Science.com) April 24

Space debris problem now urgent — scientists

Governments must start working urgently to remove

orbital debris, which could become a catastrophic problem for satellites a few decades from now, a space science conference heard on Thursday. (AFP) April 26

In Technology DirecTV adding voice search to smartphone app this summer

DirecTV's voice search feature lets you speak to your phone to search through TV listings, pay-per-view and on-demand content using natural language. (CNET) April 23

Study: Hands-free texting more dangerous than manual texting

If you thought going hands-free to send a text behind the wheel was safe — think again! A new study out of Texas A&M Transportation Institute says hands free texting is just as dangerous as using your thumbs. (ABC2 News) April 25

In Health

5 reasons not to take the "Cinnamon Challenge"

The Cinnamon Challenge is this millennium's version of your mother admonishing you with, "If someone tells you to jump off a cliff, would you?" (Forbes) April 23

A newborn's placenta may reveal autism risk

Yale researchers show that analysis of placentas can reveal whether a newborn is at high risk of autism. (USA Today) April 24

Local

Your employer might soon be able to see your private messages in Illinois

While you should always separate work from personal, for efficiency sake and to sometimes just be a better employee you use a personal email or a social media profile to quickly respond to a work inquiry. (Huffington Post) April 24

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Administrative Professionals

Day observed at RLC

Wednesday, April 24, was National Administrative Professionals Day. These employees are the backbone of Rend Lake College. To pay tribute to all they do, President Terry Wilkerson treated the group to lunch at Seasonings on the Square in Benton. Each one was also presented with their choice of a complementary service at Studio RLC in Mt. Vernon.



Tyson Ellis, Records Specialist
Ali Whittington, Literacy & Data Management Specialist
Arvella Waugh, Administrative Assistant Math and Sciences
Beth Stevens, Administrative Assistant Allied Health
Caroline Smith, Subsidized Child Care Specialist
Carrie Newman, Subsidized Child Care Specialist
Cathi Jackson, Subsidized Child Care Specialist



Cathy Cross, Administrative Assistant Liberal Arts
Cathy DeJarnette, Executive Assistant to the President
Chelsea Zettler, Administrative Assistant Physical Plant
Cindy Schott, Assistant Director Rend Lake College Foundation
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Jean Huie, Executive Assistant to the Vice President of Academic Instruction
Julie Oxford, Administrative Assistant Athletics
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Stephanie McKinney, Subsidized Child Care Specialist
Sue Scatton, Accounts Payable and Purchasing Specialist
Summer Braden, Administrative Assistant Applied Science and Technology

Results from RLC car show released

A car show was held April 13 at the Rend Lake College Marketplace in Mt. Vernon. Below are the results.

- Best of Show** — Terry Hale, 1970 Chevy Nova SS
- Best Ford** — Earl Hayes, 1967 Ford Fairlane
- Best GM** — Diane Morgan, 1959 Chevy El Camino
- Best Mopar** — Roger McGovern, 1964 Plymouth Belvedere
- Best Paint** — Ronnie Podoriski, 1937 Ford Tudor
- Best Motor** — Bobby Joe Fisher, 1931 Ford Victoria
- Best Street Rod** — Rick Tygett, 1933 Willys 77
- Top 10 1982 & Newer (no particular order)** —

- Bill Jones, 1988 Chevy C-1500 Pickup; Joe Lampey, 2011 Ford Mustang GT; Chuck & Sue Turner, 2005 Ford Mustang; Mike Johnson, Chevy Truck; Corey Queen, 2010 Dodge Challenger; Ed O'Keefe, 1993 Chevy Indy 500 Pace Truck; Sandy Crabtree, 2004 Chevy Corvette Convertible; Frances Bravard, 2010 Chevy Camaro RS; Joey Wegmann, 1997 Chevy Camaro SS; John Norton, 2001 Honda S 2000
- Top 25 1981 & Older (no particular order)** — Shelby Walker, 1958 Ford Ranchero; Rick Taylor, 1968 Chevy Camaro; Earl Jent, 1957 Ford T-Bird; Stan & TJ Higginson, 1940 Diamond T Model 201; Al Jones, 1965 Buick Skylark; Jack Bicanich, 1969

- Chevy Chevelle SS 396; Larry Dawson, 1971 Chevy C-10 Cheyenne; John Hays, 1967 Chevy Camaro SS 350; Herman & Von Rawls, 1957 Chevy 4 door Sport Sedan; Bert Walker, 1952 Ford Victoria; Darrell Owens, 1955 Pontiac Cheftan; Keith Ward, 1950 Mercury 2-door Chopped; Bret Baum, 1947 Chevy Street Rod; John Toedte, 1965 Plymouth Baracuda; Butch Burwell, 1970 Chevy SS 454 6 speed; Jeff Osborn, 1955 Chevy Bel Air; Larry Clarke, 1955 Chevy Model 150; Larry Harrison, 1930 Ford Model A; Vince & Cheryl Brown, 1955 Chevy Bel Air Hardtop; Travis Branson, 1970 Chevy Chevelle; Carla & Wendell Breese, 1936 Ford Pickup; Jerry Hanning, 1946



Ford 2 door Coupe; Jared Sledge, 1967 Ford Mustang Fastback; Jimmie D. Bain, 1957 Chevy Bel Air; Don Nicholas, 1967 Ford Mustang Convertible.

BEST FORD — Earl Hayes of Dix poses with his 1967 Ford Fairlane, named "Best Ford" at the car show Saturday at the Rend Lake College Marketplace in Mt. Vernon. Hayes said his race car has a 427-c.i. engine under the hood. Roughly 60 vehicles were featured in the car show, organized by RLC's Automotive Technology Program and tied into a community safety event put on by Project CHILD. (Photo by Nathan Wheeler / RLC Public Information)

IMI Scholarship winner



Rend Lake College Mining Technology Student **Matt Androvandi** of Sesser is the recipient of a scholarship through the Illinois Mining Institute. Androvandi works for White Oak Resources. He pictured above with RLC Associate Professor **Dave Colombo** (LEFT) and Instructor **Don McBride**.

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ATHLETICS

SECTION

Rend Lake's Adcock named All-Region in tennis



Rend Lake College tennis player Ally Adcock was named to the NJCAA DI All-Region XXIV Team. Adcock is a freshman from Texico and a graduate of Mt. Vernon Township High School. The Lady Warriors beat Kaskaskia College 6-3 before losing to Lewis and Clark Community College 7-2 in the Region final April 13-14. RLC tennis is coached by Dave Junkins. For all things athletic at The Lake, visit RLC online at www.rlc.edu/warriors.

RLC volleyball



Rend Lake College volleyball went 2-2 in a spring tournament at Lincoln Land Community College. (Submitted Photo)

Warriors baseball takes league's top spot Sunday

Jarret Bednar threw six scoreless innings for Rend Lake as the Warriors won 3-1 twice today at Wabash Valley and took first place in the Great Rivers Athletic Conference with only four games to go before postseason play.

Bednar (Decatur) improved to 6-1 as a starter for the Warriors this season. He gave up only three hits and had three strikeouts in the 3-1 nightcap win for RLC. The victory makes Rend Lake 16-5 in the league — the same as Wabash Valley. Since RLC took two out of a three-game series, the Warriors from The Lake move into the top GRAC spot.

Justin Busekrus (O'Fallon)

and Blake Deaton (Mt. Vernon) each had a RBI for RLC in the nightcap. Ty Broady (Greenville, Ky.) scored Rend Lake's third run on Brandon Allen's wild pitch in the top of the fourth. Wabash's run came in the bottom of the seventh after Jeff Smith advanced to third on Brady Wright's (Jonesboro) wild pitch and was then brought in on a double by Tim Barry. Wright picked up his 10th save of the season. Allen got the loss. RLC outhit Wabash 5-4 and Rend Lake had two errors to WVC's zero.

There was more hitting in the first game, but there were also more innings. And there were more strikeouts and more runners left on base —

RLC stranded six, WVC five. The outcome was still 3-1 Rend Lake in nine innings. The game winning run for Rend Lake came when Deaton led off in the top of the ninth with a single. Zack Jones (Mt. Vernon) sacrificed him over to second with a bunt and Deaton scored on an error by WVC first baseman Conor Dishman.

The Warriors from Rend Lake outhit WVC 9-4 and Wabash's defense committed two errors this time, compared to RLC's none. Deaton, Jones and Aaron Choate (Mt. Vernon, Ind.) all had doubles for RLC and Jones had Rend Lake's lone RBI — a double in the top of the sixth to score Deaton.

Rend Lake's mound man Nick Andros (Tunnel Hill) struck out 10 batters, and gave up four hits and one run in six innings. Logan Tabor (Marissa) threw two innings of relief and Wright got the save in the bottom of the ninth after getting Dishman to fly out and Rey Perez to hit into a double play.

RLC, now 33-14 overall this season, will play a non-



Blake Deaton

conference game at Lindenwood University-Belleville on Monday before wrapping up the season with a three-game series against conference rival John A. Logan College. Their first game will be played at 3 p.m. Thursday, at JALC. The doubleheader will be played at noon on Saturday, May 4, at RLC. It will be the Warriors' regular season closer and final home game. For all things athletic at The Lake, visit RLC online at www.rlc.edu/warriors.

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