

# Community to recognize Camille Jones



Camille Jones

RLC "Project First Class" Coordinator Camille Jones will be one of three citizens saluted Thursday night when the Mt. Vernon Minority Affairs and Human Relations Committee presents its first Black History Month Service Award.

The event is scheduled for 7 p.m. in the Mt. Vernon Township High School Auditorium.

Sharing honors with Jones will be Cleo Holt, District 80 Head Start superintendent, and A.P. Petties, known throughout

the area for his volunteer efforts.

The three are being honored for "their hard work and dedication," according to spokesperson Tim Vasser.

Keynote speaker for the evening's program will be Major Gregory Martin, an attorney with the Illinois Army National Guard's Inspector General Office in Springfield.

Students from local elementary schools entered a contest

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## FREE SWIM!

Rend Lake College is hosting a swim party Friday and Saturday, February 27-28, and you are invited!

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A graphic for Rend Lake College. On the left, the text "REND LAKE COLLEGE" is stacked vertically in a bold, sans-serif font. In the center is a large, stylized "RY" logo. To the right is a circular seal with "REND LAKE COLLEGE" around the perimeter and a central emblem. Below the logo, the text "SPRING '98 / Vol. 26 / No. 5" is displayed. At the bottom right, a black box contains the white text "FEB. 23-MARCH 1, 1998".

# RLC baseball ranked No. 4 in nation

"Great Expectations."

A classic Dickens novel. A current hit movie. Rend Lake College baseball.

Nobody was more surprised – not Pip nor Miss Havisham, Ethan Hawke nor Gwyneth Paltrow – than Warrior Coach Rich (Soup) Campbell when he surfed the Internet, connected with <http://www.njcaa.org> and discovered the 1998 Pre-Season Division I Men's Base-

ball rankings had just been posted.

Campbell's club, which was denied a berth in last spring's NJCAA World Series on the final day of the Great Lakes District Tournament, is rated No. 4 in the country on the strength of seven everyday players and two veteran starting pitchers returning for their sophomore seasons.

Seminole (OK) State College

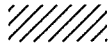
is ranked No. 1 after going 59-5 a year ago. Indian Hills (IA), which ousted RLC in the Chicago suburbs of River Grove last May and was the only team in the double-elimination World Series to beat eventual champion Cowley County (KS) before finishing 43-15, is No. 2. They are followed by Grayson County (TX) (48-9 in 1997), RLC and Central Florida (40-20).

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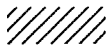
Congratulations to RLC Literacy Coordinator **Jana Groh** and husband, **Kent**. They are the proud parents of a second daughter, **Presley Ann**, born Tuesday, February 10, at Carbondale Memorial Hospital.

**Presley Ann** weighed 8 pounds 2 ounces and was 20 inches long at birth. She was welcomed home by her older sister, **McKenna**, 2.



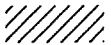
Get well wishes to Shipping and Receiving's **Roger Treece**, who is at home recovering from a fall on the job just before the holidays.

**Treece** had surgery to remove cartilage in his right knee February 11.



Among those helping with the Illinois High School Association 1998 State Individual Events Speech Contest conducted Friday and Saturday on the RLC campus was **Brad Long**, the son of Title III Curriculum/Evaluation Specialist **Joan Long**.

**Brad** is a sophomore at the University of Illinois. He was assisting his former DuQuoin High School coach, **Allan Kimball**, co-tournament manager.



Condolences to the family of **Ada Douglas Whittington**, 80, who died February 12 in Missouri Baptist Hospital, St. Louis. The widow of **John D. Whittington**, was a major contributor to the RLC Foundation through an endowed scholarship.

## /// Birthdays ///

- Lisa Payne (2/23)
- Alice Badger (2/26)
- Christy Jean (2/27)
- Diane Metzger (2/28)
- David Warner (3/4)
- Shannon Perkins (3/6)
- Jennifer Zinzilieta (3/7)
- Doug Carlson (3/10)
- Ellen Kirsch (3/13)

# NOTICES:

## Academic Council to meet March 3

The Academic Council is scheduled to meet Tuesday, March 3, at 4 p.m. in the Student Center Executive Board Room.

The agenda:

- Academic Computer Issues
- Orientation Course Update
- LRC Survey from Learning Resource Committee (The survey will be sent after the LRC Committee meets February 26)

- Course packets from the Curriculum Committee

- Faculty Development Proposal (please bring any revisions for recommendation).

Members include Academic Council Chairman **Steve Kennett**, **Sharon Beasley**, **Cindy Corn**, **Charles Dickens**, **John Fisher**, **Ro Hoar**, **Therese Howard**, **Maurice Kirsch**, **Paula Lainfiersta**, **Lynda Laningham**, **Vickie Lewis**, **Rob Little**, **Chris Nielsen**, **Wilanna Patton**, **Ed Ruffino**, **Dr. Steve Tietz** and **Terry Wilkerson**.

Others are welcome to attend.

## LRC Committee convenes February 26

The five-member Learning Resource Center (LRC) Committee will meet Thursday, February 26, at 4 p.m. in the Executive Board Room of the Student Center.

LRC Committee members are **Charles Dickens**, **Tina Grounds**, **Rob Little**, **Mike Mullen**, **Dr. Steve Tietz** and Academic Council Chairman **Steve Kennett**.

## Student Orientation Committee to meet

A meeting of the Faculty Committee on Student Orientation will take place Tuesday, February 24, at 4 p.m. in the Student Center Executive Board Room, according to an announcement by Academic Council Chairman **Steve Kennett**.

Members of the committee include **Debbie Bennis**, **Doug Carlson**, **Barb Davenport**, **Dave Ellingsworth**, **Rob Little**, **Chris Nielsen**, **Lynn Nimtz**, **Ed Ruffino**, **Kent Sickmeyer**, **Carolyn Stewart**, **Dave Vinyard**, **Lisa Volk** and **Kevin Weston**.

## MARTIN'S FOOD SERVICE

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<i>Specials</i>	<i>Specials</i>	<i>Specials</i>	<i>Specials</i>	<i>Specials</i>
<b>DINNER</b> \$4.19 Polish and Kraut 2 Vegetables Roll Small Drink	<b>DINNER</b> \$4.19 Meatloaf 2 Vegetables Roll Small Drink	<b>DINNER</b> \$4.19 Country-Fried Steak 2 Vegetables Roll Small Drink	<b>DINNER</b> \$4.19 Smothered Chicken 2 Vegetables Roll / Drink	<b>DINNER</b> \$4.19 Fish Fillet (2) 2 Vegetables Roll Small Drink
<b>SANDWICH</b> \$2.99 Cheeseburger FF/Veg/Chips Small Drink	<b>SANDWICH</b> \$2.99 Grilled Tuna Melt FF/Veg/Chips Small Drink	<b>SANDWICH</b> \$2.99 Chicken FF/Veg/Chips Small Drink	<b>SANDWICH</b> \$2.99 Philly Beef and Cheese FF/Veg/Chips Small Drink	<b>SANDWICH</b> \$2.99 Tenderloin FF/Veg/Chips Small Drink

Hours / 7:30 am - 1:30 pm

# B. Davenport, C. Hamilton, L. Cox share expertise

Associate Science Professor Barb Davenport, who has served the past year as South Regional Coordinator for the Illinois Community College Faculty Association, was recently asked to be the Vice-President of Membership and Delegate Affairs for ICCFA for the coming year.

"I would encourage any member of the faculty who has a concern or any issue for me to take to the ICCFA to contact me," Davenport said. The best way to do so would be with a note through campus mail, she indicated.



Financial Aid Advisor Cindy Hamilton was one of six experts to participate Sunday, February 15, in the first FAFSA Completion Day at John A. Logan College.

The workshop was the southern-most of seven offered throughout the state and was sponsored by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission, the Illinois Association of Financial Aid Administrators and numerous lending institutions.

Along with Hamilton, a representative from Logan and two from both Shawnee College and Southern Illinois University-Carbondale explained the financial aid process to students and their families and helped them complete applications.

Hamilton estimated between 150-200 people in all took advantage of the opportunity. "We had no idea how many to expect. It was very well attended, and people got some valuable assistance," Hamilton said.

The statewide workshops were part of "Financial Aid Awareness Month."

Hamilton was so encouraged by the turnout she returned home to schedule a mini-workshop for 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Student Center Private Dining Area.



"Ruby Redslippers," alias RLC Adult Education Programming Coordinator Linda Cox, was featured in a three-column picture in the *West Frankfort Daily American* February 16 as she told stories to second-graders at Denning Elementary School as part of their Valentine's Day celebration.

"For the past year or so," Cox explains, "around each holiday, Ruby Redslippers has been reading and performing stories for schools and organizations as part of the Skills Center's Volunteers for Literacy program.

"Ruby Redslippers is my often eccentric, always elaborately costumed alter ego. She

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wears red glitter slippers and a velvet hat with a big red rose on it. During her storytelling sessions, Ruby uses props such as stuffed animals and a 'magic bag' to encourage audience participation.

"It's a lot of fun, and it has great rewards. One little girl came up to me after a recent session and said, 'Miss Redslippers, I just want you to know that you're helping me read better.' And that is what it's all about!"

### CLASSIFIED ADS

**FOR SALE - DACHSHUND PUPS**  
AKC-registered black-and-tan Dachshunds . . . two male, one female. Three remaining from litter of four born January 13. Weaned and ready to go home with you! Cost: \$225 each. Contact Cindy Jenkins in the Administration Building (Ext. 331) or at home evenings or weekends, 568-1775.

### HELP WANTED

#### Rend Lake College is seeking a professional **Parent Services Coordinator**

for its Child Care Resource and Referral Program based in Mt. Vernon. The individual selected will develop a plan to improve services to parents; counsel clients and provide references; collect and analyze data, and provide technical assistance to parents and child care providers.

#### QUALIFICATIONS

- Bachelor's Degree from an accredited institution required; Master's Degree preferred
- Day Care Director Qualification required
- Good computer and communications skills required
- Early Childhood or CCRR experience preferred

#### SALARY and BENEFITS

- \$21,000-\$24,000 to start
- Retirement Plan
- 20 paid Vacation Days
- 12 paid Holidays
- Pleasant, challenging work environment
- Excellent Health/Life Insurance coverage
- Free Tuition for employee, spouse & dependents

#### THE APPLICATION PROCESS

- Tentative start date is March 11 (or as negotiated)
- Application Deadline is **Wednesday, March 4, 4 pm**
- For an application packet, contact:  
Cindy Minor, Assistant to the President  
c/o REND LAKE COLLEGE

468 N Ken Gray Pkwy • Ina, IL 62846  
437-5321, Ext. 228 / e-mail - minor@rlc.cc.il.us

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### REND LAKE COLLEGE HELP WANTED

#### Learning Resources / Media Center Director

#### RESPONSIBILITIES

■ Manage the development, coordination, direction and supervision of the learning resource program. Plan, prepare and monitor LRC budget. Recommend and supervise LRC personnel. Develop and implement LRC evaluation process. Coordinate technical components of Distance Learning project and serve as liaison with SICC. Oversee satellite conferences. Coordinate all aspects of TV courses. // Full-time, nonunion position.

#### QUALIFICATIONS

■ Master in Library Science Degree from ALA-accredited school required. Preferred: Experience working in Learning Resource Center and knowledge of distance learning technology.

#### SALARY RANGE

■ \$45,000-\$54,000.

#### STARTING DATE

■ May 1 or as negotiated.

#### TO APPLY

■ Submit application letter, résumé, transcripts and RLC application form (available from President's Office, Ext. 228) to Assistant Cindy Minor by 4 p.m. Monday, March 2.

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## MORE ABOUT >> **Baseball team ranked No. 4 in country**

Rounding out the Pre-Season Top Ten are No. 6 Galveston (TX) College (46-11), No. 7 Cowley County (53-11), No. 8 Mesa (AZ) (38-20), No. 9 Dixie College (UT) (42-15) and No. 10 Spartanburg (SC) Methodist College (46-10).

The Warriors' Great Rivers Athletic Conference rival, Belleville Area, is listed at No. 20 after going 46-16 last season. Triton (24-20), which hosted RLC and Indian Hills in last year's three-way district showdown, and GRAC contender John A. Logan (36-17) are among 20 teams mentioned behind 30 ranked squads.

"I couldn't believe it," Campbell admitted.

"It is always nice to see your program recognized. You try to work hard and get your program to that level, but you also realize how quickly it can end. We'll enjoy it for awhile, but we'll try not to get too wrapped up in it.

"The ranking is not going to win you any games, we know that. In fact, just the opposite is true. Now the others are going to be going after us that much harder. But like I said, we'll take it and enjoy it for the time being. It should motivate us to work even harder."

Soup & Co. will find out whether they are m-m-m-m good beginning March 1 when they are scheduled to open the spring campaign at Dyersburg (TN) State.

They are guaranteed of holding onto the No. 4 pre-season ranking until at least April 8, when the first regular-season poll is released.

The everyday veterans include second baseman and team "MVP" Dan DeMent (Frankfort/Providence Catholic), shortstop Dan Firlit (Orland Park/Providence Catholic), third baseman Corey Cinnamon (Lexington, KY, Lafayette), first baseman/pitcher Jeff Houston (Mt. Vernon), rightfielder Beau Parton (Cincinnati, OH, Elder), leftfielder Jacob Wallace (Owensboro, KY/Daviess County) and utilityman/pinchrunner Jamie

Kitson (Eureka, MO).

Two mound aces were lost by graduation to Southern Illinois University-Carbondale and Southeast Missouri State, but that still leaves righthanders Eric Asbury (Cynthiana, KY/Harrison County) and Brad Turner (Clarksville, IN). Asbury was 10-1 with a 2.22 ERA before going down with an arm injury in the regional.

Sophomore hurlers Chris Bernard (Belle Rive/Mt. Vernon), Tim Gaddis

(Owensboro, KY/Daviess County) and Chris Gray (Okawville), along with sophomore reserve infielders Matt Click (Eureka, MO) and Kris Ferrell (Louisville, KY, Valley) add solid depth.

The Freshman Class is headed by top catching prospect Terry Chisholm, from Brampton, Ontario, Canada; hard-hitting outfielder Matt Eldridge (Greenville, OH) and centerfielder Tony Herrera (Lexington, KY, Tates Creek).

## MORE ABOUT >> **'Open Swim' Friday/Saturday**

The free open swim sessions that had to be canceled earlier this year due to delays in opening the new \$2.6 million Aquatics Center on the Ina campus have been rescheduled.

The public will be welcome free of charge from 6-10 p.m. Friday, February 27, and again from 2-6 p.m. on Saturday, February 28, according to Coordinator Jason Thrash.

"We are extremely proud of this outstanding facility and we are anxious to show it off to as many people as possible," Thrash commented. "We would encourage area residents to take advantage of this opportunity to see for themselves and enjoy it."

College classes already underway include four sections of Arthritis Aquatics and Water Aerobics. Individuals also may register for Aquatic Aerobic Fitness, in which students may progress at their own pace.

Prospective students, especially those looking for potential summer employment at area pools, may sign up for a lifeguarding class that will be offered Friday evenings and Saturdays for 11 sessions between March 6 and April 18.

Both single and family memberships are available. Recreational swimming hours (open to members or the public for an hourly fee) are Monday through Friday, 6-9 a.m., 11 a.m.-2 p.m. and 6:30-10 p.m.; Saturdays, 6-10 a.m. and 2-6 p.m.; and

Sundays, 1-5 p.m. The facility may be rented for private parties as well.

The beautiful new complex adjacent to Waugh Gymnasium includes a six-lane, 45-foot by 75-foot pool with a ramp for accessibility by those who are physically challenged, a 10x20 therapy pool for those seeking therapy treatments and a large whirlpool.

More information regarding the free "Open Swim" Friday and Saturday or Aquatics Center classes and memberships is available by calling 437-5321, Ext. 207, or 1-800-369-5321.

## MORE ABOUT >> **Jones recognition**

to develop a theme for the program.

In addition to Thursday's tribute, Jones was honored by the African-American community and Lively Stone Apostolic Church as an "Outstanding Educational Leader" during a Black History Month celebration Sunday, February 22, at the Rolland Lewis Building at City Park. She was the keynote speaker.

Jones has been responsible for "Project First Class," a HECA Grant project, since it was first funded in November, 1989. The program provides encouragement and incentives for minority students to do well in school and continue their education.

OFFICE SUPPORT STAFF ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND

# Working Women conference May 5-6 at UI

Registration is in progress for "The Biennial Conference for Working Women," billed as the nation's largest - and best - professional development event for women.

Many of the RLC Office Support Staff attend the annual conference conducted each year on the University of Illinois campus at Urbana-Champaign.

Attendees of the one-day conference this year may choose between Tuesday, May 5, and Wednesday, May 6.

Featured will be:

- Naomi Judd, "superstar, author, spokesperson and country singer."
- Bertice Berry, scholar, comedienne, talk show host, entertainer, author and star of "The Little Black Girl Who Did."
- Kate White, editor-in-chief of "Redbook" magazine.

The theme for the 1998 conference is "Solutions."

"Poised as we are on the brink of a

new millennium, what better time than now to talk about the challenges we face and to formulate our individual and collective responses to them," said Lynne Hellmer, founder and national director.

"To help you get started, we have invited an impressive array of speakers and put together a program that is second to none. Over the course of a single incredible day, you will hear from men and women who moved mountains, made choices, faced adversity and formulated strategies ... all in the name of personal growth and professional development.

"You will be motivated, educated, awestruck and inspired by the tales they tell and the techniques they share. And you will go away, we hope, with a better grasp of workable solutions for your most pressing problems."

Other presenters include Debbi Fields, Mrs. Fields of chocolate chip cookie fame; Jill Spiegel, author, relationship expert and television's "Dear

Abby"; Phyllis Schlafly, Illinois attorney, author, columnist and leading critic of America's feminist movement; Sarah Weddington, former Texas state legislator and senior assistant to President Jimmy Carter; Emmy-winning broadcaster Kathy Kerchner, and Craig Karges, an "extraordinist, who recognizes the potential of the human mind to boost creativity and improve performance."

RLC Communications Specialist Ginger Hogan (Ext. "0") is a member of the Advisory Board and is serving as the Rend Laker College contact person for conference registration and information.

Those planning to attend should get their registration information to Hogan as soon as possible. The conference traditionally fills to capacity very quickly.

The college pays the fees for Office Support Staff who wish to attend. Individual departments generally cover other expenses for their representatives.

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Faculty and staff are wanted, as well as students, for an Intramural Co-ed Volleyball Tournament to be held Wednesday, March 4, beginning at 4 p.m.

Each six-person team should have at least two female members.

Individuals who do not have a team but would like to participate can check with Intramural Director Cindy Corn for possible placement.

Team rosters should be turned into Corn in advance.

Snacks and beverages will be provided for all participants. RLC Intramural T-shirts will be presented to winning team members.

Any Rend Lake College student and members of the faculty or staff are encouraged to join the fun. Participants should meet in Waugh Gymnasium at 4 p.m. on March 4.

## RLC cage squads both open post-season play on the road

Post-season tournament action begins away from home in the next few days for both the Warrior and Lady Warrior basketball squads.

The RLC Warriors are seeded No. 3 in the Region XXIV Division II Tournament, which will be played in its entirety at Danville Area. They received a first-round bye and will play the winner of No. 6 John Wood versus No. 11 Shawnee at 6 p.m. Sunday, March 1. The winner of that game will return for the 7:30 p.m. semifinal Saturday, March 7, with the championship Sunday, March 8, at 3 p.m.

Spoon River is the top seed, followed by host Danville Area.

The men "are playing better at this stage of the season than any team I've had," according to sixth-year Head

Coach Tim Wills, who saw his troops close with four straight wins to finish the regular season at 15-15.

Perhaps more remarkable, Wills & Co. finished 7-7 in the Great Rivers Athletic Conference as the only Division II entry (no room-and-board scholarships) in a league dominated by national Division I contenders. One of champion Kaskaskia's two GRAC losses was to the Warriors.

Coach Ronnie Ressel's Lady Warriors are 15-14 with one game left.

The RLC gals are seeded fifth in a nine-team Region XXIV Division I field and play at No. 4 Wabash Valley at 7 p.m. March 2 in Mt. Carmel.

Olney Central is the No. 1 seed, Belleville Area No. 2 and John A. Logan No. 3.

**PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL**  
**2/10/98**

**OUTCOME ASSESSMENT**

Sue Trammell and Sue Tomlin attended the President's Council meeting to discuss outcome assessment. Sue Trammell stated the committee had been formed last July. She explained why the committee was formed, how student academic achievement is defined, and how NCA evaluates an assessment plan. Sue stated it is not just enough to do program review; assessment of student learning had to be across the general education program. Sue Tomlin presented a "Statement of General Education" that had been generated by the RLC Assessment Committee with feedback from the faculty. Sue stated the goal is for authentic assessment integrated into the classroom. Departments will now determine which general education goals fit into their areas so every general education area will address one or more of these goals. Ultimately, a student completing a general education degree will be exposed to, and assessed for, every general education goal at least once before the end of his or her program. Sue felt this process would be a matter of formalizing what the faculty members are already doing. Sue stressed this plan is faculty written, owned, and administered. Steve Tietz would like the plan endorsed by the Board of Trustees and put into the catalog after it had been presented to the faculty.

**ENROLLMENT**

Nancy Kinsey distributed an enrollment report listing reimbursable credit hours beginning in 1993 through 1997. Nancy explained the S3 report data is submitted to ICCB 30 days after the end of the semester. Classes begin at all times throughout the semester so the college is allowed 30 days after the end of the semester to compile the data. Midterm class list information is used for this report. Rend Lake College was down 2 percent this fall compared to last fall. Rend Lake College is currently down 4 percent by 10<sup>th</sup> day spring. However, Nancy stated figures will fluctuate before the end of the term. A member of the council asked how RLC compared to other community colleges with regard to enrollment. Nancy responded that unofficially she understands other area colleges are down approximately 1 to 2 percent.

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Mark Kern stated the decrease in enrollment was cause for concern but not alarm. Mark then expressed his opinion regarding the perceived competition between Rend Lake College and another local community college. He quoted a statement from our college's founding president: We are a small college and we cannot be all things to all people; however, what we are going to do, we are going to do well. Mark stated good employees have a passion for their work, and our employees make Rend Lake College great. According to Mark, thanks to the original board and founding president, James Snyder, Rend Lake College was the first college in the state of Illinois to complete its original master plan. This occurred in 1972. Southeastern Illinois College and Shawnee College are still trying to complete their original master plan.

**OTHER**

Wayne Arnold announced the Aquatics Center had opened on Monday, February 9, and this week and weekend all students, faculty, and staff could swim for free.

John Homan announced the Illinois High School Association speech contest would be held on campus on Friday and Saturday, February 20 and 21, 1998.

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.



## NOTICE OF ELECTION

NOTICE OF ELECTION IS HEREBY GIVEN FOR REND LAKE COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES STUDENT BOARD MEMBER.

Qualifications for the Student Board Member are:

1. a. The student board member must reside within the Rend Lake College district.
- b. At the time of election and during service as a Trustee, the student board member must be a Rend Lake College student enrolled in at least six credit hours.
- c. The student board member cannot be a full-time employee of Rend Lake College District 521.
- d. The student board member must have an overall grade-point average of 2.0 or better at the time of election and during service as a Trustee.
2. If the student board member fails to maintain the above stipulations, the student will be removed from office; the office will be filled in accordance with Board policy.

A Petition, the Statement of Candidacy, the Statement of Economic Interests and the qualifications and rules can be obtained from the Student Services Office in the Administration Building from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The first day for filing Petitions with the Student Services Office in the Administration Building is Wednesday, February 18, 1998. The last day to file is Monday, February 23, 1998, at 4:00 p.m. The last day for withdrawal of a candidate will be Wednesday, February 25, at 4:30 p.m. Ballots will be ready for inspection at noon on Friday, February 27, 1998.

The Election will be Tuesday, March 10, and Wednesday, March 11, in the South Oasis from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and in the Administration Building from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Absentee voting will take place in the Student Services Office on Monday, March 9, 1998, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Dated: February 10, 1998.  
Marvin Scott, Secretary, Board of Trustees  
Rend Lake College District No. 521

## Blood draws at BioTech this week

RLC full-time employees (and spouses) who did not have blood draws done for lab testing prior to last week's In-Service may still do so this week, either in Benton or Mt. Vernon, according to Allied Health Department Chair Wilanna Patton.

They may stop by either of the BioTech Labs in Benton or Mt. Vernon during normal business hours February 23-28. Appointments are not necessary.

Participants should not eat or drink anything for at least 12 hours prior to the blood draw.

Testing is free of charge for all full-time college employees.

Spouses or dependents of RLC employees may take advantage of the blood draw and lab workup at a reduced rate of \$37.45, payable at

the time of the draw. If not part of the group rate, the same procedure for CZP and CBC lab work would normally cost \$102, Patton said.

PSA testing for prostate cancer is optional for any male and costs \$35 for everyone who chooses this option, regardless of whether the individual is the employee or spouse. (The usual fee for this test is \$66.)

As it was done last year, also, results will be mailed directly to the individual and/or a designated physician, if so requested. Copies of the lab results will not be made available to anyone else on campus, Patton emphasized.

Questions regarding the procedure should be directed to Patton at Ext. 225.

## /// F.Y.I. Briefs ///

Parkland College is planning a Spring Symposium on April 20-21 at Jumer's Hotel in Urbana.

The symposium - "Creating Inclusive Classrooms, Schools and Colleges: New Theories, New Strategies" - will feature Milton Bennett, Sara Bullard and Geneva Gay.

Bennett, Director of the Intercultural Communication Institute in Portland, OR, is the author of *The Developmental Model of Intercultural*

*Sensitivity.*

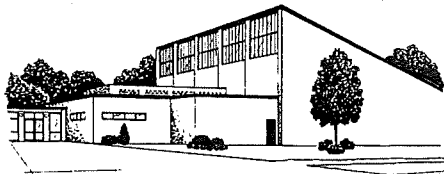
Bullard is the former editor of "Teaching Tolerance," a magazine for educators produced through the Southern Poverty Law Center, and author of *Teaching Tolerance: Raising Open-Minded, Empathetic Children.*

Gay, a professor at the University of Washington and author of *The Essence of Learning: Multicultural Education*, is a respected scholar in the areas of curriculum theory, African-American culture and multicultural education.

In addition to the keynote presentations, the Spring Symposium April 20-21 will feature a number of roundtable discussions highlighting new theories and strategies for creating inclusive classrooms, schools or colleges being used by Illinois educators.

For more information, contact Pauline Kayes, Director for Multicultural Education, or Lorena Johnson, Diversity Education Specialist, at Parkland College, (217) 351-2541.

# Open Swim!



**FREE to the public . . .**  
**FRIDAY,**  
**FEBRUARY 27**  
**6-10 PM**  
**SATURDAY,**  
**FEBRUARY 28**  
**2-6 PM**

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# REND LAKE COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES – FEBRUARY 10 MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

## **Academic Calendars approved next two years**

Approved the official Academic Calendar for years 1998-99 and 1999-2000. Both academic-year calendars meet the requirements of the Illinois Community College Board and the local Illinois Federation of Teachers union contract.

## **Vending, food service contracts to be bid**

Granted permission to seek bids for contractual vending and food service arrangements for the period beginning August 1, 1998, to June 30, 2001. The current contractual arrangements in place for vending and food service expire July 30. The college is legally required to bid these services.

## **Student Board Member Notice of Election**

Approved a Notice of Election for the Student Board Member in accordance with the Illinois Public Community College Act. The student board member, who casts an advisory vote, serves a one-year term beginning with the April Board meeting. Notice of Election will be published in the student newspaper, the *RLC Times*, the internal staff publication, Rend Lake College F.Y.I., and in district newspapers. The election is scheduled Tuesday, March 10, and Wednesday, March 11, from 8 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Absentee balloting will take place Monday, March 9, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Petitions are available from the Student Services office in the Administration Building. Petitions may be filed between Wednesday, February 18, and Monday, February 23.

## **Changes in Employee Advertising Guide**

Approved revisions to the Administrative Procedure regarding the Advertising Guide for Full-Time Employees, making the procedure more generic in order to give the college greater flexibility in its advertising options.

## **Tenth-Day Report: Headcount up, hours down**

The Board was provided with a Tenth-Day Comparison chart reflecting enrollment Spring Semester 1998 which showed total headcount up 7%, or an increase of 209 students to 3,070, thanks to an 18% gain in part-time students, but overall credit-hour generation down 4% when compared to the previous spring, with 25,239.5 hours compared to 26,173.5 for Spring '97, or the equivalent of 1,682.6 full-time students presently.

## **Dinner, meeting include special guests**

The regular monthly meeting was preceded by dinner with members of the RLC Student Senate. Representatives of the student body able to attend were President Greg Hollmann (Mt. Vernon), Josh Haile (Belle Rive), Nicole Hargett (Benton) Russell Jay (Benton), Kevin Loucks (Tamaroa), Ashley Stewart (Benton), Alisha Treece (Benton) and sponsor Lynn Nimtz.

Illinois Community College Trustees Association Executive Director Gary Davis had dinner with the group and then addressed Trustees during the open session. He announced the ICCTA fall meeting and Presidents' meeting will be hosted by Rend Lake College September 11-12 at the Holiday Inn in Mt. Vernon. The meeting itself lasted 1 1/2 hours, with 30 minutes in executive (closed) session.

## **Alice Badger leaving; position to be advertised**

Accepted with regret the resignation of Alice Badger as Child Care Resource and Referral Parent Services Coordinator, effective February 27, and authorized external advertisement for the full-time, grant-funded, nontenure-track position at an annual salary of \$23,000. Ms. Badger has accepted the position of Supervisor of Treatment Foster Care for Lutheran Child and Family Services in East St. Louis.

## **Resignations from Chismar, K. Richardson**

Accepted with regret the resignations of two other full-time employees:

- Beverly Chismar, Big Muddy River Correctional Center Administrative Assistant, effective February 20.
- Kenneth R. Richardson, Security Guard, effective January 31.

## **Reclassification for CCRR's Sherry Somers**

Approved the reclassification of Sherry Somers from an office support position to that of Subsidy Services Coordinator for the Child Care Resource and Referral program to more accurately reflect the role and responsibilities of her position. The change is effective February 11.

## **Busby, Byars hired as Child Care Specialists**

Accepted an Office Support Staff Report indicating the recent hirings of two Subsidized Child Care Specialists in the Child Care Resource and Referral program – Rita Busby, as of January 26, and Kathryn Byars, effective February 9.

## **Office Systems' Vickie Lewis granted tenure**

Granted tenure, effective Fall Semester 1998, to Office Systems Technology Instructor Vickie Lewis, who is completing her third year of full-time teaching at Rend Lake College.

## **Revisions to Administrative Procedures**

Approved revisions to Administrative Procedures regarding:

- Job descriptions reflecting changes for the position of Director of the Child Care Resource and Referral grant project and for a new academic support staff position, Child Care Resource and Referral Subsidy Services Coordinator.
- The addition of two administrative assistant positions – for both Title III and Title IV grants – under Level I of the classifications for full-time Office Support Staff employees.

## **Coming: Valentine Dance, Board Workshop**

Were reminded of two upcoming events:

- The free Valentine Dance sponsored for the sixth year in a row by the RLC Foundation. It will be held from 8-11 p.m. Saturday, February 14, at the Benton Civic Center and will feature the big-band sounds of "Sessions," a group from the St. Louis area.
- The annual Board/Staff Workshop set for Saturday morning, February 21, at the Executive Inn in Paducah, KY.



## /// F.Y.I. Briefs ///

Rend Lake College was off the air one year (too much fun?!?) . . . but we're back!

Volunteers from the college will once again help WSIU-TV Channel 8 with its annual pledge drive.

The good news. It is prime time . . . 7-8:30 p.m.

The bad news. It will be on Friday the 13th (March), just before the start of Spring Break.

"People who have helped with this event in the past have always had a good time," noted Dr. Sue Tomlin. "In fact, we had so much fun one year they took us off their call-back list the following year. Just ask Steve Tietz if you want details."

If you would care to help, please contact Dr. Tomlin at Ext. 288 before March 4.



Found: A black umbrella with a large, curved handle the day after Spring In-Service. Sound familiar? Check with Shelley Meacham in the Career Center.



## Menu for week of March 2-6 . . .

### MARTIN'S FOOD SERVICE

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<i>Specials</i>	<i>Specials</i>	<i>Specials</i>	<i>Specials</i>	<i>Specials</i>
<b>DINNER</b> \$2.99 Beef Manhattan Small Drink	<b>DINNER</b> \$4.19 Chicken and Dumplings 2 Vegetables Roll Small Drink	<b>DINNER</b> \$2.99 Chicken Tenders 2 Vegetables Roll Small Drink	<b>DINNER</b> \$4.19 Turkey 2 Vegetables Roll Small Drink	<b>DINNER</b> \$4.19 Pork Stir Fry Egg Rolls (2) Small Drink
<b>SANDWICH</b> \$2.99 Chicken FF/Veg./Chips Small Drink	<b>SANDWICH</b> \$2.99 BBQ FF/Veg./Chips Small Drink	<b>SANDWICH</b> \$2.99 Sloppy Joe FF/Veg./Chips Small Drink	<b>SANDWICH</b> \$2.99 Cheeseburger FF/Veg./Chips Small Drink	<b>SANDWICH</b> \$2.99 Fish FF/Veg./Chips Small Drink

**Hours / 7:30 am - 1:30 pm**

## /// F.Y.I. Personals ///

Nick Lemay, the son of Teen Parent Services Case Manager **Sharon Richardson**, was a member of the Mt. Vernon Township High School Speech and Acting Team that recently won the 25-school Egyptian Forensics League Championships and then served as a co-host for last weekend's IHSA State Individual Events Speech Contest on the RLC campus.

The Egyptian Forensics League championship was the first for MVTHS in seven years.

The Illinois High School Association state tournament attracted representatives from 85 schools, approximately 1,500 students and 2,000-3,000 participants in all.

The IHSA Finals were videotaped for later broadcast by Public Broadcasting Service.

Among Southern Illinois students qualifying for state competition were nine from MVTHS, 10 from Benton, six from Carbondale, six from DuQuoin, one from Anna-Jonesboro and two from Marion, many of those in two events.



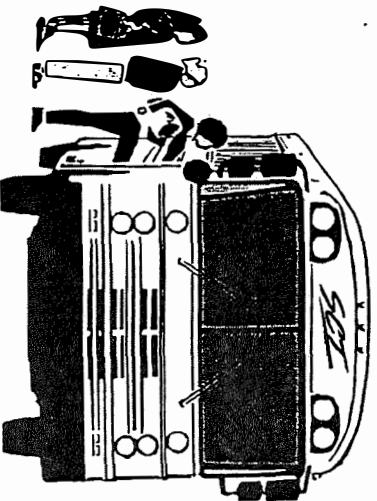
Retired RLC Dean of Vocational-Technical Education **Carroll Turner** is running for a seat on then Franklin County Board from District #1 in the March election.

A Franklin County resident since 1970, Turner says in his newspaper advertisement . . .

"Now retired, I have the time and experience to serve the county as a member of the County Board. I have a varied background in administration from both farming and educational experiences . . .

"I am prepared to attend the meetings and will work to bring job training and economic development grants to Southern Illinois. I am devoted to helping all of us in Franklin County."

Turner narrowly lost in his bid for a spot on the RLC Board of Trustees last November.



# NEED A RIDE TO REND LAKE COLLEGE? Try the Shuttle

**South Central Transit** offers shuttle service from selected sites in Mt. Vernon to Rend Lake College, Monday through Friday, when classes are in session. No need to call ahead, just be at one of the pick-up sites listed below at the designated time. Fare is \$2.00 per one-way trip, \$35.00 for a monthly pass.

<u>Pick-up sites</u>	<u>Times</u>
Sunshine Center .....	7:00 am
Country Fair (10th Street) .....	7:10 am
Times Square Mall (Main Entrance) .....	7:20 am

Arrive at Rend Lake College ..... 7:50 am  
in time for 8:00 am classes

Pick-up at Rend Lake College ..... 3:30 pm  
Returns to Mt. Vernon sites in reverse order  
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**ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING**  
**February 3, 1998**

**PRESENT:** Cindy Corn, Charles Dickens, John Fisher, Steve Kennett, Maurice Kirsch, Paula Lainfiesta, Lynda Laningham, Vickie Lewis, Rob Little, Chris Nielsen, Wilanna Patton, Ed Ruffino, Steve Tietz, Terry Wilkerson, and Becky Williamson

**ABSENT:** Sharon Beasley, Ro Hoar, and Therese Howard

**GUESTS:** David Wicks and Joe Rust

Call to Order. Steve Kennett, Chairman, called the meeting to order.

David Wicks. Steve introduced David Wicks, the Title III Educational Technology Specialist. David is setting up a Faculty Development Center in LRC 142. The center will have upper end software and hardware. He can help faculty with creating web sites, presentations in linear or more interactive methods, or basic software. He is presently compiling the survey that was sent to faculty. He will be setting up a training program in various software that we have or will acquire. Four faculty members have received mini grants to develop a course on the Internet, and he will be helping them to set up their web page.

David can be reached at Ext. 287. For voice mail, dial 400-99#-287.

Steve Tietz reported that the mini grants were projects covered under the Faculty Development Plan. This year there wasn't much time and no plan was in place, so we found four people. In the future, there will be a formal application process.

Accessibility of Textbooks. Steve Kennett asked how many had a problem with textbooks this semester, and there were several. Steve Tietz asked that everyone work with Mary Braden and remind her of the problem this year. He reported we are seriously exploring the possibility of renting textbooks. It would require us using textbooks for three years.

Committee Reports. Steve Kennett reported on the committees.

Policy & Procedures: It hasn't met.

Orientation - Ad Hoc Committee: It met twice last semester and once in January. It is not completed.

LRC Committee: It hasn't met yet, but they will try to meet in the next few weeks.

LRC Director. Steve Tietz reported we have put out an ad for LRC Director with a March 2 deadline. Everyone on the LRC committee will be on the search committee - Charles Dickens, Mike Mullen, Tina Grounds, Rob Little, Steve Kennett, and Steve Tietz.

Guide to Faculty Development. A draft copy has gone out to faculty, and they should direct comments to their Academic Council members. There will be a vote in March. Listed below are comments that were made on the document.

**Faculty orientation course:**

How many students in a class?

Could it be dealt with in mentoring instead of a course?

Would there be different instructors?

Steve Tietz's responses:

It is not mandatory for part-timers now, but may change.

Let Faculty Development Committee assign a different instructor every year. Might find someone that's very good at it.

Course probably mandatory for new faculty members, full-time and part-time, within first year.

For those faculty members already here, full-time and part-time, the course would be optional.

**Page 5. Section VII. Faculty Development.**

Prerogative of CEO what can be for salary movement.

Academic Council Constitution probably needs to be revised.

Steve Tietz's response:

He thought we would attach the plan to the full-time faculty handbook.

**Reading group compensation:**

Haven't came up with compensation.

**General comments about document:**

Would like everything written out.

Want something binding.

Steve Tietz's responses.

It could be in the policies and procedures if everyone agrees.

It could be in the union contract if everyone agrees.

He would like for everyone to work with it for a while and then make it official.

He would like to wind up with a good Faculty Development Plan in place that both faculty and administration will be proud of.

**Computer Training:**

The new document limits computer training to six (6) hours.

**Mentoring:**

Might cause cliques.

Might increase moral.

**AID and VIP:**

They are not mentioned in the document, but they are covered under work experience in the union contract.

**President's Cabinet:**

Steve Tietz reported that the cabinet would look at the document in the next week or two.

**Faculty Development Center:**

The mini grants are funded through Title III for five (5) years. If they work, we should be able to continue with the \$10,000 from institutional funds.

Faculty Excellence Award. The nominations are due by Friday, February 13.

Adjournment. Rob Little made a motion to adjourn.

**SATELLITE PROGRAMS AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING - MARCH, 1998**

<b><u>PROGRAM TITLE</u></b>	<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>AGENCY</u></b>	<b><u>COST</u></b>
1. HOPE IS A LITERATE WOMAN	MARCH 4	PBS	\$ 50.00
2. LITERACY CHANGES LIVES	MARCH 4	PBS	\$ 50.00
3. MARKETING TO THE STUDENTS OF TOMORROW	MARCH 4	PBS	\$275.00
4. INQUIRY-BASED LEARNING: AN INTRODUCTION	MARCH 5	PBS	\$150.00
5. BACK FROM THE BRINK: SAVING AMERICA'S CITIES BY DESIGN	MARCH 6	PBS	\$ 50.00
6. PREVENTING SECOND BIRTHS TO TEENAGE MOTHERS: DEMONSTRATION FINDINGS	MARCH 6	CCSN	\$ FREE
7. TEACHERS AND THEIR TOOLKITS FOR THE FUTURE	MARCH 6	CCSN	\$236.00
8. NEW URBAN RENEWAL: RECLAIMING OUR NEIGHBORHOODS	MARCH 6	PBS	\$ 75.00
9. INQUIRY-BASED LEARNING: FOUR VIDEO LESSONS	MARCH 11	PBS	\$150.00
10. UNCOMMON KNOWLEDGE	MARCH 12	PBS	\$175.00
11. DEAF PRESIDENT NOW: PULSE OF THE PEOPLE	MARCH 13	CCSN	\$ FREE
12. BEYOND WALL STREET: ART OF INVESTING	MARCH 13	PBS	\$100.00
13. ENGLISH WORKS!	MARCH 18	PBS	\$150.00
14. CHANGING CULTURE OF THE WORKPLACE	MARCH 18	PBS	\$125.00
15. SMALL BUSINESS 2000, SERIES 3	MARCH 20	PBS	\$175.00
16. JOBS: A WAY OUT & JOBS: CLASS OF 2000	MARCH 25	PBS	\$ 50.00
17. TECHNOLOGY: AUTOMOBILES, WIND & SOLAR ENERGY	MARCH 25	CCSN	\$FREE
18. SCHOOL-TO-WORK TRANSITION, PARTS 1 & 2	MARCH 25	PBS	\$225.00
19. E-RATE: IMPLEMENTATION, HOW TO SPEND \$2.25 BILLION FOR EDUCATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS	MARCH 26	PBS	\$250.00
20. EVERYBODY WINS: BUILDING ALLIANCES FOR GREATER GAIN	MARCH 26	CCSN	\$ FREE
21. MATH BASICS	MARCH 27	PBS	\$595.00
22. COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN COURT IMPROVEMENT: ENHANCING COURT PERFORMANCE ON BEHALF OF ABUSED AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN	MARCH 31	CCSN	\$ FREE

RESEARCH-EDUCATION

# Community colleges high schools of future?

BY KAY SHIPMAN

FarmWeek

Where will future generations of high school juniors and seniors attend class? Community colleges, perhaps?

Some Illinois educators are speculating community colleges will instruct more of those students in order to meet both their needs and those of their communities. As evidence, they point to many existing community college programs and classes that have high school student participants.

James Ward, University of Illinois professor of education administration, is one of those who sees the line blurring between the upper grades of high schools and community

colleges. Historically, high schools were the "people's college" but that role now is being filled by community colleges, which are more flexible and in touch with the job market, Ward noted.

"If I wanted to find out about high tech, I would go to a community college," Ward said.

Lakeland College in Mattoon is a case in point. The college offers high school students automotive, agriculture, and other vocational courses that aren't feasible for some high schools, said David Greeson, Lakeland's vice president of academic services.

Many community colleges coordinate distance learning programs that allow students to take a class taught else-

where.

While some college faculty teach high school students through distance learning, that technology also allows high schools to share instructors, said Thomas Thomas, president of Illinois Central College in East Peoria. Illinois Central plans to add more distance learning sites, which one day may include all the schools in the county.

Thomas called community colleges "catalysts" of new education methods and said the colleges can be education leaders in partnership with high schools.

Today community colleges are offering high school students a range of options.

For example, students may earn dual high school credits

and Lakeland College credits in classes that meet certain criteria. Although new in Illinois, dual credits have been offered in Minnesota for several years, said Robert Luther, Lakeland College president.

"As we look toward the future, the State Board is calling for more cooperation (between community colleges and high schools) and more tracks (options) for students," Luther said.

However, Illinois community colleges are not just working with high school academic achievers or those training for a career.

Blackhawk College in Moline supports three alternative schools for high school students who have difficulty in traditional high schools, said

Susan McBride, Blackhawk's vice president of academic affairs.

McBride noted community colleges and high schools have two distinct missions. While the two may be partners and work more closely, "I don't see the elimination of either," she said.

One benefit of a community college is that a student can live at home and have access to greater educational opportunities, said the U of I's Ward. He added a 30- or 40-mile trip isn't an unreasonable driving distance by today's standards.

For rural areas that are resisting consolidation, community colleges offer the opportunity for a wider breadth of classes, he said.



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By GREGORY NORFLEET  
Register-News

INA — A new organization at Rend Lake College allows students to meet Christians on campus.

Members of Brothers And Sisters In Christ say one of the nicest things about the non-denominational group is finding out the person passed on the way to class is actually a Christian.

"I like the Christian fellowship," said Wayne City sophomore Katie Smith, who has been coming since the first meeting, on Oct. 15. "It's nice to see a face and know 'That's a Christian'."

Sara Holz, a freshman from Mt. Vernon, agreed.

"It makes my day to see somebody" who is a Christian, Holz said, adding she has made friends with a lot of people she would not have known otherwise.

"I think they're a great group of people," she said. "It's a lot of fun."

The group's origin was in September 1997 during the national See You At The Pole campaign. SYATP started as high schoolers gathering around the flagpole at their school to pray for the community and nation. It quickly expanded to include adults and students at all grade levels. It was at SYATP that Kevin Arnett, an RLC freshman from Zeigler, announced that he wanted to start an on-campus Christian group.

At that time, Robert Mooney, a sophomore from Wayne City, and Tiffany Champ, a sophomore from Mt. Vernon, were the only two to come forward of the 10 to 15 that turned out for SYATP.

Mooney and Champ came up with the name, borrowing it from a group they were involved with at Mt. Vernon Township High School. Arnett was named president, Mooney became vice president and Champ became secretary/treasurer.

Champ said she secured two sponsors the day after a meeting where the group was in the cafeteria, laughing and listening to the song "Jesus Freak" by DC Talk. In the counselor's office on the balcony-type second floor, counselor Sara Davenport and secretary Pat Dietrich overheard the meeting. Champ, who works for Dietrich, was asked about the group. After she explained it, the two offered to serve as sponsors, allowing the opportunity for BASIC to be an official on-campus group.

### Starting work

The three students then blanketed the campus with posters announcing the weekly meetings: Mondays, 4 p.m. in the cafeteria. The first meeting had 11 people in attendance, said Arnett, and the crowd quickly grew to about 20 members. Many of the now regulars were at SYATP when Arnett made his announcement, he said.

Arnett said the group is for "a seeker or believer" and Champ said members of the RLC staff and faculty are welcome.

Unlike a university where the majority of students live on or near campus, RLC students commute from sometimes more than 30 minutes away in all directions, making it more difficult to spend time building friendships. That being so, the group begins each

# It's simply B.A.S.I.C



## Rend Lake College students discover it's nice to find a Christian

meeting with an icebreaker.

In Monday's icebreaker, with the group sitting in a circle, students had to give their name and "favorite wattage of lightbulb," announced Mooney.

The students then exchanged prayer requests and others volunteered to pray specifically for them.

Volunteers take turns giving a message or leading a discussion each week. At this meeting, Ryan Steed, a freshman from Bluford, spoke on two parables from the Book of Luke. The first parable, taken from Chapter 6, was on judging others, and the second parable, from Chapter 8, was "a Lamp on a Stand," which tied in nicely with the icebreaker.

### like a light bulb

"What wattage are you for Christ?" asked Steed rhetorically. Steed likened a Christian to a glow-in-the-dark object and God's Word to a light bulb. If you hold the object before the light bulb, like a Christian reading the Bible, then you turn out the light, the object

will glow brightly at first, but then dim with time.

Steed admitted to the group he does not have a specific time for God each day, "thus, I can not 'glow' as brightly as I could for God."

### Finish with prayer

The meeting officially ends with prayer, but several students lingered afterward just to talk.

Steed said he feels comfortable giving a talk in front of the group because he has been attending so long he knows everyone to some degree.

Terah Trusty, a freshman from Zeigler, said living so far from campus, she appreciates finding "genuine" friends since she's on campus every day.

Trusty said she likes the atmosphere of the meetings.

"It's laid back," she said. "It's not like a hellfire thing."

BASIC took the place of another Christian group that was short-lived at the two-year



Gregory Norfleet photos  
Rend Lake College students gather in prayer at a meeting of B.A.S.I.C., top. B.A.S.I.C. opens and closes each meeting with prayer. Ryan Steed, above, a freshman from Bluford, spoke on two parables out of the Book of Luke at a Monday meeting. Group members take turns giving talks or leading discussions at the meetings. Katie Smith, center in photo to the left, a sophomore from Wayne City, and Sara Holz, right, a freshman from Mt. Vernon, bow for prayer with the rest of the group at the beginning of the BASIC meeting.

community college.

BASIC has grown large enough that it has established a second meeting time during the week to accommodate students who only attend classes that fall on Tuesday and Thursday. The second meeting in the week is Thursdays at 2:30 p.m. in the Academic Building, room 109. Only two people made it to the first Thursday meeting on Jan. 29, but that's because it had only been established two days earlier and most of the current members did not know about it.

### The future

Arnett said that in the future he would like to see the organization work more in the community, get more people involved, conduct programs for the school and visit more churches.

Kylie Watts, a freshman from Ina, said she finds it easier to witness to non-Christians on stand up for Christian beliefs because she knows there are "other people who believe what you do."

Trusty agrees. "It's cool to know that somebody else is a Christian and you're not by yourself," she said. "It helps you keep in line."

# Why viewing students as consumers is pernicious

By Charles E. Snare

**T**he idea of the student as consumer has become influential at many colleges. The analogy assumes that education is a product to be sold. Students exchange money for knowledge.

The college becomes responsive to consumers—students—who are shopping for the best education. Happy consumers signify that the business of education is successful. Also, student evaluations of professors influence who teaches, as the consumers indicate which professors are the “best.” As

we know, most colleges require evidence of teaching effectiveness (i.e., high student evaluation scores).

Although seemingly appropriate, the student-as-consumer analogy is harmful. It lowers quality, refocuses valuable resources, encourages passive learning, and undermines social and civic values.

In the consumer view, the responsibility to students’ learning rests solely on the college and the professor. However, it is not the job of the professor to row the boat but to provide students with the oars (the skills) to propel the boat. The consumer model forces

colleges to traverse the lake at any cost—even if the professor must row the boat.

Ultimately, the consumer approach is pernicious. Employers will not pander to every employee’s desire and want. On the contrary, the employee will have to adapt to the demands of the marketplace and the employer. Colleges that embrace the consumer approach deceive students about how the world truly works.

The student-as-consumer model undermines social and civic values—because a degree can be bought. The values of hard work, responsibility and persistence are not encouraged. Instead, we

should teach students that mastery of a subject comes at the price of sweat and diligence. Similarly, at the civic level, students need to understand that democracy is a hard-fought battle that requires persistence and responsibility. The consumer model has ignored these values.

A better model is the apprentice relationship in which quality is determined by the master. Colleges are not selling a product; rather students are earning the right to proclaim that they have met the standards and possess certain skills. Resources are focused on learning.

Although this does not ensure

active learners, at least it does not encourage passive learning and waste. There is a price for requiring learning: low enrollment and more temporarily dissatisfied students and some parents who will complain vociferously—until students are in the work world. However, emphasizing learning will serve the true consumers—taxpayers, parents and employers.

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# F.Y.I. Week ahead FEBRUARY-MARCH

## MONDAY / 23rd

- Biology, 8-9:30 am (Theatre) • S. Illinois Literacy Council, 10 am-Noon (SC/EBR) • Children's Center Meeting, Noon-1:30 pm (SC/EBR)
- Department Chair Meeting, 1:30 pm (SC/EBR) • Child Care Interviews, 2:30-5 pm (SC/EBR) • BASIC, 4-5 pm (SC)

## TUESDAY / 24th

- GRAC Meeting, 10 am-1 pm (SC/PDA) • Food/Vending Pre-Bid Meeting, 10-11 am (SC/EBR) • Foundation Investments, 11 am-1 pm (SC/EBR)
- "Latin American History" TV, 3-4 pm (ACA 106), 6-7 pm (ACA 108) • Orientation Committee, 4-5 pm (SC/EBR) • Culinary Arts, 6-10 pm (SC)
- "Grant Writing," 6-9 pm (SCI 106) • "Intro to Flight," 6-9 pm (ACA 109) • "Parenting Training," 6-9 pm (ACA 208) • "Theatre," 6-9 pm (Theatre)

## WEDNESDAY / 25th

- Biology, 8-9:30 am (Theatre) • Student Services, 8:30-10 am (SC/EBR)
- Phi Theta Kappa, Noon-1 pm and 4-5 pm (ACA 106) • Assessment Committee, 3-4 pm (SC/EBR)

## THURSDAY / 26th

- McKendree College, 11 am-6:30 pm (ACA 108) • Phi Theta Kappa, Noon-1 pm and 4-5 pm (SCI 110) • BASIC, 2:30-3:30 pm (ACA 109)
- LRC Committee, 4-5 pm (SC/EBR) • "Creative Writing," 6-8 pm (ACA 102) • "Grant Writing," 6-9 pm (SCI 106)
- "Assertiveness Training," 6-9 pm (SCI 117)

## FRIDAY / 27th

- Tech Prep, 8 am-3:30 pm (SC/PDA) • OPEN SWIM (Free to the public), 6-10 pm (Aquatics Center)

## WEEKEND / 28th & 1st

SATURDAY - Rend Lake Resort/North Benton Baptist, 9 am-8 pm (SC) • OPEN SWIM (Free to the public), 2-6 pm (Aquatics Center)

SUNDAY - Baseball, RLC at Dyersburg (TN) State (2), 1 pm

- Men's Basketball, No. 3 RLC vs. No. 6 John Wood/No. 11 Shawnee winner in quarterfinals of Region XXIV Tournament at Danville Area, 6 pm

## MONDAY / 2nd

- "Biology," 8-9:30 am (Theatre) • "Health"/"Nutrition" TV, 9-10 am (ACA 108) and Noon-1 pm (ACA 106) • BASIC, 4-5 pm (SC)
- Assessment Committee, 4-5:30 pm (SC/EBR) • Women's Basketball, No. 5 RLC at No. 4 Wabash Valley in Region XXIV Tournament, 7 pm

## TUESDAY / 3rd

- Food/Vending Bid Opening, 10-11 am (SC/EBR) • "Health" TV, 11 am-Noon, 1-2 pm, 6-7 pm (ACA 108) • Academic Council, 4-5:30 pm (SC/EBR)
- Instructional Chairs, 1-2 pm (SC/EBR) • Baseball, RLC at East Central (MO) (2), 1 pm • Men's Tennis, RLC at Lewis & Clark in Godfrey, 3 pm
- Culinary Arts, 6-10 pm (SC) • "Intro to Flight," 6-9 pm (ACA 109) • "Parenting Training," 6-9 pm (ACA 208) • "Theatre," 6-9 pm (Theatre)

## WEDNESDAY / 4th

- "Biology," 8-9:30 am (Theatre) • Student Services, 8:30-10 am (SC/EBR) • "Health" TV, 10-11 am, Noon-1 pm and 3-4 pm (ACA 206)
- S.I. Career Deans, 1-3 pm (SC/PDA) • Technology Enhancement, 2-4 pm (SC/EBR) • Advisory Council to the President, 4-5 pm (SC/EBR)

## THURSDAY / 5th

- Ag Science Fair, 8 am-3 pm (Theatre) • "Health" TV, 9-10 am (SCI 116) and 6-7 pm (ACA 106)
- Baseball, Three Rivers (MO) at RLC (2), 1 pm • Softball, Lewis & Clark at RLC (DH), 2 pm • BASIC, 2:30-3:30 pm (ACA 109)
- FCAE / SIU Advisory Council Meeting, 5-10 pm (SC) • "Creative Writing," 6-8 pm (ACA 102) • "Assertiveness Training," 6-9 pm (SCI 117)

## FRIDAY / 6th

- "Health" TV, 8-9 am (ACA 108) • Choate Mental Health, 8:30 am-3 pm (SC/PDA)

## WEEKEND / 7th & 8th

SATURDAY - Baseball, Lewis & Clark at RLC, 1 pm • Women's Basketball, Region XXIV Tournament at John A. Logan

- Men's Basketball, Region XXIV Division II Tournament Semifinals at Danville Area, 5 pm and 7:30 pm

SUNDAY - Baseball, East Central (MO) at RLC, 1 pm • Women's Basketball, Region XXIV Tournament at John A. Logan

- Men's Basketball, Region XXIV Division II Tournament Finals at Danville Area, 3 pm

