



REND LAKE COLLEGE TIMES

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By the students, for the students.

RLC Dominates The Statewide Art Exhibition

FYI

Rend Lake College students apparently were not content just to host the annual Illinois Community College Juried Art Exhibition, which they will do February 2-26 for only the second time the statewide competition has come to Southern Illinois.

They tried to dominate the show as well.

Art students from the host college claimed four of the top eight awards presented by Juror Ed Shay and will have on display 35 of the 91 works accepted from 202 pieces entered by representatives of seven community colleges statewide.

Ryan Robinson of Joliet Jr. College received "Best of Show" recognition with his green-tinted landscape photograph, entitled "Placio Place."

But Rend Lake College entries took first-place honors in four categories:

Painting, a folk art work in oil by relative newcomer James A. Simmons (McLeansboro), "Winter Lake."

Ceramics, where Simmons was working in a more familiar media and produced the winning "Group of Boxes," as one of only two double-winners.

Printmaking, in which "Later That Night," a monoprint, made a winner out of Tommy Miller (Sesser).

Jewelry, with Jennifer Melton (Mt. Vernon) winning with her copper "Eyeball Necklace."

Other firsts went to John A. Logan's Robin Foster in Drawing for "Purdy School," in oil slick and soft pastel;

Moraine Valley's Francisco Rodriguez in Photography for "Acetic," and Sam Janusouskas of Kankakee in Sculpture for "Aftermath."

The juror, a watercolorist and Professor of Art at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, awarded firsts and honorable mentions only, except in the highly competitive Photography category. Kankakee students earned second-place and third-place ribbons in that competition with "Nude" by Tonya A. Procida and an untitled piece by Lisa Conrad, respectively.

Similarly, art students under the direction of RLC Professor Sarah Capps and Associate Professor Therese Howard grabbed half of the eight honorable mentions given:

Nila Tanner (Pinkneyville) was singled out for her watercolor, "Flora."

Janice Threatt (Belle Rive) had her efforts rewarded for an oil painting, "Early Spring."

Brenda W. McCollum (Benton), winner of "Best of Show" the last time RLC hosted the statewide exhibit in 1996, settled this time for Honorable Mention for a watercolor, "Past Pleasures."

Sarah Streiff (Mt. Vernon) was saluted with the same honors for her oil, "Winds."

Also taking Honorable Mentions were Rodriguez (Moraine Valley) in Photography for "Sunday Dream," Laura Emme (Kankakee) in Sculpture for "Fire and Ice," Jenni McNett (Joliet) in Pen and Ink for "Wolf vs. Mankind," and Sean Cowger (Joliet) in Ink

for "We Could be Cut Down Like Corn."

All seven colleges submitting entries will be represented in the exhibition, with the three institutions that take turns housing the event easily heading the field. Exactly half of the 70 entries from RLC were accepted, along with 26 from Joliet Junior College (78 entries), and 22 from Kankakee Community College (39 entries).

Moraine Valley entered three pieces and had all three accepted, while Sauk Valley had both of its entries accepted. John A. Logan will have two works exhibited after entering three, and Southeastern Illinois will be represented by one piece (seven entries).

The Illinois Community College Juried Art Exhibition will be available for viewing in the RLC Learning Resource Center Monday through Thursday, 7:45 a.m. - 9 p.m., Fridays from 7:45 a.m. - 4 p.m., and Saturdays from 8 a.m. - noon, during the month of February.

A closing reception, at which time Juror Shay will be present to make comments and give critiques, will be held from 1-3 p.m. Friday, February 26, in the Learning Resource Center on the campus of RLC. Awards will be presented at that time. Refreshments will be served.

"Two years ago, at Kankakee, we swept the Watercolor category with a first, second, and third, but I don't remember one college ever having this kind of success overall," commented RLC's Capps, a highly

acclaimed artist in her own right.

Four RLC students will each have three works on display. They include McCollum, with a torn-paper collage and an acrylic/natural elements piece, "Season's End," in addition to her Honorable Mention: Threatt, with her watercolors, "Hostas and Hydrangeas" and "Marilyn's Zinnias," along with her Honorable Mention; Jan Gali (Thompsonville), with watercolors, "Columbine" and "Little Cowboy" and an acrylic, "Burning Bush," and Robert Pina (Zeigler), with an oil, "Autumn," and an acrylic, "Landing on Martha's Vinyard" and a mixed oil and acrylic "Garden View - San Simeon."

Five more from RLC, in addition to Simmons, will have two examples of their artwork on display: Sandra S. Kahl (Thompsonville), with a mixed piece of printmaking and jewelry, "Floral Remembrance," and a work done in 3D sculpture, "Concrete Quilt"; Melton, with a sterling silver/ brass/ onyx "Dragonfly Necklace," along with her first in jewelry; JoAnn Mondino (Benton) with an acrylic, "Natures Beauty," and an oil, "Our Red Dogwood"; Janet Sue Parrish (Dix) with an oil, "Moments," and a mixed media works, "Renae at the Beach," and Sara Scott (Mt. Vernon), with a sterling silver piece, "Iris Pin," and a blue board, "Van Gogh Remastered."

Single entries were chosen from Kristen Dains (Mt. Vernon), for her relief/ embossment, "The Good. The

Bad, and The Just Plain Ugly"; Douglas Evans (Mt. Vernon), for a pen and ink, "Love Conquers All"; Justin Evers (McLeansboro), for his embossment/intaglio, "Happy Sun/ Mad Moon"; Ginnie Sloan Gesell (Whittington), for an oil painting of "A Memory"; Yeong S. Kim (Benton), for her pencil drawing, "Line Variation"; Bryan Patterson (Mt. Vernon) for a pen and ink, "Down In It"; Daisy Rollinson (Opdyke), for an embossment on handmade paper, "Song of a Gemini" and Janet Witges (Scheller), for her untitled pen and ink.

Attention Graduates

Your

applications are due Friday, March 5, 1999.

The fee is \$20.

Apply at the admissions and records office.

Phi Theta Kappa Members

It is now time to order your Phi Theta Kappa stole for the RLC May 14 graduation ceremony.

Please see Jeannie Mitchell in the Counseling Department to place your order. Payment of \$13.50 is due at the time of your order.

NOTICE OF ELECTION

Notice of Election is Hereby Given For Rend Lake College Board of Trustees Student Board Member.

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 last day to file is Friday, February 26, 1999, at 4:00 p.m. The last day for withdrawal of a candidate will be Wednesday, March 3, 1999, at 4:30 p.m. Ballots will be ready for inspection at noon on Friday, March 5, 1999.

The Election will be Tuesday, March 9, and Wednesday 10, 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 8, 1999, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

REND LAKE COLLEGE THEATER PRESENTS "MEET ME IN ST. LOUIS"

Sarah Roberts
Staff Writer
William Garretson
Student Writer

The Rend Lake College Theatre will be performing "Meet Me in the St. Louis" as their annual spring musical. This musical is the classic story of a girl in love with the boy next door. The story takes place in the time of the 1904 World's Fair in St. Louis. The classic musical is based on the lives of the Smith's, a mid-west family enjoying day-to-day living during the time when everything was a bit brighter and days seemed to last longer. The biggest event to take place for the family is to visit the Louisiana Purchase Expedition.

The main focus of the musical is on the four Smith sisters: Rose, played by Robin George, who wants to get married and live the life of her mother and father. Ester, portrayed by Ellie Atwood, falls in love with the boy next door. Tootie, played by Lacey Jo Vervellino, who is the youngest sister with a penchant for burying her dolls in the backyard. Agnes, played by Brittney Schmitt, the tomboy of the four sisters, enjoys embarrassing her older siblings any chance she gets. Lon, played by Adam

Kee, is the only son. In the play, he returns home from college for social gatherings. The household is completed with the maid Katie, featuring Sara Wilkinson. The father, Mr. Alonso Smith, is played by David Wicks.

Mr. Smith is offered, and accepts, a promotion. This means that the family will have to move to cold metropolis, New York City. Mr. Smith is struck with the pain his family experiences when they find that they have to pack up from their midwest city and leave the family and loved ones behind. Many dramatic events take place and the father realizes that removing his family from their home would mean destroying happiness and their families' foundation.

"Meet Me in St. Louis" is a funny, fast paced musical, suitable to all ages and fun for the entire family. Tracey Brouillette, director of the musical says, "I chose this production because it is a good family show with a good message. I feel theatre is important to informing and educating, as well as stressing certain forms of life."

"Meet Me in St. Louis" was written by Hugh Wheeler. Music and

lyrics were created by Hugh Martin and Ralph Blane.

Julie Wilkerson is directing the orchestra for the musical. "It is exciting that RLC is providing an outlet for people," Wilkerson said, "to use their talent both on and off stage."

Some of the songs included in the musical are "Meet Me in St. Louis," "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas," and "Skip to My Lou".

The scenery is being designed by Dave Wicks. Teresa Howard is offering her assistance in painting the scenes. According to Brouillette everyone is getting involved in helping to make the musical a success.

The tickets for the performance go on sale February 9. Adult tickets for the show are \$10, Senior Citizens \$8, Students \$5, and Children get in for \$5.

Opening night for the musical is Thursday, March 4 at 7:30 PM. The show continues through March 7 with shows on Friday and Saturday at 7:30 and Sunday at 2:00. For reservations, contact the Rend Lake College

Theatre Box Office at 618-437-5321 or 800-369-5321 ext. 295.

See you there!

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*Fundraiser for Cheerleaders
and Women's Golf
March 4 (Thurs.)
at 1:00 til 4:30 p.m.
March 5 (Fri.)
from 9:00 til 2:00
in Student Center*

Witthoft Arrives on Campus

Clinton Jones
Staff Writer

The Distance Learning Department has another member added to its staff this semester. Andrea Witthoft has now joined the program and settled in.

Andrea hails from Anna and holds a B.S. in Workforce Education and Development from SIUC.

After spending seven years with Shawnee Community College, Andrea has come to RLC to begin work as the new Distance Learning/Media Technical Specialist. It is her job to make sure that all Distance Learning operations run smoothly and correctly.

Trouble-shooting problems and making sure that everything is in working order is a high priority in the Distance Learning classes.

The classes consist of many high tech. computers in campuses located throughout the lower Illinois region running in unison with video and audio to allow classes from one location to participate with classes far away.

Already, Andrea is working with Distance Learning facilities at Rend Lake College, Benton High School, Mt. Vernon High School, and a variety of other locations.



STARS Day Dance Held This Friday

Gina McClerren
Student Editor

National Trio Day is a day that was set aside by the 1986 Congressional Resolution to focus on the needs of disadvantaged young people and adults who wish to make their lives better.

In honor of this day, the S.T.A.R.S. program will be holding a dance in the North Oasis Pit for their students from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. on the 26th of February.

During the first hour activities which have been planned by the S.T.A.R.S. staff will take place, and the music and food will start at 7 p.m.

The music for the dance will be provided by Kristina Bickel. Bickel also provided the music for last years campus Halloween party.

If you are a S.T.A.R.S. student and need more information contact the S.T.A.R.S. staff in the North Oasis.

1999 PAUL SIMON
STUDENT ESSAY CONTEST

The Illinois Community College Trustees Association's PAUL SIMON STUDENT ESSAY CONTEST provides a one-time \$500 scholarship to the student who best describes "How My Community College Has Changed My Life."

CONTEST RULES

All currently enrolled students at ICCTA member colleges are eligible to participate in the 1999 Paul Simon Student Essay Contest at the local level. However, each ICCTA member college may enter only **ONE** student essay in the statewide competition each year.

Each essay must be brief (less than 500 words), typed, and address the theme "How My Community College Has Changed My Life." Each entry will be judged on the basis of writing style, grammar and punctuation, clarity of expression, and relevancy to the topic.

★ Failure to follow these rules will result in the disqualification of an essay ★

CONTEST DEADLINES

All essays must be received by 5 PM, FRIDAY, APRIL 2, 1999. The winner of the 1999 Paul Simon Student Essay Contest will receive a \$500 cash stipend for educational expenses during the fall 1999 semester. In addition, ICCTA will reprint the winning essay in the *Illinois Trustee* newsletter and invite the winner to attend the association's June 18, 1999, awards banquet in Lincolnshire (with mileage and banquet costs reimbursed by ICCTA).

All nominations and support materials should be sent to:

Illinois Community College Trustees Association
401 E. Capitol, Suite 200
Springfield, IL 62701-1711
FAX: 217-528-8662

• For more information, please contact Kim Villanueva at 217/528-2858, ext. 1 •



Security Notes

Clinton Jones
Staff Writer

Warning Rend Lake College students, the fuzz is watching. That is right, Jerry Bate and the Security force is on patrol and issuing tickets. Jerry had some warnings, advice, and notices for all Rend Lake College students.

Jerry wants it to be known that radar is running and is being used all over campus. 22 tickets have been issued so far.

Speed signs have been posted in both parking lots on the light poles. The speed limit in parking lots is now set at 15 mph. Be very careful in the lots and use sense. Complaints are still coming in about persons driving over medians in parking lots and also about double parking. Tickets will be issued for these violations.

It seems that there is

still the problem of littering all over campus. We would like to remind everyone that this is the students as well as the faculty's campus. Please respect others and use those big cans, they are known as garbage cans.

Students should also be aware of the Child Care Center and its patrons. Watch out for small children as well as your fellow students.

Jerry would also like to express his concern for all students in the upcoming month. Jerry would like anyone of legal drinking age that partakes in drinking activities to be safe and always have a designated driver. Also, Spring Break is closing fast and it is a time of fun and also of danger. Every year at this time, the news bears unfortunate stories of Spring Break accident. Have fun, and be safe. Just remember, Big Brother is watching.

South Oasis Remodeling Is Finally Finished

Doug Daniels
student writer

The South Oasis at Rend Lake College finally opened its doors again less than two weeks ago, after being closed off to students and faculty, outside the offices contained there. And now, it is once again open, complete with improvements galore.

Near the end of the Fall Semester of 1998, the South Oasis at Rend Lake College was beginning to look quite rough, with tears in the carpeting and tables and chairs that were literally falling apart. "One of the tables would lean if you put any amount of pressure on it at all," said one student about the condition of one table, "and one chair, the back was falling off the frame."

"The carpet was ripped in spots and had many stains on it," said the student.

So the week of final exams, Rend Lake College closed the South Oasis, and workers began to As the days turned into Attention Rend Lake College Student:

make the needed improvements. to most students, this came unexpected, as they were forced to choose other options in between classes. Most of the students who rested in the South O relocated to the student center, while others chose the North Oasis or the library. This gave a probable boost to cafeteria sales, as on the South side of campus, there were no longer any snack machines.

When students, in general, returned from Winter break, they assumed the Oasis would be up and running again. However, this was not the case. Students once again had to explore other options between classes, and the Student Center became a very crowded location at most times. One student said, "During lunch hours one day, I came in there with some people, and there wasn't even one open table, and I had to walk through and go somewhere else."

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weeks, students began to wonder, "What is taking so long?"

I was hoping all this wait would really be worth it," said a student.

Finally, the Oasis has reopened. Included in the improvements are new tables and chairs, new floor covering, and the walls have been repainted. A student in the Oasis said, "It's about time."

Another student said, "The new floor is very nice, and the cushioned chairs in the corners are comfortable."

These chairs replaced the orange plastic ones that has been there before. "The tables could be a little bit bigger, but overall, I like the improvements," said another RLC student, "I'm just glad to be able to come in here again."

And so, was the wait really worth it? Only time will tell. For now, students are just happy to be back in the Oasis, and glad to have the snack machines back once more.

On **March 22, 23, and 24, 1999** Rend Lake College will be hosting representatives from the North Central Accreditation (NCA) team. This team's purpose is to evaluate institutions of higher education to assure development and maintenance of high standards of excellence. An institutional accrediting team evaluates an entire institution in terms of its mission and accredits the institution as a whole.

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT TO YOU?

Accreditation assures students that Rend Lake College will provide quality programs. With accreditation, students are offered educational opportunities and experiences to obtain essential skills and competencies. This results in students being able to compete effectively in the job market or transfer to four-year universities.

Several events will take place within the next few weeks. Look for "Road Sign" flyers with contest questions. Prizes will be awarded weekly. Mark your calendar for Tuesday and Wednesday, March 9 and 10. Rend Lake College will host an informational session in the Student Center with a free lunch for those in attendance.

On **March 22, 23, and 24** all eyes will be on Rend Lake College. Please join me in efforts to welcome and educate the NCA team so they can learn what we already know: Rend Lake College is the BEST!

Sincerely,

Mark S. Kern
President

WARRIOR SPORTS

RLC Men's and Women's Golf Teams Prepare to Tee Off For Spring

Jim Middleton
Student Writer

The Rend Lake College men's golf team is looking forward to the tough Spring schedule and the NJCAA National Championship. Coming off a good fall season, winning 7 of 9 tournaments including a record fourth in a row Region XXIV championship, the spring schedule consists of four regular tournaments and The National Championship. The first tournament is being held in Tyler, Texas on February 22 and 23. The host of the tournament, Tyler Junior College, is the four time defending National Champs and winner of the Rend Lake Invitational in the fall. The next tournament is hosted by Navarro Junior College on March 8 and 9 at South Padre Island, Texas. This tournament consists of the top three Division I teams in the nation and the top team in Division II. The third tournament of the spring is hosted by Central Alabama Junior College. This tournament consists of mostly the same field as the Navarro tournament. The last regular season tournament of the spring is hosted by Shelton State Junior College on April 12 and 13. Head Coach Dave Smith said, "for the first time in two years I feel we have a good

spring season. We are entered in two of the three premier junior college tournaments in the nation."

The two tournaments are Central Alabama and Navarro, which consists of the top teams in the nation from both divisions. "I have hope everyone will be ready to play by our first tournament," said Coach Smith, "and will be good by mid March."

The Warriors are especially excited about the addition of the Navarro tournament to an already great spring schedule. The tough competition and the opportunity to fly to an island in the Gulf of Mexico should be one of the major highlights in the spring of 1999.

With a year and a half under the sophomores' belts and the fall experience of the freshmen, the team should be able to be very competitive against the top teams around the country at these prestigious events. With a lot of hard work and some exposure to the competition that will be seen at the NJCAA National tournament, the golfers should be able to make a run for their first national championship.

The Rend Lake College golf roster includes five sophomores, three of whom were members of

the squad that finished in sixth place at the 1998 NJCAA National Championship. Trent Hudgens, Jimmy Middleton, and near miss All-American Chad Penman were all part of last year's effort. Brandon Bullard and Jerrod Capps are also second year players, but fell short of qualifying for the national contest last year. To go along with these sophomores are four very talented freshmen that virtually carried the team to it's seven wins in the fall campaign. The player with the best average in the fall was Jeremy Riedelberger. He won the Lincoln Invite and had two runner up finishes as well. Brian Kolmer, winner of the ICC tournament in Peoria and runner up at the Region XXIV tournament was also a very important part of the Warrior team. Dan Johnson, a transfer from Wallace-Dothan in Alabama, had a good fall campaign that included a win and many top five finishes. Zach Mayhew rounded out the freshmen effort with a very consistent fall that helped the team get it's seven wins.

The combination of the sophomore's experience and the freshmen's talent should produce a great spring season filled with good scores and maybe even a national title.

Trent Hudgens
Student Writer

The growth in women's golf has influenced the Rend Lake College board to approve the formation of a girl's golf team in the fall of 1999.

The popularity in women's golf has expanded rapidly over the last few years. This growth has not only been in adults, but also in the younger generation. This increase in acceptance has triggered many colleges, universities, and also high schools to start girls golf teams. This is the primary reason that Rend Lake College decided to sponsor the increasingly popular sport.

Cindy Corn, who presently teaches health and physical education classes at RLC, has been selected as the coach of the girls' golf team. She is exceedingly qualified for the job having played golf since she was a child. Corn comes from a family of golf pros. She knows the ropes of girls' college golf well, being a college golfer herself. Corn has been recruiting girls from around the area. She has awarded five scholarships thus far for the upcoming year.

As of now, the team consists of five talented

golfers, Julie Presley (West Frankfort) Stephanie Eller (Terre Haute, IN), Candice Vogt (Salem), Megan Mostel (DeSoto), and Nonie Ehlke (Highland).

These girls will not only have to practice golf, but also meet the requirements to maintain their scholarships. They must sustain at least 12 credited hours a semester and a GPA of 1.75 for the first year. During the second year, they must uphold 12 credited hours with a GPA of 2.0.

Amongst these girls, Presley was the first official Rend Lake Golfer to sign. "I am honored to be involved with the new girls' golf program at Rend Lake College." says Presley. "I am also excited to be considered the first player, of what I hope will evolve into a great organization."

Presley chose RLC for several different reasons, one being the success of the men's golf team. She also believes that RLC provides a good education for her career requirements. The last reason is the people at the college are friendly and welcomed her with compassion.

The Lady Warriors will be in swing of things in the fall season of 1999.

Lady Warriors to Wrap-Up Season Soon

Heather Cassidy
Student Writer

The Lady Warriors will wrap up their regular season play in the week to come.

In preceding weeks, Rend Lake has fallen to its last four opponents.

Tara Sanford led the Lady Warriors with 19 points

against Southeastern Illinois College. Dana Baird and Dee Wildermuth also scored double digits for the home team with 12 and 11, respectively. However, the team combined only knocked down 45% of their shots from the floor, just under SIC's 47%. Rend Lake could have

compensated for the victory, however, they struggled from the line, only hitting 56% of their free throws. SIC knocked down 88% of their charity throws to hold on for the win, 74-60.

In the game against Olney Central College, Rend Lake's defensive game kept them

within reach of the win but could not convert on the offensive end.

OCC averages just under 90 points a game but the intensity of the Lady Warriors' defense held them to 55.

Rend Lake struggled to knock their shots down as they had only one player to

score double digits. Dee Wildermuth led the team with 12 points. She also pulled down 11 rebounds, six of them being offensive.

The game ended with SIC on top, 55-38.

Rend Lake also lost on the road to conference rival John A. Logan, 74-61.

