



# REND LAKE COLLEGE TIMES

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By the students, for the students.

## Making A Successful Transfer

**Ed Ruffino**  
*Academic Counselor*

Many students plan to transfer to a four-year college or university after attending Rend Lake College. In order to make a successful transition from Rend Lake College to the four-year school of their choice, students need to be aware of the transfer process and the factors which can influence how their Rend Lake College courses will transfer.

In most cases, students planning to transfer to a four-year college or university should complete either the Associate of Arts or Associate in Science degree at Rend Lake College. The type of degree, AA or AS, a student will complete is usually determined by the student's intended major. For example, an Education major will most often complete an Associate of Arts degree, while a Business major will usually complete the Associate in Science degree.

Most public four-year colleges and universities in the state of Illinois, and many others out of state, recognize the completion of the Associate degree for the fulfillment of lower-division general education requirements. Students should be aware, however, that the completion of the Associate degree does not automatically fulfill all general education requirements for a specific major. Students should review their transfer school's catalog and consult with their advisor regarding major requirement. In addition, a visit to the transfer school prior to the completion

of the student's second year at Rend Lake College is highly recommended. Catalogs are available for review in the Rend Lake College Counseling Center. Most four-year colleges or universities also provide a website on the Internet.

Students who plan to transfer to an Illinois college or university prior to completion of the Associate's degree should complete the IAI (Illinois Articulation Initiative) General Education Core. The IAI Gen. Ed. Core requires the completion of 37-41 hours of specific general education courses. The IAI General Education Core is recognized by over 100 public colleges and universities in Illinois as fulfilling lower-division general education requirements. Again, completion of the IAI General Education Core does not automatically fulfill general education requirements for a specific major.

The requirements for the completion of the AA degree, AS degree, and the IAI General Education Core are outlined in the Rend Lake College catalog. Students entering Rend Lake College beginning Summer 1998 and thereafter will follow degree requirements outlined in the 1998-2000 RLC catalog. Students who enrolled at Rend Lake College prior to Summer 1998 will follow the 1996-1998 RLC catalog.

Students can prepare for successful transfer by deciding on their major transfer school as early as possible. This will allow their counselor or faculty adviser to recommend the best courses

possible to fulfill both degree, IAI, and major requirements. While changing a major and choice of transfer school is a normal part of the education process, students should be aware that changing their plans does have a direct impact on the way courses they complete at Rend Lake College will transfer. For more information about transfer requirements, contact the Rend Lake College Counseling Center.

### WHAT IS NCA?

North Central Association, is one of five accrediting organizations of high schools and colleges in the United States.

## RLC Times Coming To The Internet

**Clinton Jones**  
*Staff Writer*

Another year has come and gone, and a new year begins. With that new year comes changes. The Rend Lake College *Times* will also be experiencing those changes. Soon the *Times* will be found on the Web. Yes, that's right, we are planning to launch ourselves into cyber-space.

This will by no means be a replacement for the existing newspaper. The Web will provide an additional venue for the

staff of the RLC *Times* to publish their articles.

Not only will students be able to read the articles that appear in the newspaper, but we plan to include new features found only in the on-line version. Stay tuned for those changes.

It seems that everyone is now on the Web. We here at the RLC *Times* thought that it was about time to join the masses. Soon we will be up and running, but until then, keep reading, and we will keep you informed.

## Wood Donates Largest Contribution in RLC History

**Gina McClerren**  
*Student Editor*

The RLC foundation received the largest donation in the history of the college last December at the annual Foundation dinner.

The funds were willed to the college by Mr. William M. Wood of Mt. Vernon in honor of his sister, Vermadel Wood. The \$400,000 gift will enable several students to receive scholarships based on financial need and scholastic ability.

Mr. Wood decided to will his property, a house and a few tools, to the college in

1987 after he was touched by the care he received from the nursing students during a hospital stay.

When Wood died last June his modest estate had been enhanced by an inheritance from his sister, who died in 1993.

The money will be placed in a trust and the interest earned from it will be used solely for scholarships. These scholarships may be applied to tuition costs, textbook and material expenses, room and board, housing, and transportation.

The scholarships will be given for a one year period, however a student may receive it two years in row.

The scholarship is to be called the "Delta Theta Tau Vermadel M. Wood Scholarship". The name is to recognize Miss. Wood and her involvement with the Delta Theta Tau sorority.

Miss. Wood was an educator who taught for in the Mt. Vernon school system for 40 years.

The scholarship should be available to RLC students next spring.

**Randall Shively**  
 Director: Physical Plant  
 To all the faculty, staff  
 and students:

The maintenance staff are near completion on the South Oasis project. All we lack is some ceiling work and installation of the light fixtures in the hallways. The light fixtures should be here any day. We have had several people involved with this project from the early stages of planning to what you see now. We hope everyone is pleased.

I want to lend a "thank you" to all who were involved in the project:

Barb Davenport and Wilanna Patton on communicating to everyone as we needed, and for helping to select the furniture.

Greg Hollman for assisting in the selection of the furniture.

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The entire maintenance staff for the quality of carpentry and electrical work.

The custodial fellows, Bruce Bowen and Roy Simpkins, for cleaning, sealing, and waxing the Terrazzo flooring, producing a great finished appearance.

All the staff and students who had to work around us during the project.

I know it has been a real mess, especially for those who normally live in the South Oasis building. I have heard from several of the maintenance staff how pleasant it has been to work around everyone. We have really appreciated your patience and encouragement during the last few weeks.

**Ed Ruffino**  
 Academic Counselor

Just a reminder to all clubs and organizations:

The bulletin board is available in the student center for the posting of information about your club or organization. The bulletin board is an excellent way for students to obtain information on how to become involved in your club or activity and to keep up-to-date on upcoming events. The bulletin board is located across from the security office.

**Lynn Nimtz**  
 Student Senate Sponsor

RLC's seventh annual Homecoming is set for Tuesday, February 23. Student Senate is again conducting an election for Homecoming Queen. We ask that your club or organization nominate one candidate to represent you in this event. The nominee must be a Rend Lake College student but need not be a member of the club or organization she is representing.

Nominations should be submitted to me via email or to my office in Tec. 174 by 4:00 pm, Wednesday, Feb. 3. Pictures of all nominees will be taken at 12 noon on Wednesday, Feb. 10. The election for queen will be held Wednesday, February 17 and Thursday, February 18. Time and place for the election will be announced at a later date.

The queen and other candidates will be presented at the half-time of the men's basketball game the evening of Feb. 23. Semi-formal dress would be appropriate, and the candidate should have an escort, one that she has chosen or has been chosen by the club.

**Therese Howard**  
 Art Instructor

The Sesser Art Show and Flea Market will be held May 31st to June 5th in Sesser, Illinois. A former Rend Lake College student Amie Petro, is in charge of this year's art activities and has asked that I pass on the word that she will feature and wants to include more Rend Lake College artists in this event. If anyone is interested in having their art displayed in the store fronts, know of an artist who should be included, or are interested in purchasing art, please contact Amie at 625-5162.

\*Art work can contain price tags and business cards.

## ROOMS FOR RENT

College student wishes to rent two rooms in a shared residence. Rooms are fully furnished, kitchen and bathrooms accessible. All utilities included. \$160.00 and \$190.00. Call Troy Chambliss at 244-9945 for more information.

**REND LAKE COLLEGE THEATRE**

*Presents*

**MEET ME IN ST. LOUIS**

Music and Lyrics by  
 Hugh Martin and Ralph Blane

Book by  
 Hugh Wheeler

The classic story of a girl in love with the boy next door, a large, close-knit family at the turn of the century, when the 1904 World's Fair came to St. Louis, and a time when the trolley car was the most popular form of transportation. This funny, fast-paced musical is appealing to all ages and suitable for the entire family.

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### SHOW DATES

Thursday, March 4, 1999 at 7:30 PM  
 Friday, March 5, 1999 at 7:30 PM  
 Saturday, March 6, 1999 at 7:30 PM  
 Sunday, March 7, 1999 at 2:00 PM

### TICKET PRICES

Adults	\$10.00
Senior Citizens	\$ 8.00
Students	\$ 5.00
Children	\$ 5.00



Tickets Go on Sale February 9, 1999!  
 Call the Rend Lake College Theatre Box Office for reservations.  
 618-437-5321 or 800-369-5321 Ext. 295.

Students, did you know you could keep all of your Pell Money? You may get your tuition, books, fees, required supplies, mileage and/ or day care paid by JTPA. Does your household receive food stamps? Have you been laid off from your job in the last two years? Is your household income low? If any one of these answers is yes, give us a call or come by our office in the Industrial Technology Building. It is not too late for Spring Semester! If you receive other grants, this does not disqualify you for JTPA. Contact JTPA at extension. 380, 361, 355, or 345.

## Works By Capps, Stotlar Selected for Art Exhibit

### FYI

When the prestigious exhibit, "Illinois Women Artists: The New Millennium," finally arrives on the Southern Illinois scene a year from this June, it will have a local flavor.

Rend Lake College Art Professor Sarah Capps was informed last week her watercolor painting, entitled "Awakening" is one of 51 pieces chosen for inclusion from over 1,200 original entries from judging throughout the state.

She won't be alone, either. Former student Sue Stotlar

(Benton) will join Capps with her painting, "Good Times," a pastel on tinted watercolor paper.

It is the same select exhibition of contemporary art that opens this April at the Illinois State Gallery in Chicago, then moves September 9 to headquarters of the National Museum of Women in the Arts, in Washington, DC, before returning to Illinois for a statewide tour during the Years 2000 and 2001 with stops in Peoria, Champaign, Normal, Springfield,

Rockford and Quincy, in addition to the local visit to the Southern Illinois Artisans Shop at Rend Lake June 10 through August, 2000.

One other area artist with RLC connections made the first cut of 100 works under consideration. Current art student Brenda Webster McCollum (Benton) received a phone call recently informing her the piece she submitted was not among the final selections.

Slides submitted from four regions - Cook County, Northern Illinois, Central Illinois and Southern Illinois - were judged separately to make up the preliminary list of finalists. Debra Tayes, Assistant Curator of Fine Arts

for the Southern Illinois Art Gallery at Rend Lake, was responsible for narrowing the Southern Region field.

These works were then sent to Chicago, where juror Clare Henry, Fellow of the Royal Society of the Arts, Glasgow, Scotland, did the final judging. Henry has been the art critic for the Glasgow Herald newspaper for the past 17 years. The Final Juror has written a series of monographs on modern British artists and has taught as an art historian specializing in 19th and 20th century visual arts. She also is well known as an arts broadcaster for BBC radio and television.

Competition was open to all women residents of the state

of Illinois. Work submitted for consideration must have been completed within the last two years.

The sponsoring Illinois Committee for the NMWA was formed to assist the museum in its mission to honor women's achievements in all of the arts, both past and present, and to create a greater awareness on the part of the general public of those achievements.

Capps, a Belle River native, received the "Faculty Excellence Award" from the Rend Lake College Foundation in 1987. She has received considerable local, regional, state and Midwest recognition for many years.

## Roe Takes New Position

**Sarah Roberts**  
*Staff Writer*

At the December board meeting, an idea was approved to create and advertise for the position of assistant dean of student services. On January 4, the board approved the hiring of Mary Roe, current director of the STARS program.

As the newly hired assistant dean of student services, Roe will serve as the supervisor of many programs throughout the campus.

Roe will supervise the counseling department, financial aid office, the STARS program, special populations program and the tutoring program.

In relation to her one and a half years of involvement with the STARS program and other previous programs, there will be no interference due to the new position.

Roe has many personal goals and expectations under the new job title.

"Everything I have always done has been student centered, and to me the student is the reason why we are here," Roe said, "and the goals for that position, and for all the other positions and

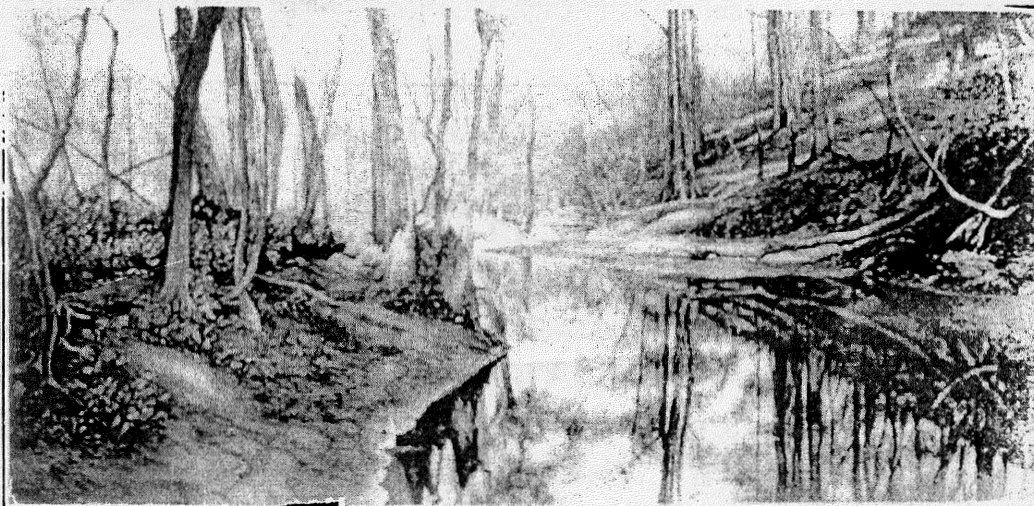
departments that will be reporting to me, will be to improve the services that we provide for students in order to improve the retention of students here at RLC."

"The main thing we will do is to identify the issues, gather some data to find out why students leave," Roe said, "we'll try to find out what services we can provide that might make their stay here such that they will want to remain here to complete their two year degree before they go on."

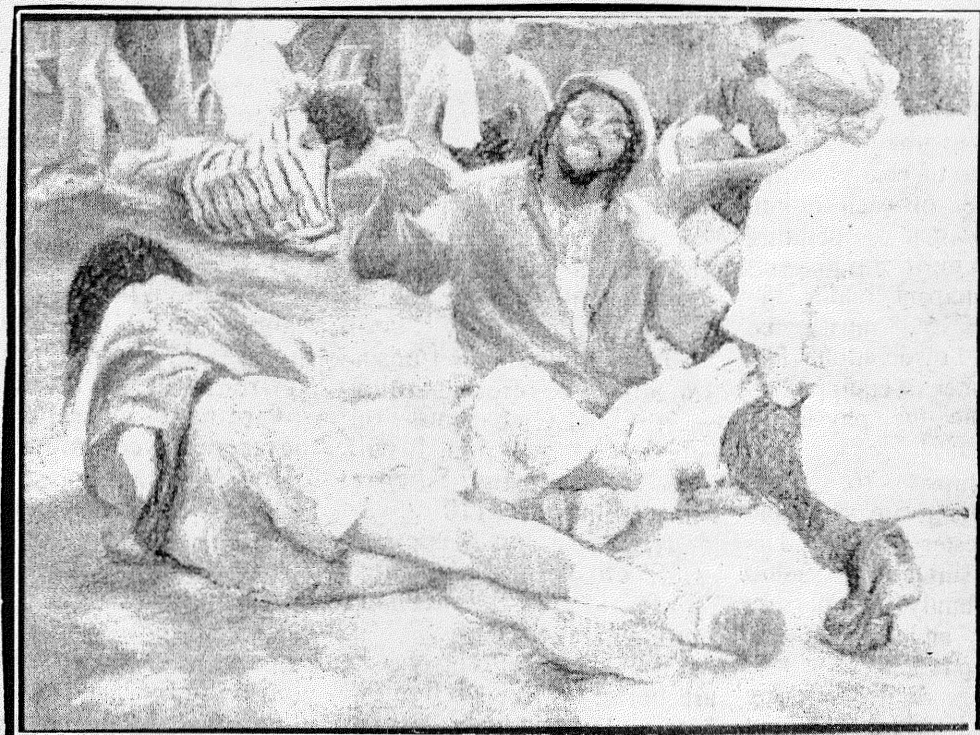
Roe also wants to work very closely with the 'at risk' students, the students that may need extra help, but don't know where to go. Also in the fall there will be a required orientation meeting for all incoming new students. This will be used as a way to identify the students who may need extra attention.

As for an overall opinion of the position so far, Roe is highly enthusiastic.

"I'm loving every minute of it," Roe said, mainly because I'm back working for students again. Because that's the only reason I'm here. I just thoroughly enjoy working with and for the students."



"Awakening" by Sarah Capps



"Good Times" by Sue Stotlar

# Lady Warriors Won't Give Up

Heather Cassidy  
Student Writer

With a record of 10-12, the Lady Warriors are winding down regular season play and looking onto the most important part of their schedule, the region tournament.

With a record just below 500, the team is confident of their capabilities in tournament action. Over the spread of the season, the Lady Warriors have competed closely with conference rivals, displaying full potential to pull off a win in early March.

The Lady Warriors stand 3-8 in the Great Rivers Athletic Conference (G.R.A.C.). The month of January brought several matches between competitors of the same conference.

Two close games against

John A. Logan and Belleville College in early January showed promising ability to defeat the opponent in later scheduled contests. In both of those battles, the Lady Warriors fell just short of victory, losing 76-71 and 66-74, respectively.

In more G.R.A.C. action against the leader of the conference, Wabash Valley, Rend Lake lost by only three points. In that game, Wabash Valley sank 44% of all their shots and the Lady Warriors 40%.

The two most recent games of the season, Rend Lake has won on the road, which is a difficult feat no matter who the competitor is in conference play.

In one of those matches against Lincoln Trail, Tara Sanford (Scott City, MO) led

the Lady Warriors in scoring with 18 points. Andrea Smith (Okawville) sank five 3-pointers throughout the game, adding 15 points to the visiting team's score. Dee Wildermuth (Pinckneyville) controlled the boards with ten rebounds. Rend Lake took that game, 67-55.

In their next victory on the road, the Lady Warriors shot an impressive 66% from the floor to beat Lincoln Land. Dana Baird (Altamont) led Rend Lake with 21 points. Sanford contributed 17, and Heather Cassidy (Magnet, IN) 12. Baird also led the team with assists, handing out 7.

The Lady Warrior's schedule does not ease up in future games, as they will face John A. Logan, Vincennes University, and Olney Central College in the week to come.

# Security Notes

Clinton Jones  
Staff Writer

Jerry Bate and the rest of the security staff would like to welcome back all students and faculty to RLC. He would like to remind everyone of laws enforced at RLC.

Speed limits are posted and strictly enforced. If you break the limit and are caught expect to be ticketed. Radars are in use.

Speed limits have also been posted in the East and West parking lots. The limits are set at 15mph and should be obeyed at all times.

Now that the Child Care Center is up and running at full pace and is going to be watched heavily for people speeding nearby. PLEASE drive carefully and be alert at all times on the RLC campus.

Many complaints have been heard of drivers driving across the medians in the parking lots. The lots are paved for a reason...drive on them.

Some people can't seem to get a simple

concept of a trash can. Trash goes in, therefore it is not laying everywhere. But yet, littering is still a problem. Fines will be issued to anyone caught littering on campus.

Trash cans are readily available, use them!

Security would like to remind you that the weather during this time of year is unpredictable and can change without notice. Jerry Bate would like everyone to know that the weather is constantly monitored and announcements will be made if dangerous conditions arise.

REMINDER:

An Emergency Medical Station is located in the Security Office. Trained EMTs are on duty. The Medical Station and Security have an open door policy. Questions, comments, moans, groans, gripes, and complaints are welcome.

As this year kicks off, remember that security is out there watching...ohh yeah, and the \$50 plus tickets are ready to be written.

## Women In Government Conference Held In Springfield

Gina McClerren  
Student Editor

At the 16th annual Illinois Women in Government conference held in Springfield from April 7-9, 1999, the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Women's Rights Movement will be celebrated.

The conference is offering six scholarships to students who are seeking to become more active in government.

Along with covering lodging at the Hilton hotel, meals, registration costs, and a mileage allowance or train fare, the award winners will

be matched with a state legislator or other government official for several hours to learn first hand about day to day activities of women in public service.

The conference's theme is "Women Leading Women - Into the Next Millennium".

Students who are interested in applying for this award see Sandy Shook, North Oasis room 124, for applications.

The award program is open to full time Illinois college students who are in good academic standing. The deadline for applications is February 19th.

## Tennis Anyone

The Rend Lake College men's tennis team is looking for anyone with experience in the sport to try out for this upcoming year's team. Anyone interested should contact Kevin Hamilton, located in the athletic department A.S.A.P.

## Census Prep is Underway

Jessica Luschen  
Staff Writer

Rend Lake College is offering free preparatory classes for those individuals interested in participating in the upcoming Year 2000 Census.

The United States Census Bureau will be offering testing on the RLC campus on February 19 at 2 p.m. It will take place in the Science Building in Room 110.

The preparatory classes are offered to help prepare area residents for the Census Employment Test.

The "Census Prep" classes are being offered in Benton, Mt. Vernon, and Pinckneyville. These sessions are free of charge and open to anyone interested.

The Census Bureau test, if

one scores high enough, will give her a better chance of being hired or even considered for advanced positions.

The Census Bureau is currently looking for persons wanting to earn money while serving their communities. Retirees, participants in government programs, and the unemployed are urged to apply. Applicants must be 18 years of age or older and a U.S. citizen.

Although taking the "Census Prep" training course does not guarantee employment, it does help to prepare for the test itself.

For more information about "Census Prep" or Census testing, individuals are encouraged to contact Linda Cox at extension 245.



## Free Swim at Aquatics Center

Gina McClerren  
Student Editor

The Jimmy J. Fulks Aquatics Center has begun offering to the public a free swim on Sundays.

The public may use the facilities free of charge on the first Sunday of each month during normal operating hours, 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Any participant under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult. The aquatics center is equipped to accommodate the physically challenged.

Memberships for the aquatics center are available on a semester basis. The price for a single membership is \$75, a family membership is \$125, and a student membership is \$25.

The college is also offering a special half price, year long membership to members of any chamber of commerce in RLC's district, this includes faculty and staff of RLC.