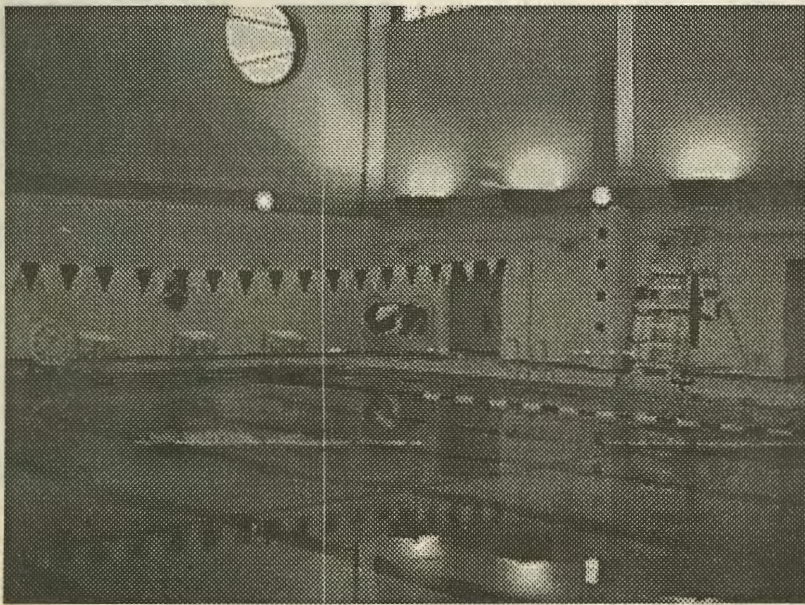




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By the students, for the students.



Handicapped Parking Ready

Ryan Nelson
student writer

Handicapped parking will soon receive a facelift at Rend Lake College over the spring 1998 semester. At least three new spaces are now being constructed on the walkway near the ramp between the South Oasis and the student center. In turn, the spaces on the side of the road near the academic building will be eliminated upon completion of the project.

Over the summer, RLC upgraded the spaces in the east and west parking lots to meet government standards. The school has fully complied with and exceeded guidelines for handicapped parking. Chief of Security Jerry Bate explains, "We wanted to make it more accessible for the handicapped parking. In our normal parking areas, we are over handicap by state. You don't get into trouble for being over, you get into trouble for being under. We have more than adequate handicapped parking."

While the college provides handicapped spaces near the administration building, the vocational-technical building, and the Learning Resource Center, the original plan was to eliminate the spots near the academic building. Since the academic building hosts the most courses in the college, this did not appear to be a feasible solution. The walk from either the east or west parking lot to the academic building is a stretch for many individuals with disabilities.

This was a matter of concern for Chief Bate. He wanted to get the students'

opinions before coming to his own conclusion. "I see all the students numerous times a day, whether they be handicapped or non-handicapped or severely handicapped or however. I wanted an opinion so I went to more than one individual. I want to do what's in the best interest for our students and our faculty."

"The original plan was to eliminate that area," Bate stated, "but after talking with the administration and with a couple other people, we laid out a plan that we need a closer area for certain individuals."

The concern from the people who needed to utilize those places contributed to the reversal of the proposal to eliminate those essential parking areas. After reconsidering, the decision to place parking spots on the walkway became a reality.

The work on the new spaces was all but completed during the fall semester and early this semester. According to Bate, the project will be finished as soon as possible. "They're ready for painting and for everything else that needs to be done. We have to wait for the temperature to reach a certain amount of degrees for a certain amount of time."

The number of spaces that are going to be placed on the walkway have yet to be determined. Due to the Americans with Disabilities Act requirements, a certain amount of distance must be left between each allotted section. In addition, the

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\$50,000 Awarded to RLC

Amanda Pillers
Associate Editor

High school chemistry and science teachers in the district will be getting a lesson in teaching. Rend Lake College was recently awarded the Dwight D. Eisenhower Science and Mathematics Grant. The grant is for \$50,000 and is to fund a project entitled "A Faculty Development Project to Integrate Technological Applications into Science."

The project is to be directed by Chemistry professor, John Fisher and Science and Math Dept. Chair Larry Williams. The project is designed for high school chemistry and science teachers. Nine different science curriculum modules will be taught in a series of weekend and summer in-service programs. The training will be directly related to local industry and agricultural technologies.

The modules will be centered around the Illinois

Learning Standard for science and will be incorporated into the high school curriculum.

One of the modules will be taught at the new Aquatic Center. The trainees will have a chance to scuba dive while learning about ideal gas laws. They will get to experience first-hand the affect of pressure and volume on their own lungs. This is just one example of the type of training that the grant provides for.

The Illinois State Board of Education has certain mandated standards that public schools must excel and conform to. The main reason Fisher applied for this grant was to help area schools achieve the level of learning required. Fisher hopes to provide training opportunities to elementary as well as high school teachers in the district. He believes that "...the community college should extend outside of the institution's walls."

Need A Tutor?

It's almost mid-term so don't delay! If you need assistance in your classes and want a tutor, come and see Rebecca Biggs in South Oasis room #123 or Julie Mumbower in South Oasis room #122, as soon as possible. We will do our best to find a tutor for any student who requests one, But we need ample time to fit your schedule with the tutor's schedule.

Also, due to the number of tutor requests and scheduling, we will not offer any new tutors to any students after May 1.

Security Notes

"Springermania" hits RLC

Duane Culli
Student Writer

Laura Adams
Staff Writer

The American Red Cross blood drive is just around the corner. The blood drive will be held on March 24 and 25. It will be held in the gym, and there will also be a mobile unit stationed in front of the Student Center. Any clubs or organizations interested in helping coordinate the blood drive please contact Chief of Security Jerry Bate.

It has come to the attention of the security office by complaint and observation that the parking lots are being trashed. Officers will be monitoring this heavily. It's your campus. Parking lots have been redone. Why trash them?

Remember: Littering on the highways can result in a \$1,000 fine.

Let's work together to keep our parking lots clean. Garbage cans are located almost everywhere in the west and east parking lots.

Warning: Traffic will be monitored by radar for speeders. There will be set up areas for stop sign violations within the next 2 weeks.

All Outstanding Traffic violations will be turned over to Administration. Please contact Chief Bate A.S.A.P. if this involves you.

If students have any questions or comments please feel free to contact Jerry Bate @ Ext. 212

Jerry Springer: Talk to an all time low. One of the hottest topics of conversation on campus has to be "did you see Jerry Springer last night?" Show themes invariably run from "Stop Stealing My Man" to "I've Got Secret I Need to Tell You". This writer only knows one thing for sure, if Jerry calls and asks you to be a guest, just shoot yourself and save yourself some misery.

Hey Jerry, set up a ring and give your guests some boxing gloves. As most longstanding veterans of "Springermania" will tell you, "the fights are why I watch". To confess, I too watch Jerry for the fights and the oddities of society that

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possibility of van spaces may reduce the number of parking slots.

In the meantime, the handicapped spaces on the side of the road near the academic building will be available to those individuals with either state-issued plates and cards or in-house Rend Lake temporary passes. In the east and west parking lots, the handicapped parking will remain the same.

Chief Bate and his security force will be watching for abuse of the handicapped parking spots. For those who habitually violate the parking privileges, Bate sends out a solemn warning. "We monitor them to make sure we

frequent his show.

What does this tell us about ourselves? Humanity seems to be drawn to the dark side. A fight that breaks out spontaneously will draw a crowd. Some will try to stop it, but most just want to "see a good fight." Prize fighters garner some of the largest purses established for "one-time" sporting events.

Jerry gives us what we want, good clean fun. he has brought back American gladiators, but given us weird, unusual, everyday, normal, bisexual, cross-dressing, diaper wearing, gladiators battling for our amusement.

So what the heck, let's all get tickets and go see the show in person. Then we can see the things that are "too hot for TV".

have handicapped people parking there. If I see that a student has abused or taken the spot, we're going to talk. If a student parks next to a handicapped spot in the major parking lot, they've still got the same walk. If you see an opening two slots down from the handicapped, use the opening, don't use the handicapped."

When the handicapped spaces are finally completed, the entire student body should benefit from such improvements. However, with more spaces being eliminated than potentially added, it's increasingly important that students respect the parking zone.



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Psychic Sally



Dear Confused,
 The spirits are very specific when it comes to unrequited love. What you must do in order to win this rainbow boy's affection is simple. First, you must wait until the moon is waning. Then, when you feel the north breeze lift your hair with a gentle sigh, prepare your body for the organic ritual: Lather your body with V8 and eggshells. This will obviously have no affect on your dream boy; however, you will have channeled your energy in a positive manner. This positive channelling will have the necessary affect of creating a strong self image and guiding you in the right direction when it comes to all aspects of your life.

-Sally

Dear Psychic Sally,
 I am writing to you in hope that someone that I like reads this. There is a new boy here at RLC and he is fine. I sometimes hear people talk about him and what a freak he is. I have to say that the boy with the multi-colored hair is so cute. I think he is so cool, because he doesn't seem to mind when people make fun of him, even in his face. When I see him I get all warm. I want to talk to him, but I don't know how. Please help.
 Thanks,
 Confused

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Do you have a hot story or an urgent editorial for us?

Contact RLC Times @ ext. 289, rm.154 N.O.

Students Head to England

Oliver Benbrook
 Student Writer

On May 21 a group will be boarding a bus on their way to fly off to England. Sue Tomlin, sociology professor, and Carolyn Stewart, psychology professor, are in charge of the trip. The group is made up of Rend Lake College students, some from the community, and also former students of RLC. The total number of persons going is 47 including Tomlin and Stewart. The group has made money by many fund-raisers. If you have had the opportunity to see the new University of Ina T-shirts floating around campus you can credit this creative group. Along with their new clothing line, they've also sold candy to raise money for the trip. The trip will be a nine day journey throughout England's most respected sights.

Nicole Hargett, just one of the many going, says it is

bound to be a very fun, but educational experience for everyone involved. Even though the cost may be high for the average student, the fact that they are trying so hard and doing so well at raising money will go a long ways in terms of financial status for the group. Hargett also points out another upside to the trip other than the experiences. For the students involved they also can gain three hours of credit by registering for SOC 2101 for the summer term. This may also have motivated some to take the trip.

On May 22 the group will arrive in London. The group will be able to go exploring or unpack and relax in the hotel.

May 23 will be a little more invigorating for the group because they'll get to take in sights like Big Ben, Piccadilly Circus, the London Bridge, and lastly visit Buckingham

Palace, perhaps one of the most visited tourist sites. The 24th will bring even more excitement as they go free exploring in the morning and visit Windsor Castle, home of the royal family, in the afternoon. Over the next four days the group will be taking in a broad range of sights, such as: Canterbury and the cathedral that became the destination for knights on medieval pilgrimages, see the site of the Battle of Hastings, Stonehenge, Shakespeare's birthplace, and also attend a play performed by the Royal Shakespeare Company.

On their nine day journey these people will be able to see things that some can only dream of, and have the experiences that most people in Southern Illinois will never have. Rend Lake College has definitely opened some new opportunities for this group of people.

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Homecoming Highlights



Amy Baltzell, Nicole Hargett, and Nikki Labuwi smile for the camera at RLC's recent Homecoming Dance. Nicole Hargett was voted Homecoming Queen. Her maid of honor was Amy Baltzell, and Nikki Labuwi was present as the retiring Queen.

Travis Donoho staff writer

Of the hundreds of women that enter and leave Rend Lake college, only seven have been chosen to represent RLC with the esteemed title of Homecoming Queen. This year, RLC sophomore Nicole Hargett (Benton) won the crown.

Only one woman has ever been declared Maid of Honor: Mt. Vernon sophomore Amy Baltzell.

At half-time of the Warrior's January 29 home basketball game the candidates were presented. Hargett and Baltzell shined through the 22 RLC women nominated by several campus clubs, teams and organizations.

Hargett, daughter of Bill and Mary Hargett of Benton, is an Elementary Education major. She attended Benton Consolidated High School and is currently attending RLC with retiring Queen

Nikki Labuwi. Hargett's escort, Board of Trustees Student Russell Jay, also attended BCHS and is a member of the Student Senate.

The retiring queen was introduced to the audience and presented flowers to each of the candidates. Labuwi was escorted by Tony Baker, also of Benton.

Baltzell was nominated by the baseball team and is a Special Education major. She was escorted by Kris Ferrell of Louisville, KY.

Other members of the Homecoming Queen court, listed by the group they represented:

Art League- Sophomore Megan Mitchell (Opdyke), escorted by Matt Reich (Mt. Vernon), and Sophomore Sharna Withrow (Wayne City), escorted by Kyle Hails (Centralia).

Brothers and Sisters in Christ (BASIC)- Freshman Kylie Watts (Ina), with Josh Haile (Belle Rive).

Psi Beta- Sophomore Keli Selover (Mt. Vernon), with

Jeff Houston (Dix), and Sophomore Heather Tate (Dix), with Doug Haverstick.

Psi Beta Kappa- Sophomore Kathleen McCollum (Benton), with Brian Yates (Benton), and Sophomore Jyl Pepple (Bluford), with Steve Withrow (Bluford).

Women's Tennis- Sophomore Gina Goddard (Mt. Vernon), with Matt Rogers (Mt. Vernon).

Men's Basketball- Sophomore Kelly Swift (Benton), with Ben Edwards (Benton).

Women's Basketball- Freshman Tara Sanford (Scot city, MO.), with Jamie Kitson (Eureka, MO.).

Baseball- Freshman Amy Baltzell (Mt. Vernon), with Kris Ferrell (Louisville, KY.).

Volleyball- Sophomore Shannon Summers (Akin), with Jason Bennett (Benton), and Sophomore Jamie Wilson (Benton), with J.R. Erwin (Benton).

Softball- Sophomore Tonya "Dee" Wildermuth

(Pinckneyville), with Dan Firlit (Orland Park).

Cheerleaders- freshman Lesli Flatt (Mulkeytown), with Tony Janello (Christopher), and Freshman Jennifer Wilson (Benton), with Tim Gaddis (Owensboro, KY.).

Student Senate- freshman Mendy Conner (Mt. Vernon), with Greg Hollman (Mt. Vernon), and Sophomore Nicole Hargett (Benton), with Russell Jay (Benton).

Student Body-at-Large- Freshman Felicia Connaway (Mt. Vernon), with Brandon Bullard (Mt. Vernon), and Freshman Jamie Webb (Sesser), with Jeremy Boone (Mt. Vernon).

Master of Cermonies for half-time festivities were Student Senate members Monica Braddy (Mt. Vernon) and Aaron Woodrome (Mt. Vernon).

A dance and refreshments followed the game in the lobby of the new RLC Aquatics Center adjoining the James (Hummer) Waught Gymnasium.

Campus Security Keeps Students Safe

Karen Redding
Student Writer

Rend Lake College is a small but busy campus. With lots of people on the move both day and night, the crime incidents are still kept to a bare minimum. This can be attributed to the fact that most students are local and here for educational needs, not looking for trouble. In a time when there are lots of problems on larger campuses, as robberies, rapes, and even murders, people are looking for a college where they can get what they need and still feel safe and secure.

Jerry Bate, chief of security, says that criminal activities at Rend Lake are almost non-existent. Bate came to RLC with 17 years police experience under his belt, and with his 8 security officers, keeps things pretty well under control. RLC has 3 full-time officers and 5 part-time officers. At all times that classes are taking place, there is a security officer that is EMT trained on duty. These officers are very professional and are respected around campus.

When Bate was questioned about the criminal incidents the '97-'98 school year, admitted there were a few problems. There was one related incident. Two

students were arrested and expelled after Bate noticed them sitting in their vehicle with the windows up and the engine off. It was about 105 degrees outside and seemed worth investigating. The two students were arrested after Bate caught them smoking marijuana with a pipe. Bate said it was just too hot to have the windows up without the A/C running.

Another incident that is still under investigation was the theft of two VCR's from classrooms on campus. This took place last semester and the security office is still following up leads. Bate said there were suspects in this case and looks to make an arrest as soon as possible.

Bate also reported that there had been no reported cases of sexual harassment at RLC. There was a problem with indecent advances, but this involved an individual who was just on campus to pick someone up from class. This person allegedly made indecent gestures to a staff member who then called Bate. The subject was removed from campus.

Cheating and fighting aren't too common at RLC either. Bate said the only time he would become involved in a situation where cheating was

involved was if an individual had stolen materials from a teacher. This has happened in the past but there have been no incidents in the past two years. There was one fight last semester but the details surrounding it weren't very clear. Evidently, two students were involved and they were both expelled.

Bate said that traffic control is one of the major jobs of the security office. Occasionally, they will set up a speed trap and run radar. He claims that the security officers usually write about 100 tickets over the course of two days. This action seems to slow everyone down for awhile.

Bate and the rest of the security staff would like all of the students to be aware that they are available when needed. The office is manned 24 hours a day, and as previously stated, these officers are EMT trained and can give emergency medical treatment while notifying the proper authorities. The red telephones throughout the campus are a direct line to the security office and are to be used if assistance is needed.

In closing, Bate and the other officers ask that everyone continue working together to keep RLC as safe as possible.

Tuition Costs Rising

Steve Boyd
student writer

Nationwide, college tuition has been rising faster than inflation. Pages of data are printed every day to prove this point.

For instance, a study that was recently released by Congressman Glen Poshard (D-Ill) showing that tuition for in-state residents at 4-year colleges has been rising so fast that on a national average it will consume up to one third of a family's income.

"Access to a higher education is getting more and more out of reach for working and middle class Americans," Poshard said.

The highest increase was at two year community colleges where in-state tuition and fees rose 8.2 percent in the last year. That's about \$5 a credit hour.

That's not to say college tuition and fees have become harder to afford. Another federal study on rising costs of college says that nationally four year public college tuition and fees soared 338 percent in a 20 year span from 1975 to 1995.

In Illinois, however, we are below the national average at 101 percent from 1975 to 1995.

This makes it look like higher education in Illinois is more affordable, but it's not.

Some experts say by the year 2000 graduated college students will be paying on college loans for the first 10 years of their working careers, before getting them paid off.

To explain, at the University of Illinois in Champaign it costs around \$9,500 a year for tuition and living accommodation for in-state students, and \$13,00 a year for an out-of-stater. It's a rather costly adventure that only 46 percent of those who start will finish.

Many students simply drop out of college because they can no longer afford it.

For the 290,000 students earning credit hours each year at Illinois' 32 colleges and universities, there is good news from the state and federal government regarding college tuition costs and the benefits of a college education.

College graduates earn considerably more than those without a college education.

Students should thank election year politics for the change of heart in congress, which tried six months ago to cut college aid programs.

Nearly all major student aid programs received additional funding. "Money well spent," says congressman Poshard.

Funding for the Pell-Grant program that helps 3.8 million low-income students was increased by \$1 billion, a funding boost that will increase the maximum grant per student by \$2,500, the highest level ever.

A study by the College Board, an association of 2,800 colleges and universities, found that four-year colleges and universities increased graduate tuition by an average of 10 percent this year.

The study also found that while the \$50 billion available to students last year from federal, state, and school sources was a 75 percent increase in student aid from a decade ago most of that increase came from loans, not grants.

ELECTION NOTICE

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN RUNNING FOR STUDENT TRUSTEE, YOU MAY PICK UP A PETITION FROM THE STUDENT SERVICES OFFICE. THE PETITIONS MAY BE FILED BETWEEN FEBRUARY 18TH AND 23RD.

THE ELECTION WILL TAKE PLACE ON MARCH 10TH AND 11TH, IN THE SOUTH OASIS FROM 8:00AM TO 4:30PM AND IN THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING FROM 4:30PM TO 6:30PM. ABSENTEE VOTING WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE STUDENT SERVICES OFFICE ON MARCH 9TH FROM 8:00AM TO 4:30PM.

Videoconference Planned

FYI

If the videoconference turns out to be as interesting as its title, "Mining for Grants/Loans: Where to Find the Gold" should pan out to be well-worth the time and energy for those choosing to take advantage of the last of a three-part series for community officials sponsored by the Department of Commerce and Community Affairs, the Rend Lake College Small Business Development Center and others.

Rend Lake College will host the satellite transmittal Thursday, February 19, from 3:30-5p.m. Preregistration is required.

DCCA, in partnership with the University of Illinois, the U.S. Small Business Administration, the host school and other statewide organizations, is responsible for developing the satellite videoconference training series aimed at providing important information on community issues to local officials and community leaders.

Each workshop addresses a specific issue officials who participated in a recent training survey identified as being of particular interest.

Financial assistance programs are not as prevalent

as they once were, but grant and loan programs continue to be an important part of a successful community development strategy.

"Mining for Grants/Loans: Where to Find the Gold" will take a close look at the various assistance programs community leaders should consider when planning infrastructure improvements that make their communities more livable.

In addition to reviewing information on DCCA's financial assistance programs, the workshop will identify other assistance programs that may be available, ranging from bicycle path construction to police equipment.

"It is no secret financial assistance programs are highly competitive," commented Rend Lake College's Lisa Payne. "But it's a sure bet a community won't be a financial winner if its leaders don't know what help is available. This program will give participants valuable insight into available assistance programs and ways a community can keep itself informed."

To register or to find out more about the February 19 workshop, individuals are encouraged to contact Payne in the Rend Lake College Center for Business and Industry at ext.335.

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Student Senate

Travis Donoho
staff writer

The Student Senate is wrapping up old business and looking toward the future.

"Right now we're just finishing up homecoming and planning what we're going to do in the spring," says Greg Hollman, student body president.

Spring will bring the annual Spring Fest. On April 29, several RLC clubs and organizations will provide entertainment to the fair-like event. Student Senate is working up ideas now to contribute to the festivities. Karaoke was a big hit on homecoming week so chances are it will also be available at the Spring Fest. Plus, there may possibly be a hypnotist at the event.

Also discussed were the student surveys from the homecoming dance, February 10's trustee dinner, future fundraisers and book store prices.

As always, students are reminded that the Student Senate holds open meetings every Monday at 4p.m. The locations of the meetings are subject to change, so contact Lynn Nintz at ext. 321. All students are welcome to attend the meetings and offer suggestions, constructive criticism, or just listen in.

Aquatic Center Open

Gina McClerren
Staff Writer

The much awaited RLC aquatics center is open as of February ninth.

"The attendance is pretty good for the first semester," says Jason Thrash, aquatics director.

A total of 160 people are enrolled in eight aquatics classes. The center is offering three arthritis classes, three aerobics classes, and two aquatic fitness classes. Lifeguarding classes will begin soon.

Thrash also said that memberships are selling well. They are available at the rate of \$75.00 for a single and \$125.00 for a family, per semester.

Special hours are set aside

Clubs

Men's Community Choir

Gina McClerren
Staff Writer

The RLC men's community choir members serenaded the students and staff on February 11th in honor of Valentine's Day. The song of choice for this occasion was "Let me Call You Sweetheart." It was performed in barber shop quartet style.

Tom Brewer, Aaron Woodrome, Duane Culli, Micheal Blakemore, Doug Evans, Ryan Mayer, Tony Jenkins, and Derek Sledge, all of Mt. Vernon, participated in the event.

The group of eight men sang in various buildings on campus. These included the North Oasis, the Administration Building, the South Oasis, the Student Center, the Academic Building, and the Gymnasium.

PsiBeta / Psych Club

Amanda Lindsey
Editor

The Psi Beta/Psychology Club is busy preparing for their annual Valentine's Day Bake Sale. The Bake Sale will occur on Friday the 13th, the day before Valentine's Day. Along with the extensive list of baked goodies, Psi Beta will also be offering carnations for the

When asked about her thoughts on Wednesday's performance, choir director Julie Wilkerson said, "It is a pleasure to help teach and direct such a talented group of people. I will always be proud of the dedication and effort these individuals put fourth in preparing for performances."

Some of these same men will be traveling to SIU-C for the second annual Men's Vocal Festival on Saturday, February 14th.

They will be a part of a larger ensemble of about sixty men. The concert will begin at 3pm in SIU-C's Shyrock Auditorium.

The eight men are only a small portion of the RLC Community Choir. The entire group will be performing at the basketball game on

students to purchase for loved ones, a secret crush, or perhaps a good friend. The Bake Sale will begin around ten o'clock and continue throughout the day in the South Oasis. If you happen to have the munchies, or wish to buy the love of your life a fabulous carnation, stop by South Oasis and help support RLC's future Freuds.



Do you want to be "Singled Out"?

Travis Donoho
staff writer

The spirit of MTV is alive at RLC. At noon on March 4 in the theater, the RLC Travel Club will be hosting its own version of the hit game show.

The game involves a contestant and a group of eligible singles of the opposite

gender. The contestant must blindly narrow the dating pool down to one person by asking questions and eliminating those who answer incorrectly. The person who is chosen goes on a date with the contestant.

If you are single (or otherwise) and would like to participate, the cost is \$2.00

and you may contact Nikki LaBuwi, Nicole Hargett, Carolyn Stewart in the South Oasis ext. 288 or Sue Tomlin in the South Oasis ext. 288 for further information.

The Singled Out game is one of many activities and fundraisers conducted by the Travel Club in preparation for a summer trip to England.



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Warrior Sports

Gina McClerren
Staff Writer

On February 8th the RLC Warriors fell to the John Wood Community College men's basketball team, 78 - 67.

The leading scorers for last Sunday's game was Andrew Dagner of Pickneyville, with 13 points and John Copple of Dix, with 12 points.

Dagner also led the Warriors in rebounds. He managed to pull down eight of them, exceeding his game average of 5.3. That brings his season total to 133.

Leading the team with seven assists was Marcus Parker, of Hopkinsville, KY. Parker's season average for assists is currently 127.

The RLC Warriors compete against Olney Central Community College on February 12 and Shawnee Community College on February 14. Both of these games are at home and begin at 7:30pm.

Gina McClerren
Staff Writer

The Lady Warriors met up with the Belleville Area college Lady Dutchmen last Monday night. The result of this confrontation was a 74 - 48 loss for the women.

Kelsey White of Brazil, IL, led the Lady Warriors in the match with fourteen points and eight rebounds.

The Lady Warriors face Olney Central Community College on February 12, in their last regular season game. The game is at home and will begin at 5:30pm.



Gina McClerren
Staff Writer

Rend Lake College Baseball team and Coach Rich Campbell have a preseason ranking of fourth in the country.

Members of this top ranking baseball team include Dan DeMent (Frankfort), Dan Firlit (Orland Park), Corey Cinnamon (Lexington, Ky), Jeff Huston (Mt. Vernon), Beau Parton (Cincinnati), Jacob Wallace (Owensboro, Ky), Jamie Kitson (Eureka, Mo), Eric Asbury (Cynthiana, Ky), Brad Turner (Clarksville, In), Chris Bernard (Belle Rive), Tim Gaddis (Owensboro, Ky), Chris Gray (Okawville), Matt Click (Eureka, Mo), Kris Ferrell (Louisville, Ky).

Terry Chisholm (Brampton, Ontario, Canada), Matt

Eldridge (Greenville, Oh), and Tony Herrera (Lexington, Ky) are the incoming freshman for this spring's team.

The Warrior's 1997 record of 40 - 19 is what qualified them for this post. New positions will be listed after April eighth, when the 1998 season polls are released.

The Warriors outranked such teams as Central Florida Community College in Ocala, Florida, and Galveston College in Galveston, Texas.

Among the other top teams in the country were the Seminole State College in Seminole, Oklahoma, Indian Hills Community College in Centerville, Iowa, Grayson County College in Denson, Texas, and Belleville Area College which ranked 18th.



Rend Lake College Intramurals presents

Co-ed Volleyball

(Any R.L.C. Student, Faculty and staff welcomed)

Wednesday, March 4, 1998
(4:00p.m. until ??)

Meet in Rend Lake College Gymnasium
Get your team together and turn in to
Cindy Corn
(Need at least 2 women on a 6 person team)

Snacks and beverages provided for participants
Rend Lake College Intramural T-Shirts for winners

COME JOIN THE FUN!!!



The sweet sounds of the Community Choir filled the air February 11. The men of the group sang "Let Me Call You Sweetheart" barber-shop style at various locations on campus.

Music Fills the Air at RLC

Annon Dorton
staff writer

The renaissance is alive and well at Rend Lake College. Music abounds through the halls and theatre as RLC's first musical in years was a complete success. Tracy Broulliette, the director of Seven Brides for Seven Brothers, estimates the crowd over the four performances at between 1,250 and 1,300

people.

The halls are alive as well as Julie Wilkerson has been active in re-establishing the community choir. The men of the choir sang a special Valentine song, barber-shop style, on February 11 at various locations on campus. Sue Tomlin invited the group to serenade her Marriage and Family class. A special performance was targeted at

Terry Wilkerson, agriculture instructor and husband of Julie.

Future performances for the community choir are slated for February 16 when the group will be singing the National Anthem at the men's basketball game. The Spring Concert is set for April 30. The community choir and the jazz ensemble will be performing.