

All-American Girl

USA Today/PTK Third Team Academic Honors for Jyl Pepple



JYL PEPPL
All-USA Academic
Third Team

Sixty "outstanding students and campus leaders" were recognized in Monday's *USA Today* newspaper.

Count Rend Lake College's Jyl Pepple among the best.

Pepple, a straight-A student from Bluford by way of Webber Township High School, was saluted as a member of the 1998 All-USA Academic Third Team for Community and Junior Colleges.

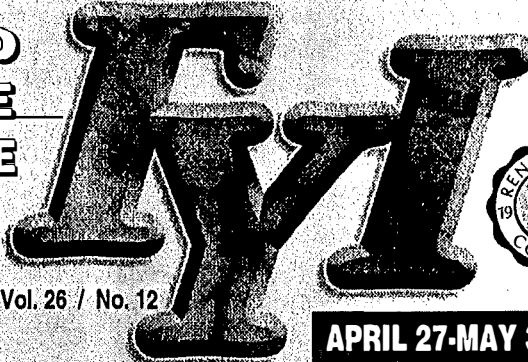
The award includes 20 First Team honorees, 20 Second and

20 Third Team recipients. It is presented annually by USA Today, Phi Theta Kappa international honor society of the two-year college and the American Association of Community Colleges.

As a result of her local nomination, Pepple also was named to the All-Illinois Academic Team along with RLC's other applicant, Gina Todd of Thompsonville. Both will be invited guests in Springfield

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Little-known facts revealed re: four retirees

Isn't it amazing what you can learn about someone the last few days/weeks you work with them that was information you weren't privy to for years and years?

For example, take four soon-to-be Rend Lake College retirees - Director of Learning Resources Dave Patton, Elec-

tronics Professor Charles Dickens, Vice-President Steve Tietz and Arts and Communications Department Chair John Homan.

Thanks to last week's going-away reception and personal insights from some of their closest friends on campus, we now know ...

- Patton, when he departs after 30 years on the scene (he dates back to the old church library in Mt. Vernon), will take with him half the alphabet considering his involvement in SICCM, DYNIX, SIRIN, SILRC and NILRC.

"Nobody," says his friend,

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Two new Community Coordinators for RLC in Sesser and Wayne City

Community Coordinators for Rend Lake College have been named recently for Sesser and Wayne City, bringing the total number to seven, according to Community Services Coordinator Jennifer Zinzilieta.

Newcomers for the 1998-99 academic year are Dana Wylie in Sesser and Staci Choate in Wayne City.

They join holdovers Sherry Parkhill of Benton, Connie Welch of McLeansboro, Kay Shaw of Mt. Vernon, Dave Brunty of Pinckneyville and Randy Risley for the Zeigler-Royalton area.

Community Coordinators are responsible for scheduling Community Education classes and instructors.

Anyone with any suggestions regarding Community Ed offerings, prospective instructors, etc. is encouraged to contact Zinzilieta or Administrative Assistant Kathy Scott at the Times Square Campus in the Mt. Vernon Mall at 242-5805 or 242-5813 or contact one of the Community Coordinators at the following addresses/numbers:

BENTON

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MT. VERNON

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(Work) 357-5013, Ext. 138
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SESSER

Dana Wylie
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Sesser, IL 62884
(Home) 625-6711
wylie@mychoice.net

WAYNE CITY

Staci Choate
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Wayne City, IL 62895
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crusher@isbe.accessus.net

ZEIGLER-ROYALTON

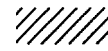
Randy Risley
202 Wilcox
Zeigler, IL 62999
(Home) 596-4451
(Work) 937-4311

F.Y.I. Personals

Congratulations to a proud (again) grandmother, Communications Specialist **Ginger Hogan**.

Son Brent and Rebecca Kondritz are the parents of Madeline Jayne Kondritz, born Thursday, April 23, in Peoria. Madeline Jayne weighed 8 pounds 11 1/2 ounces at birth and was 20 1/2 inches long. She was welcomed home by big sister Natalie, 16 months.

Grandma was on the scene by the next day.



More surgery has been scheduled for Roger Treece, who has been away from his job in Shipping and Receiving since before the holidays.

Treece had his right knee operated on in early February following a fall at work. Hoping to return to work soon, he found out Monday the knee instead needs additional scoping.

Birthdays

- Debbie Bennis (4/29)
- Rick Smith (4/29)
- Jeannie Brockett (5/3)
- Vickie Lewis (5/4)
- Keith Kendrick (5/10)

MARTIN'S FOOD SERVICE

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<i>Specials</i>	<i>Specials</i>	<i>Specials</i>	<i>Specials</i>	<i>Specials</i>
DINNER \$4.19 Chicken Tenders 2 Vegetables Roll Small Drink	DINNER \$4.19 Turkey 2 Vegetables Roll Small Drink	FUN FEST ~ Cafeteria Open 7:30 am - ?	DINNER \$2.99 Spaghetti Roll Small Drink	DINNER \$4.19 Salisbury Steak 2 Vegetables Roll Small Drink
SANDWICH \$2.99 Tenderloin FF/Veg/Chips Small Drink	SANDWICH \$2.99 Shrimp FF/Veg/Chips Small Drink		SANDWICH \$2.99 Italian Beef FF/Veg/Chips Small Drink	SANDWICH \$2.99 Fish FF/Veg/Chips Small Drink

Hours / 7:30 am - 1:30 pm

SPRING SEMESTER 1998

Exam Schedule

NORMAL CLASS TIME			EXAM DATE	EXAM TIME
Mon/Wed/Fri	8 - 9 am		Monday, May 11	8 am - 10 am
Mon/Wed/Fri	9 - 10 am		Monday, May 11	10 am - Noon
Mon/Wed/Fri	Noon - 1 pm		Monday, May 11	1 pm - 3 pm
Mon/Wed/Fri	3 pm - 4 pm		Monday, May 11	3 pm - 5 pm
Tues/Thur	8 - 9:30 am		Tuesday, May 12	8 am - 10 am
Tues/Thur	9: 30- 11 am		Tuesday, May 12	10 am - Noon
Tues/Thur	2 pm - 3:30 pm		Tuesday, May 12	1 pm - 3 pm
Mon/Wed/Fri	10 am - 11 am		Wednesday, May 13	8 am - 10 am
Mon/Wed/Fri	11 am - Noon		Wednesday, May 13	10 am - Noon
Mon/Wed/Fri	1 pm - 2 pm		Wednesday, May 13	1 pm - 3 pm
Mon/Wed/Fri	2 pm - 3 pm		Wednesday, May 13	3 pm - 5 pm
Tues/Thur	11 am - 12:30 pm		Thursday, May 14	8 am - 10 am
Tues/Thur	12:30 pm - 2 pm		Thursday, May 14	10 am - Noon
Tues/Thur	3:30 pm - 5 pm		Thursday, May 14	1 pm - 3 pm
EVENING CLASSES				
Monday Evening	Monday, May 11			
Tuesday Evening	Tuesday, May 12			
Wednesday Evening	Wednesday, May 13			
Thursday Evening	Thursday, May 14			
SATURDAY CLASSES				
	Saturday, May 9			
ART CRITIQUES				
	All Art Critiques are scheduled by the Arts & Communications Department.			

SIERA scholarship available

The Southern Illinois Employee Relations Association announces the opening of competition for the SIERA Scholarship for the 1998-99 academic year. The \$500 award is used to assist one student annually with the cost of pursuing higher education.

SIERA is an organization comprised of human resource and personnel professionals who seek to provide common professional develop-

ment opportunities and enhance human resource practices throughout the area.

The SIERA Scholarship is available to area college students who demonstrate academic achievement, professional commitment and financial need. Competition is open to students who:

- 1) are currently enrolled as a full-
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MORE ABOUT >> Pepple All-USA

Tuesday and Wednesday.

Pepple was one of only two from Illinois among the Top 60. Elgin's Lacy Foy likewise was a Third Team pick. At age 19, Pepple was one of the five youngest chosen.

She will be graduating from Rend Lake College May 15 and begins flight training three days later as an Aviation major at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale.

"We congratulate you on Jyl Pepple's achievements which merited selection to the 1998 All-USA Academic Third Team.

"The media recognition which focuses on the Top 60 students selected to comprise the All-USA Academic Team calls direct attention to the quality programming, emphasis on community service and opportunities for academic excellence provided in two-year colleges," PTK Executive Director Rod A. Risley pointed out in his congratulatory letter to Rend Lake College President Mark S. Kern.

Kern will present a special medalion to Pepple on behalf of Phi Theta Kappa at a later date.

A Presidential Scholarship recipient during her two years at RLC, the former Webber Township valedictorian has been awarded a Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship Award for Transfer Students from SIUC. It could be worth as much as \$4,000 during the next two years.

Pepple served as Vice-President the past year for the local Rho Xi

Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa. While making the President's List each semester with a perfect 4.0-point grade-point average, she also was a student-worker in the college's reception area.

The Academic All-American spent her first three years of high school in Greeley, CO, before moving to her father's birthplace when Dr. Jerry Pepple was tabbed as Vocational Director/Technology Coordinator in the Regional Superintendent's Office for Hamilton-Jefferson Counties by Dr. P.E. Cross.

She was a member of the varsity swim team and Key Club while in Colorado.

She was named to the National Honor Society, received special permission to take a higher-level math course at Mt. Vernon Township High School her senior year and was then awarded an Illinois Merit Recognition Scholarship for her freshman year.

Todd also was a PTK officer the past year, a Presidential Scholarship recipient for two years and a student-worker in the Rend Lake College Business Office until recently accepting a part-time position related to her major of engineering with Southeastern Illinois Electric Cooperative in Eldorado.

She will be continuing her studies at SIUC as well.

Both Rend Lake College students were nominated by Phi Theta Kappa Sponsor Jay Lewis.

Marion inmates give 'Choices' to Benton class

Prison inmates from the Marion Penitentiary presented a workshop called "Choices" on April 15 to the staff and students of the Family Investment Education Center in Benton.

Two inmates shared their personal stories about drug and alcohol abuse that led to their incarceration. They talked about the poor choices they made in their lives. They also emphasized the dangers of drug involvement and the devastating effects it has upon individuals as well as families.

These inmates share their stories to help others make positive choices, they indicated. They do not want to see other people make the same mistakes they have experienced. In fact, both inmates indicated if they could reach just one individual, the sharing of their life stories would be worth all of the pain they have experienced.

These individuals also shared about the seriousness of being convicted on a drug offense. The new federal laws prevent any leniencies in sentencing for even first-time offenders.

Under the current laws, all drug users and traffickers will serve a minimum of 85 percent of their sentence, even when time off for good behavior is taken under consideration.

The "Choices" workshop is available to all public schools or any civic group free of charge and may be arranged through the DAP Coordinator of the Marion Federal Penitentiary.

A variety of inmates will openly share their life stories. Their horrifying stories with drugs and alcohol will give anyone a reality check.

- Submitted by
NICKI GRAY, Program Coordinator

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY IN MT. VERNON

'Quality' sectional survivor: Could it be RLC?

Considering the caliber of teams competing, "quality" survivors are almost assured when the Rend Lake College Lady Warriors play host Thursday, April 30, and Friday, May 1, to the Region XXIV South Section Softball Tournament.

Eight teams are scheduled to compete in the double-elimination tournament to be played on two fields at Quality Times Park in Mt. Vernon, just west of Interstate 57 off State Route 15. Admission will be \$3 for adults. Both the South Section champ and runner-up will advance to the Region XXIV Final Four the following weekend.

Great Rivers Athletic Conference champion John A. Logan, 27-3-1 after Thursday's games, is the obvious favorite and No. 1 seed. But despite the Lady Vols' outstanding record, a Region XXIV crown won't come easy.

No. 2 seed Wabash Valley owns two of the victories over Logan. The two rivals split four games this spring, including two league games, as Logan finished 13-1 ahead of WVC at 11-3.

Coach Dave Ellingsworth's hosts, Region XXIV winners and NJCAA National Fast-Pitch Tourney qualifiers two years ago, are seeded third in the South Section after finishing third in the GRAC at 10-4. Belleville Area was 9-5 in conference play and is the No. 4 seed. RLC (20-16 overall), Wabash Valley and Belleville Area went 1-1 against each other in the GRAC.

No. 5 seed Shawnee, the lone sectional entry not to play in the conference, defeated Logan 6-4 in the second game of a recent doubleheader and lost 1-0 to the same foe a few days before. Even seventh-seeded Kaskaskia played the Lady Vols even in a six-inning, 1-1 no-decision.

The RLC Lady Warriors' record is deceptive, considering the most demanding schedule in team history. Ellingsworth & Co. consistently played national contenders in tournaments in Florida and twice at St. Louis-Meramec. Injuries likewise hurt; the squad was reduced to nine players for some late-season outings.

John A. Logan and No. 8 South-eastern Illinois open post-season action Thursday at noon, with BAC and Shawnee paired on the other field. At 2 p.m., Rend Lake College meets No. 6 Lincoln Trail on Field #1, while WVC and Kaskaskia clash on Field #2.

Four more games are scheduled that afternoon and early evening. Action then resumes Friday with games at noon, 2, 4 and 6 p.m. Three straight wins to open the tournament by any of the teams would guarantee a berth in the finals and a Region XXIV trip.

Aquatics Center needs lifeguards

The RLC Aquatics Center is in need of lifeguards for the summer months, according to Coordinator Jason Thrash. Applications are now being accepted.

In order to qualify, individuals must be certified as an American Red Cross Lifeguard.

The complex is open seven days a week. It will maintain regular hours during the weekdays throughout the summer - with recreational hours open to the public from 6-9 a.m., 11 a.m.-2 p.m. and 6:30-10 p.m. - but on Saturdays and Sundays will switch to open hours between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Single and family memberships are available to the public. The public may also use the facility by paying a usage fee of \$5 per session.

To be considered as a lifeguard, contact Thrash at 437-5321, Ext. 207.

CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE - SOFA/SLEEPER

Full-size sofa/sleeper. Tweede; creme-colored; striped. Mattress like new. \$50. Contact Angie Kistner at Ext. 221 or evenings/weekends at 625-6664.

FOR SALE - LAB PUPPIES

Two gone, six left! Labrador Retriever pup. Male (5) and female (1). Chocolate, yellow and black. Ready to take home by second week of May. First-litter puppies for proud parents Tranae and Tim Brockhouse and their two adult dogs. Asking price: \$200 each. Call Tranae at 244-2210, Ext. 103, or home evenings/weekends at 242-3816.

FOR SALE - SIAMESE CAT

13-month-old Siamese cat. Seal point. Male. Has had all of its shots. Very loving around people. Contact Valerie Bigley in the RLC Cafeteria or at home evenings/weekends at 437-5582.

FOR SALE - ROOM DIVIDER

Three-section, six-foot tall (and six feet wide) Room Divider. Made with wood and handmade paper. Free-standing. Contemporary art design in red, yellow and blue. Will sell at cost - \$350. May be seen in middle of LRC as part of Student-Faculty Art Exhibition. Available after May 1. Contact Therese Howard at Ext. 377 or 263 or at home, 629-2742.

COMMERCIAL VINEYARD ESTABLISHMENT

Seminar

Wednesday, April 29

5-8 pm • Rend Lake Resort

w/ Viticulturist Alan Dillard

- Site Selection/Prep
- Maintenance
- Disease Prevention
- Grape Varieties
- Cost-Income Factors
- Marketing



Cost: \$10



REND LAKE COLLEGE
Center for Business and Industry
Small Business Development Center

ILLINOIS DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE
Sustainable Agriculture Grants Program

To Register . . . 437-5321, Ext. 334/335

MORE ABOUT >> **Retirees Patton, Tietz, Dickens, Homan**

Bob Ross, "is better than Dave making (whole) computers out of parts."

Patton will be visiting China for a month soon after his retirement. But will he leave behind that aquarium in his office that is "always full of water but has had nothing else (living) in it for years.

"He will be missed," Ross added. "I really thought he would out last this institution; he is as old as dirt."

On a more serious note, Ross also pointed out many of Patton's accomplishments – writing/receiving the first Distance Learning Grant; implementing telecourses and satellite videoconferences, and helping to develop the first Internet lab on campus. He was a recent recipient of the first SICCM Pioneer Award.

- Dr. Tietz, a colleague of President Mark S. Kern since 1979 but a close friend since the two attended a workshop in Boston together in '92 and Tietz introduced him to wombats.

Despite many differences, the unlikely friends also have similarities, Kern noted – both are only children; they are the same age; each has allergies, and even though Kern graduated from downstate Benton H.S. and Tietz from upstate Crystal Lake, both had the same Algebra instructor "who retired shortly after that," according to Kern.

"Steve is quicker-witted than I am, but I can fix a lawnmower and he can't."

Kern recalled Tietz, earlier in their careers, quitting the Curriculum Committee after the Dean of Instruction (Kern) forced through a course.

"If I told you all of our professional careers everything had been smooth, I'd be telling you a lie," Kern said.

"But he (Tietz) has always been there for me when I needed him. If I weighed all the negatives and positives, it would come up 10-to-nothing in favor of the positives.

"I'm not losing a friend," Kern said of the pending retirement in the office next to his, "but I am losing the

every-day quick wit, humor and friendship I am really going to miss."

- Dickens has always taught a lot of night classes for the college, explained Department Chair William Dill. "I never figured out why Charlie enjoyed night classes so much; he taught three and four nights a week some semesters."

It wasn't until Dickens' wife, Joan, explained to Dill that the Dickens had nine daughters between them that Dill realized his colleague's plight.

"He got so desperate, he would adopt (male) animals just so he would have companionship around the house." But even that backfired with a pet cat, "Mikey," who Dickens barely tolerates.

Dill told "how long Charlie has been involved with electronics," starting with cathode tubes in the mid '50s. Dickens worked in the audiovisual area for Southern Illinois University before spending 12 years in the Missouri school system. He is retiring after 19 years at RLC and moving out West.

"He has spent his life with electricity and electronics," Dill added.

"He is a fine friend, a good teacher and I am going to miss him," Dill spoke for many.

- Dr. Homan, the former amateur boxer, will be remembered best by the man he succeeded as depart-

ment chair, Tietz, as a longtime softball teammate, not to be confused with "Mad Dog."

Tietz the manager especially loved to put Homan in the batting order one spot ahead of "Mad Dog" just so he could "see the whites of John's eyes" as he rounded the bases with his maniacal mate in close pursuit.

"John was a helluva line-drive hitter," added the player-coach.

Tietz chuckles at another play in particular which involved a sliding Homan at second base and one of many obnoxious opponents. When the dust cleared, Homan had one question for his young rival: "Do you want me to clean the fuzz off your peach, sonny?"

"He loves teaching," Tietz turned serious in his admiration for Homan, "and he loves literature. He loved it (literature) more than I was ever able to. Because of that, I always knew – even when he was the teacher and I was the chairman – he was the better man."

Kern added a sidenote to the reflections on Homan.

"I have had four children attend Rend Lake College, and all of them feel they got an outstanding education," he commented.

"Eric, who had John Homan for two classes, says he is the best teacher he ever had."

MORE ABOUT >> **SIERA Scholarship**

time freshman at Rend Lake College, Kaskaskia College in Centralia, Frontier College in Fairfield or John A. Logan College in Carterville, with the intent to attend full-time as a sophomore;

2) are pursuing either an Associate in Applied Science or Associate in Science Degree in Accounting, Computer Science, Finance, Management, Marketing, Office Systems Technology or a related field;

3) has a minimum grade-point average of 3.0 on a 4.0-point scale.

In order to apply, a student must submit a two-page essay describing the rationale for his/her career choice, a letter of recommendation from a college instructor, academic advisor or Dean and an official transcript.

The deadline for receipt of these materials is Friday, May 1.

Application material and questions should be directed to:

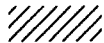
Mr. Rex Duncan, c/o Rend Lake College, 468 N Ken Gray Pkwy, Ina, IL 62846. (618) 437-5321, Ext. 352. e-mail ~ duncan@rlc.cc.il.us.

F.Y.I. Briefs

RLC Director of Resource Development Bob Ross was recognized Thursday, April 23, at Benton Middle School for his efforts as a volunteer.

Between 50 and 75 parents and other individuals were singled out for various contributions to the school.

Ross has been involved with helping write two after-school grant programs in recent months. Word was received on Monday that the first such grant dealing with abstinence has been funded.



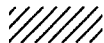
Please help pass the word along . . .

The RLC Foundation Children's Center already is compiling a list of candidates for Fall Semester '98, even before actual work on the facility has begun.

According to Child Development Instructor Tina Grounds, 15 children already have been signed up since the April 20 acceptance date. The largest number of those are infants (6 weeks to 2 years).

Child-care openings, when possible, will be filled in the following priority - 1) Students (75%); 2) Year-round Staff (20%); 3) Other faculty and staff; 4) Community.

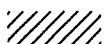
To place a child's name on the list for consideration, contact Grounds in the South Oasis (112) or at Ext. 353.



As part of the North Central Association accreditation process, Rob Little will be conducting a series of informal lunch sessions (bring your own) to discuss academic freedom and "freedom of inquiry."

If you have concerns about academic freedoms, you are encouraged to drop by and voice your opinion or send them to him in writing.

According to the memo from Little, "We will meet in the North Oasis commons area (pit). I will be in my office if I'm not in the commons area. These sessions will be Monday, April 27, Tuesday, April 28, and Thursday, April 30, from 11-11:50 a.m. If you can't make it but would still like to talk to me, send e-mail to Little@rlc.cc.il.us or call me at Ext. 379 and we will try to arrange a meeting time."



Office Support Bake Sale Wednesday

The RLC Office Support Staff will hold a Bake Sale and 50/50 raffle this month, with proceeds going toward medical expenses for Brenden Mackenzie Lay, infant son of Illinois ChildCorps Coordinator Rosemary Hicks-Lay and her husband, Chris Lay.

The Bake Sale is scheduled Wednesday, April 29, from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. near the Student Center.

Faculty and other members of the staff are encouraged to bring baked goods or make monetary contributions that day for a worthwhile cause.

Because the afternoon of April 29 will be Spring Fun Fest, a free lunch of hot dogs, chips and soft drinks will be available. That frees up your lunch money that day to go toward Bake Sale purchases.

Office Support Staff personnel will be selling 50/50 chances on Wednesday.

In addition to the day of the Bake Sale, donations to the Lay family may be sent at any time to Joan Long (Ext. 232) in the Administration Building.

HELP WANTED

Rend Lake College

is seeking internal candidates only as a

Financial Aid Advisor

for students in the area of financial aid information. This person also will be responsible for the certification of veterans benefits as well as coordinating veterans programs. Other duties: oversee billing for the following outside agencies - Illinois Veterans Grant, Illinois Monetary Award Program, Department of Rehabilitation and National Guard; assist Director in preparation of State and Federal reports; Supervise office student-workers.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Bachelor's Degree from an accredited Institution required
- Minimum of one year's experience in Financial Aid Office required

SALARY and BENEFITS

- \$22,000 annually
- 20 paid Vacation Days
- Pleasant, challenging work environment
- Excellent Health/Life Insurance coverage
- Free Tuition for employee, spouse and dependents
- Retirement Plan
- 12 paid Holidays

THE APPLICATION PROCESS

- Tentative start date is May 16
- Application Deadline is Friday, May 1, at 4 pm
- For an application packet, contact:
Cindy Minor, Assistant
c/o REND LAKE COLLEGE
468 N Ken Gray Pkwy
Ina, IL 62846
(618) 437-5321, Ext. 228

or e-mail request to - minor@rlc.cc.il.us

REND LAKE COLLEGE

Equal Opportunity / Affirmative Action Educator and Employer

AmeriCorps in Southern Illinois

HELP WANTED

Part-Time Tutors

AmeriCorps In Southern Illinois provides tutoring and mentoring services, both in the classroom and at school-sponsored extra-curricular activities, to teacher-referred youth, grades 5-8. Positions pending grant funding.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- 900 hours of service per year or approximately 23-25 hours/week during school year and 81 hours/year of training. Hours generally favorable to part-time and/or minimal full-time students. Preference given to education majors with 2.5 GPA or better on a 4.0 scale.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Requirements: age 17 or older with high school diploma or GED (by July 30); able to successfully complete criminal background check and drug screening; willing to commit blocks of time that parallel grade school hours; must enjoy working with youth. Preferred: College or college-bound students.

SALARY

- Living Allowance, \$4,415; Educational Award, \$2,362.

START/END DATES

- Aug. 1, '98 - June 30, '99.

TO APPLY

- Submit cover letter, AmeriCorps In Southern Illinois application (available from contact person below), transcripts and résumé by 4 pm Friday, May 1, to:

Mr. Rex Duncan
Rend Lake College
468 N Ken Gray Pkwy
Ina, IL 62846

437-5321



Affirmative Action Equal Opportunity Project

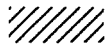
/// F.Y.I. Briefs ///

Memos from Physical Plant Director Randall Shively . . .

"It is time to gather obsolete equipment for this year's sale, to be held sometime in May. Please notify the Maintenance Dept. if you have items that need to be picked up by May 1."

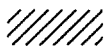
"Next year's budget request deadline is approaching. Please send me a short description of your anticipated project requests by May 8.

"This will enable me to estimate and include those projects in the Physical Plant budget for FY99."



This memo from MAN-TRA-CON Representative Krys Fisher to all Rend Lake College department heads . . .

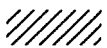
"Applications are being taken for the JTPA Summer Youth Work Program. The program is designed to help economically disadvantaged youth acquire work experience. Those youth 16-21 years of age wanting to apply should call the MAN-TRA-CON office at 242-7649. Selection for positions will be based on those most in need. Applicants must reside in Jefferson, Perry, Franklin, Williamson or Jackson county."



The last day the Business Office will process new purchase orders for Fiscal Year 1998 will be May 15. Items ordered through this date must be delivered no later than June 30.

Fiscal managers are asked to please make sure vendors can deliver by this date and that invoices to pay for these items are forwarded to the Business Office as soon as possible after the date of delivery.

A P.O. received after May 15 will not be processed until after June 30.



The last day to obtain supplies and materials from the RLC Bookstore and have them credited to FY98 is May 29. Purchases after that will be charged against FY99.

RLC Chorus Spring Concert Thursday at 7:30 in Theatre

The 23-member Rend Lake College Chorus, under the direction of Julie Wilkerson, will present its second annual Spring Concert Thursday evening, April 30, in the RLC Theatre. Curtain time is 7:30.

In addition to the full chorus, which will be accompanied by well-known Marion pianist K.B. Doyle, the 45-minute concert will feature the Jazz Choir and Men's Ensemble.

Donations will be taken at the door. A "suggested" donation is \$2 per person, although families or groups may donate \$5 for three or more.

The nine-member Men's Ensemble will open with an arrangement of an English Madrigal by Thomas Morely, "Sing We and Chant It."

That will be followed by two American folk songs from the full choir, "Ching a Ring Chaw" (arranged by Aaron Copeland) and "Amazing

Grace," with RLC student Amanda Pillers (Mt. Vernon) on the flute.

The full chorus will continue with a multicultural song from the African country of Cameroon, an arrangement of a song in which the melody mimics a pattern of a bird song ("The Cuckoo" and an arrangement of "The Silver Swan" by Dr. John V. Mochnick, SIU-Carbondale Director of Chorus).

The Jazz Choir, 15 members strong, will sing "Stand By Me" and "I'll Be Seeing You."

The full choir will return to close the program with "How the West Was Fun," a seven-minute review of legends and legendary songs of the wild west, and "God Bless America."

Two awards will be presented. One choir member will receive the "Outstanding Performer Award," while another will be recognized with the "Musicianship Award."

Finances for local officials May 13

The third in a series of satellite videoconference training for local officials throughout Illinois will focus on "Township and Road District Finance" and will be presented Wednesday, May 13, at Rend Lake College.

The Department of Commerce and Community Affairs, in partnership with the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and other organizations, developed the training programs to provide important information on community issues.

The workshops, in turn, were developed through a partnership between DCCA, the U.S. Small Business Administration and Rend Lake College as a service to Illinois small businesses and individuals.

"Township and Road District Finance 101" will review the essentials township and road district officials must know in preparing their annual budgets, projecting revenues, compil-

ing the property tax levy and preparing the financial records required by law and necessary to keep local governments financially strong.

Richard Rynke and Dean Manis, representatives in DCCA's Office of Local Government Management Services, will be the primary presenters. Both have considerable experience working with townships and road districts. They are frequent guest speakers at workshops conducted by the Township Officials of Illinois throughout the state.

Registration is scheduled at 3:30 p.m. in Room 122 of the Science Building on the Rend Lake College campus. The workshop will be from 4-5:30 p.m. and costs \$20 per person.

Participants may register in advance or have questions answered by contacting Lisa Payne, Small Business Development Center Director for Rend Lake College, at 437-5321, Ext. 335.

TITLE III – ACTIVITY I REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

A major component of Activity I of Rend Lake College's Title III "Strengthening Institutions" Grant addresses needs to assist instructors in the identification of **student learning styles**, and to appropriately modify teaching techniques and curriculum presentation.

Another component is to provide **periodic workshops** which stress **student identification of learning styles**, and the appropriate behaviors and study habits which lead to student success.

The Rend Lake College Title III – Activity I Project is posting two separate RFPs under the area of "**Removing Barriers to Student Success.**" The proposals are as follows:

RFP I

COMPONENT I: Training/Reference Manual

Develop an instructor reference/training manual to assist RLC instructors in identifying and assisting students to identify their specific learning styles. The completed manual may include written material, computer based text, video component or other media as required to clearly present subject matter.

This project manual shall include but not be limited to the following components:

1. Identification and analysis of various philosophies regarding **learning styles**.
2. Tools for student/instructor use in identifying **specific learning styles** (i.e., learning style Inventories).
3. Methods for modifying instructional delivery and material design to accommodate various **learning styles**.
4. Listing and review of literature relevant to **learning styles**.

COMPONENT II: In-Service Workshop

Upon completion of the training manual, the writer will conduct a one day workshop for faculty and staff (TBA) on the use and implementation of the Learning Styles manual.

APPLICANT QUALIFICATIONS:

Applicants for this proposal must have professional experience or current training in the area of learning styles and curriculum development.

PROPOSAL FORMAT:

The proposal will include at a minimum:

- a. Outline of text content
- b. Delivery format
- c. Resource overview
- d. Statement of applicability to instruction on learning styles
- e. Outline of in-service for faculty and staff

PROPOSAL DEADLINE: June 15, 1998

PROJECT DEADLINE: Component I (Manual) – September 30, 1998
Component II (In-service) – TBA

STIPEND:

A stipend of \$1,200 shall be paid for the successful completion of this project (\$600 each for manual and in-service).

SUBMIT PROPOSALS TO: Dave Vinyard, Director of Counseling
Director – Title III - Activity I

RFP II

This project will consist of four workshops relative to **student learning styles**, but may also include components related to study skills, time/stress management, test-taking, long/short-term memory exercises, etc.

The workshops will be open to all interested students; however, priority will be given to at-risk students and/or students who are subject to academic probation or suspension restrictions. Workshops will be offered at a time convenient for students, preferably late afternoon or evening. Workshops will be in a format which provides students the opportunity to assess their **personal learning style**, modify their approach to study based on learning style and to identify areas of strengths and weakness for academic skill development.

APPLICANT QUALIFICATIONS:

Applications for this proposal must have professional experience or current training in the area of learning styles and curriculum development.

PROPOSAL FORMAT:

The proposal will include at a minimum:

- a. Workshop outline
- b. Summary of materials to be used with the participants
- c. Format of delivery
- d. Statement of applicability to learning styles
- e. Projected delivery date

Proposals will be accepted for individual workshops. Team approach is encouraged. Applicants may apply for more than one workshop. A sequenced workshop plan is preferred.

PROPOSAL DEADLINE: June 15, 1998

PROJECT DATES: July '98, September '98, November '98, December '98 or as agreed upon.

STIPEND:

A stipend of \$300 will be awarded for the successful completion of each workshop (\$1,200 total for four workshops).

SUBMIT PROPOSALS TO: Dave Vinyard, Director of Counseling
Director – Title III - Activity I

NOTE: Applications for both RFPs will be evaluated by the Title III Project I Task Force

Explore careers during free week June 15-19 at RLC

Students who would like to spend a week this summer in "Career Exploration" may do so free of charge at a camp sponsored by Nontraditional Student Programs at Rend Lake College.

Scheduled Monday through Friday on the Ina campus, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., the week of June 15-19, the camp is open to student who are completing seventh and eighth grades within the Rend Lake College district, according to Coordinator Shelley Meacham.

The "Career Exploration Camp" is intended to provide hands-on opportunities for participants to be actively involved in several potential vocations - agriculture, allied health, architecture, art, automotive technology, biological sciences, biotechnology, chemistry, child care, computer and data processing, criminal justice, culinary arts (food service), drama/theater, ecology, education, electronics, robotics, social science and welding - as well as the RLC Aquatics Center/Fitness Center/Health and P.E., RLC Career Center, entrepreneurship and volunteerism.

Representatives of the RLC faculty and staff will provide the expertise in each of these areas. All participants will be exposed to each of the fields in small-group experiences.

Lunch is provided. Free swimming opportunities will be available.

The camp is funded by the Illinois State Board of Education and the "Carl D. Perkins Vocational Education Act and Building Fairness" grant. Lunch also will be provided.

More information regarding the free Rend Lake College "Career Exploration Camp" June 15-19 is available by contacting Nontraditional Student Program representatives at 437-5321, Ext. 317, or toll-free (in-district) 1-800-369-5321.

SUMMER CAMPS

Baseball camp (ages 7-15) in June

Applications are being accepted for the annual Rend Lake College "Baseball Camp," to be conducted June 22-25 on the Ina campus.

Players between the ages of 7 and 15 will participate between 9 a.m. and noon on the Warrior baseball field. Participants will be divided into smaller groups according to age and ability.

Instruction will be provided by RLC Assistant Coach Keith Schreiber and some of the Warrior players on the fundamentals of hitting, fielding, pitching, baserunning and the mental aspects of the game. Participants should come prepared to play each day and are expected to provide their own glove, shoes, catching equipment, bat, etc.

A \$40 registration fee will be charged each player. The registration deadline is June 16.

First-year Warrior Assistant

Girls Basketball Camp June 1-4

The annual Rend Lake College "Girls Basketball Camp" will be conducted by Lady Warrior Coach Ronnie Ressel, who led his second team to a Great Rivers Athletic Conference co-championship after earning "Coach of the Year" honors the previous season, and Assistant Jason Thrash June 1-4 from 1-3:30 p.m. on the RLC campus.

Registration for the camp is in progress. Players in grades six through 12, including graduating seniors, are eligible.

Fundamentals of shooting, dribbling, ballhandling, passing, defense and rebounding will be emphasized during the Monday-Thursday sessions. Also included will be three-girl tournament competition and five-girl league play. Participants will be grouped according to age and ability.

Ressel has compiled quite a résumé

Schreiber joined a program that was Region XXIV champion a year ago and No. 4 in the country preseason.

But he is more than accustomed to being around winning programs. He played for the 1990 Indiana High SchoolstatechampsatLaPorte, where his father, Ken, has compiled a 1,000-216 record and claimed seven state titles en route to recent "Coach of the Century" recognition by *Collegiate Baseball* publication. Brother Doug coaches at Arizona State.

Keith Schreiber was the head coach one season at his Juco alma mater, Southwestern Michigan Jr. College, before the entire athletic program was dropped. He also scouts for the Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

To register or to find out more about the "RLC Baseball Camp" June 22-25, prospective players are encouraged to contact the Athletic Department at 437-5321, Ext. 250.

in six seasons at Rend Lake College, the first three of which were spent as an assistant for the men's program. His freshman-dominated gals won 18 of their first 24 games and earned him considerable respect among GRAC rivals. The Lady Warriors won 22 times in his second season, sharing GRAC honors for the first time ever with John A. Logan. Injuries took their toll during a 16-15 season this past winter.

Thrash played for an Alvin (TX) Community College squad that placed fifth in the NJCAA National Tournament his sophomore year.

Cost of the camp is \$45 per participant, which includes a Rend Lake College T-shirt.

More information concerning the June 1-4 RLC "Girls Basketball Camp" is available by contacting the Athletic Office at Rend Lake College.

SUMMER CAMPS

Softball Camp June 29-July 1

Rend Lake College Coaches Dave Ellingsworth and Ronnie Ressel, whose team advanced to the National Junior College Athletic Association Women's Fast-Pitch Tournament two years ago and were ranked in last spring's pre-season Top Ten nationally, will again team with successful Herrin High School Coach Bruce Jilek to conduct the annual "RLC Girls Softball Camp" June 29-30 and July 1 on the Lady Warrior home field.

The three-day fast-pitch camp (Monday-Wednesday) is for players 9-14 years of age and will be held from 9 a.m. until noon. It costs \$40 per person.

Camp directors providing instruction in all fundamentals of softball will be RLC Head Coach Ellingsworth, Great Rivers Athletic Conference "Coach of the Year" in

his first season in charge, 1994, and Region XXIV "Coach of the Year" in 1996, Lady Warrior Assistant Ressel and Herrin's Jilek, who has taken several teams to the state finals and sent many players to the college ranks in recent years.

Instruction will be given on the fundamentals of hitting, fielding, pitching and baserunning, as well as the mental aspects of the game. Participants will be divided into groups according to age and ability.

To register or to find out more about the annual RLC "Girls Softball Camp" June 29-30 and July 1, individuals are encouraged to contact the sponsoring RLC Athletic Department at Rend Lake College, 437-5321, Ext. 250, or toll-free (in-district only) 1-800-369-5321. Rend Lake College hours are 8 a.m.-4 p.m. weekdays.

Prep Softball Camp July 8-10

The lineup for summer camps will be increased by one for the second year in a row at Rend Lake College.

Softball Coaches Dave Ellingsworth and Ronnie Ressel, whose team advanced to the National Junior College Athletic Association Women's Fast-Pitch Tournament two years ago and was ranked in last spring's pre-season Top Ten nationally, will conduct a "High School Girls Softball Camp" July 8-10 on the Ina campus.

The three-day fast-pitch camp (Wednesday-Friday) is for players who will be going into their freshman year in high school through seniors-to-be and will be held from 9 a.m. until noon on the RLC softball diamond.

The camp will concentrate on hitting and defense. It costs \$40 per person.

The regular RLC "Girls Softball

Camp" for ages 9-14 is scheduled June 29-30-July 1. Applications are being accepted at the present time for that session as well.

Ellingsworth was named Great Rivers Athletic Conference "Coach of the Year" in his first season as head coach, 1994, and Region XXIV "Coach of the Year" in 1996. He has been with the Lady Warrior program the past 10 seasons. Lady Warrior Assistant Ressel was GRAC "Coach in the Year" in Women's Basketball two seasons back and is a fast-pitch player himself.

To register or to find out more about the first RLC "High School Girls Softball Camp" July 8-10, individuals are encouraged to contact the sponsoring RLC Athletic Department at Rend Lake College, 437-5321, Ext. 250, or toll-free (in-district only) 1-800-369-5321. Rend Lake College hours are 8 a.m.-4 p.m. weekdays.

Boys Basketball Camp (grades 4-9) set for June 8-11

Rend Lake College Men's Basketball Coach Tim Wills and Assistant Brian Laur will conduct the annual "RLC Boys Basketball Camp" June 8-11 on the Ina campus. Players in grades 4-7 will attend sessions between 9 a.m. and noon, while those in grades 7-9 are scheduled from 1-4 p.m. Monday through Thursday in air-conditioned Waugh Gymnasium.

Each day a different fundamental will be covered. Individual instruction will be provided in all phases of shooting (layups, jump shots and free throws), dribbling and ballhandling, passing, one-on-one defense and rebounding.

The camp also will feature individual contests, five-player league play and three-player tournament competition, lectures and instructional films. All participants will receive a camp T-shirt and free admission to all Warrior home basketball games next season.

Campers will be grouped according to age and ability. (Tenth-graders will be accepted with permission of the directors.) Cost is \$50 per person.

Wills recently completed his sixth season as the head coach of the RLC Warriors. He was voted "Most Dedicated" by his RLC Warrior teammates and played on teams that were 47-20 before playing his last two years at SIU-Edwardsville.

Wills' Warriors were 20-12 three seasons back and were nationally ranked as high as No. 5 in Division II.

Laur has two seasons as a Warrior assistant under his belt after playing for Rend Lake College and at SIUC.

To register or to find out more about the June 8-11 camp, individuals are encouraged to contact the Rend Lake College Athletic Office at 437-5321, Ext. 250, or toll-free (in-district only) 1-800-369-5321. Hours are 8 a.m.-4 p.m. weekdays.

PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL

APRIL 14, 1998

2:00 p.m.

STARS (TITLE IV): Because the President's Council meeting has to do with "information transfer," Mark Kern invited Mary Roe and her staff to give a brief overview of their program. Mark would like to start each meeting with a program or department explaining who they are and what they do. If you have a suggestion or if you would like to present at the next meeting, please inform the President's Office.

Mary Roe introduced the Title IV program as STARS, Student Transfer And Retention Support. The program is totally federally funded so participants need to be US citizens in addition to RLC students. A combination of being a first-generation college student, being eligible for financial aid, and having some sort of disability will qualify a person for the STARS program. The program is designed to help the students overcome barriers. Mary Roe introduced Sandy Shook and Rebecca Biggs, STARS employees, and praised their teamwork. Sandy Shook listed some of the STARS activities she handles: academic counseling, stress relief, goal setting, decision-making, listening, career selection process, social issue workshops, and cultural events. Rebecca Biggs, in addition to scheduling tutoring for all RLC students, stated she helps the STARS students get through their academic program by using educational action plans and by trying to make their life easier at RLC. Rebecca stressed the importance of taking students from the point of thinking they can't do anything to knowing they can achieve something. Mary stated 150 was the target number of students for the grant and reiterated that there are eligibility requirements for STARS students but there are no eligibility requirements for students to take advantage of tutoring. Mark reminded the Council that Sandy Shook is now the campus Referral Counselor. Faculty and staff should refer students in need of crisis counseling to Sandy for referral to the proper agency.

ILLINOIS ARTICULATION INITIATIVE: Dave Vinyard distributed a memo outlining a recent Spring Transfer Coordinators meeting. He stressed that Division Chairs, Student Services personnel, and anyone else involved in curriculum and advisement should acclimate themselves with the "ittransfer" web site; the site contains comprehensive information on the Illinois Articulation Initiative. Dave stated the implementation date for the IAI would be Summer 1998 for "native" students. At the meeting the importance of including IAI in college catalogs was stressed.

TRAVEL PROCEDURES: Mark Kern stated according to college procedure, travel expenses are to be turned in within **60 days** or the expenses will not be reimbursed. He stressed this procedure will be enforced to the letter along with making all airline reservations through the Business Office. He added anyone with an outstanding travel advance would not be given another travel advance

and also car rental is to be cleared through the Business Office prior to traveling. Another problem area is mileage: mileage is paid from the college to your destination and back to the college or from your home to your destination and back to your home, **whichever is less**.

STUDENT INFORMATION SYSTEM DEMO: Salah Shakir and Nina Gaspar demonstrated new Student Information Software that works with CMDS. Salah stated in order to run the software you would need a computer with a Pentium processor and 32 meg RAM. He clarified that a person would not have access to the student information presented unless their computer was connected to the AS400 and was loaded with the software. Initial favorable results have been reported with the software piloting.

CONTINUOUS STUDENT: Steve Tietz stated students entering under the degree and certificate requirements cited in the present catalog will continue under these requirements, regardless of subsequent changes, as long as they are continuous Rend Lake College students. Steve Tietz clarified how a student loses his standing as a continuous RLC student: the student does not complete any credit classes for a period of twelve consecutive months or a period of five years elapses before the degree or certificate is completed. This policy will affect all students and was initiated by Keith Lape.

MARKETING PLAN UPDATE: Bob Carlock updated the Council on various marketing activities. Two separate recruitment videos are planned: one targeting traditional students and another targeting non-traditional students. A crew will be on campus on April 29 to film footage. Bob requested text (what you want to say) should be forwarded to him by April 21 and should be limited to no more than one minute. Brochure information is due into Bob Kelley's office by the May 1 deadline. If possible, get the information in early.

NORTH CENTRAL TAPES: Steve Tietz is circulating four copies of the keynote speech from the recent NCA conference. Steve encouraged everyone to listen to the tapes and felt the more employees involved with outcomes assessment on campus, the better.

PROMOTIONS: Andrea Boucher requested promotions be made effective on the 1st or 16th of the month. She explained there are two pay period in each month and when increases are initiated at a time other than the start of a pay period, inequities may occur in an employee's paycheck due to the conversion process.

AGENDA QUESTIONS: Bob Carlock asked for the support of the faculty and staff in the issuing of alternate bonds. He stressed taxes would not increase due to these bonds because we would be purchasing our own bonds.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

TESTING THE WATERS AT REND LAKE



Southern Illinoisan photo by CEASAR MARAGNI

Getting their feet wet: Students from Ewing-Northern Grade School board boats Tuesday to take water samples from Rend Lake as part of their study of the environment.

Field trip has many fringe benefits

By Scott Wuerz
The Southern Illinoisan

A Tuesday science lesson at Rend Lake may have had as much benefit for the teachers who conducted it as it did for the students who participated.

Rend Lake College chemistry teacher John Fisher and several of his students hosted a group of about 50 Ewing Elementary School students Tuesday on a field trip designed to help them learn about the chemical makeup of Rend Lake.

"We're taking the kids out on a boat and teaching them how to test the pH, oxygen and nitrogen levels of the lake as well as the temperature," Fisher said. "Hopefully learning about the makeup of the lake will interest the kids in the environment and science, but it's also teaching the college kids a lot about

volunteerism."

Ewing Principal Marian Nipper said funding for the field trip came from an Illinois Board of Education grant that required that the school forge a partnership with other area agencies.

"This was an opportunity to improve our relationship with SIU, Rend Lake College, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Ewing schools," Nipper said. "Hopefully we can continue to work together like this in the future."

Ewing seventh-grader Allison Campbell said the opportunity has increased her appreciation for the environment.

"By finding out about what is in the lake we can help take care of it so people can come here in the future," Campbell said. "I don't know if I'll have a career related to the environment, but I want to know more about it."

Nipper said the school's

participation in experiments at the lake has inspired school leaders to adopt an area of the lake's wetlands, making sure that it is kept free of litter.

"It's amazing how much people become interested in the things around them if they just take a little bit of time to notice them," Nipper said.

Fisher said he required some of his students to participate in the Monday experiments for credit. But other students volunteered.

Rend Lake College student Sarah Peters, a sophomore from Benton, said she had participated in projects with grade school students last year and she liked the experience so much she came back again.

It's amazing how much people become interested in the things around them if they just take a little bit of time to notice them.

MARIAN NIPPER
Ewing principal

"It amazes me how much they learn from this, and I'm glad to be a part of it," she said. "And, besides, it's a lot of fun to be here."

Peters, a biology major, said she is not considering a career in education. But the enthusiasm of youth is contagious.

"It's good to look at things from a different perspective," she said. "And I think this is good experience."

Area volunteers spend day helping to clean up the Rend Lake area

■ Stewardship:

Volunteers 'fish' for litter such as fishing lines, candy wrappers and other debris.

BY DAVID BELCHER
Sentinel News Staff

INA — Fishing at Rend Lake is nothing unusual.

But a group of volunteers Tuesday were not casting their lines for fish; they were fishing for items such as fishing lines, candy wrappers and other miscellaneous debris.

They were participating in "Rend Lake College Stewardship Day," part of the Adopt-A-Shore Line program at Rend Lake.

"This is National Youth Service Day which is part of National Volunteer Week," Rex Duncan, director of the RLC Co-op and Job Placement Office, explained Tuesday morning at the Ina Boat Ramp as he waited for a crew of volunteers to report for duty.

"I talked to a lot of students and groups about the day to try and get volunteers," Duncan said. In addition to RLC student volunteers, representatives of the Americorps National Service program's Illinois EcoWatch, an environmental program, also were helping out the trash pickup patrol.

"We have 162 miles of shoreline and this is the drinking water for 65 communities, such as Mt. Vernon," Park Ranger Mike Edwards said. "Our goal is to pick up three miles [of shoreline] today," Duncan said.

"I think the college experience without some type of experience would be sterile," Duncan said. "I think there really needs to be some type of an altruistic service activity."

Volunteers were asked to report to the boat ramp, at the north end of Ken Gray Parkway, at 11 a.m. or



Sentinel Photo/DAVID BELCHER

REND LAKE CLEANUP — Donnie Pursley picked up some litter near Rend Lake's Ina Boat Ramp Tuesday as part of "Rend Lake College Stewardship Day." Pursley is a RLC freshman from Wayne City.

1 p.m. A brochure publicizing the event urged volunteers to wear old jeans and rubber boots.

The group was presented with plastic bags and then sent on their task of picking up rubbish and depositing in a bag for proper disposal.

"I'm affiliated with BASIC, which stands for Brothers and Sisters in Christ, we're a Christian group, and Rex came and talked to us about helping out," Ryan Steed, a freshman communications

major from Bluford, said. "It's a nice day and I think it is a good cause so I decided to come out."

"I'm kind of into the environment and I hate to see trash around this beautiful lake," Donnie Pursley, a history freshman major from Wayne City, said.

An assortment of wrappers, fishing wire and soda bottles were fairly common. The group also ran across discarded chewing tobacco cans, sunflower seeds, broken reels and various

plastic and Styrofoam items. Duncan asked a group of volunteers if they encountered any snakes. He was told no snakes, but several spiders.

"Fishing lines are especially dangerous for birds because they get tangled up in them and they can't get loose and they die," Duncan said. "The rings that hold cans are dangerous because a fish can get caught in that ring and can't get loose and dies."

Gaining experience and meeting the deadlines

By Mona Sandefur,
Community Editor

Pooling time and resources, the Hover I class at Frankfort Community High School faces a difficult challenge. Will their own hovercraft be land and water ready by the deadline of May 2nd?

The imposed deadline signifies the slated fly-in at Rend Lake Spillway, during which area high schools and SIUC affiliates will converge to test their skills and craft.

After laboring on a loaner that couldn't fly known as the Seat I, owned by Tim Blackburn, students and instructor, Dan Weakly, still don't have the flies worked out. The latest problem is a broken belt, deterring the opportunity for both students and Weakly to perfect their flying skills.

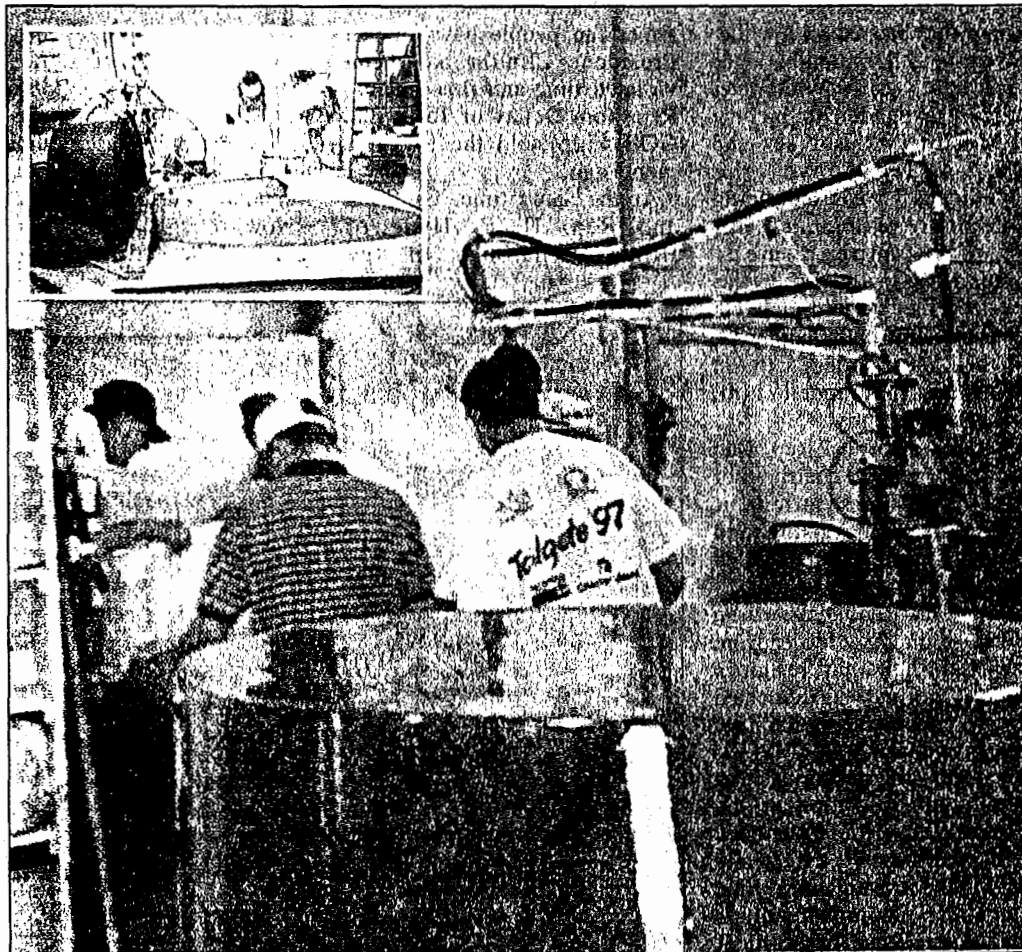
To further complicate matters, the class is in

the process of constructing a craft of their own. Assembled of plywood, to be gel-coated with fiberglass, students took a field trip of sorts to a facility where they could construct the duct.

In an unassuming Whittington structure, students from F.C.H.S. were under the watchful eye of yet another student, Sean Drake, a student of Rend Lake College and Rich Smith, a fiberglass technical instructor for the college, as they participated in the manufacturing process.

Students spent Thursday and Friday afternoons cutting and measuring fiberglass; transforming a mold into an air duct; trimming and breaking down the formed duct; and sanding smooth the three-piece white pine laminated boards which form the blade; while concentrating on forming the nose of the craft.

(See DEADLINES, page 3A)



The air of design

F.C.H.S. Hover I students are getting the experience of a lifetime as they configure their own hovercraft, a land and water flying machine, while keeping an eye to the sky on the approaching competition deadline imposed by SIUC. Students Nathan Robasse, Justin Herron, Sean Drake (a Rend Lake College student), Travis Wilson, T. W. Stanley, Tony Stanley and not pictured Jeremy Griggs and Trent Grimm test themselves and their knowledge. Inset photo shows a close-to-completion craft, constructed by another high school. (Photos by Mona Sandefur)

DEADLINE (Continued from page 1A)

Using the Rend Lake College Fiberglass Composite Tech Lab, students were applying their knowledge as they applied fiberglass; a facility virtually unheard of in most areas of the state.

The original blueprints have undergone changes as Weakly discovered flaws with existing hovercraft designs. He encountered an instructors manual, published by British Petroleum Company, a craft creator for many years.

Realizing that perfecting the craft using the initial blueprints only would be both costly and time-consuming, Weakly opted for different approaches including a duct built of fiberglass instead of Styrofoam. Note the emphasis is on different, not easier.

Throughout the craft, safety measures and precautions are closely monitored. Himself a member of the Hovercraft of America Club, Weakly has countless support and resources at his fingertips, though the cost of each item is of concern.

Rebuilt engines have been sold through the transportation technology classes, and Weakly estimates that he has about \$1,000 of school funds involved in the as-of-yet unfinished product.

In its first year, SIUC hopes to see the scheduled fly-in as an annual event, following closely on the heels of this weekend's Great Cardboard Boat Regatta, being held on the campus lake of the Carbondale-based campus.

With area schools reporting various stages of completion, what is in the forefront for Weakly is the experience his students obtain by building their own hovercraft, and the integration of classes and talents within the project.

The color scheme, to be gray and red, will utilize a logo designed by art students, reflecting the River to River Hover Club, of which West Frankfort is a member. Wood shop, science, mathematics, electronics, English, drafting, in addition to trial-and-error skills are being tried and tested.

The hovercraft, which glides on a cushion of air, uses rudders as a steering mechanism as it follows the contour of the land and is used mainly for search and rescues over frozen terrain.

Still awaiting testing is the motor to which the sanded blade will be attached. Will the flying crew beat the deadline? Only time will tell. But they will forever hold the memory of constructing their own craft.

With interest in the class at a maximum, Weakly has 30 plus students enrolled for his next Hover class. "We will use the knowledge gained from this experience to build even a better craft next year. We are hoping to create a manufacturing plant of our own for future sales," said Weakly with a grin.

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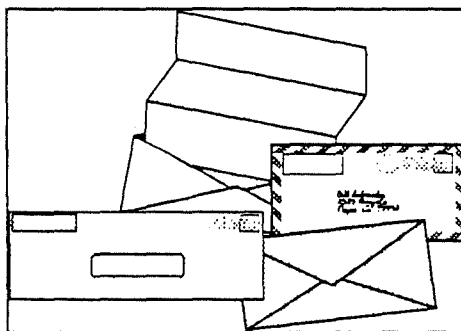
Deadline for 1998 Teaching and Learning Excellence Conference Proposals: May 15

The deadline for proposals for the 1998 Teaching and Learning Excellence conference has been extended to May 15. The conference will be held in Springfield, Illinois, October 30.

Topics for this year's sessions are: using technology in the classroom; improving distance learning; using the WWW in the classroom; learning styles and learning theory; serving the needs of at-risk students; and team building/building partnerships.

Also: assessing faculty work; service learning; work-based learning; and integration of academic occupational education and/or contextual learning.

All presenters must register for the conference. The registration is limited to 300. Last year's conference was filled, so register early.



Send your proposal

in today ...

The preregistration fee is \$75.

Send a presentation outline, a presentation abstract of about one page, and a description of no more than three to five sentences along with

the proposal form on page two of this newsletter to

Denise Anastasio, College of Lake County, 19351 West Washington Street, Grayslake, Illinois 60030-1198. Phone: 847-223-6601, ext. 2338.

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Apply for 1998 Grant for a ICCFA Teaching and Learning Workshop Now: Deadline is May 1, 1998

The Illinois Community College Faculty Association provides grants to support regional workshops for community college faculty to improve the teaching and learning process.

Up to four awards of \$1,000 each are available. The funds are

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Proposals may include: a multi-disciplinary focus; a multi-cultural focus; and joint development by two or more community colleges.

The programs must center on student learning.

Faculty should be involved in the development of the program.

An application can be found on page four of this newsletter.

1998 Teaching and Learning Conference Proposal Deadline: May 15, 1998

Name

Organization

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Title of Presentation:

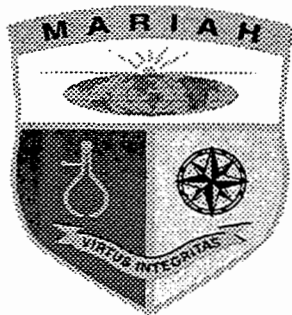
Names of Presenters:

Attach to this form a presentation outline, an abstract of about one page, and a 3 to 5 sentence description. Faxes are not acceptable.

Send to: Denise Anastasio, Conference Director, College of Lake County,
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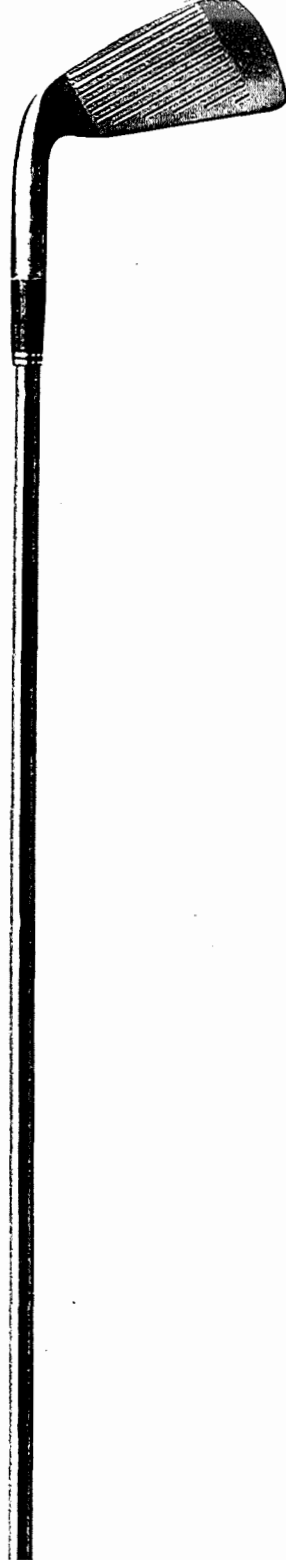
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18th Annual RLC Open
Thursday, May 28, 1998
1:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 28, 1998
Rend Lake Golf Course

1:00 p.m. Shotgun Start
Whittington, Illinois

6 - Person Scramble

(enter as a 6-person team or individually)

\$100 Entry Fee (\$50 Tax Deductible)

INCLUDES:

- ❖ Prizes will be awarded
- ❖ Green Fees
- ❖ Riding Carts for Everyone
- ❖ Dinner
 - ❖ Refreshments on Course
 - ❖ Longest Drive - Men & Women
 - ❖ Closest to the Pin - Men & Women

Reservation Deadline: Friday, May 22, 1998

For more information, contact Lisa Payne at Rend Lake College by calling (618) 437-3321, Ext. 335, or toll-free 1-800-369-5321.

Notice: Rend Lake Conservancy District regulations, the tournament will consist of 18 holes and be limited to a 6-man team or 174 players - NO EXCEPTIONS. Reservations will be taken on a first-come, first served basis.

Sign up either individually or as a team. Please include a check for \$100 per person for your day of Golfing Entertainment. Make checks payable to RLC Foundation, and mail with registration form to: RLC, Attn.: Golf Tournament, Route 1, Ina, IL 62846

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I am unable to attend but have enclosed my tax deductible contribution.

To my Reed Lake College Family:

Thank you all so much for your kind words of sympathy at our loss. Your prayers, hugs, and gifts of food and flowers have meant more to me and my husband than you'll ever realize.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Jim & Sherise Howard

The family of
Jamison Howard

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sympathy

Report: Research schools hurt undergrads

Many students don't get colleges' top professors

Open up research, group urges

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Undergraduate students, particularly freshmen, are being shortchanged by U.S. research universities, according to a report by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

A panel of scholars assembled

by the nonprofit organization found that undergraduate students are often taught by badly trained or untrained teaching assistants, not the famous professors touted in the catalogs or recruiting materials. Many students, the report says, graduate without "a coherent body of knowledge."

Undergraduates are shortchanged, the report says, because their tuition is a major source of university income, supporting research programs and graduate education.

"Baccalaureate students are the second-class citizens who are allowed to pay taxes but are barred from voting, the guests at the banquet who pay their share of the tab but are given leftovers," the

report says.

The report is titled "Reinventing Undergraduate Education: A Blueprint for America's Research Universities." It says universities should involve more undergraduates in institutions' research projects, including those in medicine and the humanities, beginning with freshmen.

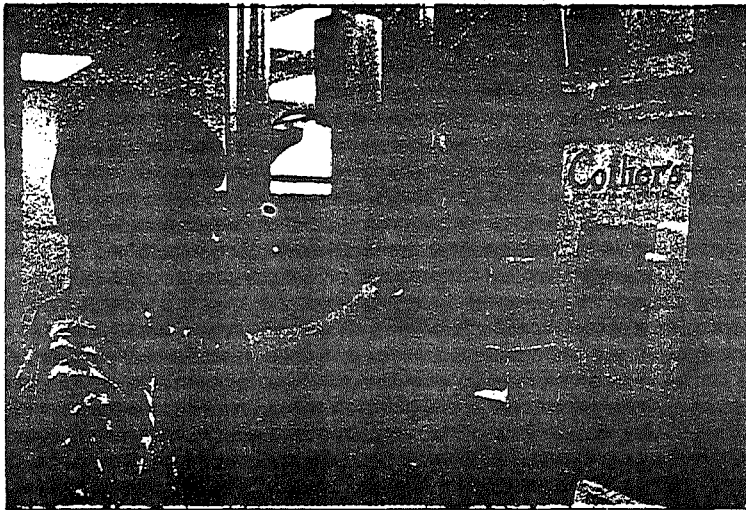
"Research universities are distinctively different from small colleges, and they need to offer an experience that is a clear alternative to the college experience," the report says, adding that some institutions have taken steps down that path.

The universities mentioned as emphasizing graduate education and research over undergradu-

ate studies include Harvard University, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the University of Alabama at Birmingham and Kent State University. The 125 research institutions in the U.S. make up only 3 percent of the institutions of higher learning, yet they award nearly a third of the bachelor's degrees.

The report recommends that freshmen be placed in small groups where they live together and take the same courses. It also says students should be involved in the research conducted by senior faculty and that they should be encouraged to conduct original research that could become their transition into graduate school.

Titanic collector's items displayed at Mt. Vernon library



Mary Kaye Davis/Register-News

Nicholas Lemay, a ninth-grader at Mt. Vernon Township High School, looks over some of the material from his Titanic collection he has on display at C.E. Brehm Library through the month of April.

By **MARY KAYE DAVIS**
Register-News

MT. VERNON — Long before the movie "Titanic" graced theater screens, Nicholas Lemay was already collecting Titanic memorabilia. And, while he's excited about all the attention the movie has drawn to the ill-fated ship, it's also making his hobby a lot tougher.

"It's almost impossible to find anything (to purchase) about the Titanic anymore," Lemay, a freshman at Mt. Vernon Township High School said. "When I first started this hobby I could come up with items easily. Now it's even hard to get new books about the subject because they are all sold out."

Although his collection has stalled a little, the youth still has amassed a large number of Titanic-related items

including a lump of coal from the ship, more than 50 books, 25 videos, newspapers and compact discs. A portion of his collection is being displayed through the end of the month on the second floor at C.E. Brehm Library.

"The movie has generated a lot of interest in the Titanic and there are a lot more items about the Titanic if people can just find them," Lemay said.

"As a matter of fact, I used to be a member of the Titanic Historical Society and I let my membership lapse. Now they aren't even taking any new members because they have so many already."

Lemay began collecting items about seven years ago after reading a book about the Titanic.

"It just all started from there. It really sparked an interest in me. Then, I

started buying anything I could find related to the Titanic," Lemay said. When possible, he also visits displays of other Titanic collectors.

"I think the whole Titanic story is popular because it proves what can happen even if people think it is impossible," he said. "Everyone felt so safe being on this ship. They felt so secure and look what happened. The story of the Titanic is a lesson in life."

He finds his collectibles at flea markets and other sales and his grandpa, Cornelius Bergbower of Bluford, is always on the look out for new items.

Lemay isn't selling any of his collectibles, but is always interested in buying more.

If he could have any artifact off the Titanic, what would Lemay choose?

"I would want the pilot house ship's wheel."

Lemay is the son
of Sharon Richardson

F.Y.I. Week ahead



APRIL/MAY

MONDAY / 27th

- Biology, 8-9:30 am (Theatre) • Nontraditional Student Program, 8-10 am (SC/EBR) • Student Senate, 10 am-Noon (SC/PDA), 4-5 pm (SC/EBR)
- Assessment Committee, 3-4 pm (SC/EBR) • BASIC, 4-5 pm (SC) • RLC Choir, 5-9 pm (Theatre) • England Trip, 6-8 pm (ACA 105)

TUESDAY / 28th

- Prevent Child Abuse, 8 am-Noon (Theatre) • "Health" TV, 9-10 am (ACA 211); Noon-1 pm (ACA 206) • Aquatics Ctr. Pay, 10-11 am (SC/EBR)
- BB, Dyersburg St. (TN) at RLC, 1 pm • Academic Council, 4-5 pm (SC/EBR) • Tutoring, 4-6 pm (SCI 109) • "Microbiology," 6-9 pm (SCI 109)
- RLC Faculty/H.S. Teachers, 5:30-9:30 pm (SC/PDA) • Culinary Arts, 6-10 (SC) • "Job Skills," 6-9 pm (SCI 106) • "Theatre," 6-9 pm (Theatre)

WEDNESDAY / 29th

- Biology, 8-9:30 am (Theatre) • Student Services, 8:30-10 am (SC/PDA)
- NO CLASSES - Noon-4 pm only - SPRING FUN FEST ACTIVITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS, FACULTY and STAFF
- Tutoring, 4-6 pm (SCI 109) • RLC Choir, 4-9 pm (Theatre) • Auto Advisory, 6:30-9:30 pm (SC/PDA)

THURSDAY / 30th

- Mines and Minerals Testing, 8 am-2 pm (GYM) • RLC Foundation Luncheon, 8 am-2 pm (SC/PDA) • McKendree, 9 am-6:30 pm (SCI 108)
- SB, South Sectional in Mt. Vernon • BASIC, 2:30-3:30 (A 109) • Choir, 5-10 (Theatre) • "Writing," 6-8 (A 102) • "Microbiology," 6-9 (SCI 106)

FRIDAY / 1st

- Tutoring, 8 am-3 pm (SCI 109) • Waltonville H.S. Prom set-up, 3-10 pm (SC) • Softball, RLC in South Section Tournament in Mt. Vernon, TBA
- American Cancer Society "Relay for Life" set-up, 4 pm- (West Parking Lot; SO; GYM, if rain) • Benton Chamber of Commerce, 7-10 (Theatre)

WEEKEND / 2nd & 3rd

- SATURDAY** - Sonya's Gotta Dance Rehearsal, 9 am-7 pm (Theatre) • Waltonville H.S. Prom, 8 am-Noon and 6:30 pm-Midnight (SC)
- American Cancer Society "Relay for Life," ends at noon (West Parking Lot; SO; GYM, if rain)
- Softball, RLC in South Sectional Tournament in Mt. Vernon, TBA
- SUNDAY** - Waltonville H.S. clean-up, 1-4 pm (SC)

MONDAY / 4th

- Biology, 8-9:30 am (Theatre) • Political Science TV, Noon-1 pm and 6-7 pm (ACA 106) • Assessment Committee, 3-4 pm (SC/EBR)
- BASIC, 4-5 pm (SC) • Student Senate, 4-5 pm (SC/EBR) • R/C Airplane Club, 7:30 pm (SC/EBR)

TUESDAY / 5th

- Tech Prep, 9 am-2 pm (SC/PDA) • "Health" TV, 11 am-Noon, 1-2 pm, 6-7 pm (ACA 108) • Public Health Teleconference, Noon-4 pm (Theatre)
- Instructional Chairs, 1-2 (SC/EBR) • "Psychology" TV, 1-2 (ACA 209); 6-7 (ACA 109) • "Latin American History" TV, 3-4 (ACA 106); 6-7 (A 208)
- Tutoring, 4-6 (SCI 109) • "Microbiology," 6-9 pm (SCI 109) • "Theatre," 6-9 pm (Theatre) • Culinary Arts, 6-10 (SC)

WEDNESDAY / 6th

- Biology, 8-9:30 am (Theatre) • Student Services, 8:30-10 am (SC/EBR) • "Health" TV, 9-10 am (SCI 116); 11 am-Noon and 3-4 pm (ACA 206)
- Tutoring, 4-6 (SCI 109) • SIERA, 5-9 pm (SC/PDA) • Sonya's Gotta Dance, 6:30-8 pm (Theatre)

THURSDAY / 7th

- "Health" TV, 8-9 am (ACA 108) and 10-11 am (ACA 107) • McKendree, 9 am-6:30 pm (ACA 108)
- BASIC, 2:30-3:30 pm (ACA 109) • Tutoring, 4-6 (SCI 109) • "Microbiology," 6-9 pm (SCI 109) • Road Vacation Public Mtg., 7-9 pm (SC)

FRIDAY / 8th

- Tutoring, 8 am-3 pm (SCI 109) • "Health" TV, 8-9 am (ACA 106) • Special Populations, 9 am-Noon (SC/EBR)
- Softball, Region XXIV Tournament in Peoria, TBA
- Miss Rend Lake / Little Miss Rehearsal, 5-9 pm (Theatre) • Board/Faculty/Staff Dinner, 6:30 pm (SC/PDA)

WEEKEND / 9th & 10th

- SATURDAY** - Miss Rend Lake / Little Miss Contest, 8 am-9 pm (Theatre) • Illinois State University, 8:30 am-Noon (ACA 105)
- Softball, Region XXIV Tournament in Peoria, TBA
- SUNDAY** -

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DATE: FRIDAY, MAY 8, 1998

TIME: 6:30 P.M.

LOCATION: STUDENT CENTER

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Please make your reservation by completing the form below or by calling Cindy Minor at Extension 243 on or before Friday, May 1, 1998.

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Please make _____ reservation(s) for the Board/Faculty/Staff Dinner on May 8, 1998.

Name

