

CO-PREP earns 'Excellence Award'

SPRINGFIELD - The Illinois Community College Board honored three of its 49 community colleges at its May 15 board meeting for their efforts in preparing a qualified workforce in their communities through various training and employment methods.

ICCB Awards for Excellence in Workforce Preparation were presented to Rend Lake College, Lake Land College, Mattoon, and Wilbur Wright College, Chicago.

"Illinois community colleges continue to be the state's primary provider of workforce

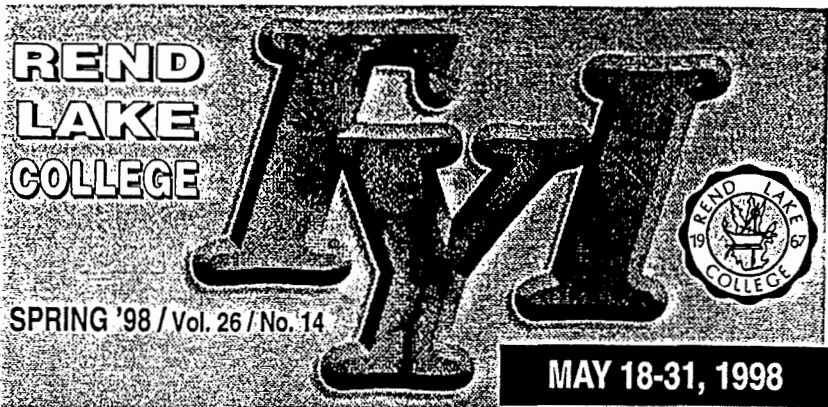
NASA's Chullen preaches vision, plan, persistence

She's no astronaut - by her own admission - but she is one of the key elements to NASA, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

And she knows what she is talking about when she says, "Without a vision, a plan and the persistence to get you there, the chances of becoming anything by accident or coincidence will be, should we say, astronomical."

When Cinda Chullen talks, Rend Lake College graduates and their guests should listen. The 1979 RLC grad from Benton did just that Friday night as the

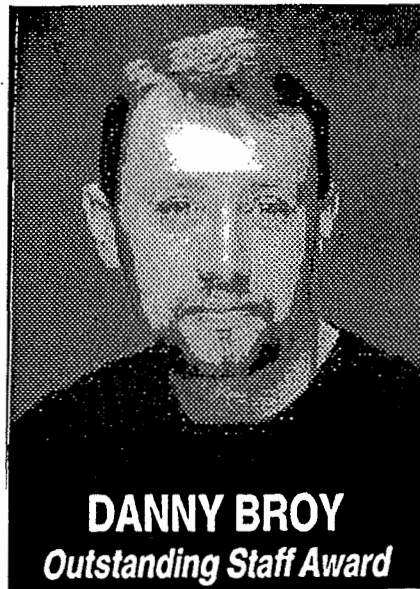
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preparation for adults in Illinois," said Joseph J. Cipfl, president and chief executive officer of the ICCB. "It is a pleasure to recognize these community colleges for their dedication and

foresight. They all have worked hard to improve the employment and job training needs of their communities, and we congratulate them for their efforts."

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Total now at 11,596 thanks to 502 grads

For only the fourth time in its 31-year history, Rend Lake College conferred more than 500 degrees and certificates Friday evening during Commencement exercises on the Ina campus.

The combined total of 413 degrees and 89 occupational certificates is greater than any

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Take notice! Broy's care rewarded

Danny Broy's work does not go unnoticed, in more ways than one.

As the groundskeeper for Rend Lake College, his landscaping handiwork on the Ina campus is on display for all to enjoy on a daily basis.

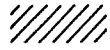
He has got the attention of some of his co-workers, among others, and now everyone will have a chance to see how appreciated his efforts are:

Broy was named recipient of the college's "Outstanding Staff

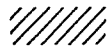
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Congratulations to AAA Department Administrative Assistant **Ellen Kirsch**, who earned a Bachelor's Degree in Workforce Education and graduated Magna Cum Laude Friday evening, May 8, from Southern Illinois University-Carbondale.

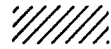


Congratulations to Allied Health Associate Professor **Debbie Benns**. Her daughter, Lacey Benns, graduated Summa Cum Laude May 8 from SIUC in Speech Communications. Lacey has accepted an assistantship for next year and will be teaching Speech 101 while working toward her Master's Degree, also in Speech Communication.



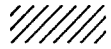
Congratulations to Dean of Vocational-Technical Education **Terry Clark**. His daughter, Kristen Clark, was recently recognized as one of the Top 10 seniors in the graduating class during the Achievement Night Banquet at West Frankfort Community High School.

Clark missed Tuesday night's RLC Board of Trustees meeting to attend Honors Night ceremonies.



Congratulations to Allied Health Professor **Barbara Hicks**. Her children competed in state musical competition recently at the Illinois Association of Free Will Baptists and advanced to the national finals.

Daughter **Katie**, 12, won first place in Piano Solo during the contest held in Effingham, while **Jason**, 18, was a member of two winning groups, Chorale and Choir. The national finals are in Tulsa, OK, in July.



A tree in memory of **Roy Richardson** has been planted on the grounds of the one-room Independence Schoolhouse on campus.

Richardson, the father of former RLC Security Guard **Kenneth Richardson**, was the last living school teacher who taught in the building when it was located in Franklin County, near Ewing.

Mr. Richardson taught at Independence School from 1934-36. He had enjoyed attending the reunion of former students shortly after the facility was renovated and re-opened to the public.

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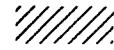
RLC Art Professor **Sarah Capps** was asked to be a judge for the Springfield Art Association's 10th annual Fine Crafts Fair, to be held May 15-June 1 at Edwards Place in Springfield.

As one of four judges selected, she was responsible for reviewing slide submissions along with state art/architecture expert **George Atkinson**.

The contest attracted entries from over 40 artists throughout Illinois.

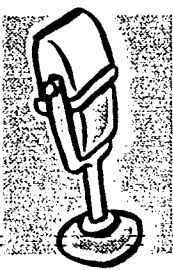
Capps also served as the sole juror for the Festival of Arts and Crafts at the Southern Illinois Artisans Shop.

All types of media are represented in that exhibit, which opened May 16.



/// Birthdays ///

- **Danny Broy** (5/19)
- **Rich Campbell** (5/21)
- **Cathy Cross** (5/22)
- **Pat Mitchell** (5/25)
- **Maurice Kirsch** (5/28)
- **Carl Helverson** (6/3)
- **Paula Burris** (6/5)
- **Ron Tremmel** (6/5)
- **Julie Mumbower** (6/11)
- **Sherry Summary** (6/14)



Speakers Bureau

RECENT ENGAGEMENT

Dr. **SUE TOMLIN** -
Methodist Church in Benton
Mother/Daughter Banquet
"Many Strong - Beautiful Women"

MARTIN'S FOOD SERVICE

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Specials				
DINNER				
\$4.19				
Chicken and				
Dumplings				
2 Veget				
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Small Drink				
SANDWICHES				
\$2.50				
Chicken				
FF/Veg/Ch				
Small Drink				

THANK YOU!

Bob Martin and his campus food service staff - Manager **Angela Fulkerson**, **Terri Jackson**, **Sherry Clark**, **Carla Barnhart**, **Valerie Bigley** and **Charlotte Pankey** - would like to thank RLC staff and students for another great year. It has been our pleasure to serve you!

(Limited summer menu beginning June 8)

Hours: 7:30 am - 1:30 pm

IAI aims to keep students from losing credit

The long journey from the first day of college to the last is about to get a little easier for thousands of Illinois students.

The General Education Core Curriculum – a collection of basic courses required by virtually all colleges and universities – will become available to students enrolling in college this summer. The Core Curriculum, designed by the Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI), will give students who enter participating colleges and universities a base of credits that will readily transfer with them to a four-year institution where they can finish their studies.

A major aim of the IAI is to help assure students that they won't lose credits earned in one college when they transfer to another, thus saving them both time and money as they work more efficiently toward their bachelor's degree.

Rend Lake College courses which qualify as IAI courses are indicated at the bottom of course descriptions in the new College Catalog, as well as in the A.A. and A.S. graduation requirement worksheets found on pages 15-18 in the 1998-2000 catalog.

More than 100 institutions will accept the Core Curriculum, which includes such courses as freshman composition and public speaking, mathematics, and various electives in the humanities, fine arts, social and physical sciences.

The Illinois Board of Higher Education received an update on the Illinois Articulation Initiative at its meeting May 5 at Prairie State College in Chicago Heights. The Board also acted on a recommendation to endorse guidelines for courses considered essential for freshmen and sophomores who plan to major in English, manufacturing technology/machining, and speech communications. Previous agreements on courses recommended for students majoring in agriculture, art, and art education will be in place for students entering college this summer, along with the Core Curriculum.

The Board also got a glimpse of the updated World Wide Web site for the IAI – www.iTransfer.org –

which contains detailed information about the General Education Core Curriculum, as well as the description of courses recommended for community college students planning to major in agriculture, art, or art education. The site includes a worksheet students can print and take with them to academic advisors.

The Illinois Articulation Initiative is sponsored by the Board of Higher Education, the Illinois Community College Board, and the Transfer Coordinators of Illinois Colleges and Universities. It grew out of policies adopted in 1990 by the Board of Higher Education relating to transfer and articulation. More than 30,000 students transfer each year among Illinois colleges and universities.

HELP WANTED

Rend Lake College

is seeking a part-time

Administrative Assistant

with strong clerical and people skills for the Rend Lake College Foundation office. This person will be responsible for maintaining donor and scholarship data bases; generating mass mailings; maintaining cash receivables and disbursements; transcribing board minutes; composing donor and scholarship correspondence; assisting at Foundation events, and supervising student worker. Flexible hours most weeks.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Minimum of Associate Degree from an accredited Institution required
- Degree in Office Systems Technology or related field preferred
- Computer skills with word processing, spreadsheet and data base software required.

SALARY and BENEFITS

- \$8.00 per hour, approximately 20-24 hours per week
- Pleasant, challenging work environment
- Free Tuition for employee after four semesters

THE APPLICATION PROCESS

- Tentative start date is June 1 (or as negotiated)
- Application Deadline is Wednesday, May 27, 4 pm
- Select applicants will be tested
- 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

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HELP WANTED

Rend Lake College

is seeking a professional

Employment Specialist

in Nontraditional Student Programs to identify sites and place Illinois Job Advantage participants for work-based learning, on-job training and employment. This person also will conduct job skills workshops and job clubs; assist in job retention; establish short-term training programs; serve as a liaison between case managers, students, employers and the local Dept. of Human Services, and be responsible for entering necessary data into computer.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Bachelor's Degree from an accredited institution in Education, Human Resources or related field required
- Good communication and computer skills required
- Master's Degree preferred
- Experience working with business/industry preferred

SALARY and BENEFITS

- \$25-27,000 salary range
- 20 paid Vacation Days
- Retirement Plan
- 12 paid Holidays
- Pleasant, challenging work environment
- Excellent Health/Life Insurance coverage
- Free Tuition for employee, spouse and dependents

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MORE ABOUT >>

ICCB 'Excellence'

Rend Lake College meets the needs for trained correctional officers in its district through the development of the Correctional Officer Screening Preparation Program (CO-PREP). In cooperation with the Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC), CO-PREP helps those applying for jobs as correctional officers to prepare better for the rigorous screening they must pass. Too few applicants had been successfully completing the screening to fill the demand.

As RLC personnel reviewed the screening process, they discovered many applicants were failing more for lack of testing skills rather than for lack of actual skills.

Rend Lake College's Skills Center developed a curriculum within its Adult Basic Education program to evaluate and remediate applicants' deficiencies in reading comprehension and vocabulary. Use of video tapes and "live-action" scenarios further enhanced the preparation by developing a student's recall and reporting skills.

Individualized physical fitness programs addressed the abilities tested by the IDOC.

About 72% of applicants who have tested after completing CO-PREP have been successful. This compares very favorably with IDOC's 40% success rate of those who tested without CO-PREP.

Because of this success, IDOC and Rend Lake College are developing partnerships with other Illinois community colleges to design similar programs based on the Rend Lake model.

Lake Land College developed a unique program for training individuals who provide quality control and quality assurance in Illinois' road-paving industry. Lake Land developed a partnership with two road-paving contractors and the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT).

By state mandate, industries and IDOT employees involved with road-

Duncan, L. Cox, Arnold recognized for CO-PREP

SPRINGFIELD - Chief administrators Mark S. Kern, president, and Dr. Steve Tietz, vice-president, were on hand Friday morning to accept the Illinois Community College Board's Award for Excellence in Workforce Preparation on behalf of Rend Lake College, along with three of the four people perhaps most responsible for making the Correctional Officer Screening Preparation program (CO-PREP) a success.

The threesome was comprised of Cooperative Education and Job Placement Director Rex Duncan, who spearheaded the original concept; Linda Cox, responsible for the Adult Basic Education testing and classwork which evaluates vocabulary and reading comprehension skills and improves participants to a 10th-grade minimum competency level, and Wayne Arnold, who works with the physical conditioning of prospective guards on an individualized basis to attain personal fitness and stamina levels that will allow them to pass the required five-part test.

Skills Center personnel develop coursework addressing individual deficiencies and help prepare applicants in filling out Inmate Disciplinary Reports, thanks to materials provided by IDOC. Training also is provided in how to complete applications and interviewing skills. GED instruction is available if necessary.

Bob Ross, who oversees RLC's Correctional Education programs, was involved with Duncan in the early planning stages of the concept after the pair observed many applicants

failing the IDOC testing. Ross did not attend the ICCB meeting.

"We were all a little taken back by all of this," Duncan said. "When we put something like this together, we did so with the idea of helping put Southern Illinoisans to work. We weren't thinking of being recognized with an award of this magnitude.

"I guess we were all a little overwhelmed by the attention. It was nice."

At the time Cox submitted the proposal as a possibility for the Workforce Preparation award, approximately 100 people had utilized the CO-PREP training. Since that time, she has had to change classrooms because it had outgrown its surroundings.

"Without a doubt, the most gratifying part is when you work with somebody who has failed the test originally, then goes back after having gone through the CO-PREP program and passes," added Duncan.

"It is a good feeling to know you have given some people hope whomay not have had a chance previously."

Although the program is geared to helping candidates prepare for the Illinois Department of Corrections Pre-Employment Screening, there is no guarantee the individual will pass or of employment.

Duncan indicated approximately 300 job opportunities will become a reality to area residents in late 1998 or early 1999, when a medium-security correctional facility opens just east of Pinckneyville. It will be the second facility in the Rend Lake College district and the third facility to open in Southern Illinois in the last five years.

paving specification compliance and testing must undergo QC/QA training. Lake Land developed and submitted a proposal to IDOT with the help of a local asphalt contractor to offer appropriate courses that could train personnel in the required disciplines.

Lake Land is the sole provider of this type of Quality Control/Quality Assurance training in Illinois. It offers 10 courses on multiple dates throughout the year. There have been 106 sections of the course taught to date.

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R.L.C. FOUNDATION "COMMUNITY SUPPORT" AWARD-WINNERS

- 1998 – Marjorie Farrar
- 1997 – Hunt Bonan / Peoples Nat. Bank
- 1996 – John Kendrick
- 1995 – Jimmy Fulks / Mariah Boats
- 1994 – GTE
- 1993 – Man-Tra-Con, Corp.
- 1992 – 14 school districts, 4 libraries
- 1991 – Tri-County Electric Cooperative
- 1990 – ARDL, Inc.
- 1989 – Rend Lake Conservancy Dist.
- 1988 – Country Companies
- 1987 – General Tire
- 1986 – Bruno Romani
- 1985 – Ford Motor Co./Taylor Motors
- 1984 – Mitchell Foundation
- 1983 – Good Samaritan Hospital
- 1982 – Inland Steel Coal Co.
- 1981 – Growmark, Inc.
- 1980 – Old Ben Coal Co.

"R.L.C. FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP" AWARD

- 1998 – Jill Dollins (Zeigler)
- 1997 – Brandon Dwyer (Marion)
- 1996 – Robert Kiefer Jr. (Mt. Vernon)
- 1995 – Dee Anne Higgins (Mt. Vernon)
- 1994 – Christine Mitchell (Mt. Vernon)
- 1993 – Kathie Hefner (Benton)
- 1992 – Rebecca Laskowski (Sesser)
- 1991 – Karen Rains (Tamaroa)
- 1990 – Cecelia Ealey (Salem)
- 1989 – Carlos Rodriguez (Mt. Vernon)
- 1988 – Tricia Kujawa (Woodlawn)
- 1987 – Lois Wilkin (Pinckneyville)
- 1986 – Sandra Cruse (Mt. Vernon)
- 1985 – Martha House (Christopher)
- 1984 – Jane Chancey (Benton)
- 1983 – Reneé Hertenstein (Mt. Vernon)
- 1982 – Judith L. Smith (Christopher)
- 1981 – Marion Logan (Tamaroa)

Marjorie Farrar honored for 'Community Support'

Every day can be "Mother's Day" (or "Father's Day") on the Rend Lake College campus beginning this fall, thanks to the generosity of people like Marjorie Farrar.

As the contributor of a major lead gift to the Rend Lake College Foundation Children's Center, Farrar is making it possible for some students to attend college who might otherwise not be able to do so because of the added responsibilities of parenthood.

Farrar was presented with the 19th annual RLC Foundation "Community Support Award" during Friday's Commencement ceremonies on the Ina campus. It goes to an individual, business or organization that over a period of years has made outstanding contributions to the college and its students.

She appeared pleased to accept the award, but as she noted at the time she was presented a major gift award previously, "I will be honored even more by the young women who will use the day care facility so they can earn an education."

The Children's Center is now under construction and will be occu-

pied in August, if all goes according to plan.

It became a reality when key leaders in the community stepped forward with donations, the most obvious of which were \$100,000 lead gifts from Farrar and the late Coyn Mateer. Their benevolence was announced last December at the Annual Dinner, shortly before Mateer died.

Mrs. Farrar's late husband, Fletcher Farrar, had pledged \$50,000 toward Foundation activities at an earlier dinner.

"Coyn Mateer and Fletcher Farrar were considered a team that couldn't have been more successful in business and with supporting the community," Rend Lake College President Mark S. Kern told the standing-room only audience in James (Hummer) Waugh Gymnasium.

"Marjorie has continued with this tradition where Fletcher left off. She has demonstrated her belief in the importance of education in today's workforce with her lead gift designated toward the Children's Center. Because of her generous gift, opportunities that were not possible before will be open to young mothers."

RLC Foundation Scholarship to OTA candidate Jill Dollins

The advisor who nominated her for the RLC Foundation Scholarship said, "Rend Lake College should be very proud of a student like Jill Dollins, a student obviously destined for success."

Let the record show Rend Lake College is proud of a student like Jill Dollins, and to prove it college officials presented the Zeigler resident with one of its most prestigious awards during Friday night's 31st annual Commencement exercises.

The RLC Foundation Scholarship

was established to reward a deserving student who will be returning to Rend Lake College as a sophomore. It is based on grade-point average and such other qualities as maturity, dependability and involvement in student activities.

Faculty and staff are asked to nominate students for the annual award, which covers the cost of tuition during the sophomore year.

Dollins was a member of the National Honor Society and was saluta-

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The Office Support Staff raised \$431 recently through its bake sale and 50/50 raffle to benefit Brenden Lay, the infant son of Illinois ChildCorps Coordinator Rosemary Hicks-Lay.

Winner of the 50/50 drawing was Project First Class Coordinator Camille Jones.

Another \$100 or so was donated for Brenden Lay by other individuals on campus.

Thanks to all who contributed.



Campus-wide tutoring will be offered this summer to any student on an as-needed basis, according to Special Populations Coordinator Julie Mumbower.

"At the present time, we have tutors available in Math, Business Math, English, Anatomy and Physiology II and Psychology. If tutoring is needed in other subjects, I will need faculty recommendations," Mumbower said in a recent memo to faculty and staff.

Contact Mumbower at Ext. 343 if you have any questions regarding tutoring or if you would like her to make a brief presentation for any of your summer classes.



Missing a tape measure?

Someone loaned a student a tape measure while setting up for Spring Fun Fest, but they weren't around when it came time to return it.

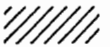
Check with Shari Carpenter in the Administration Building if you think the 12-foot power tape belongs to you.



Another strange request . . .

Someone on campus recently was wanting to know who sang the oldie-but-goodie, "Rockin' Robin."

The answer, in case you didn't already know, is Bobby Day.



Good news! Loan default dips under 11%

The college's 1996 Cohort Loan Default Rate is down to 10.8%, Financial Aid Director Doug Carlson is happy to report.

That is the lowest it has been since colleges have been notified the past eight years or so, and well below the "dangerous" 20-25% level.

Even though lending institutions

actually make the loans, a college can have that right denied its students if its default rate is above a predetermined limit for three straight years.

RLC's highest reporting rate in recent years was 38.2% in FY91. The last three years, institutional controls have helped reduce those figures to 12.6% and 14.0% and now 10.8%.

RLC Graduates / 11,596

Year	DEGREES				CERTIFICATES		
	AA	AS	AAS	ADN	Occ.	LPN	Total
1997	138	107	126	42	52	37	502
1997	162	77	130	39	46	66	520
1996	123	67	135	55	47	38	465
1995	114	81	107	61	28	102	493
1994	113	87	124	53	37	65	479
1993	96	88	172	52	58	97	563
1992	94	91	113	55	51	63	467
1991	100	116	112	56	44	73	501
1990	77	110	110	45	30	64	436
1989	84	90	105	45	24	63	411
1988	80	76	120	45	85	57	463
1987	65	91	111	36	16	66	385
1986	54	68	89	34	52	65	362
1985	42	73	77	35	32	67	326
1984	86	71	92	54	34	66	403
1983	99	36	109	38	78	59	419
1982	121		156	34	112	52	475
1981	114		156	22	145	55	492
1980	131		150	25	52	51	409
1979	111		140	11	37	59	358
1978	140		134	12	67	58	411
1977	136		81	11	72	46	346
1976	138		69		49	47	303
1975	154		49		52	41	296
1974	140		33		39	41	253
1973	141		39		43	33	256
1972	133		34		29	31	227
1971	137		28		12	34	211
1970	106		14			21	141
1969	89					30	119
1968	80					24	104
Totals	3398	1329	2915	860	1423	1671	11,596

Totals, in most cases, are based on the number of degrees and certificates projected annually according to Commencement programs and not on actual number awarded.

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May is open enrollment month for RLC employees regarding the tax-savings Cafeteria Plan.

This is the time to make any changes necessary to medical insurance, such as adding or dropping dependents, changing carriers, etc.

Paperwork is due back into the Business Office by the last working day of the month, Friday, May 29, according to Payroll and Benefits Accountant Alane Lintner.

"Some people don't understand that it is a tax-savings plan and can only help you tax-wise. It allows you to take all of your medical premiums before taxes," Lintner commented.

Even those who already are utilizing the Cafeteria Plan benefits must submit new paperwork each year. Without the required forms, the Business Office assumes the individual is not interested in participating.

Anyone needing to add a dependent should contact Alane to make sure CMS, our medical insurance company in Springfield, is informed. The four-page form is for the Kemper CPA Group.

Notices regarding open enrollment were distributed through campus mail earlier in the month. Please notify the Business Office immediately if you did not receive this information and four-page form.

Questions? Call Lintner at Ext. 224.



Two Rend Lake College students were among 11 young ladies from Southern Illinois vying recently for the title of Miss Rend Lake.

The contest, revived as part of the Rend Lake Water Festival, was held May 9 on the RLC campus.

Among the contenders were Terah Trusty, 18, of Zeigler, and Heather Morris, 19, of Dahlgren.

The winner was "veteran" beauty queen contestant Amanda Reynolds, a 19-year-old Southern Illinois University-Carbondale student from Marion.



30-Year Award

DAVID PATTON

25-Year Award

ROGER TREECE

20-Year Award

SAUNDRA LIPE

15-Year Awards

CATHY CROSS

JOHN HOMAN Jr.

10-Year Awards

BARBARA BAUERNFEIND

SANDRA COX

LINDA DENTON

PAT DIETRICH

ELAINE JOHNSON

MARTHA McCREERY

PAULA MYERS

GLORIA OLIVER

MARY ROE

CONNIE SAMPLE

RON SOMERS

5-Year Awards

ANDREA BOUCHER

DANNY BROY

BARBARA DAVENPORT

JOHN DUNCAN

JOAN FRANK

SUE GLASCO

PAM KNOBLETT

ROB LITTLE

GARY OTEY

DOUG ROARK

DAVID VINYARD

MORE ABOUT >> NASA rep RLC grad

Commencement speaker during 31st annual exercises in Waugh Gym.

"Whatever goal you choose, the basic key elements are still the same ... 1) have a vision or dream; 2) have a plan to execute that vision or dream; and 3) persist to carry out that dream with hard work, being your best and doing your best."

The thought of becoming an astronaut "has crossed my mind," admitted the 1992 RLC Foundation "Alumnus of the Year" award-winner, "even while attending Rend Lake College.

"But I wanted to be an engineer, and I wanted to be a manager.

"Could I have been an astronaut? I believe the opportunity was there. However, my plan was a little different. I'm proud to say I used my education to get to where I am today, and RLC helped get me there."

Chullen, who works at NASA's Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center, today manages a technical contract which employs over 2,200 scientists and engineers and is valued at close to half-a-billion dollars.

It hardly seemed fathomable in 1979, when she graduated from Rend Lake College along with her mother, 58-year-old (at the time) Ella Chullen.

But thanks to a vision, a plan and persistence, she spoke to another RLC graduating class 19 years later that included her niece, Associate in Science Degree candidate Kelly Dawn Chullen.

"Don't limit your goals to what you see in front of you. Have a long-range vision," the speaker said. "Look at every task, every job and every position you hold as one step and one opportunity toward that vision."

"Some people believe that 'life' just happens, and it will, and you may not be happy with the results unless you have a vision of what you want the results to be," she added.

"At NASA, we have a vision ... many actually. We have set our sights on the moon, Mars and the stars. We strive to expand our frontiers of knowledge and launch our imagina-

tions. We hunger to explore the Universe and discover its truths.

"We believe the space program is good for science, good for the American people and good for our future. There is still enormous potential for our space program. But without a vision from ourselves and our leaders, we would not accomplish anything."

Without a plan, however, it is doubtful anyone will realize his or her dreams. "Like the saying, 'If you don't know where you are going, any road will get you there.'

"Plan your work, and work your plan," Chullen continued. "You planned your education and worked it one test, one class and one semester at a time. As you work the plan in your vision, look toward a plan to achieve the next vision."

NASA, she said, had to put plans in place "to meet President Kennedy's challenge of becoming the world's leading space nation ... We are now setting plans in place and proceeding to partner with internationals for the International Space Station."

And that is where persistence enters the picture.

"Yes," Chullen conceded, "NASA had to fight for what we believed in.

"There are those who thought we should abandon the idea. However, we persisted because we believe we will be able to reach deeper into the vast final frontier.

"Persistence is the third key element. Once you have a vision and a plan to achieve that vision, you need to have persistence to get you there. In fact, persistence was a key characteristic identified by our NASA psychologists in a study of the traits of our astronauts. The study revealed an extremely high percentage of astronauts selected had this same characteristic of persistence."

Chullen also cited the persistence of astronaut Story Musgrave, who holds seven college degrees, including an M.D.; of Sen. John Glenn, who

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Grads total 11,596

year with the exception of last spring (520) and 1993 (563). There were 501 degrees/certificates awarded in 1991.

Degrees awarded include: Associate of Arts baccalaureate-transfer degrees, 138; Associate in Science baccalaureate-transfer degrees, 107; Associate in Applied Science vocational-technical degrees, 126, and Associate in Applied Science Degree in Nursing, 42.

Graduates also received 52 Occupational Certificates and 37 Graduate Practical Nurse certificates.

Unofficially, a total of 11,596 graduates have taken advantage of the comprehensive community college "where learning never ends" to earn degrees and/or certificates since it first opened its doors in 1967.

Cinda Chullen, a 1979 graduate from Benton who was "Alumnus of the Year" in 1992, addressed the graduates. Chullen is the Technical Manager of the Science, Engineering, analysis and Test (SEAT) contract for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center.

Candidates for graduation were presented by Dr. Steve Tietz, RLC vice-president. Degrees and certificates were awarded by Dave Edmison, chairman of the Board of Trustees, assisted by Associate Professor Steve Kennett, president of the Academic Council.

Other presentations included the 17th annual RLC Foundation Scholarship Award to a returning sophomore student and the 19th annual RLC Foundation Award for Outstanding Community Support by an individual or business. Graduates Jyl Pepple and Gina Todd were recognized for their inclusion on the All-Illinois Academic Team; Pepple was named All-USA Academic Third Team for Community and Junior Colleges.

RLC President Mark S. Kem welcomed graduates and guests. Music was provided by the Southern Illinois Concert Band.

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE STUDENTS

RLC Adult Ed/Literacy help 86 students 'save' \$568,920

Adult Education and Literacy programs offered by Rend Lake College helped 86 students receiving public assistance subsequently increase their earnings enough in fiscal year 1997 to either have their aid grant reduced or canceled.

The estimated savings attributed to Rend Lake College amounts to \$568,920, according to information provided by the Illinois State Board of Education.

"That speaks well for the college, because that is a significant reduction in welfare," Skills Center Director Barbara Bauernfeind recently told members of the RLC Board of Trustees while sharing statistical information with them.

"As educators serving disadvantaged adults," agreed Daniel J. Miller in his letter to Bauernfeind, "we can be proud that we have helped some determined people shape a better future for themselves. We have played a significant role in the lives of these welfare clients."

Miller is the Division Administrator for ISBE's Community and Family Partnerships.

Adult Education and Literacy programs statewide produced a similar, positive impact on public assistance grant recipients.

Of the 16,426 AFDC and Food Stamp recipients served by adult ed programs the past year, one in every five (3,342, 20.4%) increased earned

income enough to have his or her monthly cash assistance reduced or canceled altogether.

Their personal achievements meant Illinois avoided an estimated \$24 million in welfare expenditures.

These "savings" are computed by multiplying the amount of the canceled or reduced welfare grant by 12 months. Welfare savings amount to \$2.38 for every public assistance dollar appropriated for the program. These savings reflect only reductions in cash assistance.

Not included in the estimate of savings are reduced Medicaid costs or increased tax revenues, both of which would only add to the significance of the figures released..

AmeriCorps in Southern Illinois to honor 31 members on Friday

The AmeriCorps in Southern Illinois project will honor 31 volunteer members during recognition ceremonies Friday, May 22, at Evergreen Park (Sycamore Pavilion) in Carbondale.

The event is scheduled from 10:30 a.m. until 2 p.m.

ASI, according to Coordinator Jeannie Mitchell, is a tutoring/mentoring program which works with at-risk students in grades 5-8 throughout Southern Illinois. The project is administered by Rend Lake College.

AmeriCorps volunteers from five area community colleges and Southern Illinois University-Carbondale are helping youth in 12 different elementary schools. During the past academic year, the members have completed:

- 26,000 hours of tutoring and mentoring activities;
- 1,400 hours of community service projects;
- 2,700 hours of training.

Participants who will be honored include:

Rend Lake College - Greg Hollmann, Tony Jenkins, Aimee Pittman, Nicole Preston, Ruth Roosevelt and Rachel Sanders.

Kaskaskia College - Stacey Chappell, Kathy Kerwin, Amy Knutt, Dinya Nieopotter, Lisa Toedte and Billy White.

John A. Logan College - Jerod Hayes, Dan'iel Kendricks, Amy Wagner, Tarnisha White and Amanda Wood.

Shawnee Community College - Brent Gordon and Cheryl Jones.

Southeastern Illinois College - Lisa Hankins, Gordon Jones, Amy Mitchell, Emily Simpson, Carybeth Sutton and Keisha Williams.

Southern Illinois University-Carbondale - Tamara Garnati, Rachel Kremski, Major Nunn, Joe Richmond, Misty Roberts and Nicole White.

PUBLIC AUCTION

Thursday, May 21 ~ 5 PM
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OTHER ITEMS TOO NUMEROUS TO LIST

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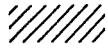
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Reminder to all fiscal managers from Controller Andrea Boucher . . .

"Effective immediately, gas credit cards will no longer be available when using the college vans. You will either need to request an advance to cover gas to be purchased and submit the receipts on a travel expense voucher, or pay for the gas out of your own pocket and submit the receipts on a travel expense voucher.

"The gas for the vans should be charged to Account No. 02-00-0004-49900."



More reminders . . .

- The last day to obtain supplies and materials for college accounts (not including grant accounts) from the RLC Bookstore for FY98 is May 29. Supplies and materials obtained after that date will be charged to FY99.

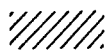
- Invoices for utilities, purchases, etc., that pertain to FY98 for both college and grant accounts must be processed no later than July 31.

- All grants with a fiscal year end June 30 must be closed no later than July 31. This means all invoices must be paid and all journal entries made by this date, in order for the Business Office to prepare financial records for the auditors.

Journal entries for those grants that end after June 30 still need to be completed no later than July 31 if they are expected to be reflected in any months from July 1997 to June 1998

- Auditors from the firm of Clifton, Gunderson, LLC will be on campus June 8-10 for a preliminary audit of the college's records. They will return the week of August 17-21 to do the annual college audit and the week after that to do the RLC Foundation audit.

Please have personnel available during these times to answer any questions the auditors may have.



CRIMINAL JUSTICE MOVEMENT:

RLC hosts 'Youth Court' videoconference May 27

The growing phenomenon of youth courts nationwide will be the focus of a live satellite broadcast to be hosted Wednesday, May 27, by the Criminal Justice program at Rend Lake College.

"Youth Courts: A National Movement" will be presented by the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention from 12:30-2:30 p.m. in the RLC Theatre.

Registration is free, according to RLC Criminal Justice Professor Ed Heischmidt.

Those wishing to attend may reserve their spot by contacting the Rend Lake College Business and Social Science Department in advance at 437-5321, Ext. 288.

Youth courts give communities an opportunity to impose immediate consequences on first-time (youthful) offenders and allow young people to accept responsibility, be held accountable and make restitution for their delinquent acts. Additionally, some experts believe peer-to-peer sanctioning in youth courts can lead juveniles into law-abiding behavior.

The videoconference will examine this rapidly expanding youth court concept as a potentially effective strategy in a graduated sanctions model for juvenile offenders.

Effective practices in youth court programs will be highlighted, including examples of several different models in the United States.

The broadcast May 27 is especially intended for those individuals involved with state and local judicial systems, juvenile justice agency representatives, policymakers, judges,

law enforcement officials, juvenile probation officers, prosecutors, attorneys, youth court administrators, teachers, school leaders, youth program administrators and other federal, state and local leaders who are facing the challenge of meeting the needs of today's youth while planning for the youth of tomorrow.

The program overview notes that "youth court programs have been in existence for more than 50 years, but in the past several years there has been an explosion in the number of these programs across the U.S. Moreover, it is only in the past few years that there has been support on a national level for youth courts."

More than 450 such programs are currently in operation, with another 100 or so in development.

"Most youth court programs are grass-root community efforts, reflecting the fact communities see youth court as an effective means for holding youth accountable for delinquent and criminal behavior.

"The juvenile justice system has a substantial need for alternative sentencing options that sanction juvenile offenders in a manner that holds them accountable for their behavior. A model graduated sanctions system combines treatment and rehabilitation and features a continuum of care that begins with community-based, immediate sanctions that are reasonable, fair and appropriate for first-time, nonviolent offenders."

More information is available by contacting Rend Lake College personnel. Summer office hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Title III goal . . .

Strengthen our institution over next five years

Launched in October 1997, Title III - Strengthening Institutions Program is one of the newest grant-funded departments on campus.

You may have seen some new faces on campus and some familiar faces who are now working with Title III. So you are probably thinking . . . That's great for RLC, but . . . what is it, who are all these people and where do I fit in?

The Title III goal is to "strengthen our institution." RLC was awarded more than \$1.6 million over the next five years. (Many grant programs run on a year-to-year basis; however, Title III allows us the opportunity to commit to positive institutional changes over a five-year period provided satisfactory progress is made yearly toward our objectives.)

To accomplish our goal, Title III is divided into two major activities:

Activity One:

Increasing Student Success

Activity One is designed to increase student retention and eliminate barriers to student success.

Activity Two: Curriculum Improvement and Program Evaluation

Activity Two is designed to strengthen academic quality and to improve the decision-making capability for occupational education programs.

Each activity has an Activity Director who will have the primary responsibility for accomplishing the activity objectives. The Activity One Director is Dave Vinyard; Activity Two Director is Terry Clark.

At the helm is Cindy Minor, Title III Coordinator. She is responsible for seeing that Title III procedures comply with federal guidelines, as well as ensuring efficient and effective project implementation.

As for the staff of Title III . . .

David Wicks, Education Technology Specialist (Activity One) -

Responsibilities include designing and developing a Faculty Development Center. Dave will use the center as a resource to assist and train faculty in the use of different software and hardware, provide new technology to integrate into the classroom and assist in revising instructional presentations and courseware.

Nasrrien "Nina" Gaspar, Programmer (Activity One) -

Nina has the job of designing and developing new Student Information and Tracking Systems. With the implementation of these systems, students will be able to assess their skills and learning styles, increase their academic expectations and increase their awareness of resources on campus . . . all in an effort to successfully achieve their academic goal.

Joan Long, Curriculum/Evaluation Specialist (Activity Two) -

Joan will be responsible for planning an occupational analysis process (Developing A Curriculum or DACUM) for five targeted vocational areas. She will be assisting faculty and a curriculum improvement design committee revise existing courses and develop new course plans.

Sharon Beasley, Instructional Coordinator (Activity Two) -

Sharon is working alongside Joan in evaluating the current program of the targeted area for year one (Allied Health) and sharing her expertise in developing and implementing a revised curriculum.

Shari Carpenter, Administrative Assistant -

Some of Shari's responsibilities include assisting with Title III reports, both internally and externally, tracking and providing budgets for Activity Directors and Coordinator and assisting Activity Two staff with the

DACUM process.

Bob Ross -

Bob is not a Title III staff member, but very important to the program. With his knowledge and expertise in grant writing, Bob was able to gather, organize and write the "right stuff" for a winning proposal!

A great deal of planning went into the Title III proposal, with many of you contributing your ideas and expertise.

Title III is alive and well at RLC thanks to all of you; and now that Title III is here, it will need the support and cooperation of you . . . the students, faculty, and staff . . . to "strengthen our institution."

~ Article submitted

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Tryouts for the 1998 RLC Women's Tennis program will be conducted Thursday, May 28, between 4 and 6 p.m. at Benton Community Park, according to Lady Warrior Coach Diane Metzger.

Prospects should report that afternoon to the courts prepared to play.

Metzger still has limited scholarships available to award for the coming fall campaign, she indicated.

Expected to return from last season's 500 squad are Libby Puricelli (Salem), Patty Reaves (DuQuoin) and Amy Harris (Salem), who filled the No.s. 4-6 singles spots this past fall.

Metzger recently signed Carbondale Community High School standout Angela Rae Hunter.

The program has made steady improvement each of its first three seasons in existence. The Lady Warriors were 6-6 in the fall, but the losses included a couple of 5-4 decisions and two others against the same four-year foe.

MORE ABOUT >> *Broy, staff awards*

Award" for Physical Plant employees at the annual Board/Faculty/Staff Dinner May 8.

During an evening of recognition, Broy's honor was the only real surprise among many announcements. Saluted along with Broy were such previously announced recipients as:

- "Faculty Excellence Award"-winner Linda Denton, Associate Professor of Physics and Physical Science who will be among instructors honored statewide later this summer. She joined the faculty in 1988.

- Executive Assistant Becky Williamson, who has worked in the Vice-President's Office since 1990. She was named winner of the "Outstanding Office Support Staff Award" at a recent Professional Secretaries Day luncheon.

Staff awards also went to such venerable staff members as: retiring Director of the Learning Resource Center, David Patton, who will be leaving next month after 30 years of service; Shipping and Receiving Physical Plant employee Roger Treece, 25 years; Associate Degree Nursing Professor Sandra Lipe, 20 years, and two Arts and Communications Dept. reps, Dr. John Homan Jr., chairman, and Cathy Cross, administrative assistant, 15 years each. Homan, too, is retiring as of June 30.

Many of their accomplishments go unrecognized at the time until the fruits of their labors – the students – go on to bigger and better things.

Not so with Broy, who uses a green thumb and help from several other sources to keep the campus grounds safe and attractive.

Broy, a resident of West Frankfort, first joined the Rend Lake College Security Office on a part-time basis during his days as a student-worker.

He was hired full-time in the dual role of Custodian/Security, and then named groundskeeper in 1994.

His charge then was not merely to maintain campus landscaping, "but to improve it to what you see now," according to three of his admirers, two of whom are previous winners.

"He knows his goal is not yet complete, and this is why he works diligently every day he comes to work. He has been working closely with a landscape committee to improve the campus over a four-year period."

"Outstanding Physical Plant Employee" Broy and his wife, Malisa, are the parents of a daughter, Micah.

Broy is the 10th Physical Plant employee to receive the award in its 18-year history. Until the honor was split into two parts in 1994, members of the Office Support and Physical Plant staffs vied for the same award.

Dr. Steve Tietz, while formally announcing the 19th Faculty Award-winner, preferred to let the words of a former student praise her.

"... Students thoroughly enjoyed Ms. Denton's class – science, of all things," wrote honors graduate Linda Murphy. She referred to Denton as "upbeat" and "overall interesting," but not easy.

"My GPA (grade-point average) is 4.0, but I didn't know for sure until I opened my grades if I had an 'A' or a 'B' (in Denton's class)," added Murphy, a 1996 graduate who had attended John A. Logan College as well as Rend Lake College.

"I hope to pattern my future teaching and classroom after her as much as possible. She certainly is an asset to RLC. She is, without question, the best teacher I've encountered in my schooling."

Williamson was described by those nominating her as having a "calm demeanor and wit," "maturity and poise" . . . "a very effective representative of the college." "She is meticulous and trustworthy when carefully performing her duties."

Patton is only the third staff member to receive a 30-year decorative, acrylic prism in the 31-year history of the comprehensive community college, following English professors Dr. Barbara Luchsinger and Georgine Hawley a year ago.

Treece's 25 years does not take into consideration his days as a student-worker and athletic manager.

"FACULTY EXCELLENCE"

- 1998 – Linda Denton
- 1997 – Carolyn Stewart
- 1996 – John Howard Fisher
- 1995 – Dr. Sue Santoro Tomlin
- 1994 – Michael P. Mullen
- 1993 – Joseph Henry Rust
- 1992 – William Dill
- 1991 – Jim Waugh
- 1990 – David Scott
- 1989 – Wayne Arnold
- 1988 – Dr. John Homan Jr.
- 1987 – Sarah Capps
- 1986 – Sandra VanCleve
- 1985 – Dr. Barbara Luchsinger
- 1984 – Shirley Yeargin
- 1983 – Gary Wade
- 1982 – Dr. Eugene Estes
- 1981 – Vincent Cain
- 1980 – Eleanor Hall

"OUTSTANDING STAFF"

OFFICE SUPPORT STAFF

- 1998 – Becky Williamson
- 1997 – Janice Dillon
- 1996 – Cathy Cross / Jean Huie
- 1995 – Julie Oxford
- 1994 – Mary Ann Lewis / Jane Spencer

PHYSICAL PLANT STAFF

- 1998 – Danny Broy
- 1997 – Ron Somers
- 1996 – Carl Helverson
- 1995 – David Davis
- 1994 – Glenda Atkins

COMBINED

- 1993 – Dennis Carnes
- 1992 – Paul Ossig
- 1991 – Conetta Swift
- 1990 – Connie Sample
- 1989 – Roger Treece
- 1988 – June Sanders
- 1987 – Sherry Somers
- 1986 – Jill Colvin
- 1985 – Jimmie Peoples
- 1984 – Jean Estes
- 1983 – Jerri Ruemmler
- 1982 – Rosemary Carnes
- 1981 – Betty Herbert

RLC trio helps launch statewide child care program

JOLIET – Three Project CHILD representatives from Rend Lake College, along with other members of the state's early childhood community, on Friday helped launch the Illinois Director Credential Project, part of a statewide effort to improve the quality of early childhood care and education.

Funded by the McCormick Tribune Foundation's Focus on Quality Initiative and directed by the Illinois Network of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies, the project is expected to result in voluntary credential for center-based early care and education program directors in Illinois beginning in the Year 2000.

Among more than 100 early childhood professionals, representatives of higher education, government officials and members of the philanthropic community who attended the kickoff event at Joliet Junior College were RLC Project First Class Director Tranae Brockhouse, Training Coordinator Paula Burris and part-time Child Care Instructor Elaine Combs.

"The goal of the project is to begin the millennium with a recognized professional standard for center-based early care and education directors," noted Valerie Dawkins, Project Coordinator with the Illinois Network and former director of the RLC Child Care Resource and Referral project.

A director credential certifies the specific skills, knowledge and competencies needed by an individual to manage a high-quality early care and education program. A credential is a standard or benchmark much like child care center accreditation that is

issued from an accrediting body such as the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC).

The credential will be designed to meet the needs of directors in all kinds of early childhood programs operating in the state of Illinois – part-day and full-day; for profit and not-for-profit; public, private, corporate and religious programs serving children of all age groups.

There is a growing national movement toward establishing the Director Credential. Currently, 22 states already offer or are in the process of developing such a credential, according to information from the Center for Career Development in Early Care and Education at Wheelock College (Boston). According to a survey conducted by the Center for Early Childhood Leadership at National Louis University in 1997, fully 91% of directors were favorable to the development of director credential.

U.S. Senator Richard Durbin (D-Illinois) addressed Friday's gathering. Other presenters included J. Lee Kreader of the Illinois Department of Human Services; Sue Howell of the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services; Peg Callaghan of the Illinois Articulation Initiative; Vita Bates of the Illinois Association for the Education of Young Children, and Mary Rhodes, a center director with the Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House in East St. Louis.

The Illinois Director Credential Project is guided by an 11-member Management Committee with representation from the early childhood

community, higher education, state government, religious institutions, private business and child care resource and referral agencies.

In addition, four work groups have been established to complete major tasks related to competencies, systems which will develop policies and procedures, accessibility and affordability and public relations/marketing.

Membership of each work group will consist of individuals representing the diversity of Illinois – ethnic diversity as well as diversity of geography and program auspices.

"We are committed to developing a credential which will meet the needs of the full array of center directors and aspiring center directors across Illinois," Dawkins said. "Our work plan is designed to allow us to gather input from a broad set of constituent groups which are important to the success of this project." Focus groups and workgroup meetings will be conducted monthly throughout the state.

The Focus on Quality Initiative, a five-year, \$20 million initiative funded by the McCormick Tribune Foundation, includes coordinated efforts to increase public awareness, accreditation, director and teacher training, teacher recognition, professional development and systems change.

Members of this unique collaborative, representing 17 state organizations, have been working individually and collectively to improve quality early child care and education, particularly for low-income families.

"The McCormick Tribune Foundation has and continues to be a champion for the early childhood profession and for families and children in Illinois," said Steve BeMiller, Network Director for the Illinois Network of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies. "We are pleased to be working with the Foundation and with the many other organizations committed to making the credential a reality."

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Eighteen seniors-to-be have indicated an interest and are expected to attend the orientation/enrollment session Thursday night for the RLC High School Honors Credit Program, according to a recent memo from Counseling Center Director David

Vinyard.

The students represent eight in-district high schools.

Those taking advantage of the opportunity will begin this summer by taking "College Biology" on campus three days a week.

F.Y.I. Personals

Congratulations to Jeff Johnston, a 1986 RLC graduate and the husband of Industrial Technology Administrative Assistant Jan Johnston.

He has been named head basketball coach for the Christopher High School Bearcats.

The first-year head coach has assisted previously at both Benton and Christopher, where he has taught for the past five years

Johnston is the nephew of RLC Department Chair Wayne Arnold.

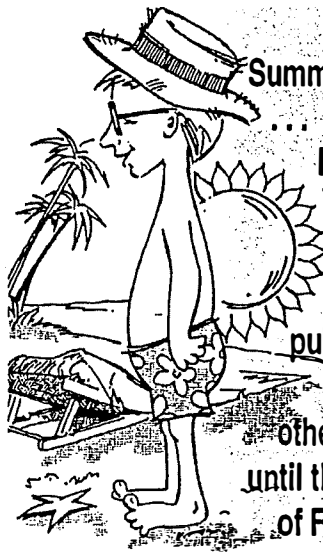
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The seventh-grade class from Benton Middle School will be on the Rend Lake College campus Friday for its year-end field trip.

The class, approximately 120 students strong, will be enjoying the Aquatics Center, playing softball and volleyball and having lunch here between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

If you have a chance, be sure and make them feel welcome!

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.



Summer time ... and the living is easy!!! F.Y.I. will be published every other week until the start of Fall '98.

“College for Kids” dates have been set ... July 20-23 and 27-30. Registration is in progress. The lineup includes 19 sessions, plus a couple of special, one-week courses.

Another date to add to your list of summer sports camps at RLC ...

Coach Brian Laur will host a Volleyball Camp for those in grades 4-9 Monday through Thursday, July 6-9. Laur will be assisted by former Ewing-Northern Grade School Coach Bill Nipper.

MORE ABOUT >>> Workforce Prep Award

Responding to the Chicago banking industry's need for skilled bank tellers, Wilbur Wright College developed a 13-week certificate program in partnership with several Chicago banks to educate students for the entry-level positions. Wright designed classes to integrate welfare-to-work candidates, self-pay students and displaced workers.

The Wright program uses ongoing involvement of personnel from many different banks. A consortium of college and bank representatives uses a screening instrument they de-

veloped during the interview process with each candidate. Bank staff also lecture regularly on a variety of industry topics.

The curriculum for the program allows modification as needed for improvement and relevancy. To date, 28 graduates of the first three programs are working as tellers with two classes of 26 participants currently in training.

Wright also has coordinated this program with the local IETC to provide testing and vouchers for eligible welfare recipients.

MORE ABOUT >>>

NASA's Chullen

“is maybe the ultimate example, in that he persisted in carrying out his 35-year-old dream of returning to space,” and of her own family, including the mother who still runs a business out of her home and the third-generation graduate.

“It is imperative that we hold up as role models people who, in their mid-70s like my mother and John Glenn, still dare to dream new dreams,” commented Chullen.

“Once again, I profess to you a plan, executed with persistence and guided by a vision, can improve your chances for success. Hoping for good fortune is okay; planning for it is more likely to make it happen.”

“Just as it is with exploring space,” she concluded, “you must never consider a mission impossible and persist to that end.”

MORE ABOUT >>>

Returning soph

torian of her Zeigler-Royalton High School graduating class. She has continued that academic excellence during her first year on the Ina campus, compiling a perfect 4.0 grade-point average.

She has been accepted into the highly competitive Occupational Therapy Assistant program.

The advisor who nominated Dollins also pointed out, “She volunteers at Rea Clini in Christopher to gain a deeper understanding of the medical field she has chosen for her career.”

Dollins received the award from Jim Kelly, vice-president of the Rend Lake College Foundation.

The RLC Foundation is expecting to award over \$40,000 in total scholarships next year to incoming freshmen and returning sophomores. Along with scholarship donations from other local contributors, Rend Lake College students receive more than \$110,000 in scholarship assistance annually.

MVPs, OTHERS SALUTED AT ALL-SPORTS BANQUET

Logan, Bernard top scholar-athletes

Most Valuable Players in eight team sports at Rend Lake College were among those recognized at the recent Warrior/Lady Warrior Athletic Banquet.

The MVPs were forced to share the spotlight, however, with the naming of women's basketball player Alisha Logan and baseball pitcher Chris Bernard as the Female and Male "Scholar/Athletes of the Year" for their performances both on the playing field and in the classroom.

A crowd of approximately 200 student-athletes, parents and supporters attended the annual all-sports event held at the Rend Lake Resort Convention Center.

Logan, a Harrisburg product who transferred between semesters of her freshman year and became eligible for the first time this past season, boasts a grade-point average of 3.8-plus on a 4.0-point scale.

She originally accepted an athletic grant-in-aid to play volleyball at Kentucky Wesleyan before deciding to transfer. Next year, she will attend Southern Illinois University-Carbondale in either the physical therapy program or pre-med.

On the court, Logan averaged 6.2 points and 3.3 rebounds per game. Her 3.4-assist average was the best on a 16-15 squad.

Late in the season, she also experienced the pain of the death of her younger brother, a high school student who was killed when his truck hit a deer near their grandparents' home in McLeansboro.

Mt. Vernon Township High School grad Bernard compiled a 3.6 GPA after his first three semesters at Rend Lake College. He is expected to continue his pitching career at the four-year level but has not yet made a decision regarding his next stop.

Bernard was unable to attend the banquet, along with his teammates, because they were still involved in rain-delayed post-season play the af-

ternoon of the get-together.

With Bernard working primarily out of the bullpen his freshman year, the Warriors won the Region XXIV Tournament and came within a couple of victories of advancing to the NJCAA World Series. They began this spring as the No. 4 rated team in NJCAA Division I, and he emerged as one of the top hurlers during the spring campaign.

"Chris has done a very good job both on the field and off," Athletic Director Tim Wills commented. "He works extremely hard as a player and also gets the job done in the classroom."

The "Student/Athlete Award" was started six years ago, Wills explained.

"It is an award we hope each of our student-athletes would strive to achieve. It goes to the male and female athlete who does everything on the field you would ask of him or her, while at the same time being a true student-athlete, also, and experiencing academic success as well."

Two Most Valuable Player awards found familiar homes - repeaters Tracy Hamilton (Benton) in women's tennis and Dan DeMent (Frankfort) in baseball.

Hamilton shared MVP honors as a freshman after becoming a Region XXIV champion at No. 5 singles. This fall, she was 12-0 in the No. 3 singles slot before falling in the regional finals to an opponent who dropped down after playing at the No. 1 level all season.

All-conference and all-region determination had not been made at the time, but DeMent was expected to make it a repeat in all three categories.

Golf Coach Dave Smith took advantage of split seasons to name two MVPs - sophomore Dave Bornack (Itasca) for a fall campaign in which the team won four events and finished runner-up in all five other

invitationals it entered and freshman Chad Penman (Brazil, IN) this spring.

Rend Lake College golfers won their fourth Region XXIV title in a row to cap the fall, behind medalist Bornack, and will compete the first week in June at the NJCAA Division II Championships in Vass, NC. They have finished second, third and fifth nationally each of the last three seasons.

All-Region XXIV and All-Great Rivers Athletic Conference selection John Copple (Dix/Woodlawn H.S.) was a near-unanimous MVP choice by his teammates in men's basketball. Copple also led the team in scoring.

Freshman Eric Bierman (Effingham) earned his peers' vote as the "Outstanding Defensive Player" award, and soph Dexter Clay (Alton) was named "Mr. Hustle." Sophomore Andrew Dagner (Pinckneyville) was recognized for making the All-Region XXIV Division II team.

In women's basketball, freshman Tara Sanford (Scott City, MO) added MVP honors to go along with All-Region XXIV and All-GRAC distinction earned previously. The "Hustle Award" went to first-year cager Kelsey White (Brazil, IN), while "Most Improved" status was bestowed on freshman Heather Cassidy (Magnet, IN).

Softball MVP honors went to mound ace Jennifer Wren, a freshman from Reidland, KY. Former high school teammates Kelsey White and Cari Cook, both sophomores from Brazil, IN, were presented with plaques as softball co-captains.

Freshman Derek Demaret (Fairfield) claimed "Most Valuable" laurels after leading the men's tennis team in wins at No. 2 singles.

Volleyball rejoined the RLC athletic scene for the first time since the early 1980s, with the lone sophomore, Selinda Livesay (Benton), earning MVP distinction.

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DAVID MURPHY, REGIONAL VICE-PRESIDENT
WAUBONSEE COMMUNITY COLLEGE (IL)

Members of the HOLY CROSS COLLEGE (IN) Psi Beta Chapter and the Notre Dame Psi Chi Chapter attended a program sponsored by the Saint Mary's College Psi Chi Chapter. The presenter, Ann Loux, read from her book, *The Limits of Hope*, about adopting two abused children and talked about her experiences. The author interpreted the children's responses using attachment theory.

The Psi Beta chapter at REND LAKE COLLEGE (IL) reports that their chapter is very small, but all the members are hardworking and dedicated. They participated in several community walks including the MS Walk, the Arthritis Walk, and a drug free walk. On Halloween night members provided pumpkins and paints to decorate them to a children's home and helped with refreshments and games. For Christmas the chapter donated treat bags for the same children and adopted a family. Members collected so many toys, clothes, and money that the mother of the adopted family expressed shock and appreciation to them in the local newspaper.

Psi Beta held the first AIDS Awareness Day at the college by distributing information on AIDS and red ribbons. In conjunction with the day the chapter arranged for the placement of condom machines in the bathrooms on campus. Fundraising events included a bake sale and flower sale for Valentine's Day, an auction at a mall, and another one over a local radio station, and several raffles. Members participated in the school's Fall Fest, Heritage Fest, and the Spring Fest where they provided Fatal Vision Goggles to simulate responses of intoxication. They cosponsored with three other clubs a haunted house as a safe, but enjoyable, drug free environment for children. They also cosponsored with the sheriff's department a DARE dance for all 7th and 8th graders in the county. The admission fee of three dollars and a can of food was a great way to raise money for the chapter and food for the community food pantries. Four Psi Beta members attended the National Institute on The Teaching of Psychology in St. Petersburg, Florida, with money raised by the chapter and support from the school. And this is only the chapter's second year of existence!



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Never fear Rend lake
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SCHOOL Frankfort Elementary



The REND LAKE COLLEGE (IL) Psi Beta Chapter boasts enthusiastic members, left to right, Paula Clouse, Virginia Chinn, Nicole Hargett, Faculty Advisor Carolyn Stewart holding the Psi Beta banner, Keli Selover, and Alisha Wilson.

David Murphy
Midwest Regional Vice-President
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Dear Mr. Murphy,

I am the president of the Psi Beta Chapter at Rend Lake College in Ina, IL. I am writing to report our accomplishments of the present school year. Our chapter includes only six members and the sponsor. We are a very small chapter, but all of the members are very hard working and dedicated. In fact, students who are not members often volunteer to help with our projects.

We have participated in several community walks, including the M.S. Walk, the Arthritis Walk and a Drug-Free Walk. In October, we volunteered on Halloween Night at our local children's home. We provided pumpkins and paints for 40 kids to paint on and also helped out with refreshments and other games. The kids seemed to have a great time! Also in December, we donated treat bags to the kids for Christmas. In December, we adopted a family for Christmas. We collected so many items, including toys, money and clothes, that the mother of the family was so shocked and thankful she wrote us a thank-you letter in the newspaper.

We also held the first Aids Awareness Day at our school. We provided information sheets and booklets on Aids and also red ribbons. To go along with Aids Awareness Day, we were able to get condom machines put in the restrooms at the schools.

Our fund-raising events included a bake sale and flower sale for Valentine's Day, an auction in a local mall and an auction over a local radio station, plus several 50/50 raffles. We also participated in our college's Fall Fun Fest, Heritage Fest and plan to participate in Spring Fun Fest by providing Fatal Vision Goggles which simulate the responses of intoxication. In October, along with three other clubs, we sponsored a haunted house. It took several weeks of planning and setting up, but it was a success. It also provided a safe, drug-free environment for kids to enjoy. In December, with the Sheriff's Department, we held a DARE dance for all 7th- and 8th-graders in the county. We provided a band and sold refreshments; we charged \$3 admission, along with a can of food. The dance was a great way to raise money and also support the local drug-free program. We donated the canned foods to local food pantries.

In January, with all the money we raised and support from the college, four members were able to attend the 20th Annual National Institute on The Teaching of Psychology in St. Petersburg, FL. We all had a wonderful time and learned a lot of new things. We heard many great speakers and met some wonderful people.

This is only our chapter's second year, but I feel it was very successful. All the members worked together to raise lots of money and everyone was willing and enthusiastic about every activity in which we participated. I feel this year started off the beginning to many great years in the future.

Sincerely,
Keli Selover, President

REND LAKE COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES – MAY 12 MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Children's Center bid accepted; Director sought

Acted twice on behalf of the new RLC Foundation Children's Center . . .

- Accepted the bid from Brieseacher Construction of Mt. Vernon for the construction of the child care facility at a cost of \$437,300. It was the lowest of eight bids received on the all-brick structure which will include classroom space for infants, toddlers and pre-schoolers, a room for adult observation and training and offices. Private donations through the RLC Foundation, including \$100,000 gifts from both Marjorie Farrar and the late Coyn Mateer, both of Mt. Vernon, have made the project a reality.
- Granted permission to advertise externally for a full-time, nontenure-track Children's Center Director at an annual salary of \$24,000-\$26,000, effective July 1. The new director will assist in the hiring of new employees, setting up equipment and maintaining standards from the Department of Children and Family Services, the State Fire Marshal's Office and the Department of Public Health. The projected opening date for the new facility on campus is August 21, In-Service day for Fall Semester '98 classes.

Walton & Associates to oversee \$1.3 million Intake project

Appointed Walton & Associates of Springfield as the Architect/Engineer for the anticipated \$1.3 million Intake Center renovation project. The Quality Base Selection Committee evaluated four bids using QBS established criteria and made the recommendation due to the firm's experience on previous renovations, previous relationships on projects with the college and the fact it met pre-qualification standards as designated by the Capital Development Board. The addition to the Administration Building is expected to double its size – to approximately 15,000 square feet – almost all to the south and is expected to become a one-stop intake center for most new students. It will be funded from a \$1.85 million insurance reserve bond; Dean for Finance and Administration Bob Carlock reiterated, "It in no way will affect our taxation in the district. Basically, we will be selling bonds we are buying ourselves. (Sales of the "0" coupon-rate bonds) will make no difference whatsoever to the taxpayers."

- No one representing the general public attended the pre-meeting hearing regarding the college's intent to issue the general obligation, alternate revenue source bonds

Miscellaneous action

- Approved the transfer of \$500,000 from the Working Cash Fund to the Education Fund. This was necessary due to delays in receipt of funds from the State of Illinois for equalization and credit hour funding for the fourth quarter.
- Granted permission to seek bids for the purchase of natural gas for the campus for the period July 1 to June 30, 1999.
- Approved Administrative Procedures to include \$8,500 stipends for David Wicks, as Director-LRC Instructional Technology Services, and Michelle Swain, as Director-LRC Library Services, in lieu of replacing retiring Learning Resource Director David Patton at the present time.
- Approved the annual sale of obsolete material. This will be done by public auction Thursday, May 21, at 5 p.m. on campus.

Sherry Summary named Financial Aid Advisor

Employed Sherry Summary as the Financial Aid Advisor in the Financial Aid Office. The 48-week, nontenure-track position was advertised internally only. Summary has worked in that office since 1996 as the Financial Aid Assistant. She received her Associate Degree in Business from Rend Lake College in 1996 and a B.S. in Finance from Southern Illinois University-Carbondale in 1995. She replaces Cindy Hamilton, who resigned to take a director's position at another college.

Two new maintenance hires; Office Support transfer

Received an Office Support and Physical Plant Report indicating three personnel changes:

- Frank Hughey of Belle Rive and Dennis Smith of McLeansboro have been hired in maintenance on a temporary, full-time basis, effective April 16.
- Hollie Taylor, an Administrative Assistant in the Learning Resource Center since 1994, will transfer to the Title IV/Special Populations program effective May 18.

Joe Anderton now Admissions Officer on temporary basis

Approved the hiring of Joe Anderton as a full-time temporary Admissions Officer through June 30 to replace an employee on Family Medical Leave Act. Anderton, a former Student Representative on the RLC Board of Trustees, has been working part-time in the Admissions Office while completing work on his bachelor's degree at SIUC.

Four other college personnel affected by actions

In other action involving college personnel:

- Accepted the resignation of Larry Williams as Chairperson of the Math and Science Dept., effective August 15. Williams will return to full-time teaching in the fall.
- Accepted Sue Glasco's resignation as Franklin County Family Education Coordinator, effective June 30. Glasco, who has worked in the program the past six years, originally informed college administrators of her plans to retire last December.
- Accepted the resignation of Cheryl King as Title IV/Special Populations Administrative Assistant, effective May 1.
- Approved a recommendation to terminate employment of Business and Social Science Dept. Chair Ron Tremmel, effective June 30 when his contract ends.

Six courses, Aviation consortium approved

- Approved six new courses and authorized their submission to the Illinois Community College Board (ICCB) for action. Half of the courses approved are in the Computer Science field and two are Culinary Arts-related. The other is geared toward freshmen students and emphasizes "Orientation." The latter course is designed to improve academic, personal/social and career survival skills; topics will include the college's organization, layout, offerings and policies.
- Approved entering into the Airframe and Powerplant Aviation Mechanics program consortium agreement with 25 other community colleges. Technical courses will be taught at the U. of Illinois Aviation Institute at Willard Field through Lincoln Land Community College.

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All your prayers
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You made much
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of sympathy

Your thoughts, prayers,
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we very much appreciate
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very kind and
caring.

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Perhaps you sent a lovely card,

Or not quite in a chair.

Perhaps you sent a forward prayer

Or so we were it there.

Perhaps you spoke the kindest words,

As any friend could say.

Perhaps you were not there at all.

Just thoughts of us that days.

Whatever you did to console our hearts,

We thank you so much whatever the hour.

By the family of

Allen Peterson

(Ann Overport)

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Thank you so much for all you've done for me over these past two years. I really appreciate you helping me with all of my UofI transfer problems! (And there were quite a few!) My experience with Phi Theta Kappa has been wonderful - you were a very good sponsor. Also, thank you for the opportunity to apply for All-USA - it really all worked out great. You will be greatly missed as a PTK sponsor - there will be a void that will be very hard to fill. Thanks again - Jyl Pepple

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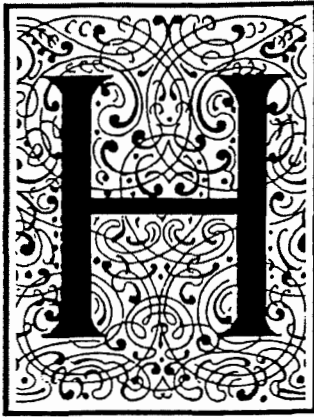
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Eight Strategies to Further Benefit from Your College's Liability Insurance

By Eugene R. Anderson and Susannah Crego¹

PURCHASING APPROPRIATE AND sufficient liability insurance is a necessity for every college or university. Proper risk management planning, however, requires more than just buying insurance.

There are several ways, as detailed below, that counsel and risk managers for colleges and universities can work together to ensure that the particular college or university involved derives the maximum protection from its insurance strategy.

Risk Managers and Counsel are Natural Allies

Lawyers and risk managers have a lot more in common than their respective duties and positions on the organizational chart would suggest. Both lawyers and risk managers are in the business of assessing risks. Both want to protect their college or university from a hostile legal environment. Without a doubt, they are natural allies.

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Private University Responsibility for Professors Taking the Afternoon Off

By James B. MacRobbie

IS A PRIVATE UNIVERSITY liable to its students for failing to provide a complete course? Hardened veterans of higher education law generally answer no, dismissing such claims as further examples of the discredited "educational malpractice" cause of action. But what if a student alleges that she is entitled to a tuition refund because her instructors failed to provide the required number of hours of instruction or failed to cover topics mentioned in the catalog or syllabus? What if the professor routinely canceled a Friday meeting of class or refused to cover a key topic that is

generally considered essential to such courses?

It may walk like educational malpractice, talk like educational malpractice, but an increasing number of courts are not treating it as such. In fact, some courts are sustaining these types of student complaints against private institutions on a breach of contract theory. In such cases a student, acting either on her own behalf or as a representative of a class, could recover substantial damages in those cases where lost future earnings, pain and

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suffering, or reckless conduct on the part of the university is demonstrated. Exemplary damages may also be levied when the university's conduct is found to be especially egregious.

The Traditional Approach: Judicial Deference of Academic Decisions

Educational malpractice claims have not been looked upon with much favor by courts.¹ Courts often dismiss claims against private universities whenever they even so much as resemble this discredited tort.² If such cases are not dismissed on this basis, courts often dismiss them out of deference to the academic decisions of professional educators.

This approach has been taken in cases involving a parent's attempt to recover tuition paid for hours of instruction that the university allegedly failed to deliver. In *Paynter v. New York University*, an appellate court held that it would be "error to substitute its judgment for that of university administrators" in second guessing a decision to cancel classes.³ The court also found that a private institution or instructor was privileged to make "minor or insubstantial" changes in the amount of time spent in the classroom. Furthermore, the court determined that the service to be rendered by the university should not be measured "by the time spent in the classroom" and a minor change in scheduling did not constitute breach of contract.

Similarly, courts have long applied the same doctrine in rejecting tuition refund claims arising out of an instructor's failure to strictly adhere to catalog descriptions of courses. In *Barngrover v. Maack*, a Missouri appellate court found that an instructor was not bound to comply with the "minute subdivisions" of prospectus (or catalog) descriptions, and within "reasonable limits" he or she had the discretion to allocate classroom time to each topic as he or she wished.⁴

These and similar authorities are still valid, and likely to be followed by most courts considering such issues. Nevertheless, some courts are now taking an approach that is much less favorable to colleges and universities

The New Trend: Holding Colleges Accountable

There is a new trend to find liability in tuition refund cases developing in some courts. In rejecting a student's educational malpractice claim, a recent New York appellate court opined that "[a] different situation might be presented if defendant [the college] . . . failed to meet its contractual obligation to provide certain specified services, such as designated hours of instruction."⁵ A number of other recent cases have opined that a school may be liable in contract if it failed to deliver the agreed upon number of hours of instruction.⁶ Enough decisions have now been reported to justify their compilation in secondary authorities.⁷

Even in cases where courts admit that the amounts in controversy are relatively small, they have nonetheless refused to sustain demurrers.⁸ In other words, an institution may be required to undertake considerable legal expenses in defending apparently trivial claims as far as either the summary judgment or trial stage of litigation.

Courts have even overcome their reluctance to sustain claims based on an instructor's deviation from catalog descriptions of courses. In one case, a New York court found that a private university breached its contract to provide an entry level computer programming course by offering a course that was too difficult.⁹ The instructor used a textbook designed for computer science majors, scientists, and engineers and assigned problems he could not solve himself. While this case remains the exception to the rule, it demonstrates the limits of judicial deference to academic decisions of professional educators.

Preventative Strategies

In order to minimize legal expenses arising out of tuition refund claims, colleges and universities should:

- Regularly remind faculty members of their obligation to provide the requisite number of hours of instruction for their courses and to cover certain course topics in classroom lectures, especially those topics which have been promised in course offerings found in the college catalog, course syllabus, or professor's web page.
- Insert disclaimers in the course catalog about the institution's right to modify the class schedule when necessary and the instructor's freedom to cover course topics as he or she wishes.
- Set up fair and efficient internal grievance policies to resolve tuition refund disputes before litigation arises or even require arbitration of such claims.
- Analyze claims at the earliest possible moment so that legitimate ones are settled and non-meritorious ones are defended. While it may be tempting to settle even nuisance value cases, this policy will only encourage more such litigation.

1. See R. Funston, *Educational Malpractice: A Cause of Action in Search of a Theory* (1982) 18 San Diego L. Rev. 7-13.
2. See, e.g., *Andre v. Pace Univ.* (1996) 655 N.Y.S.2d 777, 779-80.
3. (1971) 319 N.Y.S.2d 893, 894.
4. (1891) 46 Mo.App. 407, 410-11.
5. *Andre v. Pace Univ.*, 655 N.Y.S.2d at 780.
6. *Cencor v. Tolman* (Colo. 1994) 868 P.2d 396, 399; *Ross v. Creighton Univ.* (7th Cir. 1992) 957 F.2d 410, 417; *Squires v. Sierra Nevada Educ. Found.* (Nev. 1991) 823 P.2d 256, 258; *Paladino v. Adelphi Univ.* (1982) 454 N.Y.S.2d 868, 873.
7. See Catalano, *Liability for Private School or Educational Institution for Breach of Contract Arising from Provision of Deficient Educational Instruction* (1997) 46 A.L.R.5th 581, 619-23.
8. *Zumbrun v. Univ. of So. Cal.* (1971) 25 Cal.App.3d 1, 11.
9. *Andre v. Pace Univ.* (City Ct. 1994) 618 N.Y.S.2d 975, 980-81.

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**ILLINOIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE
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The Illinois Community College Faculty Association (ICCFA) is pleased to announce the availability of four (4) \$1000 Scholarships for the 1998-1999 academic year. The Scholarships will be given through the Illinois Community College System Foundation and presented at the Teaching/Learning Conference in 1998.

Scholarship Criteria

(PLEASE NOTE: NO APPLICATION FORM IS AVAILABLE)

1. Full-time student status during Spring 1998 and Fall 1998 at an Illinois public community college verified by official transcript through the end of Spring or Summer 1998 and a copy of Fall 1998 registration.
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3. Proof of Illinois residency
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5. A letter of recommendation on official college stationery from a community college faculty member which addresses the candidate's academic performance, character, and ability to meet his/her goals
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 - a. amount of household income
 - b. number of people in the household
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"In applying for this scholarship, I understand that the ICCFA may need to validate this information. I give my permission to the Scholarship Committee to seek verification and understand that any deliberate falsification will result in my disqualification from the pool of eligible candidates."

Deadline: *All materials must be received by 5:00 p.m. on 14 August 1998.*

IT IS THE CANDIDATE'S RESPONSIBILITY TO SEE THAT ALL MATERIALS ARE SENT!!

Send to: Dr. Jayne Booth, Chair
ICCFA Scholarship Committee
Black Hawk College
6600 34th Avenue
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►UNEXPECTED Rend Lake's Dagner to Austin Peay

By Jim Gordillo
The Southern Illinoisan

When two other recruits backed out on Austin Peay's basketball program, Andrew Dagner was there to fill the bill.

The former Pinckneyville stand-out and Rend Lake College sophomore has signed a national letter-of-intent with the Division I Governors of Clarksville, Tenn.

Dagner, a 6-foot-7, 230-pound power forward and center, averaged 10.7 points and six rebounds per game last season. He shot 48 percent from the field and 64 percent at the line. He was an All-Region XXIV selection and was chosen the sportsmanship award

► See DAGNER, 2D

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winner in the Great Rivers Athletic Conference.

Austin Peay was late in recruiting Dagner, but he chose them anyway over smaller schools such as Arkansas Tech and Lindenwood.

"It was real unexpected, about two weeks ago they contacted me," Dagner said. "I was third on their list. I've always wanted to play Division I. It's a real nice situation, a real nice team and real nice coaches. I went down for a visit and I really liked it."

Austin Peay was looking for a tough defender in the low post and someone who will rebound, two things Dagner can do for Governor coach Dave Loos. Austin Peay finished 21-11 last year and is a member of the Ohio Valley Conference, along with Eastern Illinois.

"I don't see myself coming in and making a big impact scoring," said Dagner. "I'm going to help out by playing defense in the post and rebounding. Hopefully we'll win the conference and get an NCAA tournament bid."

"He's not going to be a dominant player but he can do a lot of very good things," said Rend Lake coach Tim Wills. "He's a good defender, he's physical and has good size. He can run the floor, rebound, all the things they'll need next year. He will fill the role perfectly."



Emergency personnel wheel in an injured Belleville Area College softball team member into the Good Samaritan Hospital emergency room Tuesday after a bus carrying out-of-town players crashed into a raised walkway located on the west end of Rend Lake's campus. Authorities said 16 players and two coaches were injured in the crash.

(ANS Photo)

Bus crashes into RLC walkway

18 people require emergency treatment

By Brett Auten
American News Service

INA — A scheduled make-up game in the Southeast Sectional Softball Tournament was postponed again Tuesday after a bus carrying out-of-town players crashed into a raised walkway located on the west end of Rend Lake's campus.

Female athletes on the Belleville Area College softball team were riding a small game when the accident occurred just before 1 p.m.

According to Illinois State Police reports, Catherine M. Bernal, 35, of Belleville was driving the bus east on the school's main roadway when the top of the vehicle hit the bottom of a raised walkway between academic buildings.

All 18 passengers on the bus — 16 players and two coaches — were taken to Good Samaritan Regional Health Center, said a spokesman for Jefferson Fire Protection District.]

Litton Ambulance Service was also at the scene.

Three students who were in the building at the time of the accident were taken in for precautionary reasons.

"We were fortunate that none of the coaches or athletes were severely injured," Rend Lake softball coach Dave Ellingsworth said. "It's an unfortunate incident, but it's not the first time something like this has happened."

A spokeswoman at Good Samaritan said all of the passengers were treated and released.

Though no serious injuries were reported, some members of the team received neck braces to wear for the day and full exams were given by paramedics who arrived on the scene for strictly precautionary reasons.

Denny Litton of Litton Ambulance players were immobilized on stretchers as a precautionary measure before being taken to Good Samaritan.

None of the injuries was serious, amounting to simple bumps and bruises, authorities said.

Ellingsworth denied reports that the bus, which was lodged underneath the raised walkway for over an hour, was speeding at an excess of 40 miles per hour at the time of impact.

"There's no way the driver could have been going that fast," He added. "We have several signs posted and the big curve out there right when you come into the campus. It could have happened to anyone."

No citations were issued in the accident. Bernal was wearing her seat belt at the time of the accident.

The game between Belleville and Rend Lake was rescheduled for 10 a.m. Wednesday.

Monday, May 18, 1998

BUSINESS PLUS



Jimmy J. Fulks

Mariah Boats Inc. at a glance

Product: Luxury, inboard engine - power boats, with lengths running from 18 to 30 feet.

Price range: \$15,000 to \$85,000.

Established: 1989.

Address: R.R. 1, Benton, Ill.

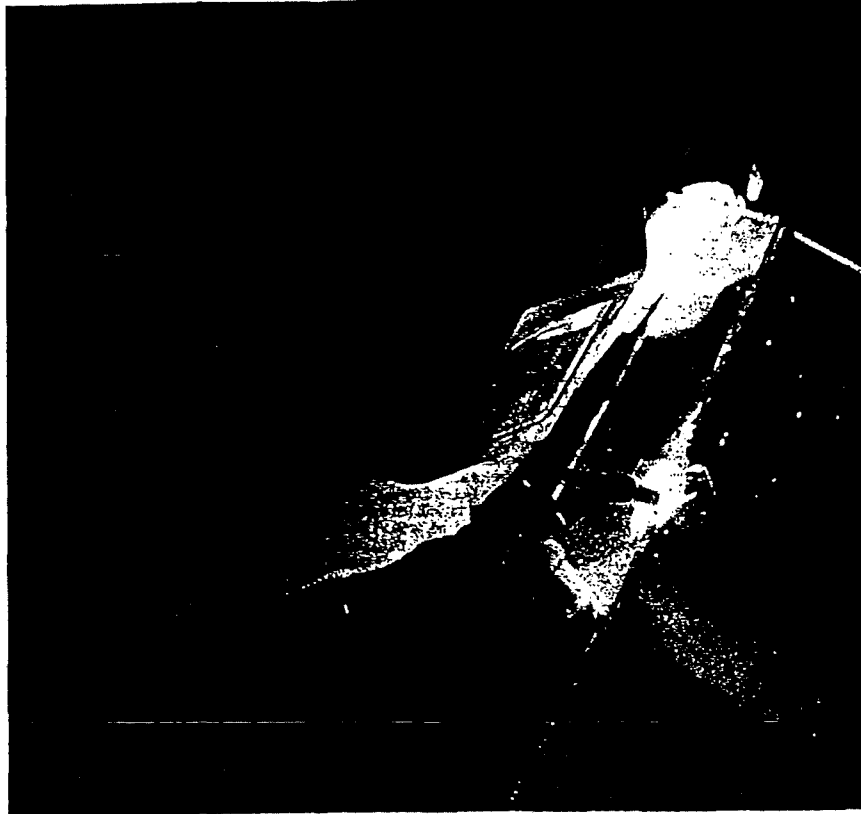
President: Jimmy J. Fulks.

Number of employees: 360.

Annual production: 2,000 to 3,000 boats.

Estimated sales for 1998: \$56 million.

Sales area: The entire United States, Canada and 40 foreign nations.



Jim Ramsey welds a 50-gallon gas tank on a boat being built by Mariah Boats Inc. in Benton, Ill.

LARRY WILLIAMS / POST-DISPATCH

Boat maker finds a niche by building luxury craft

BY WILLIAM FLANNERY
Of the Post-Dispatch

BENTON, Ill. In less than 10 years, Jimmy J. Fulks has taken his start-up company — Mariah Boats Inc. — from zero to 50: From no sales to yearly revenues in excess of \$50 million.

"We've been averaging sales in the \$50 million to \$60 million range for four years now," said Fulks. "This year, we should do \$56 million."

What makes Fulks' success even more surprising is that he has done it in a depressed industry.

"1988 was the peak for the marine industry," Fulks said. "Our industry produced about 160,000 [inboard] stern-drive boats. Today, it's about half that."

This downturn caused a major shake-out in boatyards.

"When I started [in 1989] there were 489 stern-drive builders," Fulks said. "It's now down dramatically and I would estimate 300 have survived."

Many of these are small yards, building only a half-dozen boats a year, Fulks said.

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AT WORK

A people person

Susan McClenahan, administrator for Oak Forest Skilled Care, enjoys being in charge of a nursing home — mostly because she likes working with people.

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YOUR MONEY

How to get rich

Money man Jim Gallagher talks about how you can — if you're not already too old — get rich with relative ease, as long as you live like an ex-Communist.

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ENTERPRISE

Opportunistic

A couple of former members of the Coast Guard have found a niche opportunity and turned it into a successful new business.

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TECHNOLOGY

To floppy, or not

Apple Computer's newest toy — the iMac, due out in August — won't have a floppy disk drive because the company thinks floppies are obsolete. But are they?

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St. Louis Post-Dispatch

Boat maker's sales rise in a market that's falling

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But Fulks bucked the trend and has made Mariah one of the largest builders of inboard engine luxury boats in the nation, producing 2,000 to 3,000 boats a year.

A major factor in Fulks' success is his niche marketing.

"Our boats are the equivalent to the Infiniti and Lexus in autos," Fulks said. "Our boats sell in the \$15,000 to \$85,000 range."

But with customization, some of the boats sell for more than \$100,000.

Fulks admits his boats run a little higher in price than some of his competitors' models. But, he says, his craft are made to a higher standard and he includes as standard many items that are custom features on other boats.

Fulks is no stranger to the power boat business, having served as a senior executive with Celebrity Boats in Benton.

After the company was bought out in

1987, and he had a safe landing via a golden parachute, Fulks quickly laid plans for his own boat company with the backing of St. Louis financial institutions and banks in downstate Illinois.

"I had this in my mind for a long time, starting something different," said Fulks.

"I wrote to 56 [Illinois] communities telling them what I was doing and I wanted to see what incentives they had," Fulks said. "We narrowed it down from 56 to nine."

But it was Benton that offered 40 acres of land and some tax abatements.

"We weren't going to locate in Benton, since they already had Celebrity Boat," Fulks said. "I figured one boat company was enough for a small town. But the town offered the best package."

The initial factory was 70,000 square feet. But with five expansions over nine years the plant now has 200,000 square feet.

Locating in downstate Illinois was no accident.

"First, the transportation is excellent. We have the north/south [I-57] and east/west [I-64] interstates," Fulks said. "We can be in Long Island, N.Y. ..."

Mariah makes its own deliveries with a rented fleet of 16 semitrailer flatbeds.

"Depending on the size of the boats, we can load five to seven boats per truck," Fulks said.

The second major factor was the local work force.

"With the coal mines suffering so much over the last two decades, unemployment is extremely high in Southern Illinois," Fulks said. "Franklin County, where we are, leads the state. Unemployment runs as high as 15, 16 percent."

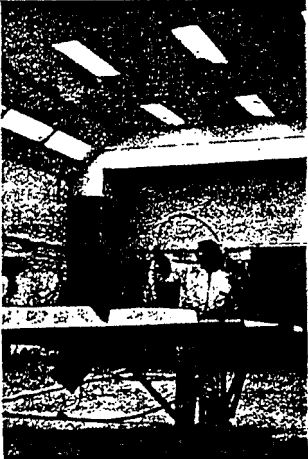
There was a third factor.

"Another thing is that I didn't have to prove myself here, having worked for Celebrity Boats," Fulks said.

When he first started, Mariah would use subcontractors for the parts.

"But suppliers are pretty horrible in our industry," Fulks said. "Over time, because of this poor supply, we set up little factories within our factory."

Mariah produces its own electric wiring harnesses, dashes, stainless-steel fuel tanks, deck rails and upholstery. The company also vacuum forms the fiberglass and composite boat hulls, cabins and decks.



Danzy Zebocki spray-paints a mold, which will be used to shape a fiberglass hull.

"We are more vertically integrated than any other boat builder in the industry," Fulks said.

Mariah boats are sold throughout the United States and in 40 nations on five continents.

"Our overseas sales have been excellent," Fulks said. "Western Europe has been very good for us."

Other major foreign markets include South Africa, Israel, Greece and Turkey.

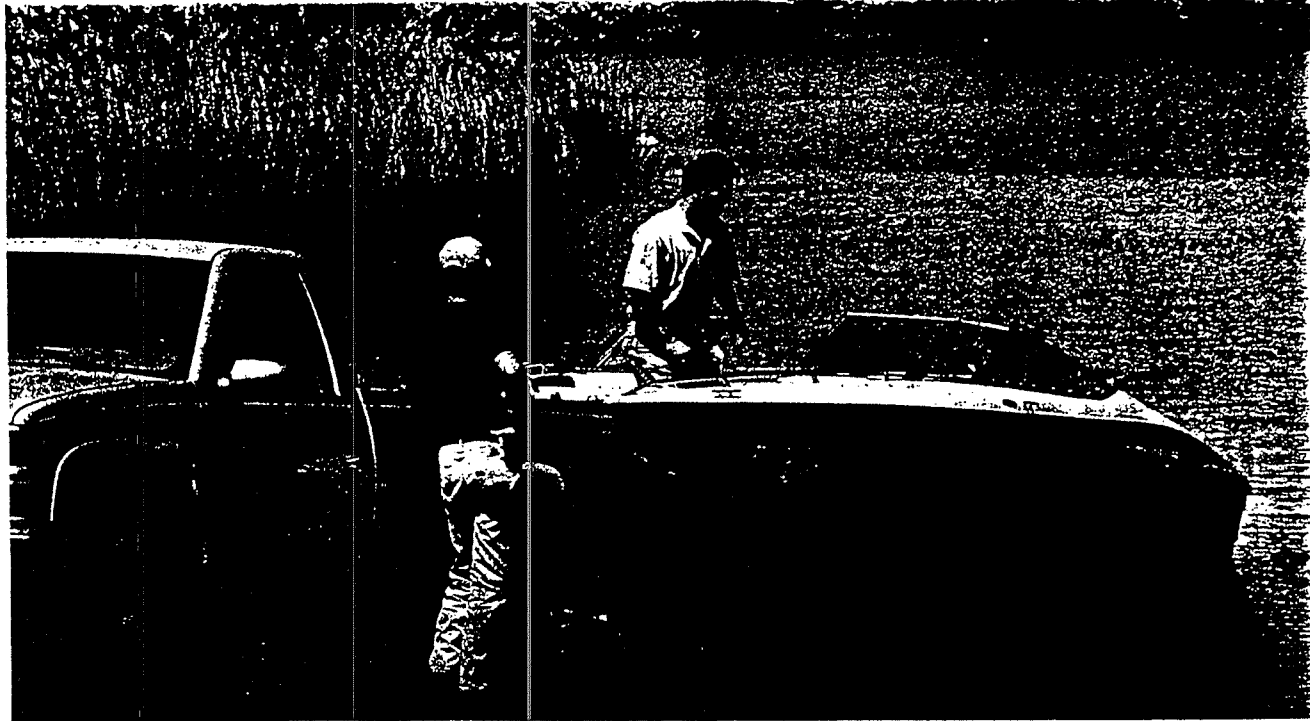
About 12 to 15 percent of Mariah's sales are overseas.

Mariah's production schedule varies over the year.

"We try to coordinate production with our dealers. But our busiest time is July through December," Fulks said. "Our dealer's busiest time is at the boat shows in January, February and March."

Fulks said the boat business is lot like the auto business, with models changing every year.

But Fulks is careful to only change a third of his 40 boat designs each year, so



J. Rance Fulks (right) of Mariah Boats Inc. prepares to launch a \$35,000 21-foot bow rider as Mike Lamb looks on.

dozens of popular models.

Many factors caused the downturn in inboard power boat sales during the 1990s.

Boat sales are tied to discretionary income, Fulks said.

During the early 1990s a steep federal luxury tax on yachts drove down all boat sales, even though the tax was applied only to watercraft costing more than \$100,000.

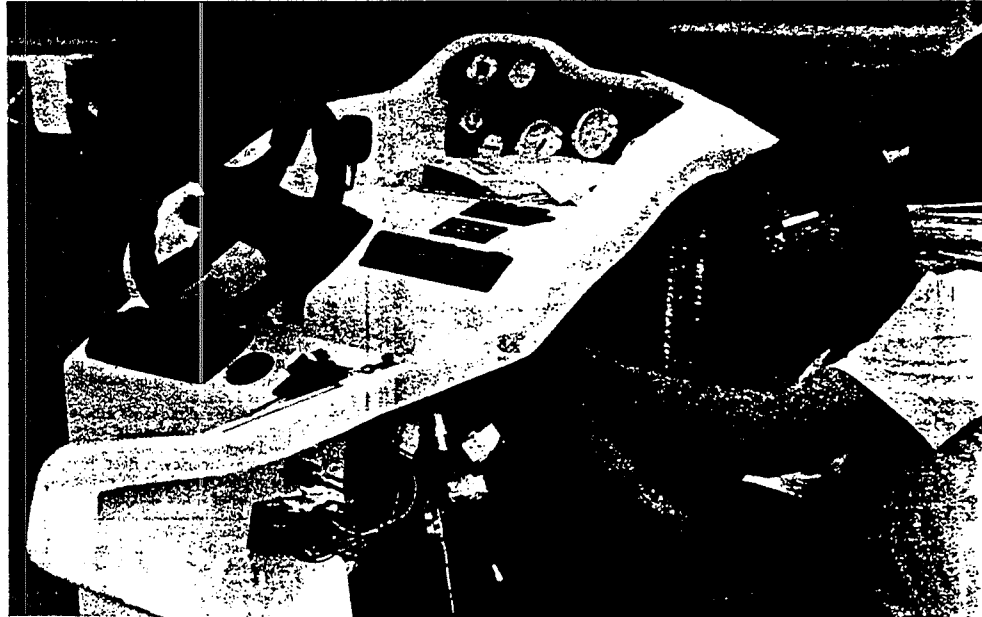
Competition from other forms of recreation, including golf and surfing the Internet, hurt luxury boat sales, Fulks said. "The jet boats and the jet skis have taken a lot of the lower end of our industry," Fulks said. "People will spend \$8,000 or \$10,000 for one of them. These entry-level people are out of the market for two or three years."

But Fulks said this year should be better, with industry projections of a 5 percent increase in sales.

"I believe there will a good upswing. The jet-boat industry has put hundreds of thousands of those vehicles out," Fulks said. "A big percentage of those [jet ski owners] are going to like boating. But their next boat will not be a jet ski."

While these watercraft can be fun, Fulks said, most jet skis can only carry two or three people and the ride is rough.

"A lot of those people will start buying the 18- and 20-foot pleasure boats," Fulks said. "So it's been good in the long run to have jet boats, since they have brought a lot of people back into boating."



LARRY WILLIAMS / POST-DISPATCH

F.Y.I. Week ahead



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MONDAY / 18th

- Illinois State Police, 7:30 am-4 pm (A 103) • Illinois Property Assessment, 7:30 am-5:30 pm (A 105) • Dean Interviews, 8:30 am-3 pm (SC/EBR)
- Student Services Budget, 3-5 pm (SC/EBR) • Dept. of Corrections, 4-9 pm (Theatre) • Southern Illinois Arts Council, 5-7 pm (SC/EBR)

TUESDAY / 19th

- Illinois State Police, 7:30 am-4 pm (ACA 103); 9-11 am (ACA 102 & 104) • Illinois Property Assessment, 7:30 am-5:30 pm (ACA 105)
- Allied Health Pre-Entrance Exam, 7:30 am (ACA 208) • Dept. of Corrections, 8 am-9 pm (SCI 110, 116, 120-122, 132; Gym)
- Dean Interviews, 8 am-4 pm (SC/EBR) • Ina Grade School Graduation, 8 am-9 pm (Theatre; NO) • "Job Strategy," 8 am-5 pm (ACA 210)
- Skills Center, 8:30 am-1:30 pm (ACA 106) • Dept. Chair Meeting, 2-3 pm (SCI 110) • Meeting, 2-4 pm (SCI 132)

WEDNESDAY / 20th

- Illinois State Police, 7:30 am-4 pm (ACA 103) • Illinois Property Assessment, 7:30 am-5:30 pm (ACA 105)
- Corrections, 8 am-9 pm (SCI 110, 116, 120-122, 132; Gym) • Skills Ctr., 8:30 am-1:30 pm (A 106) • Ewing Grade School, 4-5 pm (Theatre)

THURSDAY / 21st

- Big Muddy River C.C., 6 am-6 pm (SC/EBR) • Illinois State Police, 7:30 am-4 pm (ACA 103); 9-11 am (ACA 102 & 104)
- Illinois Property Assessment, 7:30 am-5:30 pm (ACA 105) • Dept. of Corrections, 8 am-9 pm (SCI 110, 116, 120, 121, 132; Gym)
- Ewing-Northern Graduation, 8 am-10 pm (Theatre) • "Job Strategy," 8 am-5 pm (ACA 210) • "Gang Violence," 10 am-Noon (SCI 106)

FRIDAY / 22nd

- Illinois State Police, 7:30 am-4 pm (ACA 103); 8:30-9:30 am (ACA 102 & 104) • Illinois Property Assessment, 7:30 am-5:30 pm (ACA 105)
- Dept. of Corrections, 8 am-9 pm (SCI 110, 116, 120-122, 132; Gym) • Dean Interviews, 8 am-4 pm (SC/EBR)
- Skills Center, 8:30 am-1:30 pm (ACA 106) • Choate Mental Health, 8:30 am-2 pm (ACA 109) • Nontraditional Students, 10 am-2 pm (Theatre)

WEEKEND / 23rd & 24th

SATURDAY -
SUNDAY -

MONDAY / 25th

COLLEGE CLOSED - MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY • Pyramid Players, 5-10 pm (Theatre; LRC 107)

TUESDAY / 26th

WEDNESDAY / 27th

- Criminal Justice Videoconference, 8 am-5 pm (Theatre) • Dept. of Public Health, 8:30 am-12:30 pm (ACA 107)
- Student Services, 8:30-10 am (SC/EBR) • Upbeat Dance Studio, 5:30-8 pm (Theatre)

THURSDAY / 28th

FRIDAY / 29th

WEEKEND / 30th & 31st

SATURDAY - Southern Illinois Swim Team, 9 am-Noon (ACA 103)
SUNDAY - Upbeat Dance Studio Recital, Noon-10:30 pm (Theatre)

