

REND LAKE COLLEGE TIMES

May 1997

By the students, for the students.

Community Chorus Gains Credit

Julie Bartoni
Staff Writer

May 1 and 2, the Rend Lake College Community Chorus performed in the RLC theater. The Community Chorus is the first student-dominated group in about ten years.

Inquiring students and chorus Director, Julie Wilkerson, met with Department heads to make it possible for the chorus to be offered as a one credit course this spring. The Chorus has practiced one and a half hours, once a week.

"I'm most impressed with the students' drive and desire to have an ensemble," Wilkerson said.

"I hope the music program continues. Julie did an excellent job," said sophomore Alisha Elder.

Sophomore Melissa Hefner has been singing since the fifth grade.

"I really enjoy singing and I'm glad that they offered the course," Hefner said.

RLC Community Choir

members this spring include Kendra Colwell (Bluford), Mt. Vernon brothers Tony Donoho and Chris Donoho, Alisha Elder (Benton), Melissa Hefner (Opdyke), Andrea McMahan (Mt. Vernon) and Alisha Wilson (Opdyke), along with their director / singer, Julie Wilkerson.

Freshman Chris Donoho has been singing his whole life and plans on taking the course again next fall.

"I wish more people were interested. We need more guys to sign up," said music major, Donoho.

Wilkerson enjoys enriching lives with music.

"I enjoy the challenge of leading a group towards a successful goal, and this goal in our case is two things: our performance of a concert and hopefully continuing this choral group in the fall," Wilkerson said.

Wilkerson, in her first year as a part-time music instructor for Rend Lake College, has an impressive background in performance herself for someone who only recently graduated from Southern Illinois University-Carbondale

with a degree in Music.

The McLeansboro native was invited to perform during the Inaugural Gala in Washington, D. C., in 1992. She had performed for then-Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton

previously and was subsequently asked to sing at one of his campaign stops in Vandalia prior to the Inaugural invite.

She also has served as assistant director for the SIUC

Concert Choir and the Southern Illinois Children's Choir. The Children's Choir toured and performed in Washington, D. C., and the East as well about three years ago.



RLC Community Chorus members Andi McMahon, Kendra Colwell, Chris Donoho, Tony Donoho, Alisha Wilson, Melissa Hefner and Alisha Elder perform at a recent concert held by the chorus.

RLC Times Wins Award

Bob Kelley
Emeritus Writer

The *RLC Times* has been nationally recognized by The American Scholastic Press Association (ASPA) in their national competition for the 1996-97 academic year. The *Times* received Second Place.

"Our congratulations go to all those people responsible for the high caliber of this

scholastic publication. The varied types of articles presented have successfully captured the essence of 'newspaper reporting.' The high professionalism instilled in the students is evident. Your newspaper is a pleasure to read," stated the ASPA judges in the award letter.

"This is a testimony to the very high quality of the

students at this school," English/Journalism Professor Michael P. Mullen who also serves as faculty advisor said, "The staff of the paper is all volunteer. All of them hold down one or two other jobs, several have children and spouses and only one is a journalism major. These people do a marvelous yet often thankless job. I am

extremely proud of their work."

This marks the eighth time the *RLC Times* has garnered national honors since 1986.

ASPA, based in College Point, NY, boasts a membership of 2,000 high school, community college and university publications.

"It is an honor to receive this award," Student Editor

Sara Bean of Mt. Vernon said, "I am very proud to see the accomplishments of the newspaper staff acknowledged."

"I appreciate the hard work of the staff and the way each person take a professional approach to producing a quality newspaper," added

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Around Campus

From Plow to President

Brett O'Daniell
Staff Writer

I've been a student at Rend Lake College for two years now, and until a few days ago, I didn't know who the President of RLC was, let alone his duties. I know I'm not the only one with questions on this subject, because I've heard many of my fellow students quiz each other on the same topic. So I decided to talk to the man himself, and hopefully get some insight into some of these questions.

Mark Kern, of Benton, has been the president of the college for five and a half years. Although he has only been president for a few years, he has been employed by the school since 1969. Considering the fact that RLC opened its doors in 1967, Kern has pretty well been involved with the school during its whole existence.

RLC was one of the only community colleges in

Illinois that didn't have a Agriculture Department prior to his hiring, and with that in the mind of the school officials, he was to be the man to start it. After teaching ag classes for two years, he became the department head, and he held that title for four years.

"I looked at it as a great challenge to help start the ag program at RLC," Kern said. "My dad told me I was crazy (to start the program), but I did it anyway. It turned out to be the best move I've ever made."

After performing many different jobs for the college, including Dean of the Community Services and Associate Dean of Students, Kern became president in 1991. Under his job title he is theoretically in charge of all of the school, but as we all know, that deed would be impossible. Kern himself though, states his two major responsibilities as keeping the school budget balanced, and

keeping good public relations with the area legislators and community.

"If I leave the school and its in the red (in debt), I'd consider myself a failure," Kern said.

Public relations has turned out to be one of Kern's strong points of his administration. The RLC Foundation had \$120,000 in its purse at the beginning of his presidency, and now it has over 1.2 million dollars. In his first year as president the school offered 50 scholarships per year to students, and now it offers well over 100.

RLC has also experienced no problems with the teacher's union during his stay as president.

One of the major attractions that the school will be adding in the near future, is the Aquatic Center. Kern is excited about the new addition, but he also realizes that the school also needs other improvements.

"The addition of a Daycare Center is more

important than the addition of the Aquatic Center," Kern said. The state has funded the majority of the Aquatic Center, and although Kern knows other things are more important, the college has to take what it can get. "If we would've turned down the grant for the Aquatic Center, we would've simply lost that money."

Other school improvements include getting the parking lots worked on over the summer. "Next fall when the students come to class, they won't have to wade through the parking lot to get to their classes after it rains," Kern said in reference to the easily flooded parking lots.

Throughout his tenure, Kern has had extra incentives to help get things accomplished on campus. His incentives have not come in the form of money, but in the form of children. At the end of this semester, Kern will have had three of his children graduate from Rend

Lake.

"The fact that I've had kids going to this college has motivated me greatly," Kern said. "It makes me work harder to know that what I do at work will have an immediate effect on my kids. I also get a good report on what's happening with the students first hand."

Kern hopes to continue his presidency for a few more years, and from there, what he does is up in the air. "I might try to become the head of a fund raising organization after I am done at Rend Lake because of the experience and success in raising money I've been through here," Kern said. "I might do that, or move away to another state, or I might just stay here on our family farm."

As for his current happiness at RLC, he sums it up pretty clearly.

"I would honestly rather be the president here, than at Harvard University," Kern said.

**The Spring 1997 Rend Lake College
Community Chorus would like to
thank the following for their efforts**

toward our concerts on

May 1st and 2nd:

Mr. Bob Kelley

Mr. David Brown

Dr. John Homan

Ms. Cathy Cross

Ms. Becky Williamson

Printshop

Maintenance (Roger, Bill & Carl)

WILY Radio

Mr. Mike Mullen

& the RLC Times staff.

Thanks!

Julie Wilkerson

RLC Marches for Healthier Babies

Margaret Lockwood
Staff Writer

If you could do something that would save the life of someone you loved wouldn't you? The mission of the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation, the number one voluntary organization dedicated to improving infant and maternal health, is to prevent birth defects and infant mortality. The March of Dimes carries out this mission through the Campaign for Healthier Babies, which includes programs of research, community services, education and advocacy. The money that the March of Dimes raises is spent in many different ways. 41% of the money goes to research and national programs, 26% goes to community service programs, 24% goes to public and professional

health and education programs, 8% goes to fund raising and support services and 1% goes to medical services. Since 1970, Americans have been taking steps for healthier babies in WalkAmerica, a walking event. Each year, in nearly 1500 communities across America, more than 825,000 people walk for someone they love - their own baby, a relative's child, or a pregnant friend - to raise funds to help all babies get the chance for a healthy start in life. Team Walk is the segment of WalkAmerica for companies, clubs, schools and other organizations. Team Walk raises 80 percent of all funds brought in by WalkAmerica.

The March of Dimes slogan for this year's WalkAmerica was "Walk for Someone You Love" and that is just what the

Rend Lake College WalkAmerica team did. Consisting of 34 individuals, the RLC team raised a total of \$941 for the April 26 March of Dimes WalkAmerica.

As a result, the RLC contingent claimed the award for "Rend Lake Area 1997 Best New Team."

All together, 174 walkers helped bring in over \$15,000 (this is more than \$5,000 over the organizers' goal) for the local WalkAmerica event, which took place at the Rend Lake Resort and Rend Lake College.

The RLC Team Captain was Andrea Boucher, who served in absence of Bob Carlock.

Other walkers included Beth Mitchell, Ida Lowery, Barbara Bauernfeind, Sherry Somers, Sandra Cox, Cindy Hamilton, (See Marches pg. 4)

EDITORIALS/OPINIONS

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What's Your Point! It's MY Career

By Dave Pennington

"What's your point?" This often heard phrase (at least if you are in earshot of a certain unnamed faculty advisor to the RLC Times) is not a bad question per se. Why are we here? Has anyone figured this out yet? And what is "here" anyway? The campus, our communities, the state of Illinois, the good ol' USA, the planet? The question (and answer) changes with each definition of "here". But ask yourself, and take the time to see if you have an answer. If you don't have an answer, its not because you are a bad person, its probably more that you haven't taken someone ELSE'S answer yet. Maybe its because their answer doesn't fit your views. Maybe its just that you have been wrong before, and you are going to look for a while before trying to answer the question again right away. Or maybe you never had an answer, maybe you don't feel like you need one to be happy. Some people will argue loudly that you do, but I won't. They will also tell you that THEY have found the answer, and that if you would just TRY, you could be as happy (or perhaps brainwashed and idiotic) as they are. I would hope you all do find "an answer", but I say its not that important. What is important? The QUESTIONS. Is it more important to follow some theology or another? Is it more important to be financially secure than it is to be free spirited? Is it

important to know the truth, if you are happy not knowing the truth? Is there such a thing as truth anyway? (sorry, Pilate)

Someone recently showed me a software program which promised to reveal the meaning of life. Of course, being the skeptic that I am about such silliness, I was (surprise) skeptical. Once started the program offered you a button that said "Click here for the meaning of life". The only problem was that the button would move away from wherever you placed the cursor. So you could chase the button around and around, but you couldn't click it. Sounds like the meaning of life is to have fun making silly software programs. For someone, it may well be.

So what's my point? No, "so what" is not my point. <grin> My point is that you are here at RLC, at least in part, to learn to ask questions. Learn to question the world around you. Even if there isn't an answer in the back of the book. Or one that can be crammed into a multiple-guess question and spewed in sound bites by Peter Jennings. Your questions are important, whatever they may be. Why can't we recycle more? Why does unemployment make the stock market go up? Why does a Japanese alternator cost four times more in Japan? Why can't we build an affordable

electric car that's fun to drive? Why not use straw bales to make houses? Why...

Why am I reading this? (OK, maybe you shouldn't ask that) Fortunately college is one of the best places around for making headway into getting more answers. This community college, with all its faults, is a great place to find answers, as well as more good questions. The library, even though the books in it predate dirt, has SOME newer books, and links to the outside (i.e. real) world through the computer card catalog. The classes available here at RLC are designed to help you become well rounded individuals (as are the snack machines) so take advantage. Ask questions! Take your favorite professor to lunch at Lee J's, and ask them what they think is important, what they think are the most important questions that need to be answered, and away you go. On to more questions! Just do yourself a favor and keep an open mind when people offer answers. If this sounds pointless, try talking to someone who has all the answers, now THAT's pointless.

So, my point is, you need to ask your own questions, and form your OWN answers to them if you can, and do your best to make "here" as good a place as is possible, regardless if someone else has a contradictory point to make. That's my point.

Sara Bean
Editor

I was once told "It's my career your messing with." in regards to an editorial I had written for the newspaper. I found this comment to be very interesting. Because I agree.

THIS IS MY CAREER. I write for the RLC Times not only because I enjoy it but because I plan to continue on in this field of study. I am a journalism major and working for the newspaper provides valuable experience I won't receive in a classroom.

More often than not the RLC Times is overlooked as a student newspaper and instead is considered just a public relations vehicle for the college. Ideally, the Times would cover the events on campus that the college wants people to hear about and would never write anything that might rock the proverbial boat. Whereas, this might make more people happy, I'm afraid that it just isn't a good idea. Journalism isn't here to make people happy rather it is here to keep people informed. Some of the students who work on the Times staff, including myself, plan to continue on in the field of journalism. So, it would seem to be logical to keep the

format of the newspaper as similar to a working newspaper as possible (excluding the fact that we don't push the advertising aspect of the newspaper. And that is a whole other story.).

Back to what I was saying, if we expect to keep the newspaper up to the standards of a professional newspaper we must therefore keep our standards of content high. As a result, some of the content may be controversial or even offensive to some readers, but if it is newsworthy then it must be covered.

I would say that it would be nice to always make people happy and never upset anyone by the articles printed in this paper, but I'd be lying. Instead, I prefer to see the contents of this newspaper invoke some sort of a reaction in the students and faculty of RLC. Whether these reactions are positive or negative is not important.

I cannot lie, like some editors of the past, I have a certain agenda for the newspaper. My agenda was to get more people involved with those events around the campus. I wanted to see more people who are informed with the affairs of this college.

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Wed. May, 14	9:00 am to 6:00 pm
Thu. May, 15	9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Fri. May, 16	9:00 am to 2:00 pm

STUDENT BULLETIN BOARD

Human Services Club recognizes Therese Howard as Humanitarian of the Year for her participation in the Students for Students Art Auction and the socially active role she takes on with her students. Howard will receive a plaque of recognition as well as a \$50 check to be donated to the charity of her choice. For more info contact Sue Tomlin, office 154 South Oasis, Ext. 288.

Rend Lake College Art League is sponsoring a \$100 merit award for the MayFest at the Southern Illinois Arts and Crafts Marketplace, May 24-25. They are also making plans for the 2nd annual Students for Students art auction this fall. If you would like to help contact Student Representative Sharon Voyles or Faculty Sponsor Therese Howard.

The Non-Traditional Student Support group is available to provide services for non-trad student. For more info contact Cindy Sniderwin, office 113, South Oasis.

Recreation Programing is sponsoring the Hole in One contest for \$50,000 which will be held at the Rend Lake Golf Course Driving Range in Whittington. The contest will be held on Saturday, May 10. For more information contact Cindy Corn, Ext. 250.

Phi Theta Kappa, the national community college scholastic honor fraternity, held induction recently and appointed new officers. Membership is available to full-time students who achieve a G.P.A. of 3.5 or better. For more information contact Jay Lewis in the Counseling office in the Student Center.

The American Institute of Architectural Students, the student chapter of the American Institute of Architects, is open to any student with an interest in architecture. For more information, contact student officer Eli Lambert or Faculty Advisor Rick Marlow.

International Studies Club has concluded their fundraisers for the travel-study trip to Costa Rica. A few students were able to raise over \$500 for travel. The club would like to thank all those who supported them. For more information, students should contact Sue Tomlin, office 154 South Oasis or Carolyn Stewart, office 148, South Oasis, Ext. 288.

The Student Senate will be electing new members for the Fall '97 semester. For more information contact Lynn Nimtz Ext. 321 or Student Senate President Samantha Lewis at 242-6564.

Psi Beta is honor society for psychology students. For more information contact Carolyn Stewart, office 148 South Oasis, Ext. 288.

All information contained in the Student Bulletin Board is compiled by Editor Sara Bean.

Security Notes

To the students of Rend Lake College, I would like to take this time to wish each and everyone a very safe summer.

Some safety reminders: **REMEMBER** that the summer time consists of fun on the water, boating, fishing, camping, hiking, climbing, etc. Please think safe. Don't let alcohol, drugs or stupidity play a role in the summer events you are planning. Be very cautious on the old verse of "This won't happen to me."

Observe your driving habits. Children are out playing, due to schools being out for the summer, so be **CAUTIOUS** about your driving habits. Excess speeds, driving while sleepy, missing stop signs are all factors in related accidents. Wear your seat belts--it's the law!

While out shopping or

walking in the park, always be aware of your surroundings. Travel with friends. If anyone looks suspicious observe the color of their hair, any facial hair, glasses, or any type of clothing. Observe their vehicle--license plate, color, if there are any dents, etc. This is not to alarm anyone but to make you more alert.

I would like to extend my best wishes to the graduates of Rend Lake College who graduate on May 16, 1997. May your future be an open book. Please remember to arrive early for graduation. There will be heavy traffic.

My staff and I are looking forward in serving the new and former students this summer and fall.

Have a safe summer.

Chief Jerry Bate
and
The Security Staff

(From *AWARD* page 1

Associate Editor Dale Houseworth of Ewing, "We appreciate the support from the RLC students, faculty and staff, especially the Public Information Office for sharing tips and photographs."

"We are a team," RLC student and *Times* staff member Faith Snyder of Benton, "We couldn't do this job without being able to rely on each other."

"It is encouraging to get recognition for the hard work we've done," added RLC student and staff member Julie Bartoni of Ewing.

In addition to Bean, Houseworth, Snyder and Bartoni, several other students contributed. Among those were Sports Editor Brett

O'Daniell of Woodlawn; Sports writer Mac Manasco of Benton; Staff writers Margaret Lockwood of Woodlawn, Laura Adams of Benton, Dave Pennington of Mt. Vernon, Geoff Kaak of Logan, Doug Payne of Benton and Amanda Lindsey of Kell. Also contributing were several student writers, which included Suzi Broulett of Benton, Stacey Weatherford of Mt. Vernon, Kara Tinsley of Dix, Derek Hood of Woodlawn and Gretchen Morgan of Mt. Vernon.

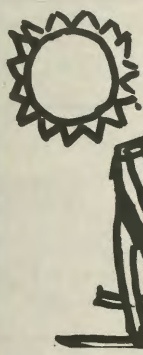
"All of these students worked very hard and made some great contributions to the paper," Bean said, "It has been great to work with them."

(From *Marches* pg. 2)

Angela Kabat, Jamie Wilson, Ginger and Larry Hogan, Gina Todd, Kim Hart, Shari and Todd Carpenter, Matt Carpenter, Leslie Ward, Janice Glosson, Sue Tomlin, Larry Williams, Doug Carlson, Lisa Volk, Jan Johnston, Cindy Corn, Karen Severin, Debbi Jackson, Tawny Furlong, Vicki Furlong, Shirley Williams, Kathleen McCollum, Jamie Canada, Sarah Jatsko, Amanda Perjenski and Joseph Calhoun.

In addition to those who walked and collected donations, Mary Braden

handed out water and orange slices to the participants and Leslie Ward entertained.



Houseworth's Horridscope

C. Dale Houseworth
Associate Editor

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18) Don't look back! There's no use to relive your past since you'll probably repeat your mistakes later.

Pisces (Feb 19- Mar 20) Things have away of working themselves out. But you didn't expect the medication to take effect so soon.

Aries (Mar 21- Apr 19) There's nothing to fear but fear itself, unless you're in traffic on grandma's check day.

Taurus (Apr 20 - May 20) Focus on safety this month. This time unplug the mixer before licking cake batter off of the beater rungs.

Gemini (May 21- June 21) This month you gain valuable insight of your friends' priorities. They will turn down simple yard work at \$10 per hour but will build your house for a case of beer.

Cancer (Jun 22- Jul 22) Don't cry over spilled milk, unless you're standing in the wrong place during a "cow tipping" event.

Leo (Jul 23- Aug 22) Be aware of your tendency to be absent-minded. It's embarrassing to go pay for something and have to explain that your money is in your pants.

Virgo (Aug 23- Sep 22) Don't be critical of others. Remember those occasions when you made comments of a customer on the monitor at your local electronics store, until you realized the video cam was pointing to your backside.

Libra (Sep 23- Oct 22) You realize how humans are creatures of habit this month. When the smoke alarm goes off during a real fire at 3:00 a.m., you find the family sitting at the kitchen table.

Scorpio (Oct 23- Nov 21) Plan to spend time with that special person who shares your hopes and aspirations. (depending if the governor calls in time.)

Sagittarius (Nov 22- Dec 21) The sermon on fighting, drinking, smoking, cursing and cheating on spouses, remind you to make plans to attend the upcoming family reunion.

Capricorn (Dec 22- Jan 19) Have patience on visiting relatives. Your aunt (who is not used to indoor plumbing) really thought it was a washing machine until she pulled the lever and the whole load disappeared.

Classes Closed...Why?

Margaret Lockwood
Staff Writer

Right now around campus you can hear the complaints of students who did not get into a class that they wanted or needed. As fall registration starts, it is surprising to hear that there are classes that are already full. The fact is, the CHE 1101-41, Chemistry 1 class on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday was full after the first day of registration. Also, as of May 5, there were 10 classes that were full, and many more that were rapidly filling up. There are a few reasons behind this epidemic.

One reason that classes were filled up on the first day is the fact that student workers, athletes, and students on the President's List were allowed to register on the day before other students. Some students might think that this is not fair, but they do have a reason for this. The reason that the student workers were able to register early is that they have to work their school schedule and their work schedule in together because of the fact that they work here on campus. Athletes have a tight schedule with practices that they need their classes at a certain time and on a certain day. The students on the President's List were given the chance to register early because some of the faculty requested it as an award for their academic achievements. Only 79 students out of the 381 offered took this chance to register early.

Another reason that some of the classes fill up early is

that they are popular classes or have popular instructors. Some of the classes are required for some of the degrees. In the case of the chemistry class, that is a popular class, a popular instructor teaches the class, and it is a requirement for many degrees.

Don't think that just because a class is full that you can't get it. In many cases the same course is offered at a different time or on a different day. In the case of the chemistry class, Chairman of the Science Department Larry Williams and Science Professor John Fisher are discussing opening another lab to accommodate as many students as possible, but the students on the waiting list will have first priority.

Before anyone gets upset, they are trying to better the registration process so that this will not happen again. They are looking into a way to register students at the same time they are advising students. To make that possible, counselors and advisors will soon be taking lap top computers with them to the places in which they are registering students. They will register students on line at these sights. Sights for registering are: Pinckneyville, Mt. Vernon, Benton and McLeansboro.

Many more classes will soon be full because of the high school students who are signing up for classes. The way the registration process works is that students with appointment cards are allowed to register first (after those already mentioned) and then on the first day of open registration

the high school students are registered along with any other student who has not already registered.

Along with the chemistry class, there are other classes that are already closed. They are: AGR1 1203-01, Electrical systems; ART 1101-01, Art Appreciation; AUTO 2230-41, Electrical "B"; BIO 1101-3K, College Biology; ENGL 1101-44, Rhetoric/Composition 1; ENGL 2102-01, Modern Literature; MATH 1108-01, College Algebra; MATH 1406-01, Intermediate Algebra; and 2101-41, Introduction to Psychology.

Don't flip out if a class you need is on this list. Besides the fact that some of these classes are offered at another time or on another day, you have three other options to choose from. The first option is to have your name put on a waiting list so if a spot opens up you will have a chance to get into the class. Near the start of the year, many students will either decide to go to another school or to work at a full time job or something instead of going to school. There is also the option of signing up for another class at another time or another course altogether. If that is the option you choose than the people in the administration building can take care of that for you. The other option that you have is to have your counselor or advisor sign you up for another schedule and change your classes around.

The best advice given to many student is to register early and avoid the last minute rush.

Dig Deeper

Julie Bartoni
Staff Writer

Inflationary reasons were given for the rise in Tuition for the 1997-98 academic year.

"The tuition here goes up 4-6% more each year. That's low compared to the other colleges whose increases are 10-15% a year." said Bob Carlock, Dean for Finances and Administration.

Carlock would rather see the tuition cost go up \$1 to \$2 a year instead of \$5 or more in two years.

"Rend Lake College is still the 3rd lowest in the state.

A \$2 increase in tuition for the 1997-98 academic year is

not reflected in the first printing of the Fall '97 Course Schedule.

Prospective students should add \$2 to the cost for each semester hour of credit shown; i. e., the tuition for a one-credit course (with no additional lab fees) will go from \$34 to \$36 with the beginning of Fall Semester '97.

Add \$4 to the cost of a two-credit course, \$6 for a three-credit course, \$8 for a four-credit, \$10 for a five-credit course, etc.

The increase is a result of action taken at the February 1996 Board of Trustees meeting.

ANNOUNCING AVAILABILITY OF THE SOUTHERN ILLINOIS EMPLOYEE RELATIONS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

SYNOPSIS

The Southern Illinois Employee Relations Association (SIERA) is an organization of human resource and personnel professionals who seek to provide development opportunities and promote the quality of HR practice. SIERA is a regional affiliate of the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM). As an extension of its mission, SIERA annually offers a \$500 scholarship on a competitive basis to the applicant who demonstrates academic accomplishment, professional commitment, and financial need. Finalists will be interviewed by the selection committee.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Applicants must meet the following criteria in order to qualify:

1. Enrolled at either Rend Lake College, Kaskaskia College, Frontier College, or John A. Logan College.
2. Currently enrolled as a full-time freshman student with intent to attend full-time as a sophomore.
3. Must be a declared business major pursuing either an Associate in Applied Science or Associate of Science degree with specialization in Management, Accounting, Finance, Marketing, Secretarial Science, Computer Science, Human Resource Management, or related fields, and
4. Must have a minimum grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale which must be maintained through the sophomore year.

APPLICATION MATERIALS

All applicants must submit the following materials for evaluation to the SIERA Scholarship Committee no later than 4:00 PM, Thursday May 15:

1. Letter of Application
2. Letter of Recommendation from a college instructor, academic advisor, or dean.
3. One to two page essay entitled "My Career Choice."
4. Official academic transcript.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION

Application materials must be submitted by the deadline above to:

SIERA Scholarship Committee
C/O Mr. Rex Duncan
Rend Lake College
Route 1
Ina, Illinois 62846



President's Mom Donates Fountain

Sara Bean
Editor

Juanita Kern, mother of RLC President Mark Kern has donated money to the college for the construction of a fountain on the school lawn in front of the Learning Resource Center.

Art Instructor Sarah Capps made a model for a bronze copy of the school seal to be placed on the fountain.

Photo by Sara Bean



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Around Campus

The Heat is On

Amanda Lindsey
Staff Writer

Although the first day of spring was only a month and a half ago, the way students and teachers at RLC are sweating, you would think that it's the middle of July. Heat, however, is not the cause of everyone's discomfort. The fact that finals are next week is.

I spoke to several students and teachers, and oddly enough, the stress levels differ greatly. Student Gretchen Morgan says, "Normally I am very stressed, but since this is my last semester and my grades are good, I'm more calm."

Jonelle McPeak, on the other hand, believes that

the clock has a personal vengeance. "Everything in all of my classes is due at once, so I feel like I'm running out of time."

An amusing trend in some male students I spoke to was a severe lack of stress. "I'm relaxing this week, because all of my papers are done, and I'll just cram next week," says Leon Williams. "I'm pretty confident that I'm going to do good on exams," says Owen Blackmon, "because I've kept my grades up all semester."

Students aren't the only members of RLC that are feeling pressured, though. Sue Tomlin, the Sociology professor at Rend Lake, has shared the opinion with many

of her students and colleagues that this week is the most intense all year. Hopefully most people don't have this much stress every day.

As diverse as the opinions of finals are, everyone seems to have the same feelings about them being over: relief. Including me.



Wheels for Life

Faith Snyder
Staff Writer

Saturday, May 3rd was a very cold, cloudy, and windy day, especially for the 16 participants in the St. Jude's "Wheels for Life Bike-A-Thon. Several of the participants walked the one mile stretch that was marked for the Bike-A-Thon. Due to the weather some of the volunteers and participants did not show up.

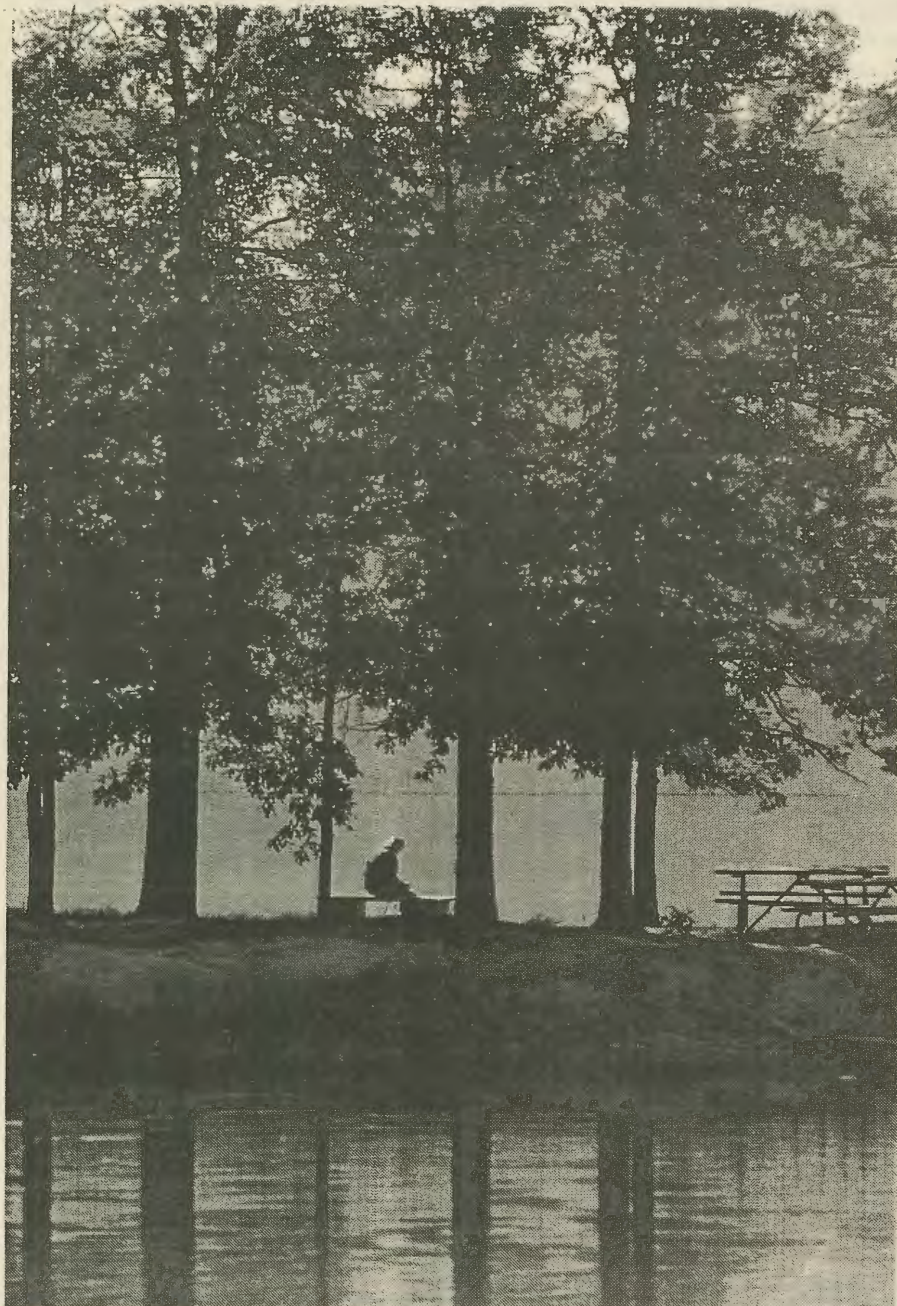
The bad weather and flat tires, a peddle and chains falling of the bikes did not discourage the participants.

Dennis Younger, the coordinator, received a mechanical heart valve which was developed by St. Jude.

Refreshments were provided by Cusumano & Sons in Mt. Vernon.

Younger would like to thank all the participants and the sponsors, Woodmen of the World, for their donation, and RLC for the use of the campus.

"This was the first year that I have coordinated a Bike-A-Thon I hope next year that more children and adults will take part," said Younger.



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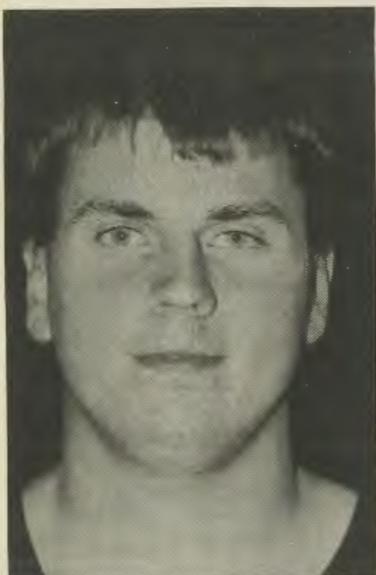
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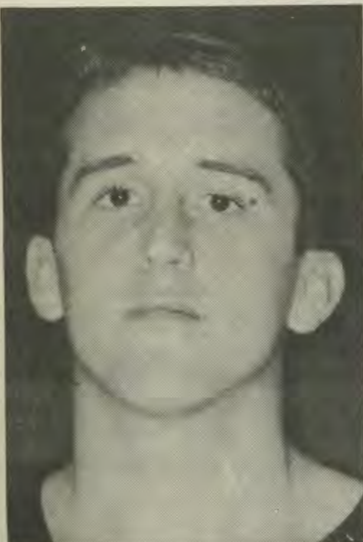
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Warrior Sports



Sophomore Basketball Player Chris Dorris has received a full scholarship to play at Arkansas Tech this fall.



Sophomore Basketball Player Brent Cowan has received a partial scholarship to play at Indiana University Southeast this fall.



Sophomore Softball Player Jaymie Cowell has received a full scholarship to play at SIU-Carbondale this fall.

RLC Spring Softball Team Leaders

HITTING		Slugging%		Walks		Innings Pitched		Walks	
Batting Ave.	RBI's								
Cowell .455	Cowell 42	Cowell .801	Cowell 25	Robinson 148.7	Perjenski 16	Perjenski 130.7	Robinson 11	Keller 46.0	Keller 4
Tolbert .377	Tolbert 37	Keller .480	McCree 16	Perjenski 46.0	Keller 4				
Keller .363	Cook 30	Tolbert .479	White 13						
White .323	3 tied with 17	Foster .456	McNeal 11						
PITCHING									
Stolen Bases	Runs	E.R.A.	Strikeouts	Wins	Complete Games				
White 7	Cowell 57	Robinson 1.13	Robinson 81	Robinson 15	Robinson 19				
Tolbert 6	White 33	Keller 1.52	Perjenski 75	Perjenski 12	Perjenski 17				
McCree 4	Bird 32	Perjenski 1.77	Keller 17	Keller 5	Keller 5				
McNeal 3	2 tied with 30								



Pitcher/D.H. Rhonda Keller

RLC Spring Baseball Team Leaders

HITTING		Home Runs		Walks		Innings Pitched		Walks	
Batting Ave.	RBI's								
DeMent .406	Houston 39	Houston 9	Hargett 36	Spille 70.0	Spille 37	Biggs 63.7	Biggs 30	Asbury 63.7	Asbury 13
Cinnamon .390	Cinnamon 32	Hargett 6	DeMent 23	Biggs 63.7	Asbury 13	Asbury 63.7	Asbury 13	Asbury 63.7	Asbury 13
Beggs .388	Hargett 31	Beggs 4	Houston 17	Asbury 63.7	Asbury 13	Asbury 63.7	Asbury 13	Asbury 63.7	Asbury 13
Click .362	Parton 29	Two tied with 2	Cinnamon 12	Spirehn 56.0	Two tied with 12				
PITCHING									
Stolen Bases	Runs	E.R.A.	Strikeouts	Wins	Complete Games				
Beggs 11	Dement 45	Biggs 1.41	Spille 65	Asbury 9	Asbury 8				
Parton 10	Hargett 37	Asbury 2.12	Biggs 63	Spirehn 6	Spille 5				
DeMent 10	Cinnamon 35	Bernard 2.32	Asbury 56	Biggs 6	Biggs 5				
Firlit 6	Houston 35	Turner 3.38	Spirehn 41	Spille 5	Spirehn 5				



Second Baseman Dan DeMent

1997 Spring Baseball Schedule

March	Opponent	Location	Time/Result
4 Tuesday	East Central (DH)	East Central	W 7-0 W 3-1
5 Sunday	Dyersburg State (DH)	SIU-C	W 6-5 W 9-2
8 Saturday	Aquinas J.C. (DH)	Nashville, TN	W 9-1 W 6-2
9 Sunday	Abraham Baldwin C.C.	Tifton, GA	W 2-0
10 Monday	Gloucester C.C.	Jacksonville, FL	L 6-4
11 Tuesday	Florida C.C.	Jacksonville, FL	W 12-3
12 Wednesday	North Florida J.C.	Madison, FL	L 8-6
14 Friday	Lake City C.C.	Lake City, FL	L 6-4
16 Sunday	Gordon J.C. (DH)	Barnesville, GA	W 3-1 W 4-0
20 Thursday	Shawnee C.C. (DH)	REND LAKE	W 14-0 W 4-1
21 Friday	St. Charles C.C. (DH)	St. Charles, MO	W 7-3 W 18-0
22 Saturday	Forest Park (DH)	REND LAKE	W 7-3 L 5-4
23 Sunday	Florissant Valley (DH)	REND LAKE	W 8-2 L 5-4
25 Tuesday	Kaskaskia (DH)	REND LAKE	W 2-1 W 9-5
27 Thursday	McKendree (DH)	Lebanon, IL	W 8-3 W 12-1
April			
2 Wednesday	Forest Park	Sauget, IL	W 11-1
3 Thursday	John A. Logan (DH)	REND LAKE	W 5-4 L 4-2
8 Tuesday	John A. Logan (DH)	Carterville, IL	W 6-4 L 10-3
10 Thursday	Kaskaskia (DH)	Centralia, IL	W 2-0 W 11-1
17 Thursday	Olney Central (DH)	REND LAKE	W 4-1 L 6-1
19 Saturday	Belleville Area (DH)	Belleville, IL	L 5-3 L 5-4
20 Sunday	Southeastern IL (DH)	Harrisburg, IL	W 9-0 L 4-2
22 Tuesday	Belleville Area (DH)	REND LAKE	W 10-7 W 8-5
24 Thursday	Southeastern IL (DH)	REND LAKE	W 9-0 L 6-5
26 Saturday	Wabash Valley	Mt. Carmel, IL	L 1-0 L 11-5
27 Sunday	Lincoln Trail	REND LAKE	L 3-1 L 13-1
29 Tuesday	Lewis & Clark	Godfrey, IL	W 16-6
Sectional Playoffs at Wabash Valley at Mt. Carmel			
	Southeastern IL		L 8-6
	Wabash Valley		W 11-1
	Southeastern IL		W 11-1

1997 Spring Softball Schedule

March	Opponent	Location	Time/Result
5 Wednesday	McKendree	REND LAKE	W 11-2
11 Tuesday	Volunteer St. (DH)	Gallatin, TN	W 5-2 L 3-4
12 Wednesday	Gulf Coast C.C.	Panama City, FL	L 4-3 L 2-1
14-16 Fri-Sat	Sunshine State Inv. at Tallahassee, FL		
	Tallahassee C.C.		L 3-1
	Seminole (FL)		W 4-1
	N.E. Oklahoma		W 5-0
	Santa Fe (FL)		W 3-1
22-23 Sat-Sun	Meramec Tourney at St. Louis, MO		
	Illinois Central		W 9-1
	Lincoln Trail		W 18-0
	Spoon River		L 5-0
	South Suburban		W 5-0
	Meramec		W 5-0
24 Monday	Olney Central (DH)	REND LAKE	W 7-0 W 8-0
27 Thursday	John A. Logan (DH)	Carterville, IL	W 4-1 W 8-4
April			
1 Tuesday	Wabash Valley (DH)	Mt. Carmel, IL	L 2-1 L 4-3
3 Thursday	Lincoln Trail (DH)	Robinson, IL	W 13-0 W 11-1
7 Monday	Kaskaskia (DH)	REND LAKE	W 9-0 W 15-1
9 Wednesday	Shawnee	Ullin, IL	W 9-5 W 10-1
11 Friday	Southeastern IL (DH)	Harrisburg, IL	W 11-0 W 19-1
15 Tuesday	Belleville Area (DH)	REND LAKE	W 6-3 L 4-1
17 Thursday	St. Charles (DH)	REND LAKE	W 4-2 W 12-5
18 Friday	Three Rivers (DH)	There	L 2-1 W 6-3
19, 20 Sat-Sun	Meramec Draffacii Classic at St. Louis, MO		
	Daytona Beach		L 3-0
	Illinois Central		W 2-1
	Lake Michigan		W 10-2
	Kaskaskia		W 3-2
	Meramec		T 2-2
22 Tuesday	John A. Logan (DH)	REND LAKE	W 4-3 W 8-0
25 Friday	Shawnee (DH)	REND LAKE	W 3-0 L 3-2
29 Tuesday	U. of S. Indiana	There	L 1-0 L 5-2
May			
1-3 Thurs-Sat	Sectional Playoffs		
	Shawnee		W 5-2
	Belleville Area		L 3-0
	Kaskaskia		W 7-5
	John A. Logan		L (13 In) 3-1

Warrior Sports

Softball Team Finishes 32-16-1

Mac Manasco
Staff Writer

Even though the Rend Lake Softball Team ended its season earlier this year than it did last year, they can look back and see just how successful of a season they really had. They ended the season with a mark of 32-16-1.

On April 15 they played host to Belleville Area College. The Lakers came out with a split. In the first game, the Lakers won 6-3.

"We were down 3-0 in the sixth inning until we tallied up 6 runs," coach Dave Ellingsworth said. In the second game, the Lakers fell 4-1.

"We had people in scoring position the whole game, but we just couldn't drive them in," coach Ellingsworth said.

Next, on April 17, the Lakers played host in a double header against St. Charles. The first game was close with the score ending at 4-2. In the second game, the Lakers pounded out sixteen hits on their way to a 12-5 blowout.

Next, the Lady Warriors played at Three Rivers in another double header and came out with a split. In the first contest, the Lakers fell 2-1.

"We left 11 people on base," coach Ellingsworth said. "Three Rivers just played good defense in that game."

The Lakers have seemed to run into some bad luck when it comes to driving in

runs.

Next, the Lady warriors played in the Meramec Daffidill Classic which featured 5 teams that were in the top twenty at one time during the season.

There was no champion in the tournament because of the excessive rain fall.

The Lady Warriors went 3-1-1 in the tournament.

First, they defeated Daytona Beach, Florida in a shutout 3-0. "We played great defense in this game," Ellingsworth said. "It was probably one of our better defensive outings of the season."

Next, the Lakers defeated Illinois College 2-1. It was the same team that they defeated last year to win the Region XXIV Championship.

"We played a great ballgame, especially on the defensive side, and Amanda (Perjenski) did a superb job pitching also," Ellingsworth said.

In the next contest, the Lakers defeated Lake Michigan who was, in the preseason, the No. 15 team in the nation 10-2.

Next, the Lakers played tough Kankakee College, who was a top twenty team at the time, 3-2.

"I was really pleased with the pitching of Robinson that game," Ellingsworth said.

Finally, the Lakers closed out play with host Meramec College. They ended up with a 2-2 tie when the rains came in the

fifth inning.

"We really had a great tournament," Ellingsworth said.

On April 22, the Lakers played host to John A. Logan in a double header. The Lakers swept both games, 4-3 and 8-0.

"In the first game, we just couldn't drive in the runs but anyway we came away with the win," Ellingsworth said. "In the second game, we did a better job driving in runs when people were in scoring position."

On April 25, the Lakers played in another double header against Shawnee. It was a split decision with the Lady Warriors winning the first game 3-0, but they fell in the second game 3-2 in eleven innings.

"Once again, we were plagued with the inability to drive in runs," Ellingsworth said.

To close out the regular season, the Lakers played at the University of Southern Indiana in their last game of the regular season.

The Lakers fell in both contests against the NCAA Division II team 1-0 and 5-2.

"Even though we lost both games, we did play well against them," Ellingsworth said. "Their pitchers had us off-balanced the whole game."

The Lakers opened up Sectional play against a very familiar Shawnee team. The Lakers won the contest 5-2 in spite of getting out hit.

"We were down 2-1 in the first inning, but then we scored 2 runs in the fifth and 2 runs in the sixth to sealed the deal," Ellingsworth said.

In the second game, the Lakers had an important match up with Belleville Area College. They fell 3-0.

"Once again, we left a lot of runners on base," Ellingsworth said.

In the second game, the Lakers defeated Kaskaskia 7-5.

Next, would prove to be the back breaker for the Lakers who fell 3-1 against John A. Logan in 13 innings in the final game of the year.

"We trouble with driving in runs all spring, but it wasn't from lack of effort," Ellingsworth said. "I'm going to really miss the seven sophomores that will be graduating after this year."

The RLC Times Sports staff would like to thank the director of public information, Bob Kelley, and all the head coaches and players for their cooperation.

Volleyball New at RLC

Geoff Kaak
Staff Writer

The Rend Lake College Board has recently approved the volleyball program for the upcoming fall season. After RLC, Southeastern Illinois is the only school in the Great Rivers Athletic Conference which does not have a volleyball program, which will be installed the following year. According to Tim Wills some people have inquired about the coaching position

which pays \$4000. "Right now we are in the process of getting applications, hopefully we will have found a coach by the end of the week." Mr. Wills also went on to say that, "The addition of volleyball as a women's sport has a potential to increase student enrollment." The college presently competes intercollegiately in men and women's basketball, baseball, women's softball, golf and men's and women's tennis.

Rend Lake College Sportsman Spotlight

Mike Thompson

Sport: Baseball

Coaches: Rich Campbell (Head Coach) and Todd Venters (Assistant Coach)

High School: Lexington, KY (1995)

Career Highlights: Beating Wabash Valley to win sectional for the first time in 5 years.

Thompson On His Team: "We are only as good as we want to be."

Future Plans: He plans on attending the University of Arkansas-Little Rock this fall and hopes to get a degree in Physical Education.

