



REND LAKE COLLEGE TIMES

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By the students, for the students.

"I Believe In Hope"

Art Auction at RLC

Paula Clouse
Staff Writer

Carolyn Stewart's Child Psychology class invited Circuit Judge Jim Wexstten to speak on issues concerning child abuse. Judge Wexstten is the President of Prevent Child Abuse Illinois, a state-wide branch of the National Committee to Prevent Child Abuse.

Wexstten began the discussion stating that he had just returned from a two day conference held in Springfield in which he and some six hundred constituents in the child care field gathered to learn more about the realities of child abuse in Illinois.

Wexstten commented that when people are asked, "How do you feel?" their answers are typically polite, not accurate. Abused children often answer the same way...saying what they're supposed to say instead of what is really true.

Wexstten warned the class, "If you are now or will be working in child care fields, you must find ways to energize yourself or you will burn out and be therefore rendered ineffective in your job. You're going to be facing a lot of tough issues...issues that today you can't even imagine."

The Prevent Child Abuse Illinois (P.C.A.I.) program oversees other programs such as, "Healthy Families Illinois," a volunteer home visitor program which looks to act as a preventative measure against child abuse by providing new parents with in-home support visits and free life-training skills

such as "how to deal with a colicky baby." legislation passed regarding

Another program generated by P.C.A.I. is the "Never Shake a Baby" Program. Trained volunteers seek to teach new parents behavior modification skills that focus primarily on anger management. Wexstten stated that three cases of "Shaken Baby Syndrome" are presently being litigated in Jefferson County. Clear cut medical factors indicate S.B.S. has occurred. They include brain trauma, retinal damage, and blindness. New legislation, introduced by P.C.A.I., now requires that the Child Death Review Team review EVERY case of childhood death, not only those children who are wards of the state.

P.C.A.I. has partnered with Target Department Stores, Dexter Laboratories, Abbott Laboratories, and the Greater Federation of Women's Clubs in hiring staff members and educating and training volunteers who work within the court systems. The Chicago Bulls and Mark McGwire are now being sought out to act as sponsors and spokespersons to promote Prevent Child Abuse in Illinois. (As an aside, Judge Wexstten mentioned that far Dennis Rodman is the only Chicago Bull who has donated to P.C.A.I. He stated that although he doesn't always approve of Rodman's antics, he does admire his ability as an athlete, and now thinks more highly of him because he knows "he at least has children on his heart.")

Another way to be proactive is to volunteer for training in becoming a C.A.S.A. worker: Court Appointed Special Advocate. P.C.A.I. conducts training seminars equipping volunteers to work with the *Guardian ad Litum*, or G.A.L., the court appointed attorney for the child. Other programs in which people can volunteer are Royal Family Kids Camp, a one-week camp experience for abused and neglected children, Big Brothers Big Sisters, which mentors children, the Southern Thirty Adolescent Care Center, an emergency care center instituted by the Wexstten for adolescents who have been placed within the system temporarily, and of course competent, caring Foster Parents are always needed. If people do nothing else, Wexstten says that saying something *positive* to a child to encourage him means a lot. He mentioned a newly learned fact heard at the Springfield conference: "an abused child typically hears negative or demeaning remarks an average of 240 times a day." The Judge then handed out cards that said,

He also employed us to be

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Art students Sara Scott and Carrie Norris display their prowess.

Ellen Marie Tripp
Staff Writer

The Art League and RLC Foundation is sponsoring an Art Auction to be held on October 24, 1998, at the Rend Lake Resort at Wayne Fitzgerald State Park off of Rt. 154. Artwork from present students, former students, and faculty will be presented. Money raised will help fund scholarships to second year art students.

Those interested in attending may contact Art Instructor Theresa Howard, Theatre Manager Tracie Brouillette, Music Instructor Julie Wilkerson, or Pat Mitchell of the Rend Lake College Foundation.

For those attending, the cost

is twenty-five dollars. The fun begins at 5:30 p.m. with carriage rides. Dinner theatre will be performed from 6 to 7 p.m. There will be speakers from 7:30 to 8 p.m. The evening closes with Rob Little auctioning the artwork at 8 p.m. The dinner theatre is performed by Tracie Brouillette and cast. A mini version of "The Butler Did It" Will be performed which will also be performed in its entirety in November.

Howard said, "Money will go back to the students. It will provide scholarships to second year art students with at least 12 credit hours and applications are given out in

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More Wired Classes Concert Band Soon

Clinton Jones
Staff Writer

Rend Lake College gets another boost of computer-related techno-classes. This time around the classes are in the form of one day computer workshops at the Times Square Campus in Mt. Vernon.

These courses take place during the fall semester and will be centered around 19 subjects for students of any computer literacy level. For \$34 dollars a person, students get a one day class from 8:15am to 4:00pm. The classes are worth .05credits in vocational skills training.

The first of the software package classes in planned to be "Beginning Microsoft Office." It is designed for beginners, and is set for Thursday, September 10. The class teaches students the fundamentals of word processing, database creation, spreadsheets, and multimedia presentations. Follow up classes are also set for several dates after October.

Another class that will be offered that seems to be in high demand these days is "Surfing the Net." The basics of net etiquette and function will be discussed as well as

tutorials on the different programs that can be used in conjunction with surfing the net.

Some of the topics slated are:

- "Microsoft Publisher"
- "Introduction to Windows 95"
- "Beginning Microsoft Excel for Windows"
- "Introduction to Microsoft Access for Windows"
- "Quickbooks Pro"
- "Web Page Design with Netscape"
- "Intermediate MS Word for Windows"
- "Intermediate Excel for Windows"
- "Beginning MS Word"
- "Beginning Lotus 1-2-3"
- Beginning Corel WordPerfect"
- "Surfing the Internet"
- "Quicken"

For a complete list of workshops contact Rend Lake College Community Services at (242-5805) for more information.

So, if your interest lead toward the computer related, or if you would just like to know what a wpd or html file is check these classes out. Besides, everyone likes a class that only meets once.

Eric McLain
Staff Writer
Attention! All musicians break out those pipes and strings and horns, blow the dust off, and start practicing. Julie Wilkerson, Music Instructor, is putting together a concert band for the Spring '99 semester here at RLC. More details to come in future issues.

Flavored Condoms

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The Rend Lake College Foundation
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Students for Students Art Auction

*Artwork by RLC students, Sarah Capps,
Theresa Howard, Alumni and Local Artists*

Rend Lake Resort Convention Center
October 24, 1998

Art Preview	6:00 a.m.
Mystery Theater & Dinner	7:00 p.m.
Auction	8:00 p.m.

Tickets: \$25.00 per person
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Let's get ready to R-U-M-B-L-

Donnie Johnson
Staff Writer

On September 19, Independent Championship Wrestling (ICW) came to the Ina Grade School for the Ina Fall Festival fundraiser. ICW is based in Southern Illinois and usually draws anywhere from 300 to 500 people per event. Although the Ina Grade School gym only holds about 200 people, it sold out.

I was lucky enough to go back stage and get a one on one interview with the current ICW champ, the California Kid. "I have been promoting these shows for the past three years",

said the California Kid, "mainly ICW? in the Mt. Vernon area, and have developed quite a following. We have developed the Hard Core style of wrestling and There are no wannabes, I was a wannabe when I was in sixth grade, but at 17 I was in that ring we are too violent and vulgar." "Currently we are doing more fundraisers than anything. The people that want us to come to town are who we are working with," said the Kid.

The California Kid starting wrestling when he was just seventeen years old under his real name Scott Little. But, because he was tan with blond hair he got the name California Kid. So what does it take to join you can't join a instrument".

"This is what bugs me the most, if people wanted to be doing this, they would be. There are no wannabes, I was a wannabe when I was in sixth grade, but at 17 I was in that ring getting bounced around," he said.

"ICW will not accept anyone for employment who does not have formal training and has at least two years of experience". He also said that he receives phone calls constantly from people who want to get into wrestling. Here's his advice to them: "You can't join the band, if you can't play an instrument".

To Be Impeached or Not That Is The Question

Duane Culli
Staff Writer

Teaching government and history this semester has been interesting to say the least. The problems of the Clinton presidency have captured the attention of the American people, and focused it on the seedier side of politics.

Impeachment is in the air and on the lips of people that had hoped never to have to think about it again in post-Nixon politics. Young Americans, who know of Richard Nixon only because they have read about him in a history book, are getting their own prime example of politics gone astray.

In October the House Judiciary Committee will vote on whether or not to begin a formal impeachment inquiry. If the process goes on, the full House will vote on the impeachment charges. Should the House decide to impeach President Clinton, the Senate will try the case against him with the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court presiding.

In the event the President is found guilty by the concurrence of two thirds of the Senate, he will be removed from office. This is the nuts and bolts of the impeachment process set out in the Constitution. The problem most Americans seem to be having is in defining what is an impeachable offense.

The Constitution in Article II, section 4 states: "The President, Vice President and all civil officers of the United States, shall be removed from office on Impeachment for,

and Conviction of, Treason, Bribery, or other high Crimes and misdemeanors." Treason and bribery are easy to define, the trouble comes with the ambiguous "other high crimes and misdemeanors."

Historically, America has had one President impeached and one resign before formal charges were voted on by the House. Andrew Johnson, made president by the act of an assassin, inherited Lincoln's office and his problems with Congress. Congress passes the Tenure of Office Act making it illegal for a President to "fire" anyone that the Senate had to confirm. Johnson fired Lincoln's Secretary of War, Stanton, and fell into their trap. The House voted to impeach him and the Senate held a trial. The Senate failed to find Johnson guilty by a lack of one vote.

Richard Nixon resigned before the House could bring formal charges against him. Nixon's problems stemmed from his misuse of federal agencies: F.B.I., C.I.A. and the I.R.S. to obstruct justice in the investigation of the Watergate apartment complex break-in. Nixon lied about when he first became aware of the break-in and then tried to hinder the investigation.

In one case, Congress passed a law that they knew Johnson would ignore. In the other, Congress defined obstruction of justice as an impeachable offense. Former president Gerald Ford is credited with saying that an impeachable offense is whatever Congress decides at

the moment. Since Congress is the law-making body of the government, this makes sense.

The question remains, are the actions of Bill Clinton impeachable? Ken Starr, the independent prosecutor, released information to Congress, that in turn was released to the American people. Starr's report listed 11 offenses that he felt could be impeachable offenses. America was bombarded with descriptions of unmentionable sexual acts that our President allegedly committed with an intern working in the White House, Monica Lewinsky. The taped questioning of President Clinton has even been aired to the populace.

President Clinton reversed his story about Lewinsky. At first he denied having had sex with her, but later admitted to having had "an inappropriate relationship" with Ms. Lewinsky. While infidelity is nothing new to the White House, an affair with a subordinate smacks of impropriety on a grand scale.

Clinton changed his story about Monica, is being sued in a sexual harassment suit (under appeal) by Paula Jones, and has been accused of an unwanted sexual advance on former White House volunteer Kathleen Willey.

The act of infidelity is not what will get him. The question of how far he went to hide his dirty laundry might. If he obstructed justice, then historically he is fair game for the impeachment process.



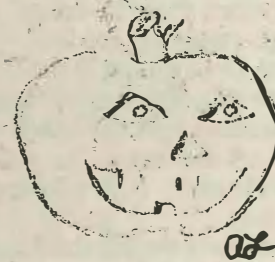
Big 

Halloween

Bash 

Terah Trusty
Staff Writer

The Art League is hosting a Halloween Party on Friday, October 30. All RLC students are encouraged to participate in the event. The place to be is the Student Center starting at 6 p.m. and ending at 10 p.m. Admission fee is \$2, a small price for a great time. Cash prizes will be awarded, with all money received, to winners of the costume contest and lip sync contest. This event is strictly non-profit, all proceeds will be returned directly to the students that night. Come join the fun and enjoy prizes, food, and dancing. Who knows you may even leave with some extra cash.



Eloquent Art Auction Scheduled for 10-24

Terah Trusty
Staff Writer

It's almost time for the annual "Students for Students" Art Auction. You do not want to miss this one. As opposed to the past carnival-like atmosphere, this Art Auction has been expanded and will possess a more eloquent atmosphere. The Art League and the Foundation have come together and planned one classy evening. The evening will start off with an art preview from 6-7 p.m. During this time you can also take part in a wine and cheese tasting, or sit back and enjoy a

horse-and-buggy carriage ride. Following that, dinner will be served, and from what I hear it will be great. Sara Scott, chairperson of the Art League, said that there is a very "appealing menu." Not only will you be served food at dinner, but you will also be entertained. The RLC Theatre Manager Tracey Brouillette and cast will perform a preview to their upcoming comedy-mystery play. Entertaining that night will also be RLC's talented Julie Wilkerson doing what she does best, singing. Finally, the auction will begin. The bidding will start at 8 p.m.,

and continue on until every piece of art is gone.

There is a wide variety of styles to choose from. Featured art will be anything from modern realistic, to abstract. There will be something there to fit the taste of all.

An assortment of media was generously donated for the auction. Included will be a beautiful screen donated by Therese Howard along with paintings and drawings donated by Sara Capps. Other media donated by RLC students and alumni include: printmaking, stippling, glass etching, ceramics, sculptures,

paintings, and photography. Also, an extra thrown in the bidding will be a Princess Diana Beanie Baby.

The Art Auction will take place on Saturday, October 24, at the Rend Lake Resort. Tickets cost \$25 per person. This event raises money that enables the Art Department at RLC to give scholarships encouraging art students to pursue their dreams.

I have a feeling that this year the "Students for Students" Art Auction will be a huge success. If you would like to receive an invitation please contact the RLC Foundation at ext. 213.

Shire on Campus

Travis Donoho
staff writer

If Dr. Barbara Luchsinger's British Literature class was expecting to sit in a desk and read from a textbook on Friday, September 25, they were in for quite a surprise. Dr. Luchsinger's class met, instead, in the theatre to witness a medieval battle scene.

Lori Ayde arranged for Luchsinger class to meet with her friends from the Shire of the Far Reaches of the Middle Kingdom. As a leisurely and educational activity, the group puts away modern life and adapts medieval personas and cultures. Aydt, also known as Osanna, is an RLC student and resident of Mcleansboro. Her husband, Tim, is an RLC graduate and is also a member of the Shire. Tim's medieval name is Roland d'Argetan.

Roland and Osanna are two of the half dozen members of the local chapter of the Society for Creative Anacronism. The SCA is a "medieval history recreation organization, researching and producing arts and artifacts from the period generally known as the 'Middle Ages'."

Roland d'Argetan was involved in a battle on the RLC stage. Wearing full welsh armor and wielding rattan weapons, Roland battled his Viking foe. Of course the battles weren't just to show courage and strength, but also to defend honor and chivalry.

After the battle, the other members of the Shire displayed authentic weapons and armor of the Middle Ages and provided honey cakes and apple cider as refreshment. The group is also involved in archery, brewing, fencing, singing, blacksmithing, sewing and storytelling.

The local SCA members will be staging "A Boar Hunt" in celebration of the "Return of the Dragons." The major event will take place October 16-18 at camp Ondessonk in the Shawnee National Forest.

The Shire of the Far Reaches gather on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7p.m. The meeting place alternates between the Student Center at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale and the Carnegie Library in Marion.

The Shire also has an Internet webpage at <http://www.reaches.midrealm.org/shire.html>.

AIDS Awareness

"FORCE FOR CHANGE"
1998 World AIDS Campaign
Find it on the net!

*quick facts
about AIDS*

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289, rm.154 N.O.

AIDS Information on the Internet

Paula Clouse
Staff Writer

You can find support groups, information, activities, awareness campaigns, and ways that you can be a "force for change" on the Internet.

In the search to find valuable, reputable information to pass on to our fellow students at RLC, the Internet proved to be a most valuable resource. Much information about AIDS statistical and informational, the 1998 World Conference in Geneva, Switzerland, and World AIDS Day (Dec. 1), are easily accessible websites on the Internet.

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention offers up valuable statistics and information for the United States as a whole, as well as for each state and county individually. World AIDS Day has its own web page with postings of many AIDS Day activities...a great place to get ideas for community projects! AIDS '98 website offers on-line news service covering the 1998 World AIDS Conference in Geneva, Switzerland. This website also offers hyperlinks to the World AIDS Day website mentioned earlier, US Department of Health and Human Services, and programs on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS).

Following are the URL's for the websites mentioned. Check them out!

- CDC: www.cdc.org
- AAWH: www.aawhworldhealth.org
- UNAIDS: www.unaids.gov
- World AIDS '98: www.aids98.ch/

Psi Beta Kicks Off AIDS Awareness Campaign at Fun Fest

Paula Clouse
Staff Writer

Psi Beta, Rend Lake's Honors Psychology Club held its second annual AIDS Awareness Campaign in conjunction with Fall Fest on Wednesday, Sept. 30.

Last year, Psi Beta members brought the first ever AIDS Awareness Campaign to RLC, commemorated by the installation of condom machines on campus. This year, the Club is working closely with Jefferson County Health Department in making this year's campaign even more memorable.

In an interview with Linda Ryan, a Registered Nurse at the Jefferson County Health Department in Mt. Vernon, I discovered that "in-roads" to college campuses are few.

"The Department is thrilled to have this opportunity to get information into the hands of some of the most "at risk" individuals" (i.e. college students).

Linda said the Health Dept. is always willing to bring AIDS Awareness and information regarding STD's (Sexually Transmitted Diseases) to the classroom upon invitation by any of RLC's instructors.

Psi Beta will distribute information for the AIDS '98 Campaign: "Force for Change," local AIDS statistics, worldwide AIDS information, website information where you can read more about AIDS, and what all this has to do with YOU, a student at RLC. Be in the know about one of the fastest growing pandemics ever encountered!

Did You Know...

- * Illinois ranks # 6 in the United States reporting 24,196 cases of HIV infections through August.
- * A total of 880 cases have been diagnosed since January of this year.
- * 44 people have been diagnosed and reported with HIV/AIDS in Jefferson County, 27 of whom have died.
- * Worldwide there are 30 million men, women and children living with AIDS.
- * Every DAY 7,000 young people worldwide acquire the virus.
- * Jefferson County Health Dept. offers FREE anonymous HIV testing and counseling.

In the Shadow of Aids

Paula Clouse
Staff Writer

Of the 30 million people alive today with HIV infection or AIDS, at least a third are young people aged 10-24. Every day, 7,000 young people worldwide acquire the virus. This means around 2.6 million new infections a year among young people, including 1.7 million in Africa and 700,000 in Asia and the Pacific. Overall, young people account for at least 50% of all those who become infected after infancy, and in some countries the figure exceeds 60%.

To some extent, these high infection rates reflect the preponderance of young people in the world. The global population is young, and increasingly so. Between 1960 and 1990, or when the world population grew by 75%, the proportion of young people increased by 99%. Of the world's young people, 85% live in developing countries, and this is where over nine-tenths of the epidemic is now concentrated.

Among the world's young people, some are more exposed to HIV than others. Those living in what UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fund) terms "especially difficult circumstances" include young people who are out of school, who live on the streets, who share needles with other injecting drug users, engage in commercial sex, or are sexually and physically abused.

Worldwide, new infections in young people occur at the rate of five per minute.

Source: 1998 World AIDS Campaign Briefing Paper:

www.aids98.ch/

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with your kids about sex,
who will?

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AmeriCorps Tradition Continued

Eric McLain
Staff Writer

Would you be interested in a rewarding, challenging job that will provide not only some money to live on, but money for education and valuable learning experience as well? If so, then the students of RLC have a wonderful opportunity awaiting them in the AmeriCorps in Southern Illinois (ASI) program.

ASI is a tutoring and mentoring service for "at-risk" youth in grades five through eight. Teachers in participating schools can recommend children in these grades to the program. The role of the AmeriCorps member is one of mentor, striving to reduce the absenteeism rate among students, increase the rate and quality of homework submissions, and to enhance the self-esteem and positive school perceptions of the students through diligence and patience.

The AmeriCorps project is in its fourth year operation at RLC. The ASI members work out of three local schools: Casey Middle School, Hall 6th Grade School, and Bethel Grade School.

"This has been a wonderful year so far, and I am looking forward to the best year yet," says Jeannie Mitchell, project director.

The local ASI members include: Rachel Sanders, Kristi Duncan, Georgette Lopez, Kiley Cummings, Kim Joy, Tony Jenkins (Team Leader), Jeff Smith, Amy Burwell, Aaron Wagner, and Darrin Ray.

Although one of the main benefits, according to ASI member Rachel Sanders, is the rewarding experience of helping people, there are several other financial benefits for those who participate in the program. After serving a total of 900 hours in the program (including direct service, community service, and training) the member will receive the following benefits: a stipend during service totaling \$4,415 for living expenses, \$2,362.50 in a trust fund under the members name for educational expenses, and student loan payment and interest accrual forbearance during service.

People accepted into the program will have to serve their 900 hours in three fashions: First, they will be trained for a total of 81 hours to do their job correctly. Second, the member will

accrue time by serving directly in the school with the students for a total of 22 hours per week. Finally the members will together serve the community in some fashion. The group as a whole will be allowed to decide how it is they would like to serve the community. The group this year will also be attending the state capital on the 23rd of October to be sworn in by First Lady Brenda Edgar.

To be a member of ASI, one must meet certain criteria. The applicant must be 17 years old by July 31, 1999, must have completed high school education or acquired a GED, must successfully pass a background check and drug screen, and must complete a personal interview process. The program will begin taking applications for next year after January, 1999.

Anyone that meets these requirements and would like more information on becoming a member of AmeriCorps in Southern Illinois has several options. You can either contact Project Director Jeannie Mitchell, or Rend Lake College Campus Coordinator Rex Duncan, or, for the more technologically advanced among you, try their website at www.americorps.org.

RLC Cleans Up

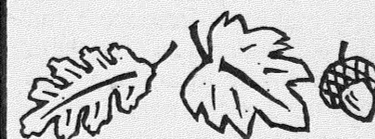
Travis Donoho
staff writer

A trip to Illinois State University yielded over \$40,000 worth of science lab equipment for RLC instructors Mike Mullen and John Fisher.

English Professor Mullen and Chemistry Professor Fisher teamed up to develop a concept for LAS Chem Literacy, a single semester course for students who need a lab course for graduation. One of the courses requirement was that it be adaptable for distance learning via the Internet.

Mullen discovered that Dr. Otis Rathenberger of ISU was producing a text and software for just such a course. A meeting was arranged and plans were discussed for further collaboration between the staffs of ISU and RLC.

The RLC professors were informed that ISU has just built a new science building and has recently purchased new lab equipment. Mullen and Fisher inquired about the plans for disposing of the old equipment, and ended up with a truckload of equipment that will be used to enhance RLC's advanced chemistry courses.



Security Notes

Amanda Lindsey
Student Editor

ATTENTION:

Parking violators - there have been an enormous amount of illegal parking going on around campus. Most commonly students have been illegally parking in the grass, on the yellow curbs, blocking sidewalks and handicapped entrances, and parking in handicapped spaces. The law not only cites these as violations but common sense should tell you this! Campus Security does not want to issue tickets, but this is unavoidable as students do not seem to want to park in appropriate parking spaces. Multiple violations can result in a state ticket being issued and your vehicle being towed. However, this technique will be used as a last resort. We hope students and faculty can avoid these penalties by obeying parking laws.

Littering has been very bad lately. There will be one or several unmarked cars watching the parking lots for littering, and state tickets will be issued. Other serious violations include: speeding, stop sign violations, failure to yield to pedestrians in crosswalks. Students, please realize that these laws are city and state laws and must be obeyed as such, especially here at RLC.

Outstanding tickets must be paid, so please contact the security office as soon as possible. If the outstanding tickets are not paid, license plates will be run and contact will be made. Failure to pay can result in heavy penalties.

Additionally, Jerry Bate wants to remind us that Rend Lake College's Children's Center officially opens Monday October 5, and to be extra careful in driving around campus. Watch out for children.

Also, the speed limits are 15 mph in the parking lots and 25 mph on the main access roads.

For questions or comments, please contact the Security Office at ext. 212.

Job Opportunity

Travis Donoho
staff writer

The U.S. Census Bureau will be on campus October 7, seeking applicants for census enumerator positions.

The position involves assisting in the development of a database of addresses for the upcoming 2000 census.

The position pays \$7.25 per hour plus 31 cents per mile. Schedules are very flexible, ranging from 10 to 40 hours per week, which is excellent for students and parents.

The job begins on November 5 and ends on December 18, with the opportunity for more census work in 1999 and 2000.

Application and testing will be held in the RLC student center at 2p.m. and 6p.m. Applicants are required to bring a valid driver's license and social security card.

For more information, contact Rex Duncan in SO 108 or at ext. 352.

Volunteerism: Power-Force of the 90's

Paula Clouse
Staff Writer

Try to imagine a community without Boy Scout or Girl Guide leaders, homecare helpers, candy strippers, or food and clothing pantries. The roots of any community grow as a result of people helping other people. Volunteerism is about people helping people and providing services of their own free will. Volunteerism can provide communities with the opportunity to flourish. The idea of volunteerism has been in existence for centuries and has undergone dramatic changes throughout the years.

Primarily, the change has been in the type of person who volunteers and the skills they bring to the organization. The knowledge and skill base that volunteers bring to an

organization has dramatically increased over the years. Work is often complicated and difficult but volunteers are up to the challenge. Volunteer work provides students an excellent opportunity to gain valuable education and experience. Many students in two year and four year colleges, as well as graduate students in post-secondary education programs are now volunteering to gain experience and develop and/or enhance their marketable skills.

Students may wonder when they can squeeze in a few extra hours a week to volunteer between families, classes, full or part-time jobs and other extracurricular activities. Many organizations

are aware of these time constraints and make short-term assignments available that volunteers can complete at their convenience. Many students are using their time during spring break to volunteer services to Habitat for Humanity, and other community-helping organizations.

As the 90's roll into the next millennium, organizations are realizing the value of volunteerism and the caliber of those who volunteer for their organizations...can you afford not to be a volunteer?

"It is one of the most beautiful compensations of this life that no man can sincerely try to help another without helping himself."

Ralph Waldo Emerson

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"you make a difference," and advised students to give them to a child or to anyone who may need encouragement.

In wrap up, Wexstten stated that he is definitely idealistic rather than realistic when it comes to issues of child abuse. He wore a button that said, "I believe in hope." He passionately stated that he "hopes" the words "child abuse" will be wiped out in our lifetimes. He said, "I have a tendency to state, as did our former president, John F. Kennedy: 'Some see things as they are and ask

why, I see things as they could be and ask why not?'"

Last year, Judge Wexstten was asked what he thought of the O.J. Simpson trial. He gave his reply stating that it was more a media circus than a trial, and then cited these statistics: "In one day of the O.J. Simpson trial, 4 American children died of physical abuse, in the year it took for the trial to be completed 1500 children died. In one day of the trial 140 children were disabled by abuse, in one year; 560. In one day of the trial 3,000 children saw their parents

divorce, in one year over 1 million children were living with a divorced parent. In one day of the O.J. Simpson trial, there were 8,000 reported cases of physically or sexually abused children in the world. In a year, 3 million reported cases. In one day of the trial 40,000 children starved to death worldwide, in one year 15 million dies of starvation."

"The past is history, the future a mystery, today is a gift, that's why it is called 'the present.'"

"Let's each do what we can to make a difference today."

"Art Auction" cont. from front page

the spring. The first year it raised \$5000 and seven scholarships were given out. The following year, \$3000 were raised and four scholarships were given to students."

Howard spoke of having "mixed feelings" towards the event. It has changed since it began. "Many students who

bought tickets before probably won't be able to afford the artwork or attend the dinner. The Art Auction itself will attract a higher-paying clientele," said Howard. She is concerned about the students being able to attend and see their work.

Everyone is welcome to come out to support Rend Lake College and help to fund art education.

She's Baaack...

Hello friends! Psychic Sally, our resident do-gooder and busy-body is back on the job and ready to answer your "life and death" queries as well as advise you on life's little hassles.

Whether you've been voted B.L.O.C. (Big Loser On Campus), or G.G.I.U. (Greatest Guy/Gal In the Universe), Psychic Sally is here for you!

Do you have a friend who's "wiggin' out?" Do you need the latest can't-fail advice for catching a man? Sally has advice for these and other

perplexing predicaments. Sally will help with questions regarding opposite or same-sex friendships, life, love, sex, dating or campus life in general!

Go ahead! Spill your guts...you'll be glad you did! Sally looks forward to hearing from you!

Write Sally at: **Psychic Sally, RLC Times, North Oasis, 154.**

(The advice given in this column is for entertainment purposes only!)

Psychic Sally



STARS

Gina McClerren
Student Editor

The STARS (student transfer and retention support) and Special Populations tutor room is now open in the Learning Resource Center.

"Last semester we had trouble finding a place for students and tutors to meet," said Rebecca Biggs, academic specialist for the STARS program, "this is one of the main reasons we wanted to add this room."

The room is not only limited to the STARS students. Those students who are in the tutoring program may also use it.

Anyone on campus who feels they need a tutor is eligible for the program. If you are interested contact Julie Mumbower in the North Oasis room 122.

The room is equipped with two computers. These computers, for STARS use only, feature several tutorial programs. They include such subjects as English, history, vocabulary, math, physics, and chemistry. There is also a

resume program to help students to create or update a current resume.

The room is open Monday through Friday and a student worker is present during the following hours: Monday 8 am - 6 pm, Tuesday 9 am - 4 pm, Wednesday 8 am - 6 pm, Thursday 9 am - 4 pm, and Friday 8 am - 4 pm.

The STARS program will also be holding their workshops in the new room.

There are two scheduled for October. The first will be held on the seventh and eighth at 10 am, 12 pm, and 2 pm. It will deal with test taking. The second will be held on the twenty-eighth and twenty-ninth at the same times and it will be on stress management.

These workshops are open to any RLC student. Interested students should contact one of the STARS staff members.

For more information about the new tutor room contact Biggs in North Oasis room 123 or Mumbower in North Oasis room 122.



Ed Ruffino
RLC Counselor

Advisement is the process of assisting students in the selection of courses required for the completion of a specific program or major. Several factors are taken into consideration when selecting an appropriate course of study for each student. These include the student's intended program or major, and course requirements for the four-year college or university the student may plan to transfer to after Rend Lake College.

All new students at Rend Lake College will be assigned a Counselor or Faculty Advisor based on the student's intended program or major. The Counselor or Faculty Advisor will assist students in selecting the best courses available to complete the requirements for a given curriculum. While it is expected that the Counselor or Faculty Advisor will lead the advisement process by providing the student with the information needed to make informed educational decisions, it is also the student's responsibility to take an active role in the process.

Both new and continuing students can become active

participants in the advisement process by completing the following steps prior to their scheduled appointment with their Counselor or Faculty

Advisor. First, review the Rend Lake College catalog and appropriate degree checklists for course requirements and course options for your program or major. Students enrolling will follow the 1998-2000 catalog. Second, if you know where you plan to transfer to after Rend Lake College, review that school's catalog for specific course requirements. Catalogs are available for review in the Counseling Center and most schools have a site on the Internet. Information is also available in the Rend Lake College Career Center. Third, review the Rend Lake College course schedule for course offerings and section options. Schedules are due to arrive on campus October 9th. Fourth, develop a tentative course schedule. Following the above steps will allow you and your Counselor or Faculty Advisor to make the most of your scheduled time together. Any questions regarding the advisement and registration process should be directed to the Counseling Center.

ATTENTION STUDENTS!

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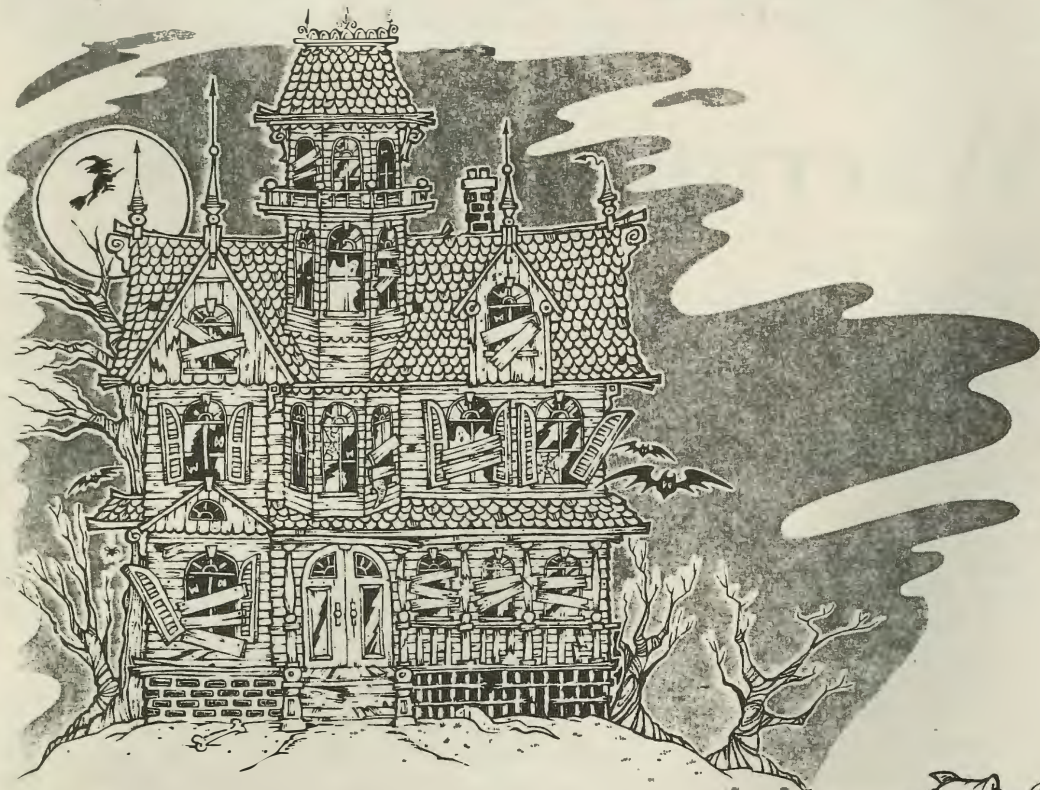
WILL BEGIN ON

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19TH

SCHEDULE YOUR APPOINTMENT NOW TO SEE YOUR

COUNSELOR OR FACULTY ADVISOR.

Haunted House Volunteers Needed



Student Senate Members

The Student Senate is: Ashley Stewart, President; Josh Haile, Vice President, Samantha Stanford, Secretary/Treasurer; and Greg Holman, Student Trustee. Other Senate members are: Charity Bezis, Dustin Connack, Phil Hamil, Lindsey Maurer, Darrin Ray, Kristin Rone, Anissa Suggs, and Alisha Treece. The Senate Faculty Advisor is Lynn Nimtze, ext. 321.

Paula Clouse
Staff Writer

The Student Senate and clubs on campus will again provide a Haunted House as a fun, safe Halloween activity for children of all ages.

The Haunted House will be in the Technical Building, in the area known as "the notch." The transformation will soon be taking place...black plastic "walls" will be hung and rooms or "sets" will be created and assigned to specific groups. Efforts are being made to make this year's Haunted House even more "heart stopping" and horrifying than last year's production! Preparations will begin some time next week.

The new Student Senate is asking for individual volunteers or club members to volunteer their services for set design, cast members (those who will occupy the rooms), guides, cashiers and a myriad of other tasks.

If you or your club would be interested in helping to sponsor this year's Haunted House, please contact any of your new student senate members.

Student Senate meets on October 5th @ 4:00p.m.

Cooperative Education: Bridge from Education to Employment

Paula Clouse
Staff Writer

Are you looking for a job which relates to your field of study? Cooperative Education is an academic program in which college students are employed in their field of study on a full or part-time basis, and receive college credit for their work.

Some of the practical advantages are: cooperative education provides on-the-job experience for students, provides an opportunity to apply classroom learning to the workplace, accumulates professional experience in a chosen field of study, pays a share of student's college expenses through the money you earn during the Co-op experience, earns credit toward graduation, and assists

you in developing confidence, human relations skills, maturity, and responsible work habits.

Course requirements include the following: students must have completed at least 12 semester hours of credit with a 2.0 overall GPA, students must be registered with the Cooperative Education Department in the North Oasis on campus, and students must successfully complete the Co-op work/learn experience as established by the employer, your faculty sponsor, or Co-op department personnel.

For more information, or to see if you qualify for the program, contact the Cooperative Education and Job Placement Department in the North Oasis.



You are invited to attend

Rend Lake College Foundation

Children's Center

Open House

October 14, 1998

5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

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WARRIOR SPORTS

Duane Culli
Staff Writer

Head Coach Dave Ellingsworth is missing four players going into a six game tournament this weekend at Middle Tennessee State University at Murfreesboro TN. With three games scheduled for Saturday October 3rd and Sunday October 4th, one might think he would be very nervous. But Dave has a solid team with good defense and pitching. The Lady Warriors are 13 and 7 this season.

Ellingsworth's offense is suffering with injuries sidelining lead-off batter Adriana Kingree (Fr. Elsinore, MO.), Jamie Sumner (Fr. Pinckneyville) batting fourth in the line-up, and Audrey Murphy (So. Harrisburg). Kingree and Murphy are outfielders while Sumner splits her time between the outfield and first

Lady Warriors Play Six

base. Cortnie Berry (Fr. Coulterville) will also not be playing this weekend as her shared membership with Rend Lake's Volleyball team has her otherwise occupied.

Rend Lake's schedule for the weekend tournament has an early start of 8 a.m. on Saturday facing Belmont University. Jennifer Wren (So. Paducah, KY) is on line to pitch this first game as well as the last game of the tournament against Cumberland 2 p.m. Sunday. Nicole Welker (Fr. Mascoutah) is slated to pitch 10 a.m. versus Roane State and the Lady Warriors play at 2 p.m. Saturday against Columbia State with Andrea Smith (Fr. Okaville) pulling the pitching duties.

Sunday's games include an

8 a.m. start versus Motlow State, Johnie Billingsly (Fr. Goreville) pitching, a 10 a.m. game against Chattanooga State behind the arm of Chasity Adams (Fr. Ullin) and the previously mentioned 2 p.m. game against Cumberland.

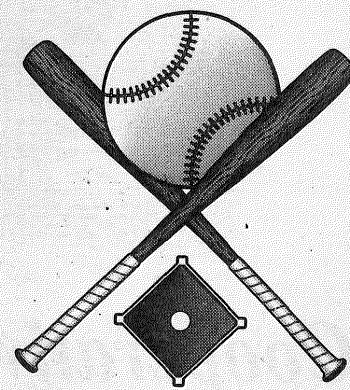
Ellingsworth, and Assistant Coach Ronnie Ressel balance out their team behind the strong play of Heather Taaka (So. Mt Vernon) in Center field, occasionally plays third base. Kelly Johnston (Fr. Ina) and Michelle Adams (So. Bonnie) share duties in right field with Johnston some times playing first base. And Rebecca Adams (Fr. Ina) completes the outfield players.

Catching duties are split between Amanda Solomon (Fr. Carterville) and Jessica Stafford (So. Harrisburg)

who also plays short stop for the Lady Warriors. Leah Norman (Fr. West Frankfort) divides her time between short stop and second base where she shares coverage with Jessica Barth (So. Keenes). Brooke Vinyard (Fr. Harrisburg) and Jennifer Calandrilla (So. Brazil, IN) finish off the infielders with Vinyard playing third base and Calandrilla holding down first base and outfield duties.

In a worst case scenario the Warriors could loose all six games in the tournament leaving them with a 13 and 13 record, a mark that many professional ball clubs can't seem to find. In a best case scenario they could win all six giving them a 19 and seven record. Probably they will end up some where in the middle.

At the very least the combined efforts of coaches Ellingsworth and Ressel and the whole Lady Warriors team deserves our congratulations.



High Talent, Low Scores

Donnie Johnson
Staff writer

The 1998 men's golf team is out to a great start. They have won five of the six tournaments in which they have competed.

The Warriors dominated the DuPage Classic. Four players combined to shoot a 294 which easily outdistanced the second place team by nineteen strokes. Wallace-Dothan transfer Danny Johnson was a

medalist shooting par, 34-37-71.

Freshman Zack Mayhew won a scorecard playoff for third over fellow teammate Chad Penmen, both shot a 37-36-73.

RLC nabbed their third straight title by winning the Rock Valley Golden Eagle Classic by three strokes. Jeremy Reidelberger shot a 73-73-146 to pace the Warriors, who as a team fired a 301-307-608.

Reidelberger finished second in the tournament behind Danville Area's Casey Cartwright.

Zack Mayhew was next for the Warriors at 76-77-153, followed by Brian Kolmer at 76-78-154 respectively.

At the Illinois Central College Invitational the Warriors blew away the rest of the field by 35 strokes. Freshman Brian Kolmer took medalist honors

shooting a 36-38-74 to close, giving him a three-over par 147.

Teammate Danny Johnson finished third by shooting 39-38-77 and a 36-38-74.

The team has now won tournaments at Parkland, John A. Logan, Rock Valley, DuPage, and now Illinois Central.

The national rankings haven't come out yet, but RLC may be ranked as high as fourth.

Fall Building For Spring Finish

Donnie Johnson
Staff Writer

For the RLC Baseball team, the fall season is under way. So far this fall they are 8-6-2, but don't judge the team by this record.

"The main goal of the fall season is to see who is going to see some playing time come this spring," said Head Coach Rich Campbell. "In the fall season

everyone get's the same amount of playing time in order to see who's the top nine or ten guys. The spring season is our main season, Campbell said.

This year's squad has 27 players on it, 22 of them freshman. This year's team is a very young one, but also a very talented one. Players such as Matt Eldridge, Terry Chisholm, and Joe Flick are playing very well this fall. Eldridge

has posted a .379 batting average this fall and Terry Chisholm has played great defense for the Warriors as well as hit .280. Joe Flick leads the team in RBI's with 19 and is also batting a cool .452.

RLC also has it's share of players that have been drafted by major league teams. Transfer Jim Abbott was a 23rd round draft pick of the Seattle Mariners in 1997. He is a two way

talent playing both pitcher and shortstop for the Warriors.

Luke Miller was drafted by the New York Yankees and like Abbott is a two way player. He plays both third base and is a top pitcher.

Freshman Neil Frenndling was a 16th round draft pick of the Tampa Bay Devil Rays. He decided to go to college to better himself and also increase his stock.

At this moment the

Warriors are hard at work trying to improve game. Hitter's are being taught how to hit to all fields. Pitchers are being taught how to improve on their location. All that work looks like it's paying off.

"I think we have showed signs of being a really good team. Over the past four games we have really started to mold into a complete team," Campbell said.