

REND LAKE COLLEGE TIMES

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By the students, for the students.

KERN SPEAKS OUT

Travis Donoho
staff writer

When asked what RLC President Mark Kern is most proud of as far as his presidency, he breaks the answer down into two categories. The first category is the facilities. He points out that two major accomplishments are the aquatic center and the upcoming childcare facility. The two buildings together cost \$3 million, without any increase in local taxes.

RLC was the first community college in the state to complete its master plan. Phase I was completed in 1970 and Phase II was completed in 1972.

"That was wonderful," said Kern, "but it also had a liability with it and that is if all of your buildings are built within a two-year span, they all wear out at the same time. So we've done major repairs during my administration to the existing facilities.

"Practically every building has been reroofed. We've spent over \$400,000 dollars on plumbing. We've resurfaced all the parking lots."

Another of the accomplishments that President Kern is proud of is that during his 16 years of top level administration he's only had one grievance filed against him. RLC has never had a problem negotiating with the union and has never had work halted due to strike.

In reference to the new RLC aquatic center, Kern said he feels bad that it was not completed the right way the first time and goes on to say

that quite frankly it's not completed the right way yet.

As it is probably known, there was a problem with the aquatic center's floor that caused the opening of the pool to be delayed. There is currently litigation to find out whether the fault lies with the contractor, architect or elsewhere.

The school has not lost any money in the endeavor, but there have been twelve documented falls in the aquatic center.

"I have a very strong opinion of who's to blame," said Kern, "but because of the ongoing litigation, I cannot name names. If it were settled, I would very happily tell you my opinion."

The upcoming child-care facility will be located on the north-west end of the RLC campus, making it accessible to parents, yet far enough away from the traffic of the college to keep the children out of harm's way.

But that isn't the only purpose that the new child-care facility will provide.

"There is a portion of the building that is designed as a classroom," said Kern.

"It has a one way mirror for instructional purposes, the primary functional purpose it will provide is for our own child care program."

He says though there may be student workers assigned to the center, there will also be a director and state required number of full-time professionals. The capacity will be about 40 children at one time.

Kern acknowledges the fact that many people will say that with a campus of over 2000

students, handling just 40 children at a time is just the tip of the iceberg.

"We have a lot of students," said Kern, "who only have Tuesday-Thursday classes, or Monday-Wednesday-Friday classes, or only morning classes or only afternoon classes. We really feel that we can take care of probably 200 plus students that have a need for child care services, but only 40 at one time.

"We've know the need for about 15 years. We have literally had to send out memos to get people to stop bringing their children to class. Here we have some people wanting to go to college and they don't have any place to leave their children so they bring them along and you hate to tell them not to do it. But on the other hand, you have a

responsibility to the other students in class that if these young children are interrupting somebody else's education, running around the room, making noise and so forth, we've got to do something about it.

"We've had the need for a long time and if I had an apology to make to anyone it's 'why is it taking so long?' The reason it's taking so long is that we didn't feel that we could pull \$400,000 out of our educational fund to pay for a child care center. Finally we were able to raise it through private donors."

There were two major contributors, Marjorie Farrar and the late Coyn Mateer, who pledged \$100,000 each over a five year period of time. Several other

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SCHOLASTIC ALL-AMERICAN GIRLS

-FYI

Sixty "outstanding students and campus leaders" were recognized in the April 27 *USA Today* newspaper.

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

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

The award includes 20 First Team honorees, 20 Second and 20 Third Team recipients. It is presented annually by *USA Today*, Phi Theta Kappa and the American Association of Community Colleges.

While Pepple has an extensive list of academic and athletic achievements, space and time do not permit us to go into detail. Pepple plans on continuing her studies at SIU-C.

Linda Krutsinger, former editor of the *RLC Times*, was recently presented the William Harmon Award in recognition of an article in a *Daily Egyptian* series concerning social problems.

Krutsinger was also awarded the Charles C. Clayton Scholarship. She was selected from 230 undergraduate students enrolled in the School of Journalism at SIUC.

EDITORIALS

Karen Redding Student Writer

The Spring Semester is almost over and Gee, am I ever glad. I love school and most of my classes, but this has been a long, hard winter. I'm ready for Summer break and to get a little rest, but there is something I'll miss. I've made some friends this semester that mean a lot to me and some of them I'll probably never see again. I'll miss them.

It wasn't real easy for me to start college at my age. I felt really self-conscious. I'm old enough to be some of these kids' mother. Not many, but a few. It's hard to go to school when you don't know anybody, even when you're not old. But some here at Rend Lake College help me overcome my nervousness and made me

feel like I was just one of the gang. They can't even imagine how much I appreciated their friendship.

So I've decided to take this time to thank my friends and to possibly give some advice to any new non-traditional students who might need a little help fitting in.

First, take as many of Sue Tomlin's classes as possible. She is great. She is very understanding and compassionate person. She takes the time to listen when you need to talk and she makes you talk. I remember when I took my first class with her. It was Marriage and Family and she made me talk. After a few times it didn't bother me to speak up anymore and I really enjoyed the class. It's like in all of her classes. She makes you get into groups and talk to other students

and before too long you know people and they're your new friends. Thanks, Sue, you've been great.

Also, you might try some classes with Mike Mullen and Mr. Smith. I've really enjoyed their classes and learned a lot too. A student's age doesn't matter to these guys, they treat you just like you are a regular college student and make you feel welcome.

The next thing you can do is find someone you have something in common with. It doesn't matter if you are cons apart, you can usually find something to talk about and get to know people. It makes your day and your class go by lots quicker. Another good tip is don't appear shocked at anything they say. You may feel it inside, but don't show it on the outside. That makes them feel like they

can talk to you and that you're not an outsider. I'm not saying to let people say things to you that you really find offensive, but try to have an open mind. Try to treat these kids the way you would want someone to treat your own kids. It works.

That's all for the advice, but believe me, these few things have helped me a lot.

Now for the hard part. Saying good-bye. I'm coming back next semester, but a lot of my friends aren't. Thanks to Cindy Hamilton, in Financial Aid. She helped me in too many ways to list. She was always there for me to help me get things straight. In Social Problems, I'm losing a lot of people. I've enjoyed my time with Chris, Jenny, and Yvetta. We've had much fun and shared

some problems too. Thanks guys for all the support. In Journalism, I'm really going to miss Andrew, Tim, and Steve. These guys were great. They're all the same age as my son who is away at college and they help me by making me feel close to him. Besides that, Mr. Mullen always wanted to know what we were talking about, and it usually was pretty good. I'll miss those boys a bunch. They kept me cheered up when sometimes I was really kind of blue.

It's been a good semester for me grade wise and experience wise too. I made some friends in all my classes that I will never forget. I don't know what the Fall semester will hold for me, but for sure I'll have some of the same teachers and hopefully make a lot of new friends.

Chem Class Tests Water

Amanda Pillers Associate Editor

John Fisher's chemistry students have been spending time at Ewing Grade School over the past couple of weeks. No, they weren't trying to find dates. They were assisting the students with various water sampling tests. The RLC and Ewing students spent several days at different sites including Rend Lake and other ponds and creeks in the area.

The children collected water samples and the RLC students assisted them with tests such as pH and water temperature, as well as several others. Both the RLC and Ewing

students seemed to enjoy the break from classes and the chance to be outdoors.

Steve Holman, a student here at Rend Lake College was extremely active in the planning and carrying of this project. The opportunity to work with grade school students in similar projects will most likely become part of the chemistry curriculum in the future.

Here's what a few of the seventh graders at Ewing Grade School had to say:

"I learned a lot by getting to do the tests on the samples that we took. It was very fun and interesting." -Courtney

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"This field trip was one of the most fun ones we've been on. The boat ride was great, the tests were great, and finding the results was great. I hope we do this again!"

-Kellie Jones

"I really liked the boat ride. I also thought that all the tests we did on the water samples were very interesting."

-Bethany Johnston

"I liked the boat ride and the instruments were neat."

-Travis Bliffen

"This project was great. I liked riding the boat and using the equipment. Thanks a bunch!" -Allison Campbell



- CORRECTION -

Laura Adams Staff Writer

In the last issue I wrote an article on the Horticulture program here at Rend Lake College. After the article ran, it was brought to my attention that I had gotten a few things turned around.

Ed Billingsley, chair person for the Automotive, Agriculture and Architecture department, was the person I talked to. Over the course of the conversation I mixed a few things up.

First of all I would like to appologize to Mr. Billingsley as well as the AAA department for the confusion.

Second of all I would like to clarify that the Horticulture program isn't a new class but a new curriculum. RLC does now offer Intro to Horticulture, but this new curriculum will

offer the option of a Horticulture A.A.S. degree or certificates in Turf Management and Horticulture Technician.

Third of all the Horticulture wasn't improved, but approved, by the board. "Everything has been taken to I.C.C.B," said Billingsley, "and we are waiting for their approval."

Finally, not every Agriculture student has to take the new Horticulture curriculum, but many students will take the Intro to Horticulture class.

I would like to again extend my most sincere apologies to Mr. Billingsley as well as the AAA department for the confusion of facts. I would also like to personally thank Mr. Billingsley for bringing these facts to my attention in a very professional manner.

Thank You.

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SPRING IS FUN!!

opportunity for the faculty and staff to interact with the students, and I think a good time was had by all," says Jeannie Mitchell. This was one of the purposes of Funfest, to help bring students and faculty together and help them forget about the daily grind of school and work.

Entertainment was provided by Midwest Sound and Light Show and the B.A.S.I.C. group's trio of bluegrass

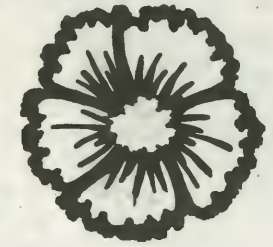
musicians: Travis Donoho, Luke Crawford and Robert Mooney.

There were many other activities including volleyball, washers, bocceball, and a fast-pitch cage. Also present were fund-raisers such as Psi Beta which had the Fatal Vision goggles and a 50/50 raffle. The office support staff had a bake sale to raise money for Brandon Lay.

B.A.S.I.C. was giving away free donuts and had a raffle.

After all the festivities, all present needed some kind of nutrition. There was soda, hot dogs, chips, and desert on hand to help feed the masses.

"It was really fun, I wish I could be here next year to enjoy Funfest," says Mt. Vernon sophomore Tiffany Champ. Funfest, a good time for all, returning next fall.



Eric McLain
Anon Dorton
Staff Writer

This past week on April 29 students were rewarded for attending RLC with the second semi-annual Funfest. Though it was a dreary day for the weather, everyone attending had an enjoyable time.

"It is a wonderful



April Kowalski, Dustin Cammack, Jamie Smith and Jilly Smith exercise their right to draw on the sidewalk



Feeding Frenzy at RLC!



Beth Moyer, Rachel Sanders and Tiffany Champ spot a camera



Travis Donoho, Robert Mooney and Luke Crawford pick a little while Ryan Steed advertises for BASIC.



Do you think Lori Barker, Stacey Gibbs and Renee Glover even knew we were looking?



Carolyn Stewart and Steve Kennett help Amanda Pillers find her feet



Where am I?



Therese Howard finally stays inside the lines

RLC Students Speak Out... on Smoking

Steve Boyd
student writer

Today, students seem to be more prone to pick up their first cigarette and start smoking. Whether they start smoking because their parents smoke, they see a tempting advertisement, or because of peer pressure, the fact still remains. Despite the numerous attempts by Congress to stop the entrance of smoking into young people's lives, teenagers still have the urge to pick up that first cigarette. Congress has passed laws banning certain advertising, banning the sale of cigarettes to smokers under the age of eighteen, and raising the price of cigarettes so high that they think that no one will be able to afford them, or want them.

Many teenagers are lucky enough to have the availability of a cigarette by having at least one parent that smokes. It is a proven statistic that children whose parents smoke have a higher tendency to start smoking than those whose parent's do not smoke. Some researchers suggest that the high percentage attained when comparing the two situations is due to the fact that the children with parents that smoke are experiencing second-hand smoke, which if exposed to for long periods of time, can lead to mild addiction. This addiction comes in much the same manner as if the person was experiencing first-hand smoke instead.

Not only is there a greater temptation for a son or daughter of smoking parents to start smoking by being exposed to it, there is also a greater availability of a cigarette to that teenager. Smokers often leave packs of cigarettes around the house, which would tempt a rebellious teen to want to try one out. An uncle of mine is a heavy smoker. He has two grown sons. Both sons started smoking when they were in their early teen years. They both attribute their smoking to the fact that their father smoked. One son, Bruce, stated that, "I started smoking because I had the cigarettes at my disposal

whenever I wanted them, and because I had already built up the tolerance for them. I began to feel like I needed them, much like my dad felt like he needed them."

Many politicians like to blame teenage smoking on lucrative advertising that they say is targeted towards a younger crowd. Why wouldn't a cigarette company such as RJ Reynolds not want to lure a younger crowd into smoking? The sooner that a person gets addicted, the more money that they will spend on cigarettes over time. In June, tobacco companies agreed to accept a ban on advertising with cartoons and people. The tobacco companies, however, are having second thoughts on agreeing to the ban. This ban would eventually put Joe Camel and the Marlboro man out of business altogether. Tobacco companies are now restricted in how they use their advertisement. With this ban, Joe Camel will no longer be able to appear on the front of a pack of Camel cigarettes. This poses a problem for advertisers: how do you run a Camel ad without a camel? These bans are passed, however, to limit the temptation a teenager might get by visually seeing these characters.

Peer pressure is also a reason why teenagers begin smoking. Their friends do it, so why shouldn't they? A teenager might have never even thought of smoking a cigarette until they have seen one of their friends smoke. The two friends might have thought that smoking a cigarette is a form of rebellion against their parents. This is also another reason for teenagers to start smoking.

Despite Congress's continuous attempts to stop teenage smoking, teens still feel the urge to light up that first cigarette. No matter how many laws they pass, teens will still have parents that smoke, they will still see lucrative advertisement, and they will still have friends that smoke. The problem of teenage smoking may never be completely solved.

Robert D. Cooper
student writer

The campus of Rend Lake College is constantly littered with the remains of the single most wide-spread addictive drug in the U.S. A person could set their watch by the stream of students and faculty that exit the building with cigarette and lighter in hand at the end of every class period. The campus smokers are lucky and seemingly unaware how lucky they are. Most public places ban smokers to an out of the way place that is supposed to discourage smoking. However, smokers will sit in subzero weather risking pneumonia for the sake of public health.

The act of teen smoking was one of the major gripes in the government's crackdown on the "evil weed". Each day in America, 6,000 teens light up for the first time, and an additional 3,000 join the ranks of "regular smokers", that is, those who have smoked at least one cigarette a day for a month. In 1995 there were an estimated 4.5 million teen (12 -17) smokers. CNN, the news network, said in a headline news feature that 43% of high school teenagers smoke cigarettes, cigars, or use smokeless tobacco.

What makes teens want to smoke? Well, let's see. There is the obvious, it's cool. Peer pressure can be either direct or indirect, for example, "everyone else is doing it." And there is the always popular rebel in all of us that defies authority and suffers the consequences later. Personally, I don't believe that a cartoon camel makes kids want to smoke. However, the prizes

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Eric McLain
Staff Writer

Teen smoking is an issue that we hear about in the news, from our politicians, and it seems that every special interest group has an opinion on this issue. But with all the talk today, has anyone really done anything about the problem?

The answer is, yes, there are people out there taking action and not just talking about the problem. The nursing program at RLC, under the direction of Deborah Bennis, is one of those groups that has decided to take action against teen smoking. They are not attempting to create laws that just inhibit peoples

rights, they are taking preventative measures against teen smoking.

The "Smoke Free-That's Me" program is sponsored by the American Lung Association and is designed to teach young people the consequences of smoking, hopefully helping them understand that smoking is detrimental to their health. It is designed to reach children in the 2nd, 4th, and 6th grades. A syllabus, videos and other visual aids are provided to volunteers to help them teach the classes.

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Cash for Books

Rend Lake College Bookstore

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May
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Monday - Tuesday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Friday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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Surgeon General's Warning:
Quitting Smoking Now
Greatly Reduces Serious
Risks To Your Health

(Cooper continued)

you can get for collecting "miles" or "camel bucks" can discourage a teen to stop early or not smoke more.

We can always find someone else to blame for our own addiction. However, it was our choice to inhale. Yes, Mr. President, the teens of America are not afraid to inhale. Maybe they should be afraid. Aggressive anti-smoking ad campaigns have turned to fear as a weapon of choice. Maybe you have seen the TV. ad with the former Marlboro Man's brother. Lung disease can be a good deterrent if you can get kids to listen.

Teenage smoking will not go away - the industry's survival depends upon it. However, by making cigarettes less accessible and more costly to youngsters, by deglamorizing the habit through less seductive ads and a ban on brand name promotions, and by stigmatizing it with a broad anti-smoking campaign, paid for by the industry, the settlement of the tobacco companies versus the government, materially strengthens the Clinton Administration initiative to discourage teen smoking. It is, in effect, a vigorous exercise in preventative medicine that is both good public policy and good politics. Kids smoke in part because it's dangerous, not in spite of it, and forbidden fruit, no matter how badly spotted, rarely loses its allure. The current law in Illinois has a loophole that lets teens possess tobacco products, while it is still illegal to buy cigarettes, nothing says that they cannot have them, or for that matter, smoke them. As I write this article legislation is in the works to make it illegal for a teen, under 18, to possess, use, or buy any kind of tobacco product. The way the law would work is by costing the offender 25 hours of community service for the first offense, and an added fine to the sequential offenses. No word on the amount of the fine. The problem with smoking is that it's too cool. If the teenagers could see themselves down the road as addicted and helpless maybe they would change their minds. Most smokers will tell you that they want to quit, but they can't. There is a thriving industry based on the nation's weakness for tobacco. Just look at all of the gizmos and products there is to help people quit. It has even progressed to the point where the FDA. approved an older, commonly prescribed form of an antidepressant as a stop-smoking device.



Deborah Benns tries to make the world Smoke Free

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For the 2nd grade students there is "Dusty the Dragon," which features a cartoon dragon learning the dangers of smoking for himself. "The Young and the Breathless," is designed for students in the 4th grade classes and helps them understand the affects of peer pressure. In the 6th grade classes, "Ad-Libbing It," shows students the many advertisements from manufacturers and helps the

students better understand what these companies are trying to do by making tobacco glamorous.

The program is not limited to cigarette smoking but also teaches the dangers of chewing tobacco and marijuana. "Cigarette smoking is known as the 'gateway' drug," says Benns, "and it has been proven that cigarettes are usually the first step towards alcohol, marijuana and other drugs." Invitations were sent out last month to grade schools in Jefferson and Franklin counties for the nursing program volunteers to come and teach the program. Almost 30 schools have responded to the invitation requesting that the program be put on in their school. "If you estimate 25 students in every classroom we go to, well just imagine how many students we reach," says Benns: This program is yet another example of RLC's commitment to the community, and sets a fine example for other community colleges to follow.

SECURITY NOTES

Travis Donoho
staff writer

RLC Security Chief Jerry Bate, who recently returned from a week-long vacation, said he kept informed on the events at RLC during his absence.

But luckily, aside from the Spring Fest, the week was a slow one.

So...

He sends his regards to the graduating class.

"I want to wish all the graduates congratulations," Bate said.

As usual, there will be extra personnel present during graduation to direct traffic and help out.

"We urge any students with friends or family members with a handicap to contact my office," Bate said, "and we'll be happy to accomodate."

Bate's office is located in the Student Center ext. 212.

"I want the faculty students to have a happy and safe time this summer."



SPRING SEMESTER 1998 - - EXAM SCHEDULE

NORMAL CLASS TIME	EXAM DATE	EXAM TIME
Mon/Wed/Fri 8-9 am	Monday, May 11	8-10 am
Mon/Wed/Fri 9-10 am	Monday, May 11	10 am-12 pm
Mon/Wed/Fri 12-1 pm	Monday, May 11	1-3 pm
Mon/Wed/Fri 3-4 pm	Monday, May 11	3-5 pm
Tues/Thur 8-9:30 am	Tuesday May 12	8-10 am
Tues/Thur 9:30-11 am	Tuesday, May 12	10 am-12 pm
Tues/Thur 2-3:30 pm	Tuesday, May 12	1-3 pm
Mon/Wed/Fri 10-11 am	Wednesday, May 13	8-10 am
Mon/Wed/Fri 11 am-12 pm	Wednesday, May 13	10 am-12 pm
Mon/Wed/Fri 1-2 pm	Wednesday, May 13	1-3 pm
Mon/Wed/Fri 2-3 pm	Wednesday, May 13	3-5 pm
Tues/Thur 11 am-12:30 pm	Thursday, May 14	8-10 am
Tues/Thur 12:30-2 pm	Thursday, May 14	1-3 pm

EVENING CLASSES

Monday Evening	Monday, May 11
Tuesday Evening	Tuesday, May 12
Wednesday Evening	Wednesday, May 13
Thursday Evening	Thursday, May 14

SATURDAY CLASSES

Saturday, May 9

ART CRITIQUES All Art Critiques are scheduled by the Arts & Communications Department



Mike Brooks displays the cable he donated to RLC.

Psychic Sally



Dear Psychic Sally,

My name is better left unsaid, but I, as do many of your clientele, have many problems, most having to do with my mental state. However, the situation I write to you about is one that is hotly debated in everyday conversation. You see, Sally, I am what is termed "bi" - as in "bisexual". Recently, a class that I am in conducted a heated debate on the morality of this

issue, and most of the class members agreed that any form of homosexuality was wrong, based upon their Judeo-Christian viewpoints. My upbringing has been Christian, and although lapsed, I find it hard to believe that this God that they all believe in is going to

make me burn in hell for being someone that I consider perfectly natural - myself. What does it matter if I find girls attractive as well as guys? Is it hurting anyone? I would have to say no. So I guess I simply want a little feedback, Sally, and your opinion of these narrow-minded people.

Sincerely,
"Kama"

Dear Kama,

I have often been known to stand by a simple credo that can get you through the roughest times. Although I can't print this saying because of certain guidelines set by the newspaper advisor I can tell you that it starts with a four letter word and ends with 'em.

No one can tell another person how they should feel and act. You weren't put on this planet to please others.

The only reason I see that you should not go with your instincts about your sexuality is if you are harming yourself or others with your actions. Even heterosexual people can suffer from sexual misfortunes.

In America there is not only freedom of religion but also freedom from religion. What you have to realize is that people have the right to choose a religion just as you have a right to deny religion. But I would be willing to bet that there are many religious people out there that accept homosexuals and non-religious people that don't. You can't judge all Christians by the select few in your class just as no one can judge all bisexuals by you.

My advice would be: don't despair. People's minds are slamming shut more and more every day, while others are just starting to open. If you want people to accept you for who you are go after the open or slightly open minds. Introduce your opinions accompanied with some logic and some people will understand or at least accept. And if they don't then you have to accept that.

-Psychic Sally

Brooks Donates Cable

Eric McLain
Staff Writer

About 10,000 feet of fiberoptic cable has been donated to help complete networking on the Rend Lake College campus. The donation was made by Mike Brooks, Owner/Operator of Mike Brooks Electric in Murphysboro, IL.

The approximate value of the donation is \$4,000, according to RLC Foundation Executive Director Pat Mitchell.

Brooks, a graduate of the only two-year school in Indiana, Vincennes University, has recently returned to college at John A.

Logan. "I totally believe in higher education," says Brooks. "Nowadays, you can't get by on a high school education; you have to have a college education."

Brooks has been laying two different kinds of cable around the campus for about the last six months. He has been laying copper wire for immediate use, and fiberoptics for use within the next 3-5 years.

Because of budget constraints on campus, the college was going to be prevented from completing the job. This was before Brooks stepped up and offered to complete the job, free of charge.

chairman in the Science and Math department, also interim, and a new chairman in the Business and Social Sciences department. For the Business and Social Sciences department chair, there are plans to advertise externally, but that does not preclude someone from within getting the job. The departments as they are now will remain intact. The current chairpersons for these

positions stepped down for various reasons.

"I personally think I have a pretty good blend of promoting from within and getting from outside," said Kern.

"If you never promote from within, the people that work here don't feel like they can ever move up. So by promoting from within you give the people that work here the feeling that "Hey, if I do a

good job and I stand out I have a chance to move up."

Kern is the perfect example of that. Since he was first hired at RLC in 1968, just one year after the college opened, he has been promoted from within until eventually Kern served nine years as a dean, and has been the president for the past seven years. He's the only president of RLC that has been promoted from within. All of the others came

from outside.

"There are also advantages to hiring from outside," said Kern.

"You bring in new thinking and new ideas, and people that the people that are already here don't already like or dislike. Over time you do build up friends and enemies."

Two other positions that RLC is seeking to fill externally are Dean of Instruction, and a new music instructor.

Attention Students!!!

Psychic Sally will be back in the fall.

Happy Summer to one and to all!

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North Oasis c/o Psychic Sally.
(for entertainment purposes only)

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contributors donated \$25,000.

Kern also addressed the staff changes in the various departments. To the best of his knowledge at the time, the new Arts and Communications chair position will be interim and stipend, meaning that the position will be filled from within the department. There will be new full-fledged

Allied Health Does Well

Laura Adams
Staff Writer

Recently graduates from Rend Lake College's Allied Health program continued to do well at the state and national board exams during the past year.

97.5 % of the RLC Associate Degree Nursing graduates writing the National Council Licensure Examination exam for the first time January 1st and December 31st of last year were successful in becoming Registered Nurses. This is in comparison to the 86% for the state as a whole and the national pass rate of 88%.

"The job market for Practical Nurses and Registered Nurses is improving all the time, in contrast to the two or three years, while Occupational Therapy Assistant grads can look forward to a wonderful job market," Wilanna Patton, department chair for Allied Health, said. Two classes have graduated in the Occupational Therapy Assistant program offered through the Southern Illinois Collegiate Common Market consortium. RLC products and their local counterparts enjoyed a 100% pass rate. The national average was 94.76% in 1996 and 96.96% in 1997.

The pass rates were also reported for those who recently finished Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) courses through RLC and had taken exams during 1997. The rate was 100% for those taking the EMT-Intermediate test and 100% for those who took the EMT-Paramedic exam. An 85.7% success rate was reported for the EMT-Basic exam.

Any student with questions regarding any RLC Allied Health program can contact Wilanna Patton @ Ext. 251. Prerequisites must be met for most Allied Health programs. Acceptance into many programs also is required.

Phi Theta Kappa Inducts 56

Gina McClerren
Staff Writer

Rend Lake College's Phi Theta Kappa honor society inducted 56 new members on April 17.

Membership is open to only those full time students who have achieved a semester grade point average of 3.5 or better on a 4.0 scale.

The new members include Monica Braddy, Tiffany Champ, Kiley Cummings, Hannah Dailey, Curt Gibbs, William Gibson, Brain Huff, Vanessa Mangiaforte, Beth Moyer, Darrin Ray, Tracey Reynolds, Rachel Sanders, and Sara Streiff of Mt. Vernon; Nichole Hargett, Stephanie Hargis, Annette Jones, Nikki LaBuwi, Teresa Linnemann, Lana Mandrell, Samara Strineman, and Andy Wilkerson of Benton; Rayla Griffith, Christopher Hall, Carol Ramey, Katie Rowland, and Amy Lynn Willett from

McLeansboro; Darrell Frick and Shawn Laughlin of Woodlawn; Larry Martin, Jennifer Moyers, and Matthew Stewart of Zeigler; Curtis Crabtree, Michelle Jenkel, and Charla Morrow of Pinkneyville; Jessica Donoho and Andrea Mills of Bluford; Jason Hobbs and Jessica Marshall of Christopher; Amy Harris and Elizabeth Puricelli of Salem; Christina Burris and Heather Morris of Dahlgren; Eric Brown of Ashley; Martha Burkhamer of Royalton; Denise Clutter of Buckner; Brian Davitz of Scheller; Duane Dintelman of Nashville; Yvonne Eater of Dubois; Kevin Guebert of Red Bud; Holly Hargadine of Thompsonville; Alisha Logan of Harrisburg; Georgette Lopez of Texico; Holly Morgan of Ina; Michele Rich of Dix; Dennis Welch of Tamaroa; and Tara Whittington of Belle Rive.

Spring Concert Brings Awards

Amanda Pillers
Associate Editor

The Rend Lake College Community Chorus held their Spring Concert in the theatre on Thursday, April 30. Approximately 150 people showed up for the performance. Those attending heard several pieces performed by several different groups.

The Men's Ensemble performed first, followed by the RLC Community Chorus. The song Amazing Grace was accompanied by Amanda Pillers, RLC student, on the flute. The RLC Jazz Choir performed a cappella versions of Stand By Me and I'll Be Seeing You. The concert was brought to a close on a traditional note with God Bless America performed by the entire Community Chorus.

Two awards were presented at the concert. The first was presented to Kylie Watts for musicianship. The second award for outstanding performer was tied between Sara Holz and RLC instructor, Duane Culli. The recipients of the awards will have their names engraved in a plaque that will remain at the school.



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These Shores Are Clean

Travis Donoho
staff writer

Several RLC students gathered together on April 21st and tried to make our world a better place to live.

Under the direction of Rex Duncan, RLC director of co-op and job placement, a number of students (most of which were members of B.A.S.I.C. or Student Senate) and two other staff members (Cindy Corn and Tammy Weston) met at the Ina boat ramp at 11a.m. and within 5 hours had cleaned up a 3 mile stretch of shoreline.

"We were very successful," said Duncan.

"We didn't really have number of students we would have liked to have had, but we really accomplished alot."

The area that they were working on had never been cleaned before, so they encountered quite a bit of debris ranging from styrofoam, cans and plastic jugs to tires, mattresses and a toy jeep.

"I'd say 75% of what we picked up was recyclable," said Duncan.

"People are throwing stuff out that just doesn't need to be thrown out."

Rend Lake has 162 miles of shoreline while only 44 miles are adopted and cared for. There are currently 65 communities and about 300,000 people depending on Rend Lake as a water source. The students gathered 2 1/2 truckloads of trash in their effort to better their environment on National Youth Service Day. The clean-up project coincided with National Volunteerism Week, Earth Day (April 22) and several other local clean-up events.

"I want to thank the students," said Duncan.

"They worked hard and really put a lot into it. I also think they got a lot out of it. They really did a fantastic job."

WARRIOR SPORTS

Lady Warriors Finish Second

Ryan Nelson
Student Writer

After taking home six losses the other week, the Rend Lake women's softball team rebounded, winning double headers versus Springfield and Olney Central.

Sunday, March 22, the Lady Warriors pounded the visiting Springfield 15-4 in game one. Springfield relied on a first inning walk and an error to go ahead 1-0. However, RLC saw 17 players step to the plate, accounting for 13 runs.

After a quiet second inning, Springfield managed to score three runs off of two walks and a home run. Now ahead 13-4, Jacki Shelton punched a double before Michelle Adams hit a double of her own to bring in the run.

Rend Lake hurler, Jennifer Wren, Reidland, KY, added one more run to end the game 15-4 through five innings. Wren collected the win, pitching five innings with three strikeouts and four walks.

In game two, Springfield scored first off a walk to go up 1-0. Heather Taaka, Mt. Vernon, and Kelsey White, Northview, were each given lead-off walks. Without fail, each came around to score to give RLC a 2-1 lead through one.

White and Cari Cook, Northview, In, belted doubles in a two-out rally to surge 3-1. White also connected on a double in the fourth when Jennifer Calandrilla, also of Northview, In, knocked her in on a double of their own.

Behind 4-1 in the sixth, Springfield's lead-off batter reached base on an infield

error and scored to finish out the game's scoring at 4-2.

Jessica Barth, Wayne City, was the pitcher of record, throwing seven innings, three strikeouts and four walks.

Wednesday, March 25, the Lady Warriors travelled to Olney for the first conference matchup of the year. In game one, they blanked their opponents 13-0.

Taaka reached base on an error before White sacrificed her to second. Cooked walked as Calandrilla laced a double, bringing home one. Shelton hit into a sacrifice groundout while Calandrilla stole home on a wild pitch. After one the score read 3-0.

In the third, Calandrilla, Shelton, and Jessica Stafford, Harrisburg, loaded the bases for Harrisburg's Audrey Murphy's sacrifice fly to center. Calandrilla tagged up, moving the lead to four. Barth loaded the bases again with a walk for the top of the lineup. Taaka claimed three RBI's with a triple to go up 7-0. White, Cook, and Calandrilla each reached base as Shelton cranked a triple clear to clear the bases. Shelton and Stafford both came around to score to make the total 13-0.

"We had an errorless game this game. We've hadn't had that yet this spring," coach David Ellingsworth said. "Jennifer Wren pitched a two-hitter and didn't walk anybody. If you don't walk anybody and hold them to two hits, chances are you're going to pitch a shut out."

Wren claimed the win going 4-4 on the season. In her excellent 5-inning performance, she struck four

batters out while giving up a walk.

Game two proved to be equally successful, downing the Olney squad 11-4.

White and Cook swung the bats freely and both scored on a Shelton single. Olney was muffed by a two strikeout inning by Barth and an infield defensive stop to keep the score at 2-0 going into the top of the third.

Cook, Calandrilla, Shelton, Adams, and Gina Goddard, Mt. Vernon, came in to score in the third to extend the advantage 7-0. In the fourth, Shelton and Stafford came home to take a 9-0 lead.

However, in the bottom half of the inning, RLC gave away four unearned runs to cut the deficit to 9-4. Rend Lake added a run by Murphy in the sixth and one by Shelton in the seventh to end the contest 11-4.

Barth picked up three strikeouts and four walks through seven innings. For the season she is 2-1.

"I'm optimistic because we seem to be getting better. If we don't get better we're in trouble," Ellingsworth said.

Now sitting at 6-6, the future looks brighter for the Rend Lake Lady Warriors.



Brian Keith Davitz
Student Writer

According to Jennifer Wren, a pitcher for the Lady Warriors softball team, the Lady Warriors took second place at the Meramec Tournament in St. Louis the weekend of March 28. The teams playing at the tournament were: Meramec, which was ranked 6th in the nation during preseason; Illinois Central College, which was ranked 11th; Bellville Area College, one of the top ranked teams in the conference, and Rend Lake's Lady Warriors.

On Saturday night there was a three hour rain delay before the first game between Rend Lake and Meramec. The Lady Warriors won 5-2, with nine hits and two errors. Meramec had nine hits and one error. Wren pitched the game with four strike outs and one walk. Leading hitters for the game were: Heather Taaka who was 2-4, Kelsey White who was 1-3 with a double, Cari Cook 1-3, Jacki Shelton 1-3, Jessica Barth 1-3, and Audrey Murphy 2-3. Leading scorers were Shelton with two RBI's and Cook, Murphy, and Barth with one RBI each.

On Sunday, March 29 Rend Lake played Illinois Central and lost 10-1. Rend Lake had two hits and three errors and Illinois Central had thirteen hits and one error. Wren pitched and had two double plays. White went 1-3 with

one RBI and Jennifer Calandrilla went 1-2.

Rend Lake won the third game against Bellville Area College 6-4. Rend Lake had eleven hits and two errors and Bellville had nine hits and one error. Barth pitched with one strikeout and two walks. Murphy went 3-3 with two doubles and two RBI making it a Career Day. Other hitters included Calandrilla 1-3 with one RBI, White 2-4 with a triple, and Shelton with one RBI went 2-4.

The Lady Warriors won their pool and played in the championship game against Illinois Central. The Warriors lost 12-4 with four hits and five errors to Illinois Central's eighteen hits. Wren pitched with three strikeouts and no walks. Leading hitters were Calandrilla 1-2 with one RBI, White 1-2, Cook 1-2, Taaka 1-2, and Shelton got one RBI and went 0-3.

Coach Dave Ellingsworth had this to say, "We beat some good teams, but we were beat by some excellent teams."



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