



REND LAKE COLLEGE TIMES

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By the students, for the students.

Plans for Child Care Center Escalate

Laura Adams
Staff Writer

There is going to be yet another addition to the campus of Rend Lake College. A child care center is due to be constructed by April 1, 1998. RLC should start taking bids any day now for construction but the price just to build the center is estimated to be \$360,000.

The idea for a day care center has been around since as early as 1979. Over the years the plans have been revised by either the RLC Foundation or by RLC itself. Both have recognized that this new center is a definite need.

"The committee heading this project has put a lot into it, as well as RLC and the Foundation," Pat Mitchell, executive director of the RLC foundation said.

The committee consists of Tina Grounds, director of the child development program, Randall Shively, physical plant manager, Pat Mitchell, Mark Kern, president of RLC, Hunt Bonan,

chairman for the RLC Foundation Board, Ron Trammel, department chair for child development, and Bob Ross, RLC's grants writer.

The center was funded by two major donators, Coyn Mateer and Marjorie Farrar both of Mt. Vernon and by the RLC Foundation which was very helpful in coming up with the money.

"This center is completely privately funded, Mitchell said.

The center will focus on three different areas. Infants, toddlers, and preschool children. The center will be equipped with two offices, a laundry room, full size kitchen, and an observation classroom.

"This room will allow students in the Child Development program to observe children interact with one another," Mitchell said. There will be windows along one whole wall of the play room. Students going into such fields as Child

Development, Pediatrics, Psychology, and Sociology will be able to use the observation room. RLC's top two missions from this project will be to provide a model child care facility and program with quality child care and to also provide an opportunity for students to use the center as a lab.

RLC is one of the few community college in the state to not have a child care facility. This new center is due to open by the fall semester.

"The centers' priorities are to first help students with children attend more classes, then help employees, then help the community, Mitchell said." There is already a waiting list for the center.

The cost for this service has not yet been decided. Any student interested in taking advantage of this new program can contact Pat Mitchell @ Ext. 331 or visit her in the Administration Building.

Sarah Capps' Art Show a Success



This creation by Sarah Capps, called "Dark & Deep", is done in water color and colored pencil. It is available for viewing in the LRC until spring break. Due to reproduction the above picture does not do the artist justice. For the full effect of Sarah Capps' work, visit the LRC.

Gina McClerren
Staff Writer

Sarah Capps, an award winning RLC art instructor, currently has some of her art work on display in the Learning Resource Center (LRC). It will only be on display until spring break because many of the items have been sold and are on loan. There are twenty three items in the show.

This same collection of works was recently shown at the Krempp Gallery in Jasper, Indiana. Capps had entered several competitive shows at the gallery. The review committee liked her work and they invited her to hold the show for the entire month of February.

"I hope people enjoy seeing the show here at RLC, if they couldn't make it to Indiana," Capps said.

While hanging the paintings in the LRC, Capps realized that there was a definite theme to her art work. All of the paintings dealt with the seasons. This is the reason behind her new title for the show, *Seasons*. The works are displayed from summer to summer, including the other three seasons in between.

Most of Capps' paintings show scenes that are from her memories of childhood. It is because of this element, she feels that most people in Southern Illinois enjoy her work.

The Student Trustee election will be held on March 10 and 11 in the South Oasis and from 4:30-6:00 in the Admin. Build. with only one candidate, Greg Hollman of Mt. Vernon. All students are welcome to vote.



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SECURITY NOTES

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Spring is right around the corner and Chief of Security Jerry Bate wishes everyone a safe and happy time this spring break. Bates points out that every year spring break brings tragedies to young people who are just trying to have a good time and urges students to be extra cautious.

"People have a tendency to get carried away," said Bate, "and we want everybody to have a safe and enjoyable week. Enjoy yourself but use common sense.

"With spring trying to break in, people have a tendency to drive faster, so again, be safe and observe the laws.

"Be aware of your driving habits because just when you think nobody's looking: SMILE! You're on candid radar!"

There have been a total of 62 tickets written since last fiscal year, which is not a large amount of tickets.

If anyone feels they need an escort to their vehicle to insure their safety, or if a student is having problem with another person, don't hesitate to contact Jerry Bate or one of the other security officers for assistance.

"This is not to alarm anyone because of any problems that we are having now," said Bate, "but just to let you know that we are available."

Clean Up Your Act

Also in campus security news, RLC is still having a major problem with littering.

"Think about if somebody trashed your room or your yard when there's a garbage can two feet away," said Bate. "I'm asking that you take that extra step and throw your trash in the proper containers."

"Think about it. Why trash the major improvements that have been made to our campus in the past year?"

Not to mention the fine for littering on the highways can result in a \$1000 fine.

A reward is still being offered for a VCR taken late fall of 1997. Any information will be kept strictly confidential and any assistance is more than welcome regarding a person or persons disregarding the law. Anyone wishing to inform campus security of any illegal activity is encouraged to do so.

The American Red Cross is hosting a blood drive on Tuesday, March 24 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the mobile unit stationed in front of the student center and Thursday, March 25th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the gym. Any clubs wishing to help should contact Jerry Bate. Any assistance would be much appreciated.

"Let's make this a record breaking blood drive," said Bate.

The security office in the Student Center is always open for any suggestions or if students just want to stop by and say "hi" or to discuss a bad day.

"I keep a strong open door policy," said Bate.

Students may also feel free to contact Jerry Bate at ext. 212.

Brandie Gibbs
Student Writer

Rend Lake College is entering a new era with the addition of the STARS program. STARS, which is the Student Transfer and Retention Support Program is now operating under the direction of Mary Roe, with assistance from Sandy Shook (Counselor), and Rebecca Biggs (Academic Specialist).

This new program, designed to help students, is made possible under Title IV of the Higher Education Act. In 1965, the SSS or Student Support Services was developed under Title IV and is administered by the U.S. Department of Education. This program is used nationwide with over 700 programs assisting college students. Each school has a different name for their Student Support Service program.

The U.S. Department of Education currently directed a study of 5,800 TRIO Student Support Service students following them through their first year of college. The results showed that students involved in such a program were twice as likely to finish their first year of school as a comparable group. A "comparable group" meaning that all requirements were met for the program. All were first generation students, neither

parent having a master degree. The low-income factors were met, with the student possibly having a learning disability. You do not have to be diagnosed with a learning disability to be in this program.

In July, 1997, Rend Lake was awarded the Title IV grant for the first time. You may wonder why it took so long for RLC to receive funding for this program. Until recently there was not a need for this program. Special Populations covered the need for tutoring. Research was done and it was found that the STARS program was indeed necessary. Special Population was handling their job well, but in the tutoring they need some assistance. There were more students needing help than there were tutors.

The STARS program may be of assistance to students through services such as: Tutoring, academic and personal counseling, career counseling, study skills workshops, transfer counseling, cultural enrichment activities, financial aid counseling and mentors. The peer mentors part of the program should be in place next fall.

The question asked by students the most is about tutoring. Tutoring through the STARS program is completely free.

The academic and

personal counseling consists of helping the student choose a major, and plan a schedule.

Career counseling assists you in setting short and long term goals. The study skills workshops will help you learn to schedule your study time, and take better notes.

The transfer counseling will give you the opportunity to make sure that all your credits transfer to the school of your choice. Also, free trips to local schools will be provided. The schools visited will depend on where the majority of the members would like to go.

The cultural enrichment activities are provided to the students free through the funding. Financial aid counseling will assist you with your entire financial aid package. Peer mentors can help you find answers to several questions about school and also allows you to meet new people.

If you are interested in this program you can contact Mary Roe in the North Oasis at . 328, Sandy Shook in the North Oasis at ext. 326, or Rebecca Biggs in the North Oasis at ext. 357.

"The STARS program is a team effort. It's split half and half, we find each other." Rebecca Biggs said.



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Architectural Dept. Receives Electrostatic Plotter

Travis Donoho
staff writer

They can build it...or at least design it and plot it out in color. The Koer-McGee Cole Corporation recently donated a \$60,000 color plotter to the RLC Architectural Dept.

The CalComp electrostatic plotter "has the ability to generate around 50 colors," says Kevin Weston, architectural instructor.

"It allows us to blend the colors on plots so they look much more realistic.

"I think we're one of the few schools in the state capable of having a color electrostatic plotter. They also donated a couple thousand dollars worth of supplies. We're going to be able to do quite a bit with it."

Also in RLC architectural news, the American Institute of Architectural Students (AIAC) is planning a field trip to Columbus, Indiana. Several

factors went into choosing Columbus as a destination. One is that Columbus is the home of Cummins Diesel Engines, a company whose structure and business could be interesting to the architectural, agricultural mechanical, and automotive departments.

But the biggest reason they selected Columbus is that it is a very architecturally rich town. Some of the world's best architects have built there. Gunnar Birkerts, Eliel Saarinen, Eero Saarinen, Venchur & Rauch, Cesar Pelli, Harry Weese, and the architect that designed RLC campus, Caudill Rowlett Scott, have all built in Columbus.

"There's a whole variety of great architects. You can hardly go to any other city in the U.S and get that much good all around architecture," says Weston.

Still other news in the RLC architectural world is Morton Buildings, Inc.

financial and career opportunities for students. Through the RLC Architectural Technology program, Morton Buildings, located in Morton, Illinois, will pay second year tuition costs and reserve a full time position for the student upon graduation.

Morton Buildings Inc. designs and builds commercial and agricultural structures throughout the nation. Starting salaries are around \$22-\$25,000 per year with full benefits.

"They have a very good comprehensive employee benefits plan," says Weston. "Last year they took all the employees to Disneyland, and one time to Branson."

This year, 3 students are going to Morton. Heather Norman (Mt. Vernon), Jeff Wix (McLeansboro), and Craig Rednour (Steeleville).

Morton will be back on campus in spring to interview students.

The Artist

Excerpt from Sarah Capps' program handed out during the art show.

"I was called to be an artist when I was three years old," writes Sarah Capps. "I was sitting at the kitchen table getting an art lesson from my ten year old sister. She was sitting in profile to me and pointing to various parts of her face. 'Draw my forehead, now draw my nose,' she would instruct. As I looked at those features and drew them on the scrap wallpaper Mom had given me. it was as if a light suddenly turned on in my brain. I could make my sister magically appear on my paper! I knew from that moment on that this is what I would be doing for the rest of my life. My mother called me an artist that day (I didn't yet have a word of it) and saved that profile drawing I did of my sister. 47 years later, that drawing is still one of my most treasured possessions. I am still working on being the

best artist I am capable of being, and it is still magic."

Sarah Capps goes on to say, "I have experimented with a variety of styles over the years, and before a ten-year sojourn into the area of jewelry and metalsmithing, could probably be classified as an impressionist/realist. When I turned to painting after a ten-year hiatus, I found that the love for detail and the emphasis on craftsmanship in that field had rubbed off. I found myself more and more drawn to photo-realism."

The artist currently works as a full-time art instructor at Rend Lake College, Ina, Illinois. She has also been a scientific illustrator for Southern Illinois University, and taught art related classes in a number of other universities. She has participated in a large number of exhibits and juried shows.

FREE MUSIC

Publicity Release

The Concert Choir from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, under the direction of Dr. John V. Mochnick, will present a program of sacred and secular music at Rend Lake Community College on Thursday evening, March 26 at 7:30 p.m. Known for their adventurous programming of unusual choral works, the twenty-eight member ensemble is presently on its annual spring tour. The program is presented in four sections: traditional historic church music by European composers (i.e. Amner, Loosemore, Schutz, and Rheinberger); twentieth-century sacred music, contemporary part songs, and multicultural music from

Russia, Korea, Kenya, Australia, and Canada. Of special interest will be the premier of *Shelley Songs*, a trilogy of poems by the nineteenth-century English poet Percy Bysshe Shelley set to music by Dr. Mochnick, director of choral activities at SIUC. This concert will be hosted by the RLC Community Chorus and will have free admission. RLC Music Instructor, Julie Wilkerson, was a participant in this ensemble as a student at SIUC and was also an assistant conductor to Dr. Mochnick. Some former RLC students will also be participating in this concert. All students and staff members are welcomed to come and enjoy the show.

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BLOOD DRIVE

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Basketball

Gina McClerren
Staff Writer

The RLC Warriors basketball team continued their season with a 88-60 win over Shawnee Community College in the Region XXIV Tournament, March 1st at Danville Area College.

Andrew Dagner of Pinkneyville led the Warriors that night with 18 points.

Marcus Parker of Hopkinsville, Kentucky had 5 assists and Dexter Clay of Alton had 7 rebounds.

The Warriors play March 7th, at 7:30PM, against Danville Area College at Danville for the second round of the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) regional tournament.

Gina McClerren
Staff Writer

The RLC Lady Warriors finished their 1997-98 season on March 2, with a record of 16 wins and 15 losses, including one National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) tournament game.

The leading scorer through out the season was Tara Sandford of Scott City, Missouri. Sanford made a total of 437 points in the 30 regular season games. Sandford also led the Lady Warriors with 100 assists in those games.

Anna Banks of Harrisburg, ended the regular season with 224 rebounds. She made 85 offensive and 139 defensive.

SIU Choir at RLC

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Lost

Dear Lost,
GET A LIFE.
-Sally

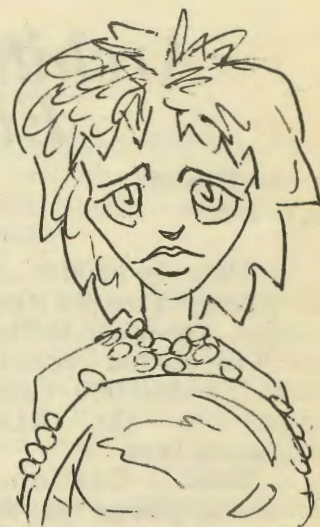
Dear Psychic Sally, I am young and full of hope. I grew up in the small town of Bonnie. My father was an engineer for Union Pacific, that is until the fateful day when he downed a fifth of whiskey and took a nap under the very engine that had provided our livelihood for 27 years. They managed to save a few pieces of his mangled body. Mother keeps them in a jar of whiskey on the mantle. Every Tuesday night the family gathers around his remains and sings "Casey Jones". Mother insists. My younger sister just hasn't been the same since the accident. She spends all day in the forest collecting small woodland animals. She then spends several hours

in the small shed behind our house performing bizarre rituals. Most of these rituals involve electrical tape, Emerson Lake and Palmer, and thumb tacks. Despite all my families oddities I like to consider myself fairly normal. However, I have been taking a course in Psychology her at RLC and I am starting to become concerned. Several theories are stacked against me. Being as how I come from a dysfunctional family there is a good chance that I will have serious emotional problems later in life. Should I be worried?

-Messed Up

Dear Messed Up, It is clear that your planets are in irregular orbits. Evidently you still retain much anguish and withhold much sorrow for your father's death. Your sister seems to have managed to "come to grips" with your father's death, and you also need to find some sort of release. If you have no desire to seek counseling or professional help in dealing with your problems, you need to look to the Otherworld spirits for guidance. The Greek god Pan taught his followers to be lighthearted, fun, and promiscuous. If you want to follow Pan's lifestyle and forget about all of your inner turmoil, you must go to the nearest outlet mall and buy as many tight-fitting and revealing garments as you can possibly afford. Load on the blue eye shadow and cheap perfume and visit as many dives as you can. The spirits tell me that you will find solace in this lifestyle, and will eventually find your lifemate in a situation involving a mysterious-bottle and an operating room.

-Sally



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