

Lakota Sioux Indian Dance to perform Sunday at RLC

The internationally acclaimed Lakota Sioux Indian Dance Theatre, which has thrilled audiences in the John F. Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., the World Music Institute in New York City and in cities from coast-to-coast, will make a rare appearance in Southern Illinois Sunday afternoon, October 18, at Rend Lake College.

Perhaps even more unique, the one-hour demonstration and performance by the 12-person dance troupe is being offered free of charge to the general public thanks to Rend Lake College.

Doors to the 350-seat RLC Theatre will open at 2 p.m. Sunday for the 3 p.m. presentation, with admittance on a first-come, first-served basis.

"This is the 'real' thing," assured RLC Philosophy Associate Professor Steve Kennett, who covers the culture in his World Religions course.

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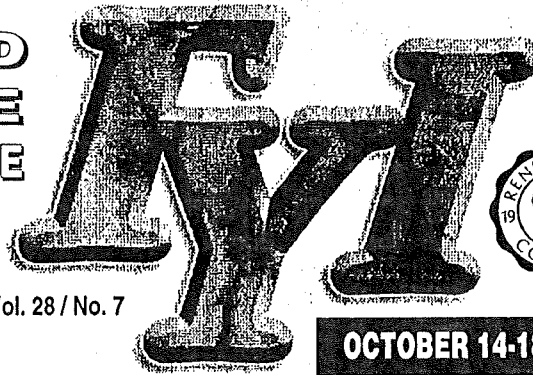
"The opportunity to host a performing group like this is similar to having dignitaries from a foreign country on campus. This is the best group there is in terms of Lakota Sioux

dance, and the Lakota Sioux probably are the most famous of the Indian groups. They probably represent what most people picture when they think of native Indians.

"And to think the performance is free ... that's incredible," added Kennett. Typically, tickets in other cities might range from \$15-\$20 to see the production, he indicated.

"As a teacher of world events, I'm excited because it
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Cultural diversity offered

An "Intercultural Communication" class that meets state mandates for cultural diversity of the curriculum and training for faculty will be offered in an accelerated format this spring.

The 12-week course is scheduled to meet Tuesdays and

Thursdays from 3-5 p.m.

"We put it in that time slot so more faculty can take it," said Speech Communication Professor Joseph Henry Rust. The course has been approved for salary schedule movement.

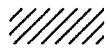
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The Jefferson County Chapter of the American Red Cross will conduct its annual Fall "Blood Drive" on the Rend Lake College campus Tuesday and Wednesday, October 27-28.

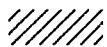
The mobile unit will be parked in front of the Student Center that Tuesday between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. On Wednesday, volunteers will return to accept donations in Waugh Gymnasium from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.



A reminder ...

A "Book Drop" is now available in the Learning Resource Center for those who might like to donate new or used books to the RLC Foundation Children's Center.

Books are needed for all ages - infants, toddlers and preschool - and are very much appreciated, according to Director Marya Smith and her staff of teachers, Assistant Director Brenda Heinzmann, Becky Ferguson and Carmen Randall.



For the third year in a row, students from the kindergarten class of Mrs. Frances Dobbs at Horace Mann School in Mt. Vernon recently spent the day "attending" Rend Lake College.

Their visit, according to Dr. Sue Tomlin, included a tour of the Aquatics Center with Jason Thrash; a display of bones, organs, pelts and "dead critters" to explore with Dr. Sue

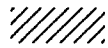
/// Birthdays ///

- Sue Scattone (10/14)
- Steve Kennett (10/15)
- Dennis Richards (10/15)
- Lisa Volk (10/16)
- Richard Cole Sr. (10/18)
- Dave Wilson (10/19)
- Jean Huie (10/21)
- Monica Belford (10/22)
- Christy Hamilton (10/23)
- Brenda Moore (10/23)
- Nicki Gray (10/24)

Trammell, and printmaking in the Art Room with Therese Howard. A group picture was taken by the fountain.

RLC student volunteers included Michelle Adams, Jennell Nipper, April Kowalski and Kristal Hale.

"The college got rave reviews from the kids," Tomlin noted. "In fact, they all made an enthusiastic verbal commitment to attend school here when they are older."



Lilianne Labbé and Don Hinkley will be presenting an in-class workshop on-campus Thursday, October 29, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the RLC Theatre.

Their presentation will explore the language, history and culture of the Franco-Americans, Québécois and Acadians. It also will include demonstrations of music and discussions of the importance of French throughout the world today.

For more information, contact the Arts and Communications Department regarding this workshop. The public is invited.

'Culinary Cafe' returns Nov. 3 with fine dining

Fine dining is returning to the Rend Lake College campus on Tuesday evenings, beginning November 3, with the re-opening of the Rend Lake Culinary School Cafe.

The total sit-down experience will feature an expanded menu which includes favorites from last year's inaugural cafe-style menu and mouth-watering new items, like Chicken and Seafood Jambalaya, Shrimp Scampi and Roasted Chicken Breast with Crabmeat Stuffing.

Dinner will be served between 4 and 8 p.m. in the Student Center. Reservations are suggested by calling 437-5321, Ext. 288 (or Ext. 254 after 2 p.m. on Tuesday).

The Culinary School Cafe is scheduled to be open on the following fall dates: November 3, 17 and 24, and December 1.

Twenty-five first- and second-year students in two classes - "Principles of Quantity Food Preparation" and

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Menu for week of October 12-16 ...

MARTIN'S FOOD SERVICE

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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COLLEGE CLOSED ~ COLUMBUS DAY	FACULTY-STAFF IN-SERVICE	LUNCH \$4.25 Chicken Rice 2 Vegetables Roll Small Drink	LUNCH \$3.15 Taco Salad ~ Beef/Chicken Small Drink	LUNCH \$4.25 Meatloaf 2 Vegetables Roll Small Drink
		SANDWICH \$3.15 Cheeseburger FF/Veg/Chips Small Drink	SANDWICH \$3.15 Chicken Cheddar FF/Veg/Chips Small Drink	SANDWICH \$3.15 Shrimp FF/Veg/Chips Small Drink

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FYI Briefs

"Sweatshirt Art," offered through Rend Lake College's Community Services program, will be conducted the first four Mondays in November.

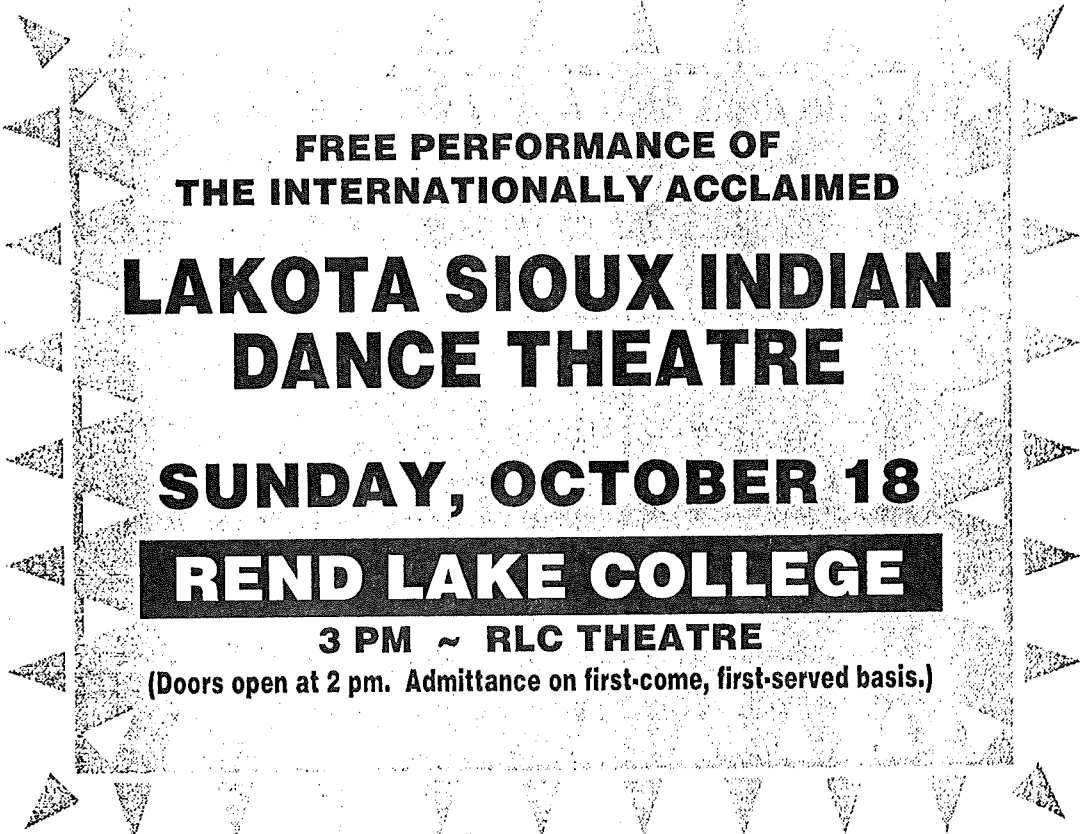
Participants will have fun while completing a different sweatshirt each

evening. The class will meet from 6-9 p.m. at Benton Consolidated High School in Room 109 starting November 2.

Students will learn the techniques of painting on fabric, including indi-

vidual instruction on transferring patterns, using fabric dyes, highlighting and shading.

Pre-registration is required. The cost is \$24, plus supplies. For more information, call 242-5805.



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Lakota Sioux Indian Dance Theatre

will be highly educational. There will be art overtones, as well as religious and cultural overtones.

"But it also will be highly entertaining . . . something the whole family would enjoy and could benefit from seeing. I think it's safe to say this area hasn't seen anything like this before."

Organizers of the group served as technical consultants for the recent movie, "Dances With Wolves."

The lecture-demonstration appearance of the dance troupe was not confirmed until a few days ago, added Kennett. It will provide an overview of Plains Indian culture, relating the various aspects of a nomadic, warrior culture.

The Solaris presentation of the Lakota Sioux Dance Theatre was founded in 1978 on the Rosebud Reservation of South Dakota. It is an artistic collaboration between Henry Smith, director of New York's Solaris Dance Theatre, and the traditional artists of the Sioux Nation. With the support of Lakota Indian educators, healers, community leaders, championship powwow dancers, singers and storytellers, the company creates opportunities for Indians and non-Indians alike to experience and interpret the holistic worldview of the Native American people.

Solaris' Lakota Sioux Indian Dance Theatre has taken its act on tours to West Africa and Europe, as well as throughout the United States.

Following one of its performances, the review in New York's *Village Voice* commented, "As a replacement for the American Indian Dance Theatre, the Lakota Sioux company proved to be more theatrical, more political and more grounded in the reality of Native American life. Set against videos by Henry Smith, the company documented the powerful struggle between Lakota and their conquerors. The dancing and the music were spec-

tacular."

"The stage became a symbol of the earth itself on Saturday night when the Lakota Sioux Indian Dance Theatre appeared in a program that made dancing a ceremonial act . . . Its dancers clearly seek to honor the ground upon which they and all people tread," Jack Anderson wrote in the *New York Times* following a 1995 performance.

Dance is at the heart of their life and spiritual cosmology. Not only is it used in social and "show" situations, but also to honor an individual who has distinguished himself or herself through courageous deeds, accomplishments, life passages and demonstrations of generosity, fortitude and humility. Dance likewise is used as a response to "vision" and, finally, as an expression of spirituality.

The one-hour presentation relates aspects of Lakota Creation mythology and utilizes dance and song to interpret certain Lakota legends, myths and spirit qualities in order to give a framework for a better appreciation of the culture.

Among the principal performers of the dance troupe are: Gabe DesRosiers, the lead singer of "Northern Wind," a group that has been the invited host drummer for numerous powwows across the U.S.; traditional flute player and wood carver, Brian Akipo; Grass and Jingle Dress Dancers, acclaimed Fancy Shawl Dancers Sherry Bird and Naomi Good Eagle, Fancy Dancers Leon Thompson and Lance White Magpie (a descendent of Crazy Horse), and Smith's long-time collaborators, Lillian and Ron Good Eagle.

The Good Eagles have toured internationally as performers and teachers, devoting their lives to promoting a better understanding and transcultural awareness of Plains Indian culture.

MORE ABOUT >>>

Cultural diversity

Two years ago, when the class was first offered, it was available to faculty/staff only. This time, it is on the regular Spring Semester schedule and open to other students as well. It is offered only in the spring.

According to the course description, "Students (will) learn how culture influences communication beyond just the usage of language across a variety of contexts.

"The study of intercultural communication recognizes how culture pervades what we are, how we act, how we think and how we talk and listen. Included are such topics as high and low context cultures, non-verbal messages, adapting to different cultures and developing intercultural competencies and effectiveness."

The course helps fulfill the Illinois Higher Board of Education requirement for cultural diversity within the curriculum and the mandate to help faculty and staff become more aware of cultural diversity on campus from the Illinois Community College Board.

Free 'Hunter Safety' seminar Saturday

A free "Hunter Safety" Workshop intended especially for those under the age of 16 will be conducted at Rend Lake College October 17 and 24 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the RLC Theatre on the Ina campus.

The course is required by state law for all hunters under 16 in order to receive a first hunting license. It also should prove beneficial to beginning hunters over that age, although not required. Participants must attend both sessions and successfully pass a test to complete the course.

Instruction in wildlife management, firearms safety, hunter ethics, game identification, first aid, survival techniques and regulations will be emphasized.

HOSTS FINISH 3-4 BEHIND TEXANS, INDIAN HILLS

Tyler continues to dominate at RLC Invite

WHITTINGTON – Two of the three lowest scores on the team came from second-class members of the "B" unit. That makes for healthy competition this coming week as Rend Lake College prepares to defend its Region XXIV golf championship.

But that generally would not be good news for a team trying to win the Rend Lake College Invitational Thursday and Friday at Rend Lake Golf Course.

The fact defending champ Tyler (TX) Junior College had the two best players in the tournament wasn't good news for the rest of the field, either.

As one might suspect, under those conditions, five-time NJCAA Division II National Champion Tyler returned to Southern Illinois a second straight year and ran away from the competition, trimming 11 shots off its first 18 holes and winning by 15 strokes after sharing the first-round lead with eventual runner-up Indian Hills (IA).

Tyler, with co-medalists Kyle Willman and Paul Helms both reporting in at 76-72-148, repeated with a four-player, 36-hole composite of 306-295-601. Indian Hills was not equal to the task on a gorgeous day for golf, falling in line behind the mighty Texans with 306-310-616.

Neither of the host entries made a run at Tyler. They remained in third and fourth positions, respectively, with Rend Lake College "A" posting 307-312-619 credentials and Rend Lake College "B" next at 309-318-627. Illinois Central claimed fifth in the 15-team field at 318-310-628.

Sophomore Brandon Bullard (Mt. Vernon) bounced back from Thursday's 80 to lead the "B" team – and the entire RLC squad, for that matter – with his 36-37-73 Friday and 153 total.

Two other sophs moved up the final 18, also. Chad Penman (Brazil,

IN, Northview), a near-miss All-America pick last spring as the Warriors finished sixth behind winner Tyler and fifth-place Indian Hills, led the RLC "A" contingent with 79-75 (37-38) – 154, while Trent Hudgens (West Frankfort) followed closely as a participant on the "B" team with 75-80 (40-40) – 155.

"What that means is, we've got seven guys playing for five spots in next week's regional," concluded Coach Dave Smith, who was only mildly disappointed in the results but looking forward to the competition a mediocre showing creates. Rend Lake College, without Tyler or Indian Hills looking over its shoulder, had won six Midwest tournaments in a row prior to this one.

No out-of-staters are entered in the Region XXIV affair, which will be held Friday and Saturday, October 16-17, at The Rail Golf Course in Springfield. Smith's team has dominated the regional the last four seasons, earning the all-important berth in the NJCAA Division II Championships in the process.

"I really think some of our guys had gotten a little too complacent. They had been winning too often too easy recently and may not have worked as hard as they should have been for this one," Smith said.

"But when I left them tonight (after finishing third), they were all out there practicing."

Sophs Bullard and Hudgens will join the first unit in playoff competition Monday for the five Region XXIV spots, suddenly up for grabs.

"I'm not real unhappy about today. They just got in the heat (of competition) and Tyler beat the heck out of everybody. That's golf. I just want a little bit more out of my team."

"A couple of people asked me why I invite Tyler, and I told them because my main objection is to get my team ready for the regional and, hopefully, the national tournament. To be hon-

est, this tournament is not nearly as important as what next week's (regional) is going to be. That's the one that counts."

The top five individuals behind Willman and Helms were Brad Dunker of John A. Logan, third thanks to an impressive one-under par showing on Friday and 79-71-150 total; Reeve Krikke of Indian Hills, fourth in a scorecard playoff at 74-77-151, and Lincoln Trail's Danny Graham, fifth at 76-75-151.

The third-place Warrior "A" squad was inconsistently consistent, considering all five players shot between Penman's 154 and 159.

First-round co-leader Brian Kolmer (Salem), a freshman, faded to 73-84 (41-43) – 157, a total duplicated by transfer Danny Johnson (Belleville West) at 78-79 (39-40) – 157 and freshman Jeremy Reidelberger (St. Charles, MO) at 81-76 (38-38) – 157. Freshman Zack Mayhew (Carmel, IN) did not figure in Friday's scoring and finished 77-82 (42-40) – 159.

Behind Bullard and Hudgens on the "B" team came sophomore Jerrod Capps (Jerseyville/Calhoun County) at 78-80 (39-41) – 158; sophomore Jimmy Middleton (Nashville) at 76-85 (42-43) – 161 and freshman T.J. Conner (Mt. Vernon) at 86-86 (39-46) – 172.

"How we finish here isn't the important thing. How we respond next week is," Smith repeated. "The one thing we are all playing for is a shot at a national championship. We'll see how we do."

Parkland (318-317) and John A. Logan "A" (321-314) tied for sixth in the team race with 635 totals. Then came Lincoln, eighth at 320-329-649; 9. Lincoln Trail, 326-324-650; 10. Danville Area, 332-319-651; 11. Lewis & Clark, 335-321-656; Vincennes (IN) University, 328-329-657; 13. John A. Logan "B," 336-329-665; 14. South-eastern Illinois, 336-329-665; 15. John Wood, 350-339-689.

'Beginning Scuba Diving' class starts October 19

Registration is in progress for a class in "Beginning Scuba Diving" scheduled to start October 19 through early March at Rend Lake College.

The two semester-hour credit course will meet in the classroom Mondays from 6-7 p.m. and in the water, both in the new RLC Aquatics Center and off-campus for deep-water dives, 10 a.m.-noon Saturdays.

Rick O'Keefe, who operates Rick's Emerald Isle Scuba in Benton and is a Dive Master Instructor, will be the instructor.

Students will develop the skills, knowledge and attitudes essential to participating safely in scuba diving as established by certification requirements of the Professional Association of Dive Instructors (PADI), according to Aquatics Center Coordinator Jason Thrash.

Successful completion of this course will earn students the Open Water Certification which allows them to dive anywhere, Thrash said.

Participants are required to pass minimum swimming standards be-

fore being permitted to take the course. They also will need to furnish their own mask, snorkel and fins.

In addition to the \$76 tuition, a \$75 lab fee will be assessed.

Advance registration is required for "Beginning Scuba Diving," PYED 1127-41. To register or to find out more about the course, prospective students are encouraged to contact Aquatics Center personnel at 437-5321, Ext. 207. The facility is open 6 a.m.-10 p.m. weekdays and 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

RLC golfers one behind co-leaders after 18 holes

WHITTINGTON - The leader board is topped by two out-of-state powers, but the two teams most familiar with the course are within three strokes after Thursday's opening round of the ninth annual Rend Lake College Invitational.

Familiar guests Tyler (TX) Junior College and Indian Hills (IA) share the lead midway through the 15-team event, both with four-player, 18-hole composites of 306 over the par-72 Rend Lake Golf Course. Tyler, in its first visit here, won this event last fall and used it as a springboard to its fifth consecutive NJCAA Division II National Championship the following spring.

Lurking not too far off the pace with 18 holes to play are the Rend Lake College "A" team and the Rend Lake College "B" team. Playing on their home layout in chilling winds and tough conditions, the squad Coach Dave Smith was counting on to play well did just that, shooting 307 behind the individual exploits of co-leader Brian Kolmer. The Warriors' "other" team, which has had its moments in the spotlight this fall, also, are fourth at 309 behind a solid effort from Trent Hudgens.

RLC teams have won the last six Midwest events but have not had Tyler or Indian Hills to contend with during that stretch, after the Iowans claimed the season-opening Highland "36."

Kolmer, a freshman from Salem who was first September 27 in the Illinois Central Invitational, carded the day's best round with a 35 on Holes 10-18 and finished at one-over 73, the same as Shad Muth of Indian Hills (37-36-73).

Tied for third behind Kolmer and Muth are Indian Hills teammate Reeve Krikke and Parkland's Mike Greenwood, both at 74, while sophomore Hudgens (West Frankfort) and Lincoln's Jason Sudaz are next at 75.

Tyler representatives may not have cracked the top five at this point, but the Texans showed tremendous balance with three players deadlocked at 76 in Clint Bowden (40-36), Paul Helms (36-40) and Kyle Willman (39-37), one at 78 in Gary Pike (37-41) and one at 79 in Justin Gold (40-39).

The Indian Hills duo of Muth and Krikke found support from Kris Lassman at 39-40-79 and Nick Baackes and Christian Collicott, both at 41-39-80.

Kolmer was joined in the Rend Lake College lineup by freshman Zack Mayhew (Carmel, IN) at 38-39-77; transfer Danny Johnson (Belleville West) at 40-38-78, sophomore Chad Penman (Brazil, IN, Northview) at 38-41-79 and freshman Jeremy Reidelberger (St. Charles, MO) at 39-42-81.

Hudgens, with his 38-37-75, was only one shot better than classmate

and teammate Jimmy Middleton (37-39-76). Then came soph Jerrod Capps (Jerseyville/Calhoun County) at 40-38-78, soph Brandon Bullard (Mt. Vernon) at 41-39-80 and freshman T.J. Conner (Mt. Vernon) at 43-43-86.

"The course played long. It was tough out there," the Warrior coach said in defense of the scores. Tyler won a year ago with scores of 301-304-605, a whopping 18 strokes ahead of runner-up RLC, which won its own tournament the three previous years before the Tyler invasion.

"I'm pleased with where we stand," Smith continued. "Who knows where we will finish ... maybe we can win it, or maybe we'll get third or maybe our "B" team can win again. You never know, but at least we are in contention."

Two teams tied for fifth were nine shots behind the Warrior second unit, Parkland and Illinois Central at 318. Then comes Lincoln, seventh at 320, 8. John A. Logan "A," 321; 9. Lincoln Trail, 326; 10. Vincennes (IN), 328; 11. Danville Area, 332; 12. Lewis & Clark, 335; 13. John A. Logan "B," 336; 14. Southeastern Illinois, 336; 15. John Wood, 350.

Teams will begin teeing off Friday at 9 a.m. The last foursome, which will include Tyler, Indian Hills, RLC "A" and Parkland (since two Rend Lake College teams can't be in the same pairing), will go off at 11 a.m.

Howard, Mullen 'Learn and Serve' grant recipients

Two of the seven "Learn and Serve" Scholarships of Engagement mini-grants awarded recently by the Illinois Campus Compact for Community Service are going to members of the Rend Lake College faculty.

English/Journalism Professor Mike Mullen and Associate Professor of Art Therese Howard will receive support to integrate community engagement/service learning into one aspect of their professional development, the announcement said.

Funding for this project is made available through the Corporation for National Service Learn and Serve America: Higher Education.

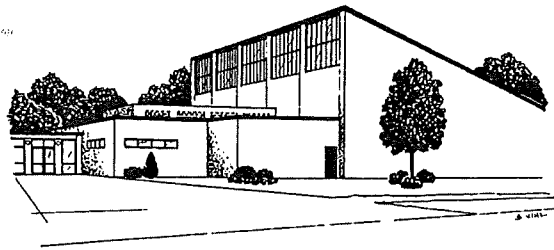
The ICCCS is a coalition of 19 colleges and universities in Illinois committed to serving their communities.

In all, nine faculty members at five institutions were awarded mini-grants to integrate community engagement into their teaching, research or professional service. The successful candidates all have "planned meaningful ways of becoming engaged in the community."

Howard, the grant announcement indicated, "will work with museum staff to train students in her Art Appreciation class to provide quality art instruction to area school children. In turn, the Art students will increase their knowledge of art and gain perspectives of how art affects and is accepted by the community."

With the help of the mini-grant, Mullen "will integrate service learning into his Rhetoric and Composition course by partnering with four community agencies that offer diverse service opportunities to provide personally relevant service learning opportunities and to help his students discover that the ability to write reflectively on their environment will enhance their marketability to obtain future employment."

The mini-grants are for 1998-99.



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Reception will follow*

'Retail Selling and Service' seminars October 28-30 at TSC

Just in time for the holiday rush, area retail merchants will be able to improve employee productivity by sponsoring their attendance at one of the "Retail Selling and Service" seminars sponsored later this month by Rend Lake College.

These three-hour seminars should prove helpful to retail managers, assistant and sales managers, and full- and part-time sales staff who work hard to meet the needs of their customers, according to college representative Rex Duncan.

The seminar will be offered Wednesday, October 28, from 9 a.m.-noon and repeated on Thursday, October 29, from 6-9 p.m. and again Friday, October 30, 9 a.m.-noon. All three sessions are scheduled at the Rend Lake College Times Square Campus in the Mount Vernon mall. The cost is \$20 per person.

"These seminars will be of interest to anyone who will be assisting retail customers during the holidays,"

Duncan said. "Seminar content was developed to specifically address the challenges faced during this critical, and frequently hectic, two months."

Topics to be covered include:

- Retail Buying Behavior
- Steps to Retail Selling
- Maintaining a Positive Attitude (aka Preventing Burnout)
- Handling Complaints and Challenging Customers
- Effective Communications and Listening Skills (includes Telephone)
- Personal Image

Dana Uhls, a Mount Vernon resident with practical expertise in these areas, will conduct all three seminars. She also will provide helpful handout materials.

The seminars are provided by the Rend Lake College Center for Business and Industry. To register or for more information, individuals should contact Business and Industry Training Coordinator George Dawe at (618) 437-5321, Ext. 334.

Basketball 'Officiating Qualifications' class, team-taught, starts November 2

Another "Officiating Qualifications for Basketball" class team-taught by three veteran referees has been scheduled to start later this fall by Rend Lake College.

It doesn't matter if you are a time-tested whistle-blower or a rookie hoping to start an enjoyable, part-time career. The course (PYED 1148), which begins November 2, will accommodate all types of participants.

"It is designed for basketball officials who need to be recertified by the Illinois High School Association, as well as those who want to become a referee for the first time," according to RLC Health and Physical Education Dept. Chair Wayne Arnold.

It will be led by state tournament veterans Dick Deitz (McLeansboro), Ted Knapp (Mt. Vernon) and Bob Blondi (Benton), all of whom are IHSA Certified Clinicians.

The class will meet Mondays and Thursdays from 6-9 p.m. on the Ina campus between November 2 and December 7. Some required work

may be done on other dates.

A year ago, the IHSA introduced policies which require officials in almost all sports to be recertified within a three-year period. Arnold has reformatted the college's officiating classes to fulfill those requirements and have been approved by the IHSA.

"Officiating Qualifications for Basketball" will meet in a typical classroom setting initially, but participants also will be utilizing the gymnasium to practice floor positioning. Part of the class will be spent working games at different sites during practices, scrimmages, etc.

The opportunity to mingle with officials at all levels of expertise should prove beneficial to all. "It is an ideal situation for those just getting started, getting to work alongside the veterans," Arnold admitted.

"In the classroom, too, everyone should learn from discussions of all kinds of situations with long-time officials sharing what they know about the game," he added.

MORE ABOUT >> Culinary School Cafe

"Advanced baking and Pastries" - will be responsible for operation and management of the cafe.

"We want the public to see we are offering a really quality education," Associate Professor Tim March said.

"This gives students the total experience of running a restaurant. They go from being a hostess to the cook to waiter and to dishwasher, taking on a different assignment each time."

Patrons will notice sandwiches are missing from the menu this year, but old favorites like Sautéed Tenderloin Tips with Mushroom Sauce are back again. Popular Filet Mignon will be available in a mild garlic sauce.

Other menu items include: Marinated Grilled Chicken Breast with a Lemon Grass Coulis; Grilled Pork Chops with Portabella Mushrooms;

Fettuccine Alfredo with a Grilled Chicken Breast; Baked Ziti with an Italian Meatball Sauce, and Baked Orange Roughy with a Herb Butter Sauce.

All dinners are served with soup, salad, fresh-baked bread, a vegetable and the potato of the day, with prices varying from \$5-\$7.50. An assortment of desserts also will be available.

"The students helped generate the menu, based in part on what went well last year. And we use the highest quality ingredients, nothing but the best," March added.

Carryout meals will be available again, although faculty, staff and the general public are encouraged to stop in at the cafe, sit and relax and enjoy the total fine-dining experience.

FYI Briefs

Add to your list of winners from Fall "Fun Fest" activities ...

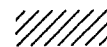
Slam-Dunk Contest - Derek Dixon.

3-Point Contest - Mike Burnham.

3-on-3 Contest - Chris Haley, Colby Robbins, Brett Waldman and Jarrett Biggerstaff.

Putting - 10 recipients of free Domino's pizzas for making three out of three putt attempts.

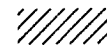
Nintendo Contest - "Super Mario Brothers," Tara Sanford and Billy Leeck; "Duck Hunt," Phil Hamil.



The last two Tuesday nights in October, the Intramural program will be sponsoring volleyball beginning at 6 in Waugh Gymnasium.

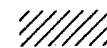
Faculty and staff are welcome! Get a team together, or just show up and be placed on a team as an individual.

An intramural softball tournament is tentatively set for next week, according to Coordinator Cindy Corn.



Representatives of four-year colleges and universities are scheduled to be on the Rend Lake College campus (Student Center) this fall to visit. Dates remaining:

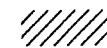
Tuesday, November 10 - Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, 9 am-12:30 pm.



Information to be included in the student newspaper, the RLC Times, should be submitted 10 days prior to the appropriate publication date.

Publication dates for Fall:

- Friday, October 23
- Friday, November 13
- Friday, December 4.



Due dates for upcoming payrolls:

Payroll	Due Date
November 5	October 30
November 20	November 13
December 4	November 25
December 18	December 10

'Volunteerism '98' slated October 21

Planning for the "Volunteerism '98" Conference has been finalized and the one-day session promises to be an excellent forum for learning about and meeting practitioners of volunteerism throughout southern and central Illinois, according to chairman Rex Duncan.

The conference, recognized by the Illinois Governor's Office on Volunteerism as part of the statewide "Streams of Service" program, will be held Wednesday, October 21, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Marion Hotel and Conference Center, at the intersection of Interstate 57 and Route 13.

Conference activities will begin with a keynote address by television personality, businesswoman and community service practitioner Bonnie Wheeler. A series of concurrent sessions will follow:

- Volunteer Management
- Intergenerational Solutions
- Disaster Preparedness
- Understanding Personality Styles
- Volunteerism in Literacy Programs
- Creative Teaching
- Team Building
- Liability and Screening Issues
- Volunteer/Mandated Reporter

- Media Outreach
- Service Learning

"Volunteerism '98" should be of interest to any person or organization that uses volunteers, or anyone who is interested in volunteering. The cost is \$15, which includes lunch and breaks. While registration can be handled the day of the conference, interested persons are strongly urged to pre-register for the sake of effective planning.

Attendance has been approved for movement on the RLC faculty salary schedule, according to Duncan.

"As I'm sure you are aware, one of the college's goals in the years ahead is to increase the number of courses offering service learning," Duncan said in a recent memo to faculty.

"I hope you will consider attending this conference. It has been approved for salary schedule movement by Julie (Meents) and Mark (Kern). I think you will find it to be an interesting and informative event."

For more information about "Volunteerism '98," please call Duncan at Rend Lake College, (618) 437-5321, Ext. 352, or e-mail at duncan@rlc.cc.il.us.

FYI Briefs

Rend Lake College Speech Communication Professor Joseph Henry Rust should keep busy November 20-24 when he attends the 84th Annual Meeting of the National Communication Association to be held in New York City.

As a member of the NCA Legislative Council, Rust will be expected to attend business meetings scheduled Friday, Monday and Tuesday.

He also will serve as a panelist for a presentation concerning "Critical Issues Related to At-Risk" Monday morning at 9:30.

That same afternoon, at 12:30, Rust will be part of the program, "Pedagogy for the New Millennium: A Discussion of the rewards and Liabilities of Technology-Based Instruction." His participation is a result of authoring a paper entitled, "Rewards and Liabilities of Developing Web-Based Instruction: All That is Old is New Again."

"Much of the research that is presented at our annual meetings is potentially useful to the general public," commented Bill Eadie, Associate Director for NCA, formerly known as the Speech Communication Association.

Reservations accepted for Oct. 24 Art Auction

Reservations are now being accepted for the third annual Rend Lake College Foundation "Students for Students" Art Auction on Saturday evening, October 24, at the Rend Lake Resort.

Reservations? Rend Lake Resort? Evening?

The Art Auction is taking on a whole new look

An art preview is planned at 6 p.m., with dinner at 7 and the auction itself beginning at 8 at the Rend Lake Resort Convention Center.

The cost is \$25 per person.

The RLC Foundation is helping cosponsor the event, along with art

students and faculty and the Arts and Communications Department.

Guests will have a chance to get a closer view of the artwork to be auctioned later during the preview. Wine and cheese, fruit, hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar will be available during this time, with RLC Music Instructor Julie Wilkerson providing musical entertainment and the Resort offering horse-and-buggy carriage rides.

During the sit-down dinner meal, RLC Theatre Manager Tracey Brouillette and cast will present excerpts from the college's upcoming comedy-mystery production of "The Butler Did It."

The auction itself will feature works of art in a variety of media by Rend Lake College art students, award-winning Instructors Sarah Capps and Therese Howard, alumni and others in the community.

RLC English Associate Professor Rob Little will serve as the auctioneer.

A special overnight package from the Rend Lake Resort also will be auctioned that evening.

All proceeds from the evening will go toward student art scholarships.

RLC employees wishing to take advantage of the opportunity to stay at the Resort will receive a 10% room discount that evening.

October 1998

STANDING COMMITTEES

ACADEMIC COUNCIL

	<u>DATE ELECTED OR APPOINTED</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>
<u>CURRICULUM</u>		
Therese Howard	Elected 1997-98	1999-00
Carolyn Stewart	Elected 1996-97	1998-99
Bonnie Tolbert	Elected 1997-98	1999-00
Keith Kendricks	Appointed 1996-97	1998-99
<u>FACULTY DEVELOPMENT</u>		
Debbie Bennis	Elected 1997-98	1999-00
Ro Hoar	Elected 1997-98	1999-00
Joe Rust	Elected 1998-99	2000-01
John Fisher	Appointed 1996-97	1998-99
<u>POLICY & PROCEDURES</u>		
Linda Denton	Elected 1997-98	1999-00
Frank Fenton	Elected 1998-99	2000-01
Sue Trammell	Elected 1996-97	1998-99
Sharon Beasley	Appointed 1998-99	2000-01
<u>LEARNING RESOURCE</u>		
Trish Bennett-Minor	Elected 1998-99	2000-01
Tina Grounds	Elected 1997-98	1999-00
Rob Little	Elected 1997-98	1999-00
Mike Mullen	Appointed 1996-97	1998-99
<u>SOCIAL</u>		
Cindy Corn	Elected 1998-99	2000-01
Rob Little	Elected 1998-99	2000-01
Larry Williams	Elected 1998-99	2000-01
Dave Ellingsworth	Appointed 1996-97	1998-99

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REND LAKE COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES – OCTOBER 13 MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

OK to energy-related PHS projects (\$1.5 million)

Granted permission to submit three Protection, Health and Safety Projects estimated at \$1.5 million to the Illinois Community College Board for approval and permission to bid the projects once approval is received from the ICCB. The projects will be funded through PHS with bond and interest monies. The projects: Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning Controls/AHU Upgrades, \$589,700; Boiler Plant Improvements, \$196,650; Physical Plant Infrastructure Improvements, \$713,500 (includes lighting, variable air volume conversion, chilled water piping modification and chilled water pumping enhancements. Board Chairman Dave Edmison praised the thoroughness of the specifications provided and noted an estimated payback of 7.8 years on the energy-related projects.

Tax levy payable in '99 at 4.04% over year before

Set the 1998 Tax Levy (payable in 1999) at \$3,295,043, an increase of 4.04% over the previous year's figure of \$3,166,936.25. The new total includes just over \$2.028 million in Corporate/Special Purpose taxes and \$1.266 million in Debt Service. The proposed levy will be filed in accordance with "Truth in Taxation" compliance laws, but it is not necessary to publish notice of a tax increase or conduct a hearing because the proposed levy is not greater than 105% of the prior year's levy.

Audit: College in 'strong financial situation'

Accepted the Fiscal Year 1998 Audit, as provided by the outside auditing firm of Clifton, Gunderson, LLC of Springfield and representative Bill Crompton. Noting compliance with all reporting standards and no problems, Crompton praised the college for a "clean" audit and noted, "The college is in a strong financial situation as of June 30, 1998." He cited an anticipated deficit budget and actual revenue \$530,000 higher than expected as evidence. "A good, solid year," Crompton said. "I've said it before, I commend (Dean for Finance and Administration) Bob Carlock, (Controller) Andrea Boucher and their office staff for the job they do. It is a good audit and a good organization to be affiliated with. You are very fortunate to have them working for you."

Women's Golf added to athletic program

Approved the addition of Women's Golf to the athletic program, including a \$4,000 coaching stipend, beginning with the 1999-2000 academic year. The National Junior College Athletic Association recently adopted women's golf as an official intercollegiate sport. "It has become apparent that women's golf is a sport that is growing in popularity among area high schools," Athletic Director Tim Wills noted in his proposal. "This fact, along with the outstanding facilities available at Rend Lake Golf Course, should allow us to field a competitive team." Estimated start-up cost the first year is \$12,300. RLC offers basketball, softball and tennis for women; basketball, baseball, golf and tennis for men.

Traci Hempen to head Pinckneyville program

Employed Ms. Traci R. Hempen as Director of Educational Programs at Pinckneyville Correctional Center on a full-time, contract-funded, nontenure-track contract, effective November 2. Hempen, one of 74 applicants, holds a B.S. in Administration of Justice and a Masters of Public Administration, both from Southern Illinois University-Carbondale. She coordinated Kaskaskia College's Dislocated Worker Program for three years previously and has taught part-time at Centralia Correctional Center since 1992. She also has been a Parole Officer for the U.S. Probation Office in Chicago.

Two Big Muddy River Correctional positions filled

Hired two full-time, contract-funded, nontenure-track employees in the Educational Program at Big Muddy River Correctional Center, effective November 2 . . .

- Ms. Jennifer Moore as a Youthful Offender Program Counselor. She has a B.S. in Psychology from the University of Illinois and has worked as a Cognitive Retraining Specialist and Case Worker for MERS in St. Charles, MO.
- Charles Followell as Culinary Arts Instructor. He was a laborer or Freeman United Coal Co. before returning to college and earning an AAS Degree in Culinary Arts Management from Rend Lake College.

Three new employees acknowledged

Received an Office Support and Physical Plant Report indicating the following recent hirings:

- Cheryl Glover (Benton) as Big Muddy River Correctional Center Administrative Assistant for the RLC Educational Program.
- Karla Lewis (Sesser) as Distance Learning and Instructional Technology Administrative Assistant, effective October 7.
- Mike Meinert (Christopher) as temporary full-time help in Shipping/Receiving, from September 16 through December 15.

Three positions to be advertised externally

Granted permission to advertise externally for the following full-time positions:

- Academic Counselor. This campus-based counselor will replace Sara Davenport, who is taking early retirement effective October 16. The position has a recommended starting date of January 4, with a salary range between \$28,000 and \$35,000.
- Distance Learning and Instructional Technology Specialist. A nontenure-track position with an annual starting salary of \$27,000 and an anticipated start date of October 23. The position involves the college's interactive distance learning program.
- Registrar. The nontenure-track position has an anticipated start date of November 16 and an annual salary between \$22,000 and \$25,000.

Spring Semester / Summer Term '99

REGISTRATION FOR NEW / CONTINUING STUDENTS

Students should make an advisement appointment in advance with a Counselor or Academic Advisor. Registration will be completed either during or immediately following this appointment.

SPECIAL REGISTRATION ~ Student Workers / President's List / Athletes

Wednesday-Thursday, October 14-15 8 am - 4:30 pm
Friday, October 16 8 am - 4 pm

REGULAR REGISTRATION ~ New and Continuing Students

Monday-Thursday, October 19-December 23 8 am - 4:30 pm
Fridays, October 23-December 18 8 am - 4 pm

EXTENDED REGISTRATION HOURS ~ New and Continuing Students

Monday-Thursday, January 4-7 8 am - 7 pm
Friday, January 8 8 am - 4 pm

SPRING '99 CLASSES BEGIN MONDAY, JANUARY 11

EXTENDED REGISTRATION HOURS ~

Monday-Thursday, January 11-14 8 am - 7 pm
Friday, January 15 8 am - 4 pm
Saturday, January 16 (*Saturday classes only*) 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

SUMMER '99 CLASSES BEGIN MONDAY, JUNE 7

REND LAKE COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES – OCTOBER 13 HIGHLIGHTS (cont.)

Low bid accepted for new Theatre curtains

Accepted the low bid of \$16,243.40 for Theatre curtains from S & K Theatrical Draperies, Inc., of North Hollywood, CA. The project will be funded through PHS funds. There were 13 bids, with S & K chosen on reputation as well as cost.

Sale of bonds for transfer of funds approved

Adopted the required documents as provided by Chapman and Cutler to finalize the sale of bonds for the transfer of \$1,850,000 in funds from the insurance reserve to institutional accounts. These funds are to be used mainly for additional improvements on the Administration Building which will almost double its size within the next year.

Administrative Procedure revisions . . .

Revised Administrative Procedures re:

- An increase in the amount the college pays for each full-time employee's hospitalization and major medical premiums, from \$210 to \$240 per month.
- Salary schedules for Office Support and Physical Plant staff, inventory, reimbursement for miscellaneous departmental expenses.

Resignations accepted from two employees

Accepted with regret resignations from two employees:

- Joe Anderton, Registrar, effective October 30.
- Charles Threewitt, Custodian, effective September 16.

Stipend for Children's Center Assistant Director

Created a stipend of \$1,000 for Brenda Heinzmann, Head Teacher in the Preschool Room of the new RLC Foundation Children's Center, to be designated as Assistant Director. A designated Assistant Director is required for licensure of the child care center by the Department of Children and Family Services.

Two more retirement option packages approved

Granted permission to offer two types of additional retirement option packages, in addition to the current traditional plan, to employees. The option packages are administered by the State Universities Retirement System (SURS) and will allow employees to make a one-time binding choice between the three plans within the next year.

Rend Lake College holds Fall Fling

Fest lets students, teachers interact

By **Linda A. Kruttsinger**
The Southern Illinoisan

Students got time off from class Wednesday at Rend Lake College when they were dismissed at noon to enjoy the annual Fall Fling on campus.

The lawn party, which features free food and sodas, games, raffles, contests and music, began three semesters ago when staff saw the need to create an event that would appeal to both students and faculty.

"This is an event that the college puts on for the students, faculty and staff, where they can get together and just have a great time," said Mark Kern, college president. "It is important to us, as a community college, that our students and faculty are able to interact with one another. It offers our students a chance to see their instructors in a different light that they might otherwise not get in a classroom environment."

Kern said Rend Lake on average has the oldest student body of the 40 community colleges in the Illinois Community College system. "That age difference comes mainly from the 1,200 students enrolled in our fitness centers programs, but we do have quite a few older or non-traditional students on campus also," he said.

"This interaction among the students and faculty in a party-type setting was definitely geared toward the younger members of our student body, but it's for everyone, really."



Southern Illinoisan photo by CHUCK NOVARA

Fall fun: Jasolyn Smith of Bluford joins in the festivities of the Fall Fling at Rend Lake College.

Kern, who was still trying to recover from having a cream pie squished in his face for charity, said the newly finished volleyball sand pit and aquatics center has been a main attraction at this semester's event. Also popular were some of the special club booths that students set up to raise money.

"We have one club auctioning off a Beanie Baby to raise money that will go for scholarships," he said. "Another group is selling chances to dunk a faculty member. I believe that one is quite popular." Kern said there are plans to add lighting to the volleyball pit so games and tournaments can be played on campus. "It may seem like a little thing, this type of get-together, but I think it does draw the students and faculty closer," Kern said. "It gives us all something in common to laugh about," he said as he looked at a Polaroid snapshot showing the pie in his face. "Now that's funny."

RLC tennis team just misses trip to Nationals

By Diana Winson

Sports editor

SPRINGFIELD — Close, but not quite close enough.

The Rend Lake College women's tennis team came within two points of clinching a trip to the NJCAA Nationals in last Friday's Region 24 tournament.

RLC scored five points to finish behind Belleville Area College with even. Host Springfield College was fourth with four points.

Lewis & Clark ran away with the team title, scoring 15 points. The top two teams move on to national competition next spring in Tucson, Ariz.

"It was disappointing to miss out on going to Nationals by just two points. Also, we had beaten Belleville both times we played them this year," RLC coach Diane Metzger said.

"But it all came down to the luck of the draw, and we also lost a couple of matches we probably should have won," Metzger said. "All of our players played hard, though."

The Lady Warriors finished the season with a 4-4 record.

Highlighting RLC's performance was a first-place finish by the No. 3 doubles tandem of Melissa White of Benton and Angela Hunter of Carbondale.

White and Hunter opened with a 5-0, 6-2 triumph over Springfield's

Molly Goodwin and Jody Mangold. In the title match, White and Hunter topped L & C's Melinda Mann and Casey Winer 6-4, 6-4.

Hunter also closed her freshman singles season with a win, beating BAC's Autymn Engholm 6-1, 6-2 in the third-place match at No. 2 singles.

Later in the day, Hunter was selected by her teammates as the Lady Warriors' Most Valuable Player for the 1998 season.

Sophomore Patty Reeves of Du Quoin posted a runner-up finish at No. 5 singles for RLC.

Reaves opened with a convincing 6-0, 6-0 victory over BAC's Missy Lewis but came up short in the final match, losing to L & C's Mann 6-4, 6-1.

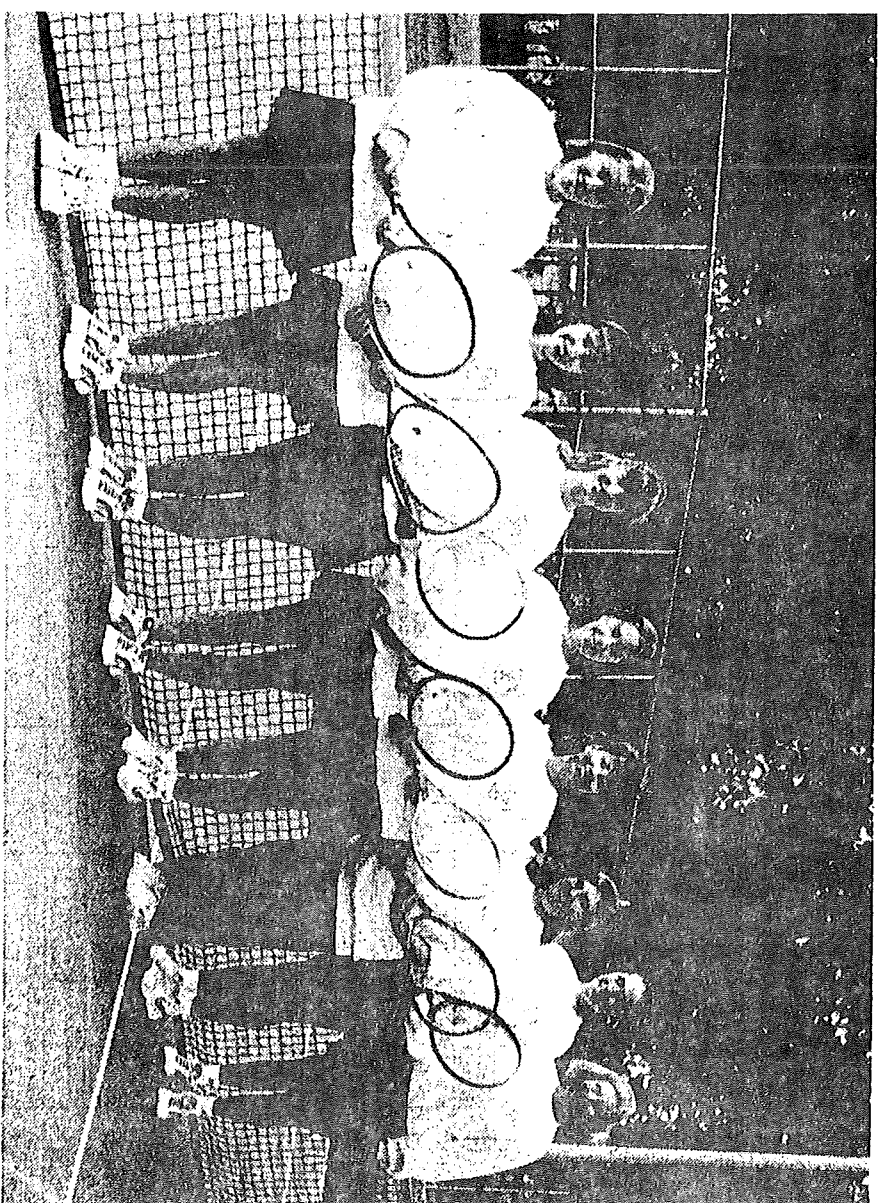
At the No. 1 doubles position, Reeves and Emily Nattier of Salem lost to Jane Breidenbach and Engholm in the third-place match.

Nattier, a freshman, knocked off BAC's Amanda Conklin 6-3, 6-0 in the third-place match at No. 3 singles.

Amy Harris of Salem was in on two third-place finishes for RLC.

Harris, a sophomore, defeated Goodwin 6-1, 6-4 in the third-place match at No. 4 singles.

At No. 2 doubles, Harris and classmate Libby Puricelli, also of Salem, earned a 6-4, 6-1 victory in



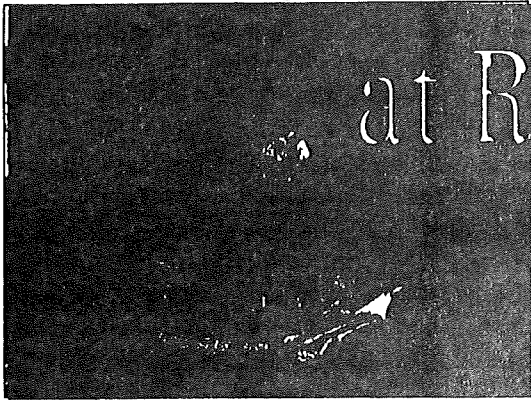
Members of the Rend Lake College women's tennis team, which finished third in the Region 24 Tournament, include, from left, Kristen Bank, Amy Harris, Emily Nattier, Libby Puricelli, Patty Reeves, Melissa White, Angela Hunter and Coach Diane Metzger.

Photo by Diana Winson

their third-place match against Kelly Fifield. Puricelli was fourth at No. 1 singles, and freshman Kristen Bank scored a similar finish at No. 6.

It's only a murder at Rend Lake College

Collegiate thespians — and a few others — prepare for opening of "The Butler Did It"



Gregory Norfleet/Register-News
Play director Tracey Brouillette emphasizes a point during rehearsal in the Rend Lake College Theater.

By GREGORY NORFLEET
Register-News

"INA... That's good, but you're going to give us about 200 times that before we're done," calls out director Tracey Brouillette.

"And face the audience. No butts to the audience, that's the golden rule," she adds.

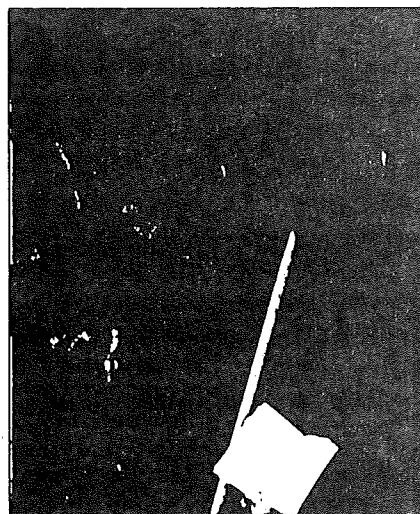
So the cast of "The Butler Did It" tries again — and again. And again. And again — until they get it right. Well, until they get it right one way.

"Almost every night it's slightly different," said Brouillette. "(By opening night) I've seen the show 400 times and it's still fresh to me."

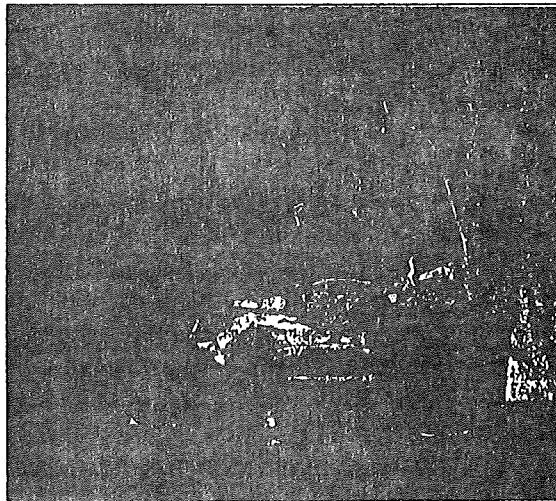
The Rend Lake College Theater's fall play begins selling tickets for the comedy-mystery on Nov. 1 and the play shows 7:30 p.m. Nov. 20 and 21, then 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets cost \$10 for adults, \$5 for students and children.

The play is about a group of modern mystery writers invited to the Turkish island home of wealthy woman, Miss Maple, for a party. Miss Maple plans a mock murder to challenge the writers to figure out whodunit, until someone is really murdered.

"All of the characters are outrageous!" said



Gregory Norfleet/Register-News
While an actress waits in the wings for her cue, on-stage performers take a moment to absorb some constructive criticism from the director.



Gregory Norfleet/Register-News
Three members of the cast of "The Butler Did It" make the initial discovery of the murder victim in this rehearsal.

Brouillette. "Not a single character is played straight." Only a few weeks into rehearsal, some cast members are trying not to read from the script and one character already dons a costume. Six of the 10 thespians are RLC students and the other four are RLC-area residents, none of whom have ever been professional actors, but are just as good, said the director.

"I'm really excited, I've got a great cast," said Brouillette. "Nobody knows the talent down here (in Southern Illinois). I've lived (and acted) in Chicago and Hollywood and I've seen the same kind of talent right here in the sticks."

Sara Scott was cast in the role of Charity Haze, a "female James Bond-type," according to the director.

Scott said she has been watching "Austin Powers," a spy movie spoof starring Mike Meyer, to prepare for her role.

"It's fun," she said. "You get to shed your own life and walk into somebody else's."

Scott said her character is "dangerous" and "aggressive."

"I can be sexy when I'm Charity Haze," she said.

Brouillette is coaching the performers to overdo their facial expressions and make more sweeping gestures for the audience sitting in the far back.

"You have to be bigger than life on stage," she said.

"In TV, you have a camera up your nose."

Characters on stage that are not part of the dialogue have to keep busy, too, she said.

"You're always acting, even when you're not talking," said the director. For example, the Columbo-type character Chandler Marlow, played by Steve McInnes, will fill time trying to light his cigarette with rain-soaked matches. Louie Fan, molded after Charlie Chan and played by Jared Osborn, waves a fan in his face or thoughtfully strokes his beard.

"There's a lot more going on than people realize," said Brouillette.

Attention to detail is not just spent on the acting, as she has enlisted the help of Josh Benson of Du Quoin to oversee set design and construction. Don't let the fact that Benson is just 16 years old fool you, he's

You have to be bigger than life on stage. In TV, you have a camera up your nose. You're always acting, even when you're not talking.

— the director

designed and built sets for plays at Southeastern Illinois College, Rend Lake College, John A. Logan College, Du Quoin High School and for the Pyramid Players.

Dark greens and reds will make up the color scheme, he said, painted on 16-foot walls that enclose the stage. White trim and woodwork will complement the walls as well as natural-wood doors. Going a step further, the floor will be painted to look like green and white marbled tiles.

"We're going for a gloomy, mysterious mood for the show and those color patterns promote that," he said.

Miss Maple's home will be ritzy, with a grand staircase, French doors, fireplace, archway entrance and, to add to the mystery, a pivoting bookcase that closes by itself and leads to a secret passage.

"I like detail," he said.

Scott's character will even "fly in" on a helicopter, though the audience will only see her stepping off a lowered staircase.

"This is quite the technical show," said the director.

Having already plopped down about \$1,000 on set-building materials and expecting to spend possibly another \$200 to \$300, Brouillette hopes residents will donate old furniture or props to the show.

"We have no pride in the theater, not when it comes to getting props," she said. Go ahead and turn in that torn chair, the crew is ready to patch, repair and alter donations to match its surroundings.

Keith Pearson of Mt. Vernon, who plays the Sherlock Holmes-type character Peter Flimsey, has been acting in community theater for 30 years. His wife, Julie, joins him on stage as Rita, Miss Maple's social secretary who carries a mysterious hat box everywhere she goes.

The environmental programs manager for Continental Tire said he and his wife "play off each other very well" and practice lines at home.

Pearson's voice naturally projects, even while speaking softly during an interview in the hallway outside the auditorium. Brouillette hopes to see the rest of the cast do the same by the time the curtains open.

"There will be microphones on stage, but really it's up to them to get it out there," she said.

EDUCATION

High-tech cheating is flourishing at colleges

By VICTORIA BENNING
The Washington Post

George Mason University instructor Anne Marchant calls them "patchwork plagiarists" — the students who copy and paste together passages from various articles they've found on the Internet, then turn in the work as their own.

She catches at least one such student every semester in her computer science classes, she said. She even discovers such plagiarism in her computer ethics course.

"Certainly, cheating is pervasive," Marchant said. "It's usually deadly obvious. The introduction will be written in broken English; then it will have this flawlessly written, almost doctoral-quality body; then a conclusion that goes back to broken English."

Teachers and administrators at several Washington area colleges agree that cheating is on the rise — because the computer has made cheating so easy.

The high-tech offenses include using information from the Internet without proper attribution, buying term papers from online paper mills, and sharing answers and course work via e-mail or diskette. Dozens of Web sites are dedicated to helping students cheat more easily and successfully.

Professors are using the computer to fight back — launching Internet searches to find the source of pilloined material and installing software that detects similarities in students' papers.

The computer has made cheaters out of students who otherwise would never have considered such trickery, some educators say.

"In the olden days, a student had to go to the library, dig up the information and retype it," said Leon Geyer, a Virginia Tech professor and an adviser to the school's student-run undergraduate honor system. "Now you can sit in your dorm room and just reach out, point and click."

'Dishonors' on rise

At Virginia Tech, the number of cheating complaints made to the school's Honor Court rose from 136 during the 1996-97 school year to 280 last year. Most of the cases involved computer-aided cheating, Geyer said.

Last spring, for example, dozens of students in different sections of one computer science course were caught electronically sharing work on an end-of-year assignment. In another case, four students in one science class turned in the same paper. The students hadn't copied off each other or shared their work — they'd all surfed the Web looking for a research paper to steal and, coincidentally, had chosen the same one.

At George Mason, officials handled 101 honor code violations last year, up from the number in previous years, and most involved computer-related cheating, according to Girard Mulherin, associate dean for university life.

"And that's probably only a fraction of the cases that are out there," he said.

Formal reports of cheating have increased at the University of Mary-

land, although Amy Ginther, the school's assistant director of judicial programs for academic integrity, said she thinks part of the reason might be that teachers have become more adept at spotting the misconduct.

The most typical case is a student lifting material from the Internet to avoid doing assigned work, Ginther said. It might involve, for example, a student who was asked to see a student and write a review.

"The student hasn't seen it but has taken a review or summary found on the Internet and written it up as if they've seen it," she said.

The cheater often is caught, she added, "because there's been some major difference in staging ... in the local presentation and the faculty member, of course, has seen it."

Paying the price

Penalties for offenses such as plagiarism and sharing answers tend to be harsh. And they should be, said Virginia Tech's Geyer.

"It matters whether the guy who built the bridge cheated his way through engineering school," he said. "I'd worry about that."

But Geyer said he does believe in giving cheaters a second chance. At Virginia Tech, the typical punishment for a first-time offender is a double-weighted zero — which often results in a failing grade for the course — enrollment in an ethics class and 50 hours of on-campus community service. A student who completes his punishment can have the offense removed from his record.

Sam Miller, an assistant to the vice president for student affairs at the University of Virginia, where the mandatory penalty for cheating is expulsion, acknowledges that school officials might be getting relatively few cheating complaints from teachers because they are reluctant to subject students to such strong punishment.

Miller serves on an Internet abuse response team that looks into any computer-related misbehavior at the university. The team handles about three cases a day, compared with about five cases a month three years ago, he said. But most of them involve floods of junk e-mail or e-mail harassment, rather than students copying from the Internet or from each other.

He said there have been a few cases of hackers attempting — unsuccessfully — to gain access to exam questions.

Why cheat?

The students who resort to cheating are often feeling intense academic pressure and juggling too many balls, said Amanda Rich, 21, a senior at Virginia Tech who serves as chief justice of the school's honor court.

"A student's (thinking): 'Oh no, I'm running late on time. I need

eight to 10 hours to write that ... and it's only five hours until class,'" Rich said. "It comes down to the last minute, and they feel that (cheating) is their only option."

The Internet offers a wealth of resources for prospective cheaters. In addition to the Web sites that offer thousands of research papers and book reports, there are sites where students can submit math homework problems to a resident math whiz and online message boards where students with very specific needs can help each other.

Among the recent messages posted at one such site was a student's plea for a three-paragraph description of a favorite animal — "using lots of adjectives, please." Another student asked for help in interpreting "The Second Coming," by Yeats, which brought this reply: "I just completed an essay for English 102 on it. Nailed the meaning quite well. If interested, I can e-mail you the whole thing."

It works both ways

Ironically, the same technology that is making it easier for students to cheat is making it easier for professors to catch them.

The Virginia Tech computer science students were caught by a computer program that detected similarities in their work. A growing number of professors are using such software.

Other computer programs compare the answers of students who sat near each other during multiple-choice tests.

When George Mason's Marchant suspects patchwork plagiarism, she goes on the Internet.

"I can do an Internet search using key words and phrases and find out exactly where they got it from," she said.

James Wilson, an associate professor at Howard University's College of Medicine, took advantage of computer technology a few years ago when he suspected that some highly organized cheating was occurring in one of his classes. He decided to scramble the questions on his exams; students would get the same test, but with the questions in a different order.

"That kind of test would be difficult to hand-grade, but a computer can do it rather easily," Wilson said. "I use it on a random basis every now and then. Pretty soon the message gets out. ... The culture starts to change. Students start to say: 'Hey watch out for Wilson. You can't get away with that with him.'"

Mulherin said he believes that many of the students who resort to Internet-based cheating are spending too much time online in the first place.

"In the time they've spent surfing the Net, they could have done the work themselves," he said.

Interest rates are cut for student loans

Students will save average of \$700 on college debt

Clinton signs education bill

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — College students could save an average of \$700 on loan repayments under legislation President Bill Clinton signed Wednesday to lock in interest rates at their lowest levels in 17 years.

"Today with this lowering of the interest rates... we can really say that every high school graduate in

America, regardless of income, can afford to go to college," Clinton said. He enacted the rate cut — part of a broader education bill that also pushes Pell Grants to their highest level — in a White House ceremony.

Sen. Jim Jeffords, chairman of the Senate Labor and Human Resource Committee, promised by week's end to "begin to complete action," on a reading bill, charter schools' legislation, a Head Start reauthorization and vocational education reform.

"From Head Start to higher education, the final product of our collective efforts is a record of accomplishment from which we all take great satisfaction," said Jeffords, R-Vt.

The bill-signing coincided with a College Board report finding that college tuition and fees were up an average of 4 percent this

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College tuition by regional average

National average

\$3,243
\$14,508

Key

Public school
Private school

West

\$2,660
\$14,290

Southwest

\$2,526
\$10,701

Midwest

\$3,647
\$14,007

South

\$2,675
\$12,636

New England

\$4,635
\$19,211

Middle states

\$4,201
\$15,381

Area colleges Annual tuition and fees for area colleges and their percentage increases from last year.

College	1998-99 cost		Percent increase from last year
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Fontbonne College	\$10,800	6 pct.	
Harris-Stowe State College	\$2,505	5 pct.	
Lindenwood University	\$10,050	no change	
Maryville University	\$11,600	7 pct.	
McKendree College	\$10,500	8 pct.	
Missouri Baptist College	\$8,820	6 pct.	
St. Louis University	\$16,138	7 pct.	
Southeast Missouri State University	\$3,201	7 pct.	
Southern Illinois University at Carbondale	\$3,815	3 pct.	
Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville	\$2,664	5 pct.	
Truman State University	\$3,526	8 pct.	
University of Missouri at Columbia	\$4,439	4 pct.	
University of Missouri at Rolla	\$4,532	4 pct.	
University of Missouri at St. Louis	\$4,636	7 pct.	
Washington University	\$22,422	6 pct.	
Webster University	\$11,619	7 pct.	

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Interest rates are cut for student loans

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year — a faster growth than this year's 2 percent overall inflation.

The new law is expected to save borrowers about \$11 billion over five years by locking in for that period a new interest-rate formula, based on Treasury bill rates and added points, for student loans.

The rate would be 7.46 percent — down from more than 8 percent last year — for graduates starting to repay their loans under the Direct Loan and Government-Guaranteed Loan, or FFEL, programs.

Students who want to refinance existing loan payments must apply

before Jan. 31.

A typical student borrower at a four-year college, graduating with \$13,000 in debt, would save about \$700 over a standard 10-year repayment period, the White House said.

The legislation also raises the maximum authorized amount for Pell Grants from the present \$3,000 to \$4,500 a year in 1999-2000, and — in steps — to \$5,800 in 2003-2004.

But Congress has yet to provide the money, and Clinton's administration requested a spending level for this fiscal year that would raise the maximum grant by only \$100.

The new law also authorizes steps to improve teacher preparation, monitor college costs, report campus crimes, monitor hate crimes and discourage drug and alcohol abuse.

President Clinton, who has

sharply criticized a "do-nothing" Congress resistant to most of his agenda for education, soft-pedaled that theme Wednesday as he emphasized that bipartisan cooperation got the higher education bill approved.

"This is the way America should work," Clinton said.

"This is the way Congress should work. Let me just say in the closing days of this congressional session, I hope that there will be similar bipartisan actions on the agenda for public school excellence that I offered eight months ago."

Clinton prodded lawmakers to approve his proposals for national testing and standards, for spending more to modernize aging school buildings and for hiring 100,000 more public school teachers to reduce class sizes.

But Rep. Bill Goodling, chairman of the House Education and the Workforce Committee, countered

College costs in the Southwest are lowest, New England the highest

Survey finds bills keep rising faster than inflation; Midwest ranks in middle

BY SUSAN C. THOMSON
Of the Post-Dispatch

When it comes to college, the Southwest is America's bargain basement and New England its high-end boutique.

Bills for tuition and fees at public colleges this school year are averaging \$2,526 in the Southwest vs. \$4,635 in New England. For private colleges, the comparative figures are \$10,701 and \$19,211.

The Midwest is in the middle of the pack with averages of \$3,647 for public colleges and \$14,007 for private ones.

These and a host of data come from the College Board's annual survey of college costs, released Wednesday in Washington. As it has for the past several years, the survey showed college costs rising at an inflation-plus rate.

Taking the biggest hit were students at private colleges, which raised tuition and fees an average

of 5 percent over the 1997-98 school year. Students at public colleges got off only slightly easier, with increases of 4 percent.

In remarks at a news conference, College Board President Donald M. Stewart noted that most full-time undergraduates attend schools that charge less than \$4,000 a year in tuition and fees combined. Also, he said, a record amount of financial aid — more than \$60 billion in 1997-98 — is available to help students and their families.

So, Stewart said, college remains "accessible for most Americans," even while presenting "a steadily rising challenge to many Americans, particularly the most financially disadvantaged.

"We must encourage colleges to do even more to hold the line on rising prices . . ." Stewart said.

That, as he observed, was one of several recommendations coming earlier this year from the National Commission on the Cost of Higher Education.

Blanche M. Touhill, chancellor of the University of Missouri at St. Louis, served on that commission, appointed by Congress. "I think the public does not fully comprehend the great variety of educational opportunities in higher education and that the price of public education is

really quite reasonable," she said of the College Board's report.

The report came with a state-by-state, college-by-college breakdown of this year's tuition and fees compared with last year's.

Fees are the surcharges colleges levy for such things as student activities and computer use. In some cases, fees have been going up faster than tuition and adding substantially to total costs.

Although tuitions increased 3 percent at all four campuses of the University of Missouri this year, fees boosted the overall increase to 4 percent at the Rolla and Columbia campuses and 7 percent at the St. Louis campus.

At both campuses of Southern Illinois University, fees account for more than 20 percent of charges. Room and board is a separate cost category, showing increases of 3 percent to 5 percent this year, according to the College Board.

The College Board

POSTnet links to its 1998-99 report on college costs. Go to <http://www.stlnet.com> and click on Today's Links.

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teacher in the classroom, it doesn't matter if the class size is two or 32," said Goodling, R-Pa.

and recruitment funds provided under Wednesday's new law.

"If you don't have a quality

that his Republican majority has addressed such problems in its own way, notably the teacher-training

F.Y.I. Week ahead



OCTOBER

MONDAY / 12th

- COLLEGE CLOSED - COLUMBUS DAY

TUESDAY / 13th

- NO CLASSES • FACULTY-STAFF IN-SERVICE, 7:30 am-1:30 pm (Theatre; SC) • H.S. Classes, 5-8 pm (SCI 116, 117)
- Volleyball, Southeastern Illinois at RLC, 6 pm • "Intro to Flight Training," 6-9 pm (ACA 106) • RLC Board of Trustees Meeting, 6:30 pm (SC)

WEDNESDAY / 14th

- Advanced Education Spectrum, 8 am-1 pm (SC/PDA) • Student Services, 8:30-10 am (SC/EBR) • Athletic Department, Noon-1 pm (SC/EBR)
- Correctional Interviews, 2:30-4 pm (ACA 104) • Office Support Staff, 2-3 pm (SC/EBR) • Business/Social Science Dept., 4-5 pm (SC/EBR)
- Rehearsal, 6-9 pm (Theatre) • "Photography," 6-9 pm (SCI 109) • Volleyball, RLC vs. Shawnee, 6 pm, and Wabash Valley, 8 pm, in Mt. Carmel

THURSDAY / 15th

- McKendree, 8 am-8:30 pm (TECH 156) • Ag Class, 9-11 am (ACA 214) • Criminal Justice Teleconference, 10 am-3 pm (Theatre)
- H.S. Classes, 5-8 pm (SCI 116, 117) • Play Rehearsal, 6-9 pm (Theatre) • "Taxidermy," 6-9 pm (SCI 109)
- ANNUAL FACULTY-STAFF FALL FISH FRY, 6:30 pm (Student Center)

FRIDAY / 16th

- Ag Class, 8 am-Noon (ACA 214) • Golf, Region XXIV Tournament at The Rail Golf Course in Springfield, TBA
- Set Construction, Noon-6 pm (Theatre) • Volleyball, RLC vs. Forest Park in St. Louis, MO, 6 pm

WEEKEND / 17th & 18th

- SATURDAY - "Hunter Safety" Workshop, 7 am-3 pm (Theatre) • Girl Scouts, 8 am-5 pm (SC; NO; SO; ACA; SCI)
- "Hands That Talk," 9-11 am (ACA 106) • Golf, Region XXIV Tournament at The Rail Golf Course in Springfield, TBA
- Volleyball, RLC in Danville Area Tournament, TBA
- SUNDAY - Free Solaris' Lakota Sioux Indian Dance Theatre Performance, 3 pm (Theatre; doors open at 2 pm)

MONDAY / 19th

- LIGHT, 3-5 pm (SC) • Student Senate, 4-5 pm (SC/EBR) • Play Rehearsal, 6-9 pm (Theatre)
- Volleyball, John A. Logan at RLC, 6 pm, and Belleville Area at RLC, 8 pm (Gym)

TUESDAY / 20th

- IL Dept. of Human Services, 10 am-3 pm (Theatre; ACA 208) • "Latin American History" TV, Noon-1 pm (SCI 110) and 5-6 pm (ACA 211)
- "Psychology" TV, 1-2 pm (ACA 107) and 6-7 pm (ACA 109) • Culinary Arts, 2-10 pm (Kitchen) • Chairs / Directors Meeting, 2-3:30 pm (SC/EBR)
- H.S. Classes, 5-8 pm (SCI 116, 117) • "Grant Writing," 6-9 pm (ACA 211) • "Flight Training," 6-9 (ACA 106) • "Theatre," 6-10 (Theatre)

WEDNESDAY / 21st

- Health/Nutrition TV, 9-10 am (ACA 206) • Student Services, 8:30 am-10 am (SC/EBR) • Play Rehearsal, 6-9 pm (Theatre)
- Volleyball, RLC vs. Southeastern Illinois, 7 pm, and Olney Central, 8 pm, at Olney

THURSDAY / 22nd

- Mines and Minerals Testing, 8 am-2 pm (Gym) • McKendree, 8 am-8:30 pm (TECH 156) • Ag Lab Class, 9-11 am (ACA 214)
- Culinary Arts, 2-6 pm (SC/PDA) • Math Meeting, 5-9 pm (SC/EBR) • Great Rivers Athletic Conference Meeting, 5-9 pm (SC)
- H.S. Classes, 5-8 pm (SCI 116, 117) • "Grant Writing," 6-9 pm (ACA 211) • Volleyball, McKendree at RLC, TBA

FRIDAY / 23rd

- Ag Lab Class, 8 am-Noon (ACA 214) • Illinois Job Advantage (SC/PDA) • Health Ed, 10-11 am (SCI 106) • Play, Noon-6 pm (Theatre)

WEEKEND / 24th & 25th

- SATURDAY - Truck Driver "Job Fair," 7 am-5 pm (SC) • Hunter Safety," 7 am-4 pm (Theatre) • "Hands That Talk," 9-11 am (ACA 106)
- RLC vs. Three Rivers in Poplar Bluff, MO TBA
- SUNDAY - Rehearsal, Noon-6 pm (Theatre)

