



REND LAKE COLLEGE TIMES

October 1997

By the students, for the students.

RLC Students Helping America Read

Gina McClerren
Staff Writer

Third and fourth graders at Grant School in Benton are being tutored by students from RLC. These students are participating in a nationwide program called **America Reads**. This program is part of the challenge proposed by President Clinton to help all children read better by the end of their third grade year in school. The program is completely free of charge to RLC and the Benton school district. The tutors are paid 100% of their earnings from Federal Work Study funds.

The students from RLC are Angela Anderson, Holly Hargadine, Holly Perryman, Chandra Wilcox, Marcus Lampley, Sharon Menard, Nichole Cockrum, and Heather Young.

Rex Duncan is the RLC coordinator for the **America Reads** program. The teachers at Grant School who are working with Duncan and the tutors to meet Clinton's proposed goal are Sharon Clements and Penny Severin.

A few more openings are still available if you are interested in becoming a tutor. See Duncan (ext. 352) for details.



RLC Tutors, Heather Young (above) and Holly Hargadine (below, middle) and their students are working hard in the Grant School cafeteria.



Making a Big Splash

Kara Tinsley
Staff Writer

The Aquatic Center Coordinator is hoping to make a big "splash" with his new position. Our very own Jason Thrash has assumed this title and it seems that he's been putting in quite a bit of work already.

The Aquatic Center consists of a therapy pool, a 10 foot diameter hot tub and the swimming pool which is 25

yards long and 6 lanes wide. There is also a sun deck that extends from the back of the Aquatic Center. All of these are wheelchair accessible.

Thrash said that there will be seven different classes taught in the Aquatic Center. These are to include Beginning Swimming, Intermediate Swimming, Water Aerobics, Arthritic Swimming, Lifeguarding, Prenatal Swimming, and

Aquatic Fitness Center. You will be able to register for such classes for the upcoming Spring Semester.

In addition to class use, the Aquatic Center will also be utilized for children's swimming lessons and be available to rent for private parties.

Memberships will be sold as well, but the price has yet to be agreed upon.

Fountain Dedicated

Amanda Pillers
Staff Writer

People from as far as Chicago gathered on the Rend Lake College lawn Wednesday, October 1 to attend the fountain dedication. Bob Kelley, the director of marketing and public information at RLC, served as the master of ceremonies.

A few others in attendance included Ross Wakefield, designer of the RLC seal; James R. McGhee, a former instructor at RLC; President, Mark Kern, and his mother, Juanita Kern.

In 1968 Ross Wakefield, student of James McGhee, designed a seal depicting the lamp of learning and a compass over an outline of Rend Lake. His design was

chosen to be the RLC official seal.

Thirty years later Wakefield traveled back to RLC to speak at the dedication of a fountain depicting the seal he created. Wakefield is currently the drafting teacher and tennis coach at Romeoville High School near Chicago. James McGhee, now retired, also returned to the campus for the event.

The last speaker of the day was RLC President, Mark Kern. His mother, Juanita Kern, was also in attendance. The fountain was dedicated to Frank W. Kern, husband of Juanita and father of Mark.

A reception was held outside the Student Center following the ceremony.

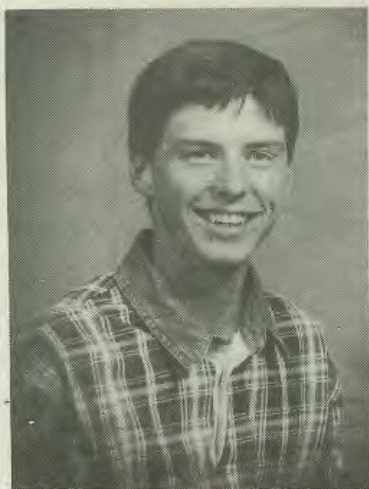


If you are interested in lifeguarding or would like to become certified to do so, see RLC's new Aquatic Center Coordinator, Jason Thrash

Student Forum

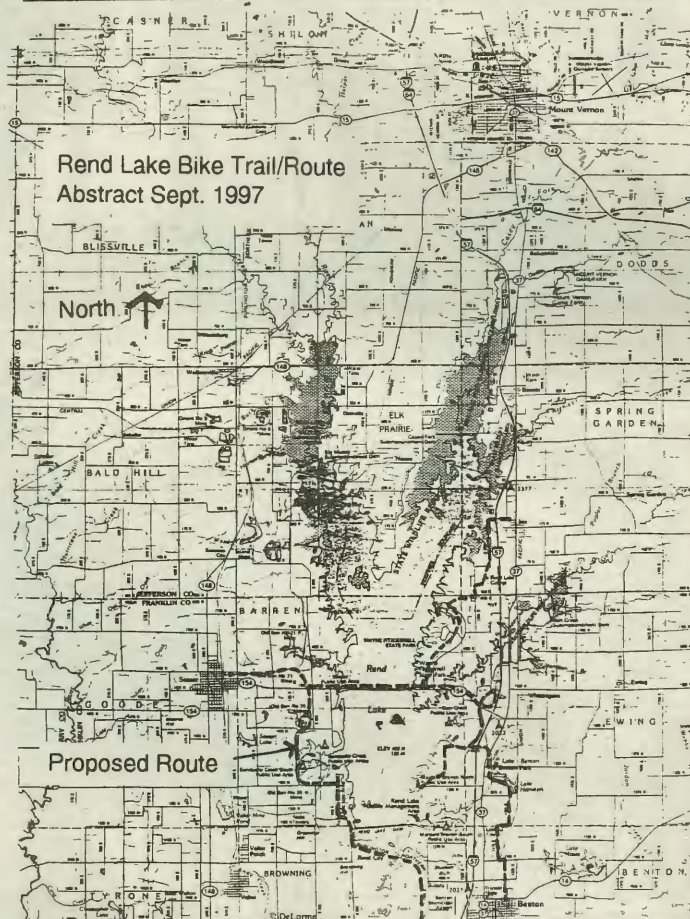
By Russell Jay

Greetings! I am honored that you have granted me the opportunity to represent you (the student body) this 1997/1998 academic year. My goal is to make this the most informed, unified, and involved student body Rend Lake College has ever had. I also participate in the student senate, Phi Theta Kappa as President, and I am one of the Illinois Community College Board Student Advisory Committee representatives from RLC, to name a few. I plan to be very involved as student trustee along with the other organizations I participate in. But I am going to need your help! In my endeavor I plan to do all that I can to upgrade the student role here at RLC. So, I urge all of you to please get involved. If you have any suggestions for activities here at RLC contact any of the student senate



members. If you have any suggestions for activities here at RLC, please feel free to contact any of the student senate members. If you have any concerns or comments about your learning experience here at RLC, please feel free to contact me at the President's office at ext.243, my car phone(618) 527-8766, or at home (618) 439-0812. Have a great year!

Bike Trail Planned



Kara Tinsley
Staff Writer

A regional task force, put together by the Southern Illinois University at Carbondale Office of Economic and regional Development (OERD), is proposing a southern Illinois regional bike trail.

The proposed bike trail would include public land near Rend Lake managed by Wayne Firzgerrell State Park, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Rend Lake Conservancy District and Rend Lake College.

A regional bike trail would be an important component of future tourism and recreational efforts in the southern Illinois area. Southern Illinois offers beautiful forests, lakes, streams and other natural attraction that would make it a biker's dream.

"Southern Illinois could become known as a national 'trail center.' This could have great benefits for tourism, community quality of life and economic development," said Raymond Lenzi, Executive Director of OERD.

For more information, contact Raymond Lenzi, Kyle Harfst or Sue Kohler at 618-536-4451.

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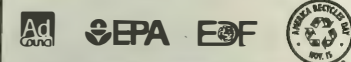
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Producer/Director Rob Little instructs sophomore Amanda Pillers and Administrative guru Rex Duncan on the fine points there are about the play Little is making to promote RLC.



Duncan (left in costume) and RLC part-time instructor Rebecca Biggs dunks Pillers in the fountain. It's only a movie!

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1st Annual Fall Fest is a Success



Chemistry Professor John Fisher and President Mark Kern reminisce about past athletic achievements.

Amanda Lindsey
Associate Editor

On September 24th, Rend Lake College held its first annual Fall Fest. The students that participated enjoyed a multitude of activities. Salah Shakir, one of the main coordinators of the Fest, had a positive attitude towards this Fest's result. I was hoping for a better turnout, but everyone told me that it exceeded their expectations. Overall,

though, I was pleased with the results." Mr. Shakir hopes to have another Fest in the spring, which was to be based on the success of the Fall Fest. Shakir was recently promoted to Intrim Dean of Student Services. So what does this mouthful of a title entail? The job includes involvement with Admission, Financial Aid, and Counseling. Shakir is also Dean of Information Services. Shakir's goal is to form policies and procedures for each area of the position. However, Shakir's main goal

is to give good support to all RLC students, and to improve the processes of admission and financial aid.

When asked what message he would like to relay to the students, Shakir said, "Feedback. I really want the students to know that we are here to listen. We're even considering having a drop box for comments and suggestions. Please, if you have ideas, suggestions, or comments, let me know." For comments or questions, contact Shakir in the Admin. Building ext.210.

Music Provided

Travis Donoho
staff writer

"Know what blues is?" asks the saxophone player and answers himself in a comforting tone,

"Blues is alright."

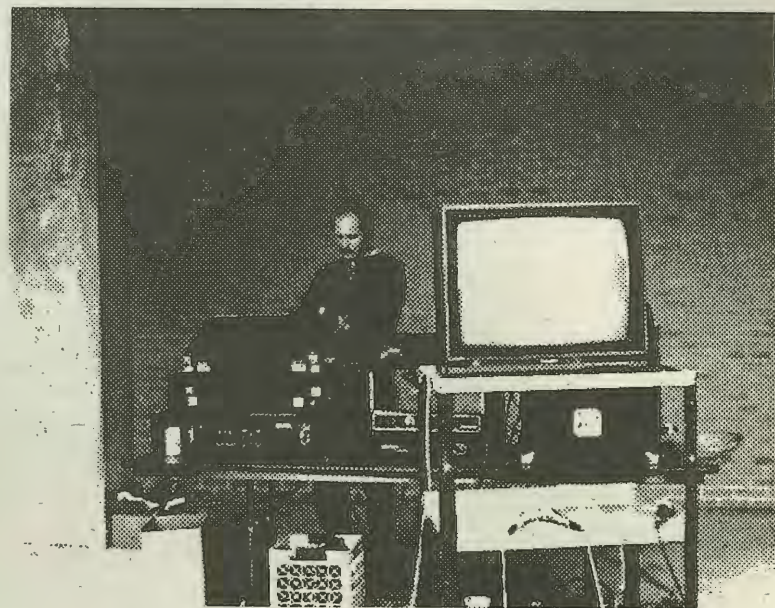
St. Louis based Tommy Bankhead and Crying Shame provided live blues entertainment at this year's Fall Fest. Situated just outside of the Academic Building, they drew quite a crowd.

Also entertaining musically was Midwest Sound and Light. Randy Olson disc jockeyed and offered karaoke.

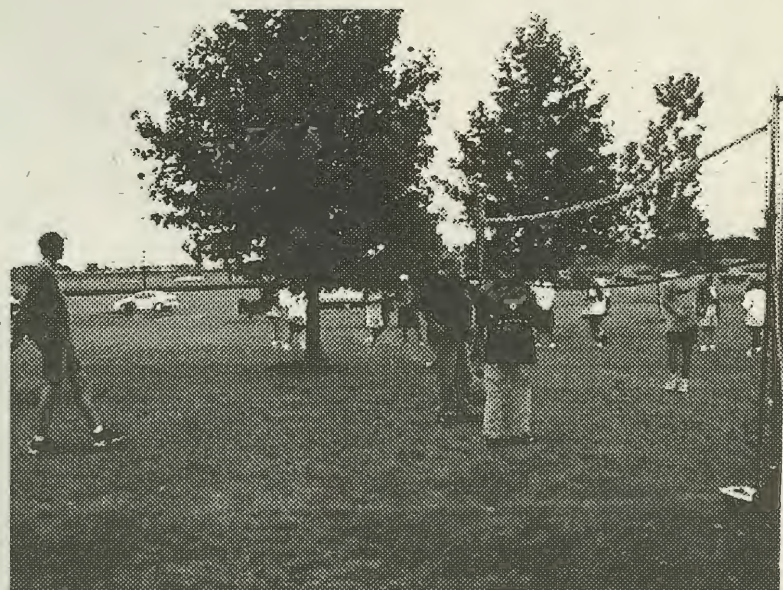
Everyone seemed pleased.



Simon says, "cross your arms and turn your head to the right."



"Where did I put that Grand Funk Railroad Album?"



"Someone should have brought a ball!"

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October 22nd
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LRC INTERNET LAB, RM 210

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8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday

RLC's Security Notes

ATTENTION!!!

As most of you know by now, **speed zones** are being monitored and tickets have been issued. These go along with other citations for failure to stop at stop signs, double parking, etc. The security office does not take pleasure in issuing citations but because of the driving habits of the faculty, staff, and students the laws will be strictly enforced on a regular basis. Costs for campus tickets are as follows: speeding, \$25; parking in a handicap zone, \$50; other parking violations, \$5; running a stop sign, \$15; other moving violations, \$15-\$25.

Littering on the campus grounds and parking lots is simply laziness on the behalf of the students. Especially when there are trash cans at every convenient location on the campus. The security officers will be monitoring litter violations from unmarked cars, buildings, and other inconspicuous places. So think twice before tossing that McDonald's bag out of your car and onto the brand new surface of the RLC parking lots.

Stereo fanatics: As a courtesy to other students please refrain from cranking your

stereo to levels that cause the doors and windows of the Academic building to rattle when you drive under it. Some people are trying to learn.

Two blood drives will be held this October. The first will be on the 28th in the mobile blood truck. Fifty units of blood is the goal for the first drive. The second drive will be held the following day, October 29th, in the gym. The goal for the second drive is set at 100 units. If you are able, please stop in and donate. Check with your instructors to see if class credit is available

for donating. Help make this a record breaking year for the blood drives.

The medical **first aid** station is located in the security office in the Student Center.

Officers are available for motorist assistance and would be more than happy to escort a person to their vehicle. Anyone with questions about the laws or services of the security department are more than welcome to stop by Jerry Bate's office in the Student Center. He is the Chief of Security and promises to make time for anyone needing to talk.

College Bowl Team Boasts Two October Debuts

FYI

The ultra-successful Rend Lake College "College Bowl" team makes it's 1997-98 debut twice in October. Huh? The first is a practice meet Tuesday, October 7, against members of the Rend Lake College Foundation. The demonstration event is scheduled in the Student Center Private Dining Area that evening.

The second debut likewise will be against other Southern Illinois Collegiate Common Market (SICCM) contenders-

host Kaskaskia, John A. Logan, Paducah, Southeastern Illinois and Shawnee. It will start at 1 p.m. on Monday, October 20. Associate Professor Steve Kennett will be the coach once again, assisted by Professor Mike Mullen.

Returning from last year's squad are leading point producer Vera Whiteside of Mt. Vernon, Dale Houseworth of Benton, Geoff Kaak of Benton, Ken Clifford of Zeigler and Darren Hiller of Pinckneyville.

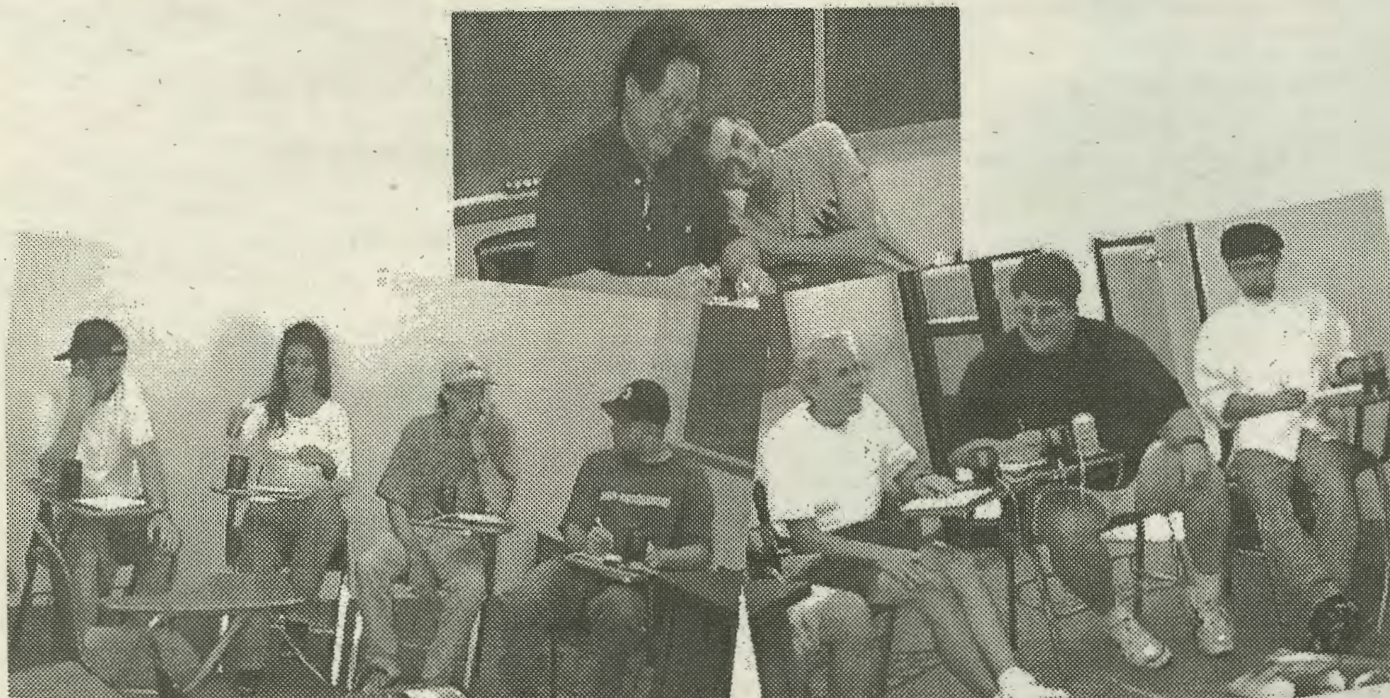
Newcomers include Denny Leathers of Mt. Vernon, Dwayne Nass of Zeigler, Kelly Deichman of Mt. Vernon, Amanda Payne of Benton and Jennifer Clark of Mt. Vernon.

Payne was a member of the BCHS Scholar Bowl team. Clark recently returned from time spent in Japan.

Kennett likes his team's chances... "unless Tom comes back at Logan." Rival John A. Logan won last year's state meet thanks to one dominating player who played

on its teams as a part-time player while also competing for SIU-Carbondale as a full-time student.

The schedule: Nov. 4--SICCM at Shawnee, 10 a.m.; Nov. 7-8- Bare Bones Tourney at Motlow State (TN); Nov. 13- First State Regional Qualifier at RLC, TBA; Nov. 19-SICCM at Logan, 9:30 a.m.; Feb. 3-SICCM at SIC, 10a.m. TBA- Motlow State again; March 3- SICCM at Logan, 9:30 a.m.; April 2- Second State Regional at RLC.



The College Bowl Team practices every Wednesday afternoon to prepare for the upcoming season. Top: Darren Hiller attempting to get on coach Steve Kennett's good side. Bottom L to R: Dwayne Naas, Amanda Payne, Denny Leathers, Ken Clifford, Vera Whiteside, Kelley Deichman, and Geoff Kaak.

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MSAA News Release
Scholarship funds are available for college freshmen, sophomores and juniors through the Multiple Sclerosis Association of America's PROJECT: Learn MS '98 essay competition. Students have an opportunity to win money for college, earn prizes at the same time, raise funds for those suffering from multiple sclerosis. One \$5,000 scholarship and three \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded. Under contest rules, students must

submit a 500 - 1,000 word essay on multiple sclerosis, how it impacts a person and his or her family on a daily basis, and how society can improve the quality of life for the physically challenged. All essays must include the registration and sponsor forms, a minimum of \$7.50 in sponsorship fees and be postmarked by June 5, 1998. To obtain a registration form, please call MSAA at 1-800 LEARN MS.

Multiple sclerosis, which affects an estimated 500,000


Americans, is a devastating disease of the central nervous system. Symptoms range from slurred speech to paralysis. The Multiple Sclerosis Association of America, a non profit organization, assists in the day to day needs of those suffering with MS. Patient services and programs include a bimonthly newsletter, free loan of therapeutic equipment, counseling, symptom management and barrier-free housing.



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Kara Tinsley
Staff Writer

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In order to fill the cast completely, 25 to 28 cast members will be needed. There will be a variety of parts available.

Singing is not mandatory to be a part of the production, but it would be helpful. There are also tech. assistants needed for behind the scenes work.

All who plan to audition need to bring sheet music. Six bars should be prepared that will show off your voice range. Also each person will perform a "cold reading".

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WARRIOR SPORTS

Ladies Aim for National

Geoff Kaak
Staff Writer

After last year's season the Lady Warrior's tennis team is off to a 3-4 start. "Every match has been played close with the scores being 5-4." coach Diane Metzger said.

In the Junior College level of play there are six singles matches and three doubles matches per competition. To determine the winner, a team has to win five out of the nine matches played. There is also a system in which the players are seeded #1-6 and the doubles players are seeded

#1-3. Rend Lakes returning players are Gina Goddard (MT.Vernon), Joan Weisel (Tamaroa), and Tracy Hamilton (Benton), who thus far this season is still unbeaten. Joining them are a group of talented players Tiffany Monroe (Effingham), Libby Puricelli (Salem), Patty Reaves (DuQuoin), and Amy Harris (Salem).

The team plays in a region which consists of six other teams: Louis and Clark (Godfrey), McKendree (Lebanon), Belleville, Olney, Webster, and Springfield. After last season's

disappointment of missing Nationals by 3 points, Metzger went on to say "I think we have a really good team and hope we make it to Nationals this year." The Lady Warriors play Friday at Springfield at 3:30, and Saturday they stop at Webster and play that afternoon at 1:00. If you wish to see the Lady Warriors in action they play all there home games at the Benton Park. For those of you tennis buffs out there the Lady Warriors Regionals are Oct. 10-11 at Springfield and the Nationals will be held in Corpus Cristy, Texas.

Softball Tournament

October 11, 1997 at
10:00 a.m.

Get a team and contact
Cindy Corn or Keith
Schreiber in the
Athletic Department

New Team Improving

Travis Donoho
staff writer

The RLC Women's Volleyball season is in full swing. The team is still striving for it's first win. For the first time in 15 years RLC is bumping, setting, spiking and trying hard to revive the sport at our campus.

Coach Brian Laur is keeping the faith for this and future seasons,

"It's a learning experience for everyone. We haven't had a team for a long time. It's fun and we expect it to get a lot better."

Selinda Livesay, former student of John A. Logan College, played volleyball there for a year. She brings with her a strong sense of guidance. Bev Wyant, another team member, has shown excellent leadership capabilities.

Laur is looking forward to building up the team in coming years,

"I've started looking at top high schools in the area. there are a lot of girls out there who play really well."

As for this season,
"We're improving every

game. As the season progresses we'll get some breaks and give ourselves some breaks and we'll get better."

The team will be playing at RLC on the following dates: Monday, October 20 at 6:00 p.m. against Kaskaskia Community College, Saturday, October 25 at 1:00 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. against Spoon River Community College and at 4:00 p.m. against Olney Central College. Admission is free and the team would love to have your support.

Men's Baseball Breaks Even

Amanda Pillers
Staff Writer

The men's baseball team has been breaking even lately on the numbers of wins and losses. So far this season they have played twelve games with a record of 6-6.

Coach Rich Cambell is proud of the whole team and spoke very highly of the sophomore players.

"The sophomores, Corey Cinnamon, Jeff Houston, Bo Parton, and Dan Firlit, are

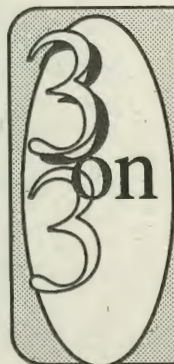
playing extremely well," Cambell said.

The biggest weakness for the Warriors is the pitching line-up.

"The freshmen pitchers aren't coming along as much as we expected them to. We can only be as good as our pitching becomes," Cambell said.

The men's baseball team has three more games to play this fall season.

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