



RLC TIMES



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Fall Semester

2000 Art Auction was a success

Camille Bowman
Staff Writer

The RLC Art Auction has once again been successful. On September 28, art lovers and students gathered together for the 6th annual Art Auction. There were 165 people present at the Rend lake Resort where the auction was held.

For the sixth year now RLC has been holding these auctions to encourage and support its art majors. The volunteers who vigorously prepared this year's auction were very enthusiastic about the outcome of the auctioneering of this year's event. Instructors Therese Howard, Peggy Davis, Foundation Director Pat Mitchell, and Chairperson of the Student Art Club Michael Greene arranged a display that every art lover could appreciate.

\$12,000, more than double from last year. Purchases came from many people such as RLC alumni David Burland, Senior Advisor of Cultural Affairs to George Ryan, Illinois's State Governor. Those of which will be displayed in the Hayes Mansion. Mr. Burland purchased several pieces of art from ceramics, paintings, and prints.

"It is quite an honor to know they appreciate the talents and works of RLC students," says Pat Mitchell.

Mark Kern, school president, purchased a painting of the "School House" in support of the school. Students saw the true support of their most decorated and valued talents.

"Students feel very encouraged by it," said Peggy Davis, "they see how much people appreciate their work."

They received most of the art in



A few of the pieces on display at the Art Auction. (Photo Credit Sara Cairns)

Admit One
Sixth Annual
Students for Students Art Auction
Thursday, September 28, 2000
5:00 p.m. Art Preview and Hours D'oeuvres 6:00 p.m. Art Auction
Rend Lake Resort Conference Center
Tickets \$10.00 Proceeds will support RLC Art Scholarships

Several students and businesses donated their works of art to this auction. With over 200 pieces of art ranging from sculpted ceramics, drawings, paper prints, and a tile table collage, bidders were eager to buy. Student Melissa McDermick's painting of a 1955 Cadillac sold for \$525.00. Paintings such as Therese Howard's 1950 Cadillac rendering, impressed all who saw it. This year Rend Lake's own Rob Little was the auctioneer.

"He showed talent and composure by being a most colorful speaker," says James Holt.

Bids ranged from small bids of \$20 to a high bids of \$200 or more. Little spotted bidders throughout the auction and helped make this year's auction a successful event. Starting at 5:00p.m. and ending with a historic finish with sales capitalizing over

just over a month, it has been described as a "nerve racking" experience by Davis.

"It is always well worth the effort," said Davis. "This is sure to enhance the reputation of the RLC Art Department and art students when we see what art is being put out there."

Every year, all the money made goes toward art scholarships and a trust fund to benefit art student's talents at RLC and on into the future.

"We felt this was the goal we've been striving for," said Mitchell

As RLC continues to show appreciation for the many talents of students, as at the Art Auction and other venues, it is more evident how diverse RLC is becoming. Certainly this has been a rewarding and deserving year for all art lovers and RLC students alike.

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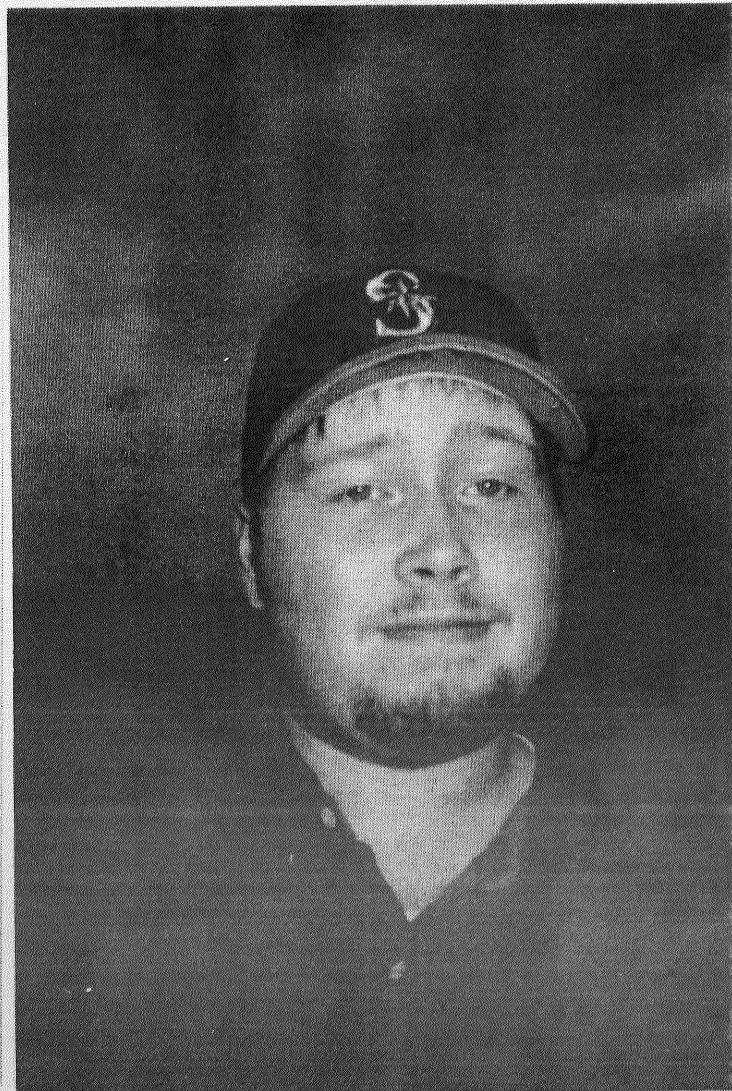
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MEET THE STAFF



(Photo Credit Sara Cairns)



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Blood Drive at RLC

Sara Cairns
Staff Writer-Photographer

The RLC Student Ambassadors held a blood drive on Wednesday, September 27 and Thursday, September 28. The drive was being held in the South Oasis from 8:30am- 3:30pm where complimentary T-shirts, cholesterol testing, and Sickle Cell trait testing were given to all donors. The group that came for the drive was Gateway Communication Blood Services out of St. Louis.

In addition, the Red Cross is looking for someone to sponsor their upcoming blood drive. Anyone interested should contact security for more information.

And remember "Give Blood, Save

A-Keya Bowman
Staff Writer
Freshman

Major:
Political Science
Age:
19

Residence:
Mt. Vernon

Favorite Sport:
Basketball

Favorite Movie:
Higher Learning

Favorite Author:
Nikki Giovanni

Plans after RLC:
Move to New York after graduation to pursue a Bachelors Degree.

Motto to live by:
"Life is what you make it."

Ryan Dodson
Student Editor
Sophomore

Major:
Journalism
Age:
19

Residence:
Mt. Vernon

Favorite Sport:
Baseball

Favorite Movie:
Major League

Favorite Author:
What's that mean?

Plans after RLC:
Move to the west coast and finish my Bachelor's Degree and start a family.

Motto to live by:
"Either you like me or you hate me, pick one"

Student Spotlight

Camille Bowman
Staff Writer

Along with the growth and experience of RLC comes the many faces and talents of all the students. Acknowledging the importance of self-esteem and healthy careers, many students are paving their ways to successful futures. Among them here at RLC is Bronson Smith, a freshman this year.

Some will agree, the gifts and skills that we possess mold us into future scholars. Bronson came to America from Nassau, Bahamas. He was born and raised in the Bahamas. He lived with his mother Clara Smith and has three brothers, and a younger sister.

Bronson comments "It was hard, we moved into a bad area of the city." This is where Bronson started to recognize his talents and a need to be successful. He decided to enroll in college.

While playing basketball in Nassau, Smith received a letter from here in the United States. Being scouted by several colleges and high-schools Bronson took the incentive and went to a small high-school in Fayetteville, Arkansas. Traveling from Nassau to the states alone, he promised himself and his mother he was going to do the right thing with this great opportunity. When he arrived he was warmly greeted by the family of Ron and Racheal McCarthy.

"They didn't know what to expect," Smith says, "but they were glad to take me in."

There he made many new friends on and off the court. One friend, he mentioned, left Fayetteville High-school early to play basketball with the Arkansas Razorbacks early in school. Friends such as Sarah Yates took time to talk with him in the three years of his stay in Fayetteville. There he also attended religious services at the Fayetteville Unison Boulevard Baptist Church.

There he devoted himself to a balance of school and basketball. Bronson received a full scholarship to play basketball at RLC to build academic and extra-curricular skills.

When asked from where he learned his values he quickly said that his mother, Clara Smith and grandmother, Gremian Greene have always encouraged him in his steps towards the future.

"My mom likes these schools for the small country atmosphere," says Bronson who agrees with her choice.

Coming from the much smaller high-school of Fayetteville with only 52 students and just 17 in his graduating class, RLC is a lot bigger.

"RLC is pretty cool and small," said Smith, "I've made lots of friends, everyone is pretty nice."

Bronson continues to practice and train for the up and coming Warrior games. He spends a little extra time working on his shots because of his

feeling "a little apprehensive" noticing our backboards are a little different. He says he is continuing to improve his game due to the rigorous workouts and training RLC basketball coach Tim Wills encourages them to do. Though playing for many teams he says that RLC Warriors are a good rounded team with lots of great players and friends. He says he is more relaxed now and open to the game and is now acting as a shooting guard.

Smith's future aspirations involve going to a university such as Oral Roberts University in Oklahoma and Central Arkansas where Scottie Pippen played. NBA players such as Michael Jordan, Scottie Pippen, and Penny Hardaway have been models of his on and off the court in his dedication to success.

Bronson would like to be a pro athlete or athletic trainer in the future.

"I'd like to be around sports in some kind of way," says Smith. "maybe even a Music Studio Technician since I like music so much."

Smith has averaged 21 points a game, 11 rebounds, and 7 assists per game at Fayetteville High-School.

With Smith's achievements in his life and in sports he hopes to learn more of himself. As we all find our own talents and careers, may Smith be another great example at RLC.

EDITORIAL

Ryan Dodson
Student Editor

As we kick summer in the behind and wave hello to fall, October is one of the most beautiful months of the year. Pumpkins, ghosts, brown leaves, and toilet papered trees. Whether you believe in Halloween or not, it's one of the most exciting holidays of every year.

Whether you get your kicks out of trick-or-treating, stealing little kid's bags of candy, smashing pumpkins, tearing down yard ornaments, decorating yards with toilet paper, or throwing eggs at various objects, you enjoy the laughter and fun of Halloween. That is, unless you are taken hostage by the Department of Corrections. Although my glory days of vandalistic devious acts are behind me, I still plan on enjoying myself this October 31st.

Although you won't find me waiting in any 2 - 3 hour lines upon entering a haunted house for two minutes, I won't be at any haunted spook walk laughing at the people who are scared by the elementary horror. If you find those entertaining, be my guest.

Once you get older it's harder to find things to do to enjoy Halloween. Maybe that is the southern Illinois curse that ties into this as well.

With all due respects, have a safe and happy holiday. Eat all the candy you can, cause trouble, and don't get caught.



EDITORIAL

Clinton Jones
News Editor

Are you ready to venture back into the woods? You better be, because at the end of this month Artisan Entertainment will be dragging us back into the Black Hills of Burkitsville, Maryland in "The Book of Shadows: Blair Witch 2."

The original "Blair Witch Project" debuted last year to critical acclaim. The low budget horror flick drew crowds with extremely tantalizing trailers and a website that convinced you that everything you would see in the movie was real. These things created a atmosphere that helped drive the movie about three doomed film makers to the top of the box office charts.

I remember driving to St. Louis just to see it opening night. It was

billed as being the "scariest movie ever." It may not have been that exactly, but it was surely the most atmospheric movie I had ever seen. The final minutes of the movie had me riveted to my seat and I could feel every shudder of my heart. From that moment I knew that the "The Blair Witch Project" was something special. It didn't appeal to everyone, but then again it wasn't geared toward the "Scream" crowd. The people who most appreciated it, were those who understood how the film was made and enjoyed the rich mythology that drove the story.

Now a year later, those who loved the original can once again enjoy some "Blair Witch myth." "The Book of Shadows" opens soon at theaters, but it is taking a different approach to the box office than its counterpart. Gone is vomit inducing hand held footage, and

shoe-string budget. This time around, the movie has a Hollywood sized budget and style.

"The Book of Shadows" tells the tale of a Burkitsville man, his business, four of his customers, and of course the Blair Witch. Jeff Donovan, a Burkitsville resident decides to cash in on the success of last year's movie by opening a "Blair Witch Tour." However, when four people decide to take the tour, strange and horrific things begin to take place.

If you loved the original movie like I did, "The Book of Shadows" may be just what you are waiting for. However, if you hated or got sick and couldn't watch the "The Blair Witch Project," now may be the time to give its rich story and background a second chance.

"The Book of Shadows: Blair Witch 2" opens nationwide October 27.

Science and Soap?

Ryan Martin
Student Writer

Have you ever wondered how soap works? We all use it on a daily basis, but most of us do not know how it works.

Water will sometimes get the job done when you are cleaning, but sometimes we need a little help. This is where soap comes in and helps us out. Soap is something that everybody uses, but many do not know how it works.

To better understand how soap works, one has to first understand polar and non-polar substances. Polar and non-polar substances do not mix together. For example, when you take Italian salad dressing out of the refrigerator it is in two different layers. One of the layers is a non-polar, the oil. The other layer is the polar area, or the vinegar.

Most of the dirt and oil on your clothing or hands is non-polar. Water is highly polar. They will not mix together, just like the salad dressing. This is where the soap steps in.

Soap has a dual nature. The

polar end, which is a carboxylate salt, is water-soluble. The non-polar end, the hydrocarbon chain, is oil-soluble.

Thus, soap is attracted to both water and the oily dirt. The soap can bind to the dirt, then the soap and dirt mix, and then attracted to the water, now dissolving the oily dirt, allowing the dirt and oil to be carried with the water off of your hands.

Soap is made from a triglyceride, fat, and lye, all of which can come from stores in your local neighborhood. Now how many of you have seen the movie "Fight Club?" They make soap from human fat in the movie. Human fat does make good soap, so I have read, along with many other animal and plant fats. Soap is very easily made in your own home. If you are interested in making your own soaps there are many books and web pages giving you recipes for different soaps. This is a really easy and fun craft for those that like doing crafts, and a fun and easy lab you will do if you take Organic Chemistry here at RLC.

Beverly Hillbillies Cast List

A-Keya Bowman
Staff Writer

The Beverly Hillbillies are coming to Rend Lake inviting all ages to come and watch the grand fall performance based on the popular television show The Beverly Hillbillies. This classic takes us back to when the Clampetts first discovered oil on their land and their cousin Pearl convinced the family to take advantage of their new found wealth, by moving to the home of the rich and famous in Hollywood, California.

The Beverly Hillbillies cast members are:

Production Director: Tracey Webb
Granny (Daisy) Moses: Racheal L. Oliver of Mt. Vernon
Jed Clampett : Larry Marrs of Herrin
Elly May Clampett- Kelly Schubert of Dix
Jethro Bodine- Kyle Willmore of Carterville
Cousin Pearl- Mary D. Sursa of Dix
Mr. Drysdale- Josh Conner of Sesser
Mrs. Drysdale- Marvel Simmons of Nashville
Miss Hathaway- Cassandra Upchurch of Dahlgren
George Turner/Fireman- Chris Kujawa of Scheller
Brewster/Fireman-Victor K. Leber of Valier
Percy- Jim Blair of Salem
Gloria Mundy- Lona Lauramore Wayne City
Emaline Fetty- Jennifer Norman of Benton
Frederika Collins- Amanda Woodrow of McLeansboro

Colonel Foxhall- Edgar Irvin of McLeansboro
Mrs. Stokely Smythe- Seneca Horton of Woodlawn
Mr. Oglethorpe- Kris Mason of Bluford
Mrs. Oglethorpe- Kerry O' Leary of Pinkneyville
Groovy Monahan- Kayti Hall of Zeigler
Frank Richards/ Fireman- Darren Hutson of Sesser
Fireman/ Party Guest- Kyle Upchurch of Benton
Fireman/ Party Guest- Chris Lowery of McLeansboro
Party Guest- Holly Tickner of Mt. Vernon
Party Guest- Chris Chaney of Benton
Stage Manager- Cassandra Upchurch
Production Assistant- Sara Holz of Mt. Vernon
Costume Assistant- Mary Sursa
Custome assistant- Chris Chaney
Set Crew Leader- Shannon Webb of Ewing
Costume Designer- Danielle Knight of Mt. Vernon


The performance of the Beverly Hillbillies is a wholesome comedy that's suitable for all ages. "Everybody knows the Beverly Hillbillies," said Tracey Webb, "and the show is still popular after 40 years of airing on television."

The Beverly Hillbillies is scheduled to perform this fall November 2 - 5 in the Rend Lake College Theatre. Tickets are on sale now priced at eight dollars each, until the first show date.

For ticket information contact Production Director Tracey Webb in the North Oasis Room 148 or reserve your tickets by contacting Cathy Cross (618) 437-5321 ext. 263.

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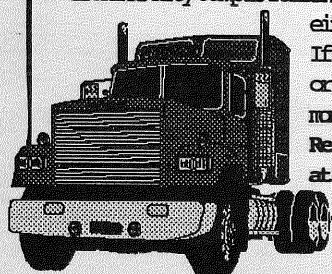
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DRIVERS NEEDED

Payroll due dates ...

PAY DATE	DUE DATE
October 5	Thursday, Sept. 28
October 20	Friday, October 13
November 3	Friday, October 27
November 17	Friday, November 10
December 5	Tuesday, November 28
December 20	Wednesday, Dec. 13
January 5	Thursday, Dec. 21
January 19	Thursday, January 11
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Free Movie Showing at Rend Lake College

Do you like movies? Do you want to kill some time. If so then you may want to check this out. On Monday, October 23rd, the RLC Liberal Arts Department is inviting you to a **FREE** movie showing in the RLC Theater.

Join us at the Halloween Double Feature. Watch the movies how they were intended to be watched, on the big screen.

The first movie begins at 2:00 p.m. with the second movie ending around 5:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come and go as classes dictate.

Showing first: "Bride of Frankenstein"
Followed by: "Young Frankenstein"
See you there!

Express your thoughts, opinions, and feelings on any issue facing the college or world by writing a letter to the editor. All letters should be sent to the RLC Times office located in the North Oasis 154, or sent via e-mail to rlctimes@rlc.cc.il.us titled *letters to the editor*.

A name, phone number, and hometown must accompany your letter if desired to be published. All letters are subject to editing by the editors.

Congrats...

Sara J. Cairns
Staff Writer/Photographer
Congratulations are in order to the winner of the Student Senate sponsored drawing for a set of Matchbox 20 concert tickets. Amanda Williams, sophomore, was the recipient of a set of tickets to the group's upcoming concert at the SIU Arena in Carbondale.

Along with the tickets SIU funded the Student Senate with, they received another set of concert tickets, to give to one of its members. Sophomore, Esterina Pericolosi was the happy winner from within RLC's Student Senate.

Congratulations to both of the winners, and a special thanks to the sponsors.

Security Notes

Sara Cairns
Staff Writer /Photographer
RLC Security would like to remind everyone to drive the speed limit. The speed on roadways is 25 MPH, and is 15 MPH in the parking lots. Security says that they are watching for driving and parking violations and are actively handing out tickets to offenders.

Don't forget to leave handicapped parking for the handicapped and also remember that pedestrians have right of way, so yield to them at all times.

Meet Connie Ruffino

Peggy E. Morris
Student Writer

Do you remember paying your tuition and fees? Of course you do. The person who took your monies is Connie Ruffino, cashier. Name sound familiar? Yes, she is related to Ed Ruffino, Co-op Director. Ed and Connie are happily married.

Ruffino was born in Logan, Ill. and currently resides with her husband in West Frankfort. She earned her Associate's of Arts degree here at RLC.

Ruffino is responsible for posting of payments, grants and scholarships. Anything regarding students' accounts, she is the person to see. You can also seek her out for all other information as well. If she doesn't know the answer, she will either find it out for you, or direct you to the person who can.

"RLC is a great place to work, her co-workers are the best, we are a small family, working as a team, together," said Ruffino, "helping the students is so gratifying. I really like my job."

One of the first things everyone notices about Ruffino is her warm smile and her genuine caring attitude. She always greets everyone with a cheerful hello, and when she asks, "How can I help you?" She means it. Ruffino was the first person I met when I started here, and had it not been for her kindness and helpfulness, I would

most likely have turned around, never to attempt my academic dream. When I asked what is the one piece of advice she would pass on to each student this is what she had to say.

"Keep your glass half full," said Ruffino, "I have a blessed life, and life is too short not to be happy."

Ruffino's office is quite large, however she shares this space with several other co-workers, and this is what some had to say about her.

"Connie is an overall, all around good gal," said Sue Scatone, "she doesn't know a stranger, and is the first one to offer assistance to anyone. Connie has been known to demonstrate how she can dance a jig."

"Connie is the most caring person I have ever met," said Angie Kistner, "she takes a personal interest in everyone she meets."

"She is the warmest blooded person I know also," said Kistner, "she freezes me out when she turns on her fan."

When Ruffino isn't spending time with her family, especially her four month old grandchild Allison Grace, you can usually find her out shopping for shoes, or off checking out the local craft fairs. In the evenings she likes to cozy up in her rocker with a hot cup of any of the International flavors coffee.

Ruffino can also be seen having lunch with her husband every afternoon here at school.



Connie Ruffino glad to serve Rend Lake College. (Photo Credit Sara Cairns)



Don't forget to call out the score. (Photo Credit Sara Cairns)

2000 Fall Fun Fest

Ryan Dodson
Student Editor

The 2000 Fall Fun Fest was hyped up to be the best ever. Included this year were many anticipated activities expected to bring a big turn out. Among them included sand volleyball, a golf cart obstacle course, a scholarship giveaway, a 50/50 raffle as well as many other prizes and activities.

The most anticipated were the state-of-the-art audio and video Star Flix. Star Flix was the virtual reality movie making device allowing those who attended to lip-sync in their own music video with all the props, costumes and special effects.

Also, there was the M-4 Motion Theatre which allowed you to be in the driver's seat behind a P-51 Mustang, the WWII fighter plane, a

Desert Dual involving two jets in a low-level, high speed chase, or 'Survival 2006' in Land-Sea air pods.

This fall's entertainment was plagued by a couple of factors, low turn out and bad weather. Around an hour into it, the food tables stopped serving as opposed to serving continuously in past events.

The turn out wasn't as great as many thought, and no where near the number of people that attended Fun Fest last spring. Around 3:00, the activities came to a halt due to heavy rains.

All together, it was a good time while it lasted, but definitely has room for improvement. Spring Fun Fest will have a bigger turn out and more success than Fall Fun Fest.



Sand Volleyball, one of the many features Fun Fest had to offer. (Photo Credit Sara Cairns)

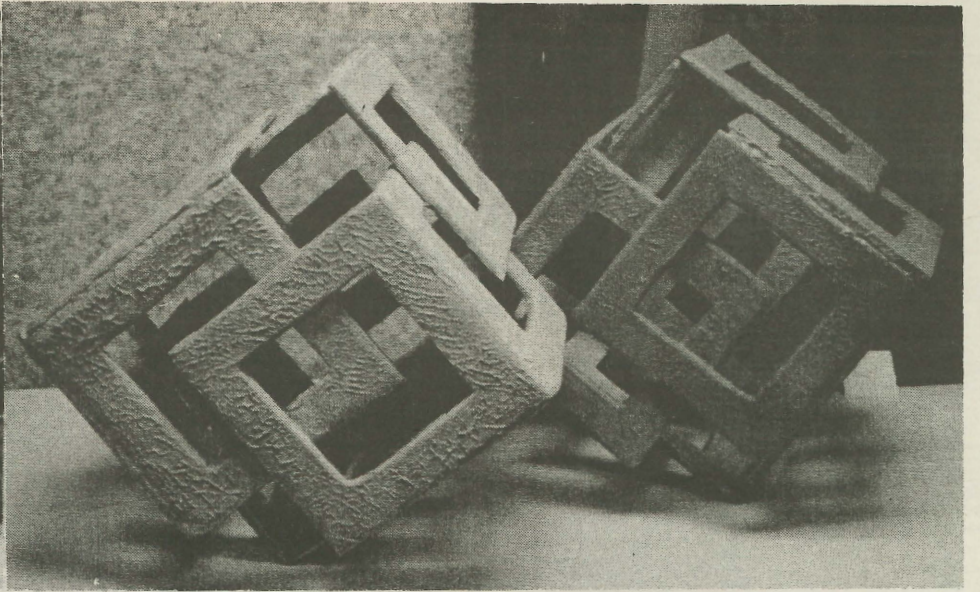
Deadline for Spring Graduation is Approaching

November 1st is the deadline for Spring 2001 graduation applications.

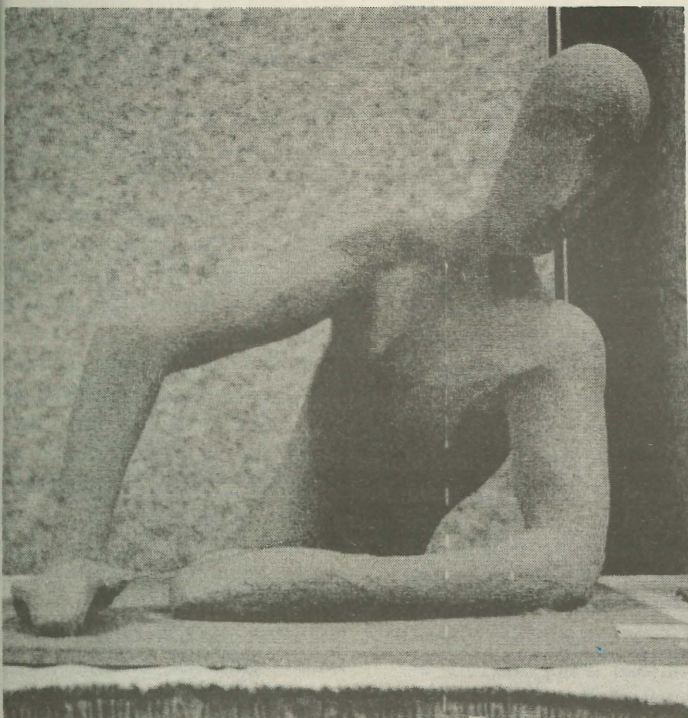
Application may be picked up in the Student Records Office. The application, along with a \$20.00 fee, must be turned in to the Dean of Student Services Office by November 1, 2000.



A Beautiful Painting By T.D. Howard. Photo Credit Sara Cairns



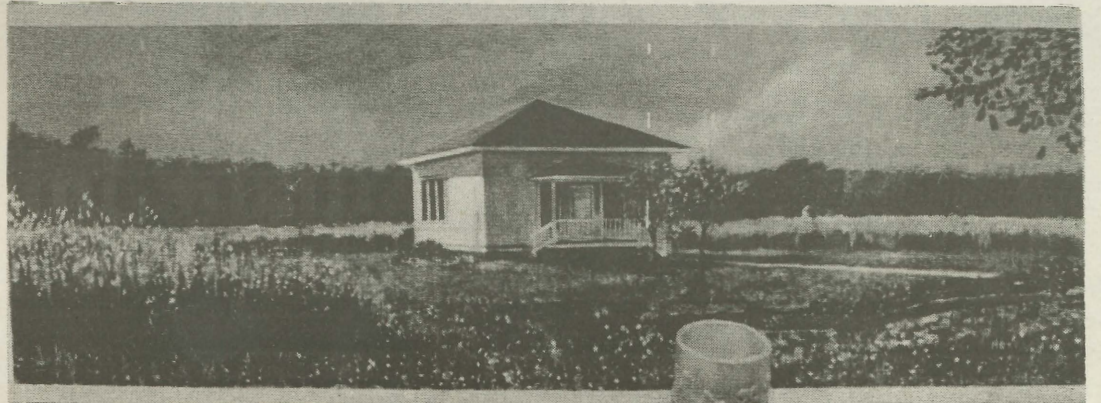
Cubes By Amanda Huston Photo Credit Sara Cairns



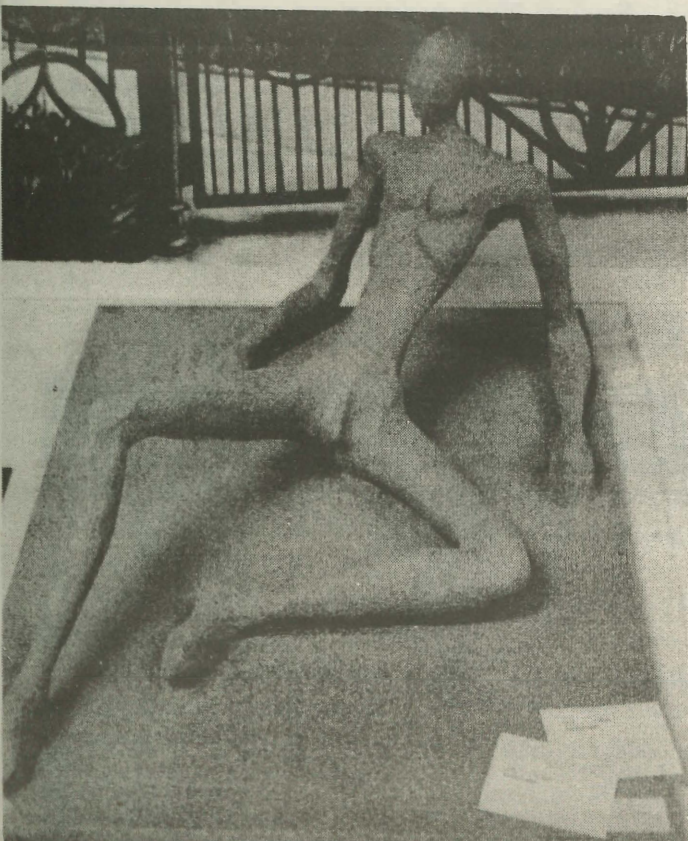
A Wonderful Sculpture By Sarah Capps. Photo Credit Sara Cairns



The pieces shown include Ceramics By G.M. Reichert, Joseph H. Rust, Sarah Capps, Jim Simmons, a Painting By Janice Threath, and An Anonymous Photo. Photo Credit Sara Cairns



A Marvelous Rendering of the Old School House By T.D. Howard. Photo Credit Sara Cairns



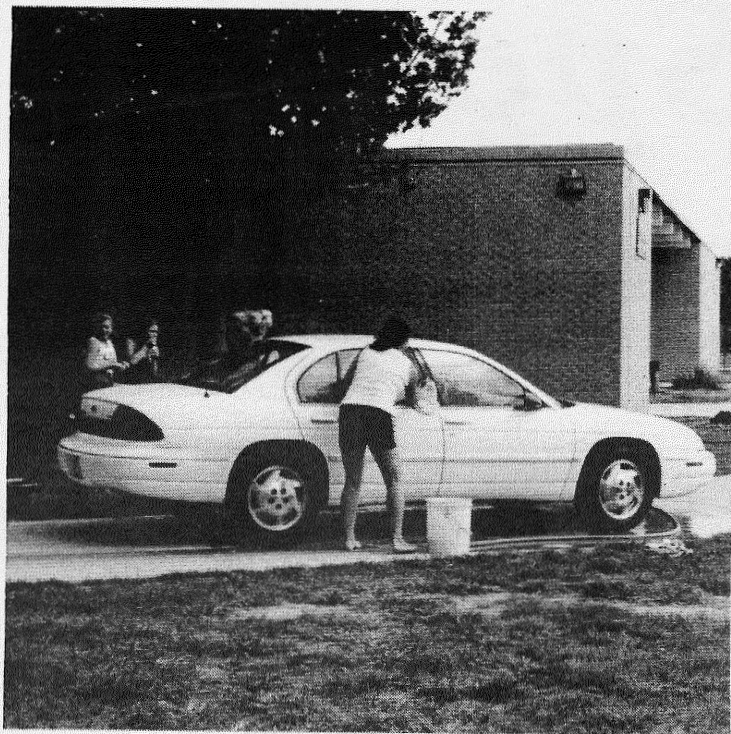
Another Great Sculpture By Sarah Capps. Photo Credit Sara Cairns



Pat Mitchell Addresses the Crowd. Photo Credit Sara Cairns



Rob Little was the Auctioneer for the Evening. Photo Credit Sara Cairns



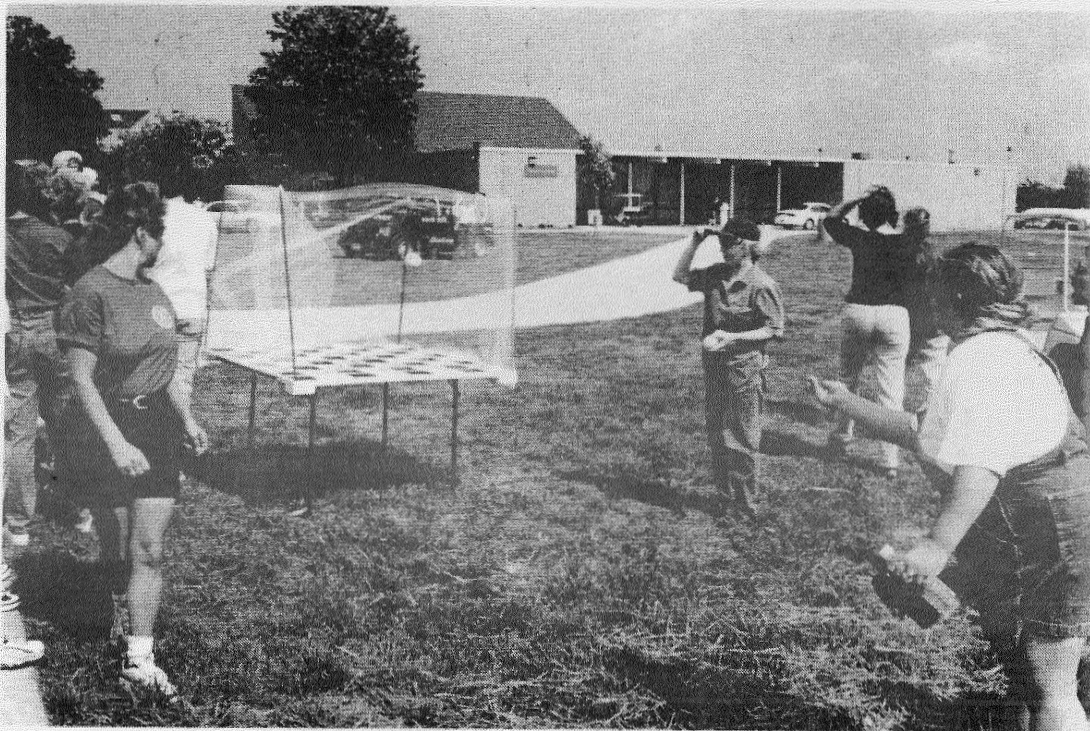
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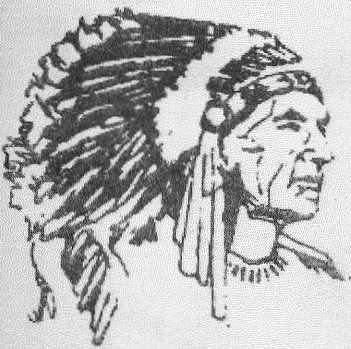
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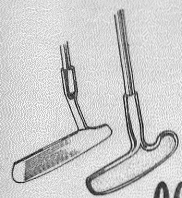
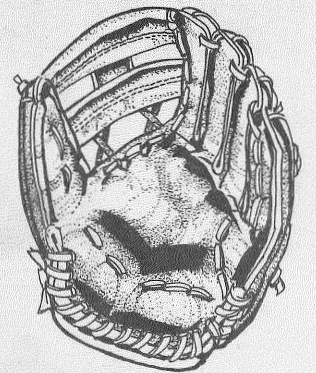
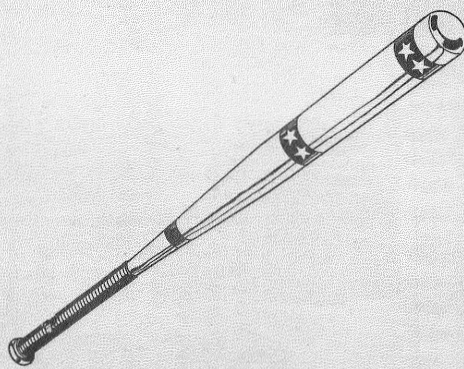
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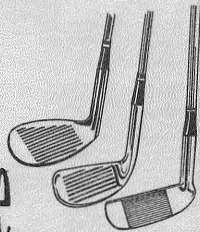
Meredith Ramsey, ready to snare anything hit her way. (Photo Credit Sara Cairns)



A view of the Lady Warriors game against Shawnee. (Photo Credit Sara Cairns)



Men's Golf team continues to dominate



Jim Peters
Staff Writer

The Rend Lake Men's golf team continues to dominate opponents this fall. The Warriors have won three of the last four tournaments that they have entered. Rend Lake has had first place finishes in six of the eight tournaments that they have played.

"This is a good start", explained second year letterman Jason Drew (So., Benton, IL).

Drew had top five finishes in three of the last four tournament wins and has high expectations for similar results as the fall season comes to an end.

The past four weekends, the Warriors have spent as many hours on the road as they have winning tournaments. The Warriors won the Dupage Classic in the Chicago suburbs and followed that up by taking the Rock Valley Invitational in Rockford. Warrior golfers Jeremy Simms (Fr., Carmel, IN), Chad Stoute (So., Bloomington, IN), Andy Teslow (So., McComb, IL), and Brandon Vinson (Fr., Santa Claus, IN) all shot low in the last four tournaments. Stoute took the first place medal

at Dupage shooting a one-over 72-71-143 and Brennan and Drew took second and third place medals as the Warriors went on to sweep the field.

"Why leave room for doubt?" explained Drew.

Brennan followed with a dominating performance at the Rock Valley Invitational where he and teammates Stoute and Vinson went on to sweep the medals again. Rend Lake College won by 17 strokes over an 18-team field.

The Warriors followed these performances up with a win at the Illinois Central Tournament and a second place finish in Danville. By all accounts the Warriors should have finished in first place at Danville if not for one of their top finishers signing an incorrect scorecard.

Rend Lake hosts the top four teams in Division II golf the first weekend in October in a tournament that could hold major implications for seedings in the National Championships held this upcoming Spring. If recent results are any indication, the Warriors could be playing in another National Championship tournament this Spring.

Simmons to compete in Tennis National Tournament

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Rend Lake College freshman Hayley Simmons will compete in the Rolex National Small College Tennis Championships in mid-October as a result of her upset victory in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association's Midwest Region Tournament.

Simmons (Fr., Harrisburg, IL) swept all five opponents during the weekend tournament on the College of Dupage campus in the Chicago suburbs. This was her tenth win of the season.

"Hayley ran track in high school, and I think it showed in her court-speed and endurance throughout the tournament. She is a real competitor," said Coach Diane

Metzger. "In all, it was a tremendous effort on her part," added coach Metzger.

Jennifer Wooters (So., Salem, IL) and Andrea Litherland (Mt. Carmel, IL) also advanced to the ITA Midwest Regional semifinals in doubles.

"All our girls played very well. It was a good competition," summed up coach Metzger.



Hayley Simmons smiling after her upset victory to advance to National's. (Submitted photo)