

Jimmy J. Fulks, other special contributors recognized at Aquatics Center dedication

"I hope and believe Rend Lake College will always continue its high standards of education and community involvement it has become known for," concluded Jimmy J. Fulks, President of Mariah Boats, Inc., as RLC celebrated the dedication of the Jimmy J. Fulks Aquatics Center Friday morning.

From what Fulks and others in a sun-drenched crowd estimated at around 250 had just heard, that legacy will be carried on by the comprehensive community college thanks in large part to the facility named in honor of an individual who contributed \$300,000 toward its completion.

Mt. Vernon resident Frank Donnelly, a nontraditional student representing those who take advantage of the pool and hydrotherapy areas for exercise, therapy and relaxation, praised his instructors and the facility.

Donnelly initially accompanied his wife, Jean, who enrolled for therapeutic purposes in one of the Arthritis Aquatics classes. Within a couple of days, the retired pharmaceutical supply salesman was convinced he belonged in the water, also.

One month after arriving in her wheelchair, Jean Donnelly began walking into the Fulks Aquatics Center on her own.

Her husband, with limited motion in his shoulder due to a rotator cuff injury, now has full range in his arm movement as a result of water therapy.

Donnelly now attends two different sessions weekly and cited several other examples of success stories within the early morning Arthritis Aquatics

physical therapists sending clients to the Fulks Aquatics Center.

And RLC President Mark S. Kern admitted the therapeutic value was one of the main selling points behind State of Illinois appropriations that led to the \$2.5 million structure.

The state funded \$1.8 mil-



classes. He mentioned Colleen, undergoing rehab while recovering from shoulder surgery, and Gloria, similar to his wife in her need for assistance to walk when the program began and the "strides" she has made since toward recovery. Moreover, they have all become friends as well.

Rend Lake College product Laird Wisely, now President of Physical Rehab Works in Benton and Mt. Vernon, echoed Donnelly's sentiments. He was on the college's original aquatics center steering committee and is one of several area

lion towards the construction of the aquatics rehabilitation center based upon the college's commitment in four areas, noted Kern. First, that the college would use the facility as a therapeutic pool for the physically challenged; second, it would be a facility to serve the community as a whole; third, the center would be used to promote tourism in conjunction with nearby Wayne Fitzgerald State Park, and fourth, the fact there were no other indoor public pools in the eight-county area served

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The Learning Resource Center will be celebrating "Children's Book Week" November 16-21.

As a fitting climax, the staff has invited the young students from the RLC Foundation Children's Center for a 10 a.m. storyhour on Thursday, November 19.

Part-time Reference Assistant Beth Mandrell, who used to be the "story lady" at Christopher Grade School, will read to the LRC guests.

Everyone also is reminded of the bookdrop, located downstairs by the circulation desk, for children's used books. New and used books, in good condition, are welcomed as donations to be used by the RLC Foundation Children's Center staff and guest readers.



Both exotic and ordinary (but gorgeous) houseplants will be for sale Friday, November 6, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. in the Student Center/PDA.

Members of the Travel Club will be selling a variety of both live and silk plants - approximately 150 of each type - to help earn money for those students hoping to go to Mexico in the spring.

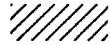
The live plants include coleus, philodendron, ivy and hardy African violets. They were grown by students in Pam Knoblett's Horticulture program at Big Muddy River Correctional Center and purchased from

/// Birthdays ///

- Jeannie Mitchell (11/4)
- Sandy Shook (11/4)
- Trish Bennett-Minor (11/5)
- Tina Grounds (11/7)
- Angie Kistner (11/8)
- Bob Carlock (11/9)
- Rob Little (11/12)
- Ed Ruffino (11/14)
- Andrea Boucher (11/18)
- Mary Roe (11/18)
- Lynda Laningham (11/21)
- Ricky Robinson (11/22)

them by the Travel Club members for resale.

Silk arrangements, also from the BMR Horticulture program, include wreaths and other decorative pieces.



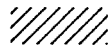
It's that time of year again ...

Orders are now being accepted by representatives of the Lady Warrior softball team for poinsettias, with a delivery date the week after Thanksgiving.

This is the fourth year for the Lady Warriors to sell the red poinsettia plants, which are an average of 14 inches tall with 4-6 blooms each.

The price remains the same - \$10.

Like to place an order. Contact Coach Dave Ellingsworth (Ext. 307 or 271), the Athletic Department (Ext. 250) or a member of the softball team.



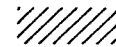
Speaking of Ellingsworth ... He was the winner of the RLC cheerleaders' 50/50 raffle held in conjunction with their recent bake sale. "We appreciate the support of everyone," commented Sponsor Julie Oxford.

Working Cash Fund transfer approved

The Rend Lake College Board of Trustees met in special session, via conference call, Thursday, October 29, at noon in order to transfer \$256,000 from the Working Cash Fund to the Bond and Interest Fund.

This was necessary due to the timing of the receipt of funds from county taxing bodies for local taxes levied for the purpose of making bond principal and interest payments which are currently due. Monies in the Bond and Interest Fund were not sufficient to meet current obligations.

The amount transferred will be moved back to the Working Cash Fund at a later time following receipt of monies from the local sources.



The annual Fall Blood Drive sponsored last week by the American Red Cross attracted 106 potential donors.

The mobile unit on Tuesday afternoon collected 32 pints of blood; 62 more people were successful donors the next day in the gym.

Thanks to all who volunteered in any capacity.

Menu for week of November 2-6 ...

MARTIN'S FOOD SERVICE

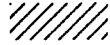
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LUNCH \$3.15 Spaghetti Garlic Bread Small Drink	LUNCH \$4.25 Roast Pork 2 Vegetables Roll Small Drink	LUNCH \$4.25 Turkey 2 Vegetables Roll Small Drink	LUNCH \$4.25 Polish and Kraut 2 Vegetables Roll Small Drink	LUNCH \$4.25 Tuna Casserole 2 Vegetables Ril Small Drink
SANDWICH \$3.15 Chicken FF/Veg/Chips Small Drink	SANDWICH \$3.15 Soup Sub Small Drink	SANDWICH \$3.15 Cheeseburger FF/Veg/Chips Small Drink	SANDWICH \$3.15 Maid-Rite FF/Veg/Chips Small Drink	SANDWICH \$3.15 Open-Face Small Drink

Hours / 7:30 am - 1:30 pm

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Want to save some more trees and get an e-mail message to all accounts on campus?

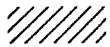
Just send your message to ... rllcall@rlc.cc.il.us



Art Appreciation students of Associate Professor Therese Howard recently brought in \$780 through sales of their "wonderous Halloween creations" ... decorated containers filled with candy, gum and other goodies. Prices ranged from \$5-15, depending on the size.

"The students are donating their proceeds to a Benton woman whose husband has just died from terminal cancer," Howard said. "Your continuing support of the projects my students do each semester has been great. I thank all of you."

Incidentally, members of the Art League, with help from the RLC Foundation and many others, raised just over \$5,000 with the recent "Students for Students" Art Auction held at the Rend Lake Resort.



A message to all campus Beanie Baby Addicts ...

The RLC Foundation is sponsoring a Beanie Baby Raffle to benefit the Nursing Scholarship Fund.

According to Sandra Lipe, "We have 40-50 beanies, including three Princesses, three Erins, Glory, two Fortunes and an entire set of 12 Teeny Beanies 1998 series.

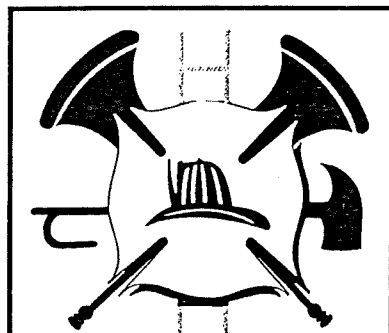
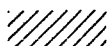
"We also have a Sammy Sosa and Mark McGwire Combo set that includes both beanies and McGwire baseball cards, cap, T-shirt, poster and pennant.

"We also have numerous retired and some current."

Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. The drawing will be held Friday, December 11, at noon in the South Oasis.

For a complete listing, check with any nursing student or contact Lipe in the Allied Health Department, Ext. 251.

"Do have your money in your hand when you come calling," Lipe warned in her recent e-mail. "No money ... no beanie. If you don't play, you can't win!"



FIRE FIGHTER II - Module C Class Starts Tuesday, November 10

Ewing-Northern Fire District

Offered free of charge to both professionals and volunteers residing in RLC District. Tuition \$114 for those pursuing degree/certificate. Fire Marshall's test proof of proficiency.



TO REGISTER FOR FIRE 1203/1603 ...
CALL 437-5321, Ext. 271, or 1-800-369-5321

HELP WANTED



Rend Lake College

is searching in Benton for a

Community Coordinator

who is available to work part-time evenings and is able to help determine interests and needs of the community.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Must be a resident of the Benton/West City area
- Familiarity with Community Services program preferred

SALARY and BENEFITS

- Salary based on number of classes offered
- Opportunity to work with others in the community to the benefit of all who take advantage of offerings

THE APPLICATION PROCESS

- Tentative start date is November 16 (or as negotiated)
- Application Deadline is Thursday, November 5, 4 pm, or until position is filled
- For an application packet, contact:

George Dawe
Rend Lake College Times Square Campus
3909 Broadway
Mt. Vernon, IL 62864
242-5813 or e-mail request to - dawe@rlc.cc.il.us



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Rend Lake College

is seeking a full-time professional

Academic Counselor

This individual will help advise students regarding program requirements and class scheduling, career exploration and educational planning, academic concerns and/or personal problems (when needed), in addition to providing assessment testing, any transition assistance necessary and supplemental services that might be required. This person also will participate in high school visits and other recruitment activities. // 48-week, tenure-track position.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Master's Degree from accredited institution in Counseling, Educational Psychology, Education or related field required.
- Community college advisement, teaching or administrative experience preferred.
- Knowledge of transfer degree requirements preferred.

SALARY and BENEFITS

- \$28-\$35,000 annually
- Retirement Plan
- 20 paid Vacation Days
- 12 paid Holidays
- Pleasant, challenging work environment
- Excellent Health/Life Insurance coverage
- Free Tuition for employee, spouse and dependents

THE APPLICATION PROCESS

- Tentative start date is January 4 (or as negotiated)
- Application Deadline is Friday, November 13, 4 pm
- For an application packet, contact:

President's Office
c/o REND LAKE COLLEGE
468 N Ken Gray Pkwy
Ina, IL 62846
(618) 437-5321, Ext. 228

or e-mail request to - jobs@rlc.cc.il.us



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by the college.

As plans progressed, it was obvious the allotted money would not be enough. But Kern was determined not to use local taxes to help pay for the complex.

At that point, the RLC Foundation committed \$200,000 of additional money, a large portion of which was provided by pledges from the Bank of Illinois in Mt. Vernon, Farrar Oil Co., Peoples National Bank, Withers Broadcasting and Mariah Boats.

Representing the special donors, along with Fulks and his son, Mariah Boats Executive Vice-President Rance Fulks, were honorees Sam Mateer of Bank of Illinois in Mt. Vernon, Caroline Quinn of Farrar Oil, Hunt Bonan of Peoples National Bank and Russ Withers of Withers Broadcasting.

By the time actual bids were accepted, there was an even greater shortfall. The State of Illinois agreed to increase its share of the cost because of the facility's heavy emphasis on rehabilitation, and the Foundation Board accepted the challenge of raising even more funds.

Kern recalled it did not take Fulks long in one of their meetings to assume the additional liability of the Foundation's debt, with a total personal donation of \$300,000. Fulks saw the need and the benefits to the community in making his generous offer.

"When considering this donation, Jimmy asked the question, 'If I do this, will it free other monies for (student) scholarships?'" Kern added.

Sam McGaw, Executive Director of the Capital Development Board, was on hand to represent Gov. Jim Edgar and the State of Illinois. McGaw, who had worked with college administrators from the beginning on this project, commented,

"This is a splendid addition (to campus). It's a pleasure to see in concrete, steel, masonry and glass what we have worked so hard towards."

Or, as Donnelly said, the Fulks Aquatics Center is a "perfect example" of what can be accomplished for the good of the community "when you have the right people going in the right direction and working together" toward a common cause.

Other speakers included Harry L. Crisp II, Chairman of the Illinois Community College Board; and Pat Mitchell, Executive Director of the RLC Foundation.

The day before taking the stage at Rend Lake College, Marion Pepsi CEO Crisp was in Florida observing the launch of Senator/Astronaut John Glenn and Friends. He called Rend Lake College one of the state's finest institutions and credited the leadership of Kern for that reputation.

Crisp also compared the space mission to the creation of the Fulks Aquatics Center, which opened in February. "We are all part of it," he said. "It all ties together. Coming together means a lot," regardless of the endeavor.

Mitchell remembered back to a speech by Jimmy J. Fulks at the RLC Foundation Annual Dinner when he helped launch the "Generations of Excellence" capital campaign with his original pledge of \$100,000. "I am the son of a poor sharecropper," she recalled him telling that gathering. With winter approaching, a teacher took it upon herself to buy the youthful Jimmy Fulks a pair of shoes.

"I swore then to repay that debt over and over if I ever got the chance," Mitchell recalled his words, "and he certainly has done that."

For that, hundreds of current and future Aquatics Center users will forever be grateful.

SOE mini-grants available again

The Illinois Campus Compact for Community Service has announced availability of the Scholarship of Engagement (SOE) mini-grants.

These grants have been used successfully at Rend Lake College in the past to integrate service learning into currently existing courses.

The SOE grants provide \$1,000 stipends to faculty who integrate service learning projects into their courses. Up to an additional \$1,000 is available for incidentals such as travel, supplies, postage and copying.

The due date for proposals is December 4, with project completion expected by June 15.

For more information and a copy of the Request for Proposals, please contact Rex Duncan in the South Oasis, Room 108, Ext. 352, or by e-mail at duncan@rlc.cc.il.us.

Cultural diversity offered in spring

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.

The class is on the Spring schedule and open to other students as well. It is offered only in the spring.

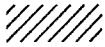
The course helps fulfill the Illinois Higher Board of Education requirement for cultural diversity within the curriculum and the mandate to help faculty and staff become more aware of cultural diversity on campus from the Illinois Community College Board.

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Rend Lake College will sponsor a "Technical Career Day" Thursday, November 12, in Room 122 of the Science Building from 8:30 a.m. until noon.

Featured speakers will include Brad Epplin of River City Construction, Chris Schimp of Grayson Hill Farms, James E. Betters of JEB Consulting and Tim Rauch of Tri-County Electric Cooperative. A representative from the Illinois Department of Transportation also will be present.

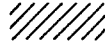
To reserve a place for your students, please call 437-5321, Ext. 288.



Memorials are being accepted by the RLC Foundation for the Dr. David

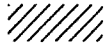
Hill Scholarship Fund in honor of the 46-year-old Woodlawn resident who died October 18.

Dr. Hill was a doctor of Neurology in Mt. Vernon until failing health.



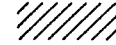
A "Job Strategy" class will be offered in a two-day format Fridays in December, the 4th and 11th, for eight hours both days.

The one-semester hour class, BUSI 1200, is considered a Fall Semester class, according to Industrial Technology Dept. Chair William Dill.



A reminder for those making plans as the holiday season approaches ...

the RLC Foundation Annual Dinner will be held Tuesday, December 8, at the Holiday Inn in Mt. Vernon.



The college is selling four used Monark stationary exercise bikes from the Fitness Center.

Separate, sealed bids will be accepted through Thursday, November 5 at 4 p.m. They should be submitted to Dean for Finance and Administration Bob Carlock through the Business Office.

All are in similar condition. One has been left in the Fitness Center on campus for viewing by anyone who might be interested in submitting a bid.

RLC to assist in census-taking process

The United States Census Bureau is recruiting Southern Illinoisans to work for the 2000 Census. Over 400 people will be hired during the months leading up to the census for work as enumerators, crew leaders and clerks throughout the region.

The Census Bureau is looking for individuals who want to earn money while they serve their communities. Retirees, participants in government programs and the unemployed or underemployed are urged to apply.

Census enumerators are paid \$7.25 per hour plus \$.31 per mile for the use of their automobiles. Applicants should be 18 years of age or older and U.S. citizens.

Several openings exist in Franklin County. The Census Bureau will be testing at Rend Lake College Wednesday, November 4, at both 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. in the Student Center. Those planning on taking the test will need to bring their driver's license, Social Security card and three personal and three business references.

Interested in applying but worried about the test? RLC, through the Adult Education and Job Placement programs, will offer a series of CEN-

SUSPREP courses in Benton designed to increase a person's test scores ... The higher your score, the better chance you have of getting hired and being considered for advanced positions.

CENSUS PREP will be free. The program is specifically designed to address the topics included on the Census Field Employee Selection-Aid Test, which evaluates applicants for work as Census Enumerators, Crew Leaders and Clerks. Topics include:

- Clerical Skills
- Reading Skills
- Number Skills
- Interpreting Information
- Organizational Skills
- Interpersonal Skills
- Basic Test-Taking Strategies
- Employability Skills

CENSUS PREP classes will be offered Mondays and Wednesdays from noon until 3 p.m. at the RLC Family Investment Education Center, 406 E. Main in Benton, beginning October 26. To register, call 435-5509.

While taking CENSUSPREP training does not guarantee employment with the Census Bureau, it can help

increase test scores.

Rex Duncan, Director of Cooperative Education and Job Placement, commented, "We had great success with a similar program with the Dept. of Corrections. The Census Bureau faces many of the same recruitment challenges as DOC, and we can assist by increasing the number of local residents who pass their tests."

Programs like CENSUS PREP are what make Rend Lake College such an asset to the communities in our district."

"We are very excited to be offering CENSUS PREP," added Linda Cox, coordinator of the college's Adult Education Program. "The Census people are telling us that recruitment has been a problem in Franklin County. We want to help Franklin County residents get these jobs. Our experience with Corrections was so positive that we look forward to expanding that concept of test preparation to the Census."

For more information about CENSUS PREP or Census testing, individuals are encouraged to contact Duncan at Rend Lake College, (618) 437-5321, Ext. 352 or Cox at Ext. 245.

November is Career Development Month

NEWS TO USE

What is Career Development?

Career Development is a lifelong process through which individuals come to understand themselves as they relate to the world of work. It occurs through participation in a continuum of developmental activities available through both formal and informal experiences in and outside of institutions and agencies. *Job Shadowing* is an activity in which a student "shadows" or observes a worker doing a particular job. One reason to provide students with a job shadowing experience is to introduce him/her to various jobs or careers within their industry of interest in order to help them make decisions about a future career goal. Job shadowing can be short- or long-term and take place with one or more employers. *Mentors* are "adults who assume quasi-parental roles as advisors and role models for young people to whom they are unrelated." They differ from teachers and counselors because mentors volunteer their time, and the scope of their involvement includes a variety of activities. A mentor might change roles daily or weekly and can serve as a tutor, a sponsor, a confidant, and a work supervisor to a student. Recent research supports the idea that mentors can make a significant difference in the lives of young people. One factor found to be associated with resilience in the face of adversity is the presence of a strong parental figure who offers guidance and encouragement.

Did You Know?

Employers Look For People Who Have:

- **Good Communication Skills (reading, writing, speaking)**
 - **Good Math Skills and a grasp of Science**
 - **Computer Skills (for almost every field)**
- **Interpersonal Skills (ability to get along with others)**
 - **Positive Work Habits and Attitude**

The Illinois Job Market

Job openings in Illinois will total more than 230,000 in 1999 and that number will increase to 2.32 million by the year 2006, according to the latest occupational projections released by the Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES) Economic Information and Analysis Division (EI&A).

High-tech occupations such as **systems analysts, computer programmers and electrical and computer engineers** topped the list of "hot jobs" (very favorable outlook short and long term) for college graduates with a bachelor's degree. Jobs in **finance, including accountants and auditors, and loan officers and counselors** also made the list - as did **high school and special education teachers**.

Employment is projected to grow at all levels, from jobs requiring only on-the-job training to those requiring an advanced degree. However, nearly 36 percent of next year's most favorable jobs will require an associate degree or some other postsecondary vocational training. That number will increase to 39 percent by the year 2006.

CO-OP & JOB PLACEMENT INTERNET WORKSHOP



CAREER DEVELOPMENT AND THE INTERNET: A WORKSHOP FOR THE NEW MILLENNIUM

November 23, 1998

12:30 p.m.

Career Center, Academic Building 202

Free Seminar Includes: Self-assessments
Post a Resume / Job Search
Information on specific companies

Advanced Registration Required!!

Sign up sheet in South Oasis, Room 110

Seminar Leader: Annette Braden, Co-Op and Job Placement



REND LAKE COLLEGE

Men's Basketball Schedule '98-99

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NOVEMBER

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3	Tuesday	Lincoln Land John A. Logan Classic	Springfield Carterville	7:00 pm
6	Friday			6:00 pm
7	Saturday			1:00 pm
14	Saturday	McKendree J.V.	Lebanon	5:00 pm
		REND LAKE COLLEGE CLASSIC	RLC	
20	Friday	Shawnee vs. Lewis & Clark RLC vs. SPOON RIVER		5:30 pm 7:30 pm
21	Saturday	Shawnee vs. Spoon River RLC vs. LEWIS & CLARK		1:00 pm 3:00 pm
23	Monday	McKENDREE J.V.	RLC	7:00 pm
28	Saturday	ST. LOUIS - MERAMEC (MO)	RLC	3:00 pm
30	Monday	Shawnee	Ullin	7:30 pm

DECEMBER

5	Saturday	Danville Area Classic Illinois Central	Danville	6:00 pm
6	Sunday	Danville Area		3:00 pm
8	Tuesday	PARKLAND	RLC	7:00 pm
10	Thursday	KASKASKIA *	RLC	7:30 pm

JANUARY

5	Tuesday	DANVILLE AREA	RLC	7:00 pm
7	Thursday	Wabash Valley *	Mt. Carmel	7:30 pm
9	Saturday	LINCOLN TRAIL *	RLC	3:00 pm
14	Thursday	Southeastern Illinois *	Harrisburg	7:30 pm
16	Saturday	Olney Central *	Olney	7:30 pm
20	Wednesday	JOHN A. LOGAN *	RLC	7:30 pm
23	Saturday	BELLEVILLE AREA *	RLC	7:30 pm
25	Monday	Kaskaskia *	Centralia	7:30 pm
28	Thursday	WABASH VALLEY *	RLC	7:30 pm
30	Saturday	Lincoln Trail *	Robinson	7:30 pm

FEBRUARY

4	Thursday	SOUTHEASTERN ILLINOIS *	RLC	7:30 pm
13	Saturday	OLNEY CENTRAL *	RLC	7:30 pm
15	Monday	John A. Logan *	Carterville	7:30 pm
18	Thursday	Belleville Area *	Belleville	7:30 pm
20	Saturday	John Wood	Quincy	7:00 pm
23	Tuesday	SHAWNEE	RLC	7:30 pm

* Great Rivers Athletic Conference game

WARRIORS



REND LAKE COLLEGE

Women's Basketball Schedule '98-99

NOVEMBER

Date	Day	Opponent	Site	Time
7	Saturday	St. Louis - Florissant Valley (MO)	St. Louis, MO	4:00 pm
10	Tuesday	East Central	Union, MO	7:00 pm
14	Saturday	DANVILLE AREA	RLC	1:00 pm
16	Monday	Lake Land	Mattoon	5:30 pm
19	Thursday	ST. LOUIS - FLO VALLEY (MO)	RLC	5:30 pm
22	Sunday	ILLINOIS CENTRAL	RLC	1:30 pm
28	Saturday	ST. LOUIS - MERAMEC (MO)	RLC	1:00 pm
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DECEMBER

Date	Day	Opponent	Site	Time
7	Monday	LAKE LAND	RLC	5:30 pm
10	Thursday	KASKASKIA *	RLC	5:30 pm
19	Saturday	LINCOLN LAND	RLC	5:30 pm

JANUARY

Date	Day	Opponent	Site	Time
4	Monday	Lincoln Land	Springfield	5:30 pm
7	Thursday	Wabash Valley *	Mt. Carmel	5:30 pm
9	Saturday	LINCOLN TRAIL *	RLC	1:00 pm
11	Monday	Belleville Area *	Belleville	5:30 pm
14	Thursday	Southeastern Illinois *	Harrisburg	5:30 pm
16	Saturday	Olney Central *	Olney	5:30 pm
20	Wednesday	JOHN A. LOGAN *	RLC	5:30 pm
23	Saturday	BELLEVILLE AREA *	RLC	5:30 pm
25	Monday	Kaskaskia *	Centralia	5:30 pm
28	Thursday	WABASH VALLEY *	RLC	5:30 pm
30	Saturday	Lincoln Trail *	Robinson	5:30 pm

FEBRUARY

Date	Day	Opponent	Site	Time
4	Thursday	SOUTHEASTERN ILLINOIS *	RLC	5:30 pm
8	Monday	Vincennes University (IN)	Vincennes, IN	6:00 pm
13	Saturday	OLNEY CENTRAL *	RLC	5:30 pm
15	Monday	John A. Logan *	Carterville	5:30 pm
23	Tuesday	SHAWNEE	RLC	5:30 pm
25	Thursday	Danville Area	Danville	6:00 pm

MARCH

Date	Day	Opponent	Site	Time
1	Monday	Region XXIV Tourney First-Round	TBA	TBA
		Region XXIV Tournament at John A. Logan		
5	Friday	Region XXIV Semifinals	Carterville	TBA
6	Saturday	Region XXIV Finals	Carterville	TBA

* Great Rivers Athletic Conference game

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In a Speech, Gates Calls Technology Role of Community Colleges 'Critical'

By JEFFREY R. YOUNG

MIAMI BEACH – Community colleges are becoming “absolutely critical” in the information age, Bill Gates said in a speech Tuesday to the annual technology conference of the League for Innovation in the Community College. Speaking over a satellite hookup, he said community colleges could both help train high-tech workers and help improve access to technology.

“It’s really the community colleges that can help fill the gap” between the strong demand for technology employees and the limited supply, said Mr. Gates, the chairman of the Microsoft Corporation. He said that the lack of skilled workers was “a real challenge” for Microsoft, and that its partner companies report the shortage as their top problem.

“Microsoft sees its role as working very closely with you,” he added. One example of its commitment, he said, was the company’s Authorized Academic Training Program, which helps community colleges and high schools set up courses that train students to use Microsoft products. “We’re doing quite a bit in this area, and we see it as an area that we plan to expand,” he said.

Mr. Gates also used his speech to pitch Microsoft’s products. Using PowerPoint slides, he described a range of the company’s applications that community colleges could use, from the Office suite of productivity software to Windows NT, an operating system for computer servers.

He noted that community colleges are increasing access to technology by offering students in small communities exposure to computers and the Internet. “We want to work with you to try to increase access to technology,” he said.

Mr. Gates also invited community-college leaders to help the company better serve its education customers. “The feedback we get from you is very important so that we set priorities about what should we do to make this software better and better,” he said. Since last year, the company has been part of the Microsoft/Compaq Community College Advisory Council, which includes representatives of the two companies as well as 11 community-college leaders.

“The more I’ve learned about the community-college system throughout the United States,” he added, “the more I’ve been impressed.”

Mr. Gates’ relaxed demeanor presented a sharp contrast to his videotaped testimony – released publicly on Monday – in the U.S. government’s antitrust lawsuit against the software giant. In the testimony, the software executive appeared awkward and evasive, staring at the table, rocking in his chair, and repeatedly stating that he did not remember specific e-mail exchanges and meetings. In his address to the community-college leaders, however, he stood and talked animatedly, often bragging about how his company conducted most of its important transactions over the Internet.

After describing his vision of an increasingly high-tech society – and the community colleges’ role in it – Mr. Gates answered a few questions that had been collected from community-college leaders in advance and vetted by his staff members. He did not take questions from the floor.

Asked how community colleges should deal with the challenge of getting various types of computers on their campuses to communicate with one another, his answer was simple: Buy only Windows-based machines.

“What you’ll see is, more and more, software packages that run a college will be on a standard mainstream platform – that is the Windows NT platform,” he said.

Mark Milliron, the league vice-president who introduced Mr. Gates, said the computer executive was proof that “two years of education can be a good thing.” Mr. Gates dropped out of Harvard University after two years to help start Microsoft, and the company has made him one of the richest men in the world.

But Mr. Gates joked that he had hardly been the kind of scholar today’s students should emulate: “I was always reluctant to attend my classes.”

F.Y.I. Week ahead



NOVEMBER

MONDAY / 2nd

- Baseball Meeting, 2:15-3 pm (SCI 110) • LIGHT, 3-5 (SC) • Assessment Committee, 4-5:30 pm (SC/EBR) • Real Estate, 5-9:30 pm (ACA 207)
- SICA, 5:30-7 pm (SC/EBR) • Rehearsal, 6-9 pm (Theatre) • R/C Airplane Club, 7:30-9 pm (SC/EBR)

TUESDAY / 3rd

- GRAC Meeting, 9 am-Noon (SC/PDA) • "History of Math," 9:30-10:45 (1-Room Schoolhouse) • "Culinary Arts," 2-10 pm (Kitchen)
- President's Advisory Meeting, 4-5 pm (SC/EBR) • "Theatre," 6-10 pm (Theatre) • Men's Basketball-RLC vs. Lincoln Land in Springfield, 7 pm

WEDNESDAY / 4th

- Student Services, 8:30-10 am (ACA 206) • Dept. Chair Interviews, 10 am-5 pm (SC/EBR) • Census Testing, 2-4 pm and 6-8 pm (SC/PDA)
- Scholar Bowl, 5-6 pm (ACA 105) • "Anthropology" TV, 5-7 pm (ACA 210) • Rehearsal, 6-9 pm (Theatre)

THURSDAY / 5th

- McKendree, 8 am-8:30 pm (TECH 156) • Secretary of State, 8 am-4:30 pm (Theatre) • RLC Foundation / Bombardier, 10:30 am-1 pm (SC/EBR)
- "American Govt." TV, Noon-1 pm (SCI 110) • RLC Foundation Scholarship Dinner, 5:30 pm (SC/PDA and SC/EBR) • "History" TV, 6-7 (ACA 211)

FRIDAY / 6th

- Dept. Chair Interviews, 9 am-4 pm (SC/EBR) • Travel Club, 9 am-2 pm (SC/PDA) • Rehearsal, Noon-6 pm (Theatre)
- Rend Lake Resort, 4-10 pm (SC/PDA) • Men's Basketball - RLC vs. Lincoln in John A. Logan Classic, Carterville, 6 pm

WEEKEND / 7th & 8th

- SATURDAY - Rend Lake Resort, 8 am-5 pm (SC/PDA) • Illinois State University, 9 am-1 pm (ACA 105)
- Rehearsal, Noon-6 pm (Theatre) • Men's Basketball - RLC vs. Highland in John A. Logan Classic, Carterville, 1 pm
 - Women's Basketball - RLC at St. Louis - Florissant Valley (MO), 4 pm
- SUNDAY -

MONDAY / 9th

- Tech Prep, 10 am-3 pm (SC/PDA) • LIGHT, 3-5 pm (SC) • Student Senate, 4-5 pm (SC/EBR) • Real Estate, 5-9:30 pm (ACA 207)
- Rehearsal, 6-9 pm (Theatre)

TUESDAY / 10th

- IL Caucus for Adolescent Health, 9 am-12:30 pm (SC/PDA) • "Culinary Arts" 2-10 pm (Kitchen) • President's Council, 2 pm (SC/PDA)
- "Writing for Self Discovery/Healing," 6-9 pm (ACA 211) • RLC Board of Trustees Meeting, 6:30 pm (SC) • "Theatre," 6-10 pm (Theatre)
- Women's Basketball - RLC vs. East Central in Union, MO, 7 pm

WEDNESDAY / 11th

- COLLEGE CLOSED - VETERANS DAY HOLIDAY • RLC Foundation / Methodist Men's Club, 4-10 pm (SC)

THURSDAY / 12th

- McKendree, 8 am-8:30 pm (TECH 156) • IL Dept. of Transportation, 8 am-4 pm (SC/PDA) • "Getting Out Of Debt," 6-9 pm (ACA 211)
- Rehearsal, 6-9 pm (Theatre) • R/C Airplane Club, 7:30 pm (SC/EBR)

FRIDAY / 13th

- Student Learning Styles, 8:30-11 am (ACA 206) • "Future Focus," 11 am-4 pm (SC/EBR) • Tech Crew, 11 am-6 pm (Theatre)

WEEKEND / 14th & 15th

- SATURDAY - Franklin County Sheriff's Fitness Testing, 8:30-11 am (Gym) • Student Learning Styles, 8:30-11 am (ACA 206)
- 4-H Leader Training Workshop, 9 am-3 pm (SC) • 4-H Leader Training, 9 am-3 pm (ACA 102, 104-106, 108, 109)
 - Men's Basketball - RLC vs. McKendree J.V. in Lebanon, 5 pm • Women's Basketball - Danville Area at RLC, 1 pm
- SUNDAY - Technical Run-Through, Noon-8 pm (Theatre)