

'ALUMNUS OF YEAR' MARK MICHALIC ('78)

RLC to honor, hear national hero

The federal agent most responsible for tracking down the Oklahoma City bombing suspect will be the featured speaker Tuesday, December 8, as the 17th recipient of the Rend Lake College "Alumnus of the Year" Award at the RLC Foundation Annual Dinner.

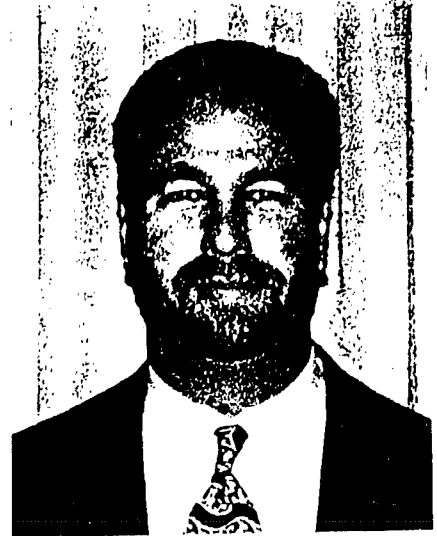
Former Student Trustee Mark E. Michalic, a West Frankfort native, has served with distinction as a Special Agent for the U.S. Dept. of the Treasury, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms the past 14 years.

Michalic is credited with

making the computer match that first tied Timothy McVeigh, who had been stopped for driving a vehicle without a license plate, to the explosion which ripped through the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building killing 168 people in Spring, 1995.

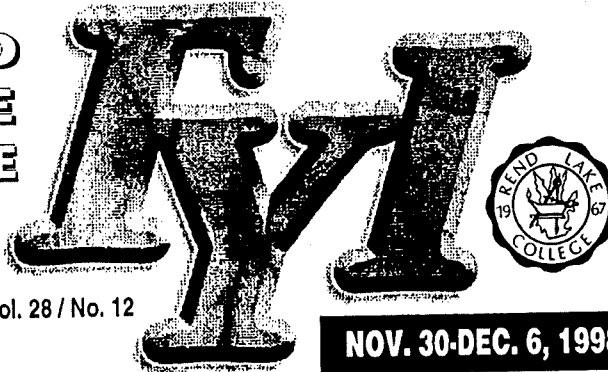
"We got him!" Michalic yelled to a roomful of cheering agents soon after typing information into the National Crime Information Center computer at the Oklahoma City command post.

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MARK MICHALIC
1998 'Alumnus of Year'

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FREE DINNER

The RLC Foundation is once again offering a complimentary pass to the Annual Dinner to any full-time employee who would like to attend. The cost is \$25 per person for guests.

Interested in accepting the offer? Let the Foundation Office know by Friday at Ext. 213.

Christmas Concert Thursday at 7:30

Rend Lake College will host its second annual Christmas Concert on Thursday, December 3, at 7:30 p.m. in the Theatre. There is no charge to attend, but guests are requested to bring nonperishable food items to help the RLC Student Senate with its annual food drive for the needy.

The concert features the RLC Community Chorus, directed by Music Instructor Julie Wilkerson, the RLC Women's Ensemble, solos by several Rend Lake College students and some "surprise" numbers by a newly formed string ensemble consisting of Jennifer Herzing (Mt. Vernon) on vio-

lin, Curt Gibbs (Mt. Vernon) on guitar, Kendal White (Sims) on guitar, Wendell Mays (Mt. Vernon) on bass, and Wilkerson on banjo.

A vocal solo will be presented by Sara Holz (Mt. Vernon), co-winner of the Outstanding Performer Award a

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RLCF Children's Center students share dinner with parents, guests

There was turkey, dressing and all the fixin's at Rend Lake College on Monday, November 23.

All would agree it was a delightful way to start a festive week of Thanksgiving. The only catch being that for most of those in attendance, their knees would not fit under the tables.

The new RLC Foundation Children's Center hosted Thanksgiving Dinner for the parents whose children attend the center and a few special invited guests. Major donors for the Children's Center in attendance were Pat Mateer and Marjorie Farrar, both of Mt. Vernon.

Mildred Fitzgerrell, an RLC Foundation board member, enjoyed dinner as well, as did another Foundation board member from Sesser, Jim Kelly, who enjoyed lunch with his grandson.

Members of the Rend Lake College administrative staff present included President Mark S. Kern; Dean for Finance and Administration Bob Carlock; Terry Clark, Dean of Voca-

tional-Technical Education, and Pat Mitchell, Executive Director of the RLC Foundation.

While visiting the Children's Center, Mateer and Farrar viewed and toured the new log cabin playhouse built by students in the RLC/Big Muddy River Correctional Center Construction Occupations program and witnessed playground and singing activities in the preschool classroom.

"Pat Mateer and Marjorie Farrar were included in the invitation because they were a large part of providing the financial resources for the construction of the Children's Center," said Mitchell. "It was a way for us at Rend Lake College to say 'Thanks' for making this possible."

The dinner was prepared by Culinary Arts students who also provide breakfast, lunch and snacks daily for the children.

Children in the toddler classroom were instrumental in the preparation of the pumpkin pies served for dessert.

OBITUARIES

Auto accident claims student

Bobbi Jo Furlow, 23, of Sesser died Friday, November 27, at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis from injuries sustained in a two-car collision a week before.

Furlow was a Rend Lake College student. She also worked as the receptionist for IEP Inc. in Sesser.

Among the survivors are her young son, Tristen Veach. Memorials may be given to the Tristen Veach Trust Fund, in care of Bank of Whittington.

The accident occurred about two miles east of Sesser on Route 154. Services are scheduled Tuesday, December 1.

The driver of the other vehicle was ticketed for DUI, improper lane useage and not wearing a seat belt. Charges of reckless homicide are expected to be filed later this week, according to news accounts.

Birthdays

- Linda Odle (12/1)
- David Davis (12/3)
- Catherine Jackson (12/5)
- Shari Carpenter (12/8)
- Amy Durfee (12/9)
- Frank Fenton (12/14)
- John Duncan (12/15)
- Linda Denton (12/19)
- Camille Jones (12/19)
- Leah Stallman (12/19)
- Dr. Julie Meents (12/20)
- Becky Williamson (12/21)
- Ginger Hogan (12/25)
- Michael Joplin (12/26)
- Nancy Kinsey (12/26)
- Jana Groh (12/27)
- Shelley Meacham (12/30)
- Paula Myers (12/30)
- Elaine Johnson (12/31)
- Nigel Thompson (1/2)
- Lyndy Girten (1/3)

Menu for week of November 30-December 4 . . .

MARTIN'S FOOD SERVICE

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<i>Specials</i>	<i>Specials</i>	<i>Specials</i>	<i>Specials</i>	<i>Specials</i>
LUNCH \$4.25 Chicken and Dumplings 2 Vegetables Roll Small Drink	LUNCH \$3.50 Ham and Beans Cornbread Small Drink	LUNCH \$4.25 Salisbury Steak 2 Vegetables Roll Small Drink	LUNCH \$3.25 Spaghetti Roll Small Drink	LUNCH \$4.25 Tuna Casserole 2 Vegetables Roll Small Drink
SANDWICH \$3.15 Pork Fritter FF/Veg/Chips Small Drink	SANDWICH \$3.15 Corn Dogs (2) FF/Veg/Chips Small Drink	SANDWICH \$3.15 Sloppy Joe FF/Veg/Chips Small Drink	SANDWICH \$3.15 Chicken FF/Veg/Chips Small Drink	SANDWICH \$3.15 Cheeseburger FF/Veg/Chips Small Drink

Hours / 7:30 am - 1:30 pm

Live action at the 'Nitro Party' Monday night

Just signed. Live wrestling, featuring a match for the Rend Lake College Heavyweight Championship Tag Belts pitting Dirk Diggler versus Dirty Dusty and their partners.

A 25-foot screen so you "won't miss a single body slam, DDT or elbow drop."

A "Who's Next?" Goldberg photo shirt and two Kimberly posters. Another giveaway featuring a Hollywood Hogan rip-a-way tank top, just a week and a half after his "retirement" announcement and bid for the presidency.

A local version of the Nitro girls. Is college life great or what?

On Monday, December 7, the Rend Lake College Student Senate will sponsor its first "Nitro Party," featuring all of the above, from 6-10 p.m. in the RLC Theatre.

For those not in the know, the fun event will be videotaped and sent to the World Championship Wrestling Nitro Party Contest.

A ring will be set up on stage in the RLC Theatre for the "main" preliminary event. Student Senate member Dustin Cammack (Texico), aka Dirty Dusty, will team with Bruiser Joe (Blumeyer Jr. of Mt. Vernon) in a winner-take-all grudge match against fellow Senate member Brice James (Mt. Vernon), otherwise known as Dirk Diggler, and his partner, Mad Matt (Rose of Mt. Vernon).

The special referee for the match will be Josh (Haile) the Great, imported from Belle Rive.

The "Nitro Party" is free and open to the public.

At 7 p.m., participants will turn their attention to the TNT broadcast of Monday Night Nitro on the giant screen. "Wrestlers do their thing on a 25-foot screen, if you can imagine that," said RLC Student Senate Sponsor Lynn Nimtz.

Drawings will be held for WCW / New World Order products, including: a Red Wolf shirt, the Hogan tank top, a t-shirt featuring the undefeated Goldberg and the Kimberly posters.

A raffle (\$3 per ticket, two for \$5, five for \$10) will be conducted for two tickets to the December 21 Nitro event coming to the TWA Dome in St. Louis. The tickets are for seats located on the lower concourse and valued at \$70.

Pizza and soft drinks also will be available for sale in the RLC Theatre lobby.

Want to learn more about the December 7 "Nitro Party" on the Ina campus?

Check out Cammack's addition to the Rend Lake College website at www.rlc.cc.il.us under the Upcoming Events link.

CLASSIFIED ADS

HELP WANTED

Rend Lake College

is seeking Internal Candidates only as a

Financial Assistant

for its Child Care Resource and Referral Program based in Mt. Vernon. The individual selected will prepare budgets for all CCRR grants, prepare fiscal year closeout reports, monitor expenditures, coordinate monthly fiscal reporting and serve as liaison between RLC and CCRR. // Full-time, nontenure-track, grant-funded position.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Bachelor's Degree from an accredited institution required; Business or Accounting major preferred
- Experience working with grants and Child Care Resource and Referral programs preferred
- Good computer and communications skills required

SALARY and BENEFITS

- \$24,000-\$26,000
- 20 paid Vacation Days
- Pleasant, challenging work environment
- Excellent Health/Life Insurance coverage
- Free Tuition for employee, spouse and dependents
- Retirement Plan
- 12 paid Holidays

THE APPLICATION PROCESS

- Tentative start date is December 16 (or as negotiated)
- Application Deadline is Wednesday, December 9, 4 pm
- For an application packet, contact:

Cindy Minor, Assistant
c/o REND LAKE COLLEGE
468 N Ken Gray Pkwy
Ina, IL 62846

Jennifer Parker
c/o "Project CHILD"
1100-B South 42nd St.
Mt. Vernon, IL 62864

437-5321, Ext. 228 / e-mail - jobs@rlc.cc.il.us

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HELP WANTED

Rend Lake College

is seeking Internal Candidates only for



Executive Director of Community Development

The Executive Director is responsible for the areas of Cooperative Education and Job Placement, K-12 Programs, Alternative / Optional Education, Project First Class, special grant projects, the Center for Business and Industry and Community Services. Responsibilities include: administrative leadership, staffing, budget preparation and management, staff evaluation, program and grant evaluation, development and facilitation of programs and activities relating to community improvement and development.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Master's Degree in Education, Administration or related field from an accredited institution required.
- College-level administration and teaching experience preferred.
- Grant writing / administration experience preferred.
- Innovative, energetic, team-oriented.

SALARY and BENEFITS

- \$48,000-\$51,000 range
- 20 paid Vacation Days
- Pleasant, challenging work environment
- Excellent Health / Life Insurance coverage
- Free Tuition for employee, spouse and dependents
- Retirement Plan
- 12 paid Holidays

THE APPLICATION PROCESS

- Start date is negotiable
- Application Deadline is Wednesday, December 9, 4 pm, or until position is filled
- For an application packet, contact:

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

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"Sheriff," he had said earlier to the head of the department where McVeigh was being detained for the traffic violation, "this is what I want you to do: Go tell that deputy to spin that old boy around and put him back in your hotel."

The public is invited to hear Michalic's story that evening at the Mt. Vernon Holiday Inn. Reservations, at \$25 per person, will be accepted through Friday, December 4, by contacting the RLC Foundation office at 437-5321, Ext. 213.

For his efforts, Michalic was cited in the March 24, 1997, issue of *Newsweek* magazine and has been presented both the ATF Distinguished Service Medal and the Attorney General's Distinguished Service Award, from Attorney General Janet Reno.

From his colleagues with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the ATF Special Agent received the FBI Jefferson Cup with the following inscription: "To Mark E. Michalic with deep appreciation for your dedication, commitment and tireless efforts to protect the American people from crime and terrorism, and your extraordinary contributions to the cause of justice in the investigation and prosecution of the OKBOMB case. From your friends at the FBI."

McVeigh was headed to court for a bond hearing which almost certainly would have set him free when the identification was made and the call was placed to the sheriff's department.

The fact Michalic would emerge as a leader and national hero should come as no surprise to those who knew him as a Rend Lake College student majoring in Architectural Technology. In addition to being one of only two people ever to serve two years as the Student Representative on the Board of Trustees (1977-78), Michalic was vice-president of the Student Senate as a sophomore, Illinois State Lieutenant Governor of the South District for the Kiwanis-affiliated Circle K Club, Christmas "King" and a member of the tennis team.

He never gave his parents, George and Agnes Michalic of West Frankfort, much reason to worry, either, until the morning of the bombing. His office was located in the Murrah Building.

Michalic was safe, but he lost a number of friends in the blast which touched a nation.

The younger Michalic has given his medals and awards for heroic acts to his father, who was stationed at Pearl Harbor the morning of the attack by the Japanese December 7, 1941.

Michalic is a Federal Firearms Instructor responsible for training agents in the use and function of all issued weapon systems. He also is a member of the Region IV Special Response Team, a SWAT Team comprised of specially trained ATF Agents whose purpose is to serve high-risk search and arrest warrants (for example, the attempted warrant service at the Branch Davidian compound in Waco, TX, in February, 1993).

Since April, 1995, he has been a Case Agent assigned to OKBOMB (Oklahoma Bombing Task Force). That includes one year in Oklahoma City and two years in Denver, CO, on the prosecution team.

The RLC alumnus likewise has

served on numerous Secret Service protection details for Presidents Bill Clinton and George Bush, former Vice-President Dan Quayle, Admiral James Stockdale and others.

In spite of all the tributes and accolades, Michalic said he is "still in shock" regarding the RLC award "and looking forward to the banquet."

"Thank you so much for this great honor," he responded to RLC Foundation Executive Director Pat Mitchell in a recent correspondence.

Michalic's tenacity and skills which helped keep McVeigh behind bars and eventually bring McVeigh and Terry Nichols to trial, while cited nationally, might have gone unnoticed locally if not for retired Architectural Technology Instructor Fred Bruno, who notified the hometown West Frankfort *Daily American*.

The Annual Dinner will feature special recognition of four other individuals and two businesses; dinner entertainment by the MVTHS Symphonic String Choir, Suzuki Violist Jennifer Herzing and Vocalist Julie Wilkerson; a short video emphasizing the Children's Center and Aquatics Center and other accomplishments for 1998, and an announcement of yet another major gift award.



RLC grad Mark Michalic and Attorney General Janet Reno

Metzger receives USTA national service award

Rend Lake College Women's Tennis Coach and Math Professor Diane Metzger has been selected as one of only 10 national recipients of the United States Tennis Association (USTA) Collegiate Community Service Award.

She will be honored at the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Con-

vention December 14 in Tampa, FL.

One male and one female from NCAA I, II, III, NAIA and NJCAA schools were chosen based on several criteria, including volunteer involvement with USTA and/or community programs, work with community tennis associations, campus clinics and other campus activities and volun-

teer work running local tournaments.

Metzger, previously honored as the 1998 Southern Illinois Senior Female "Player of the Year," was sent a survey to fill out and return in order to be considered for the USTA national award. The completed survey included all of her activities and community involvement, of which there are many.

When she is not coaching the RLC Women's tennis team, she is busy with community projects.

Metzger works closely with the Benton Community Park in the organization and coordination of tennis activities in Benton, including a Juniors Team, free tennis lessons, Adult and Junior USTA-sanctioned tournaments and adult leagues. She also is secretary of the USTA Southern Illinois Tennis Association and Director of Junior Team Tennis in Southern Illinois. In addition, she has worked with the USA 1-2-3 Program in Southern Illinois and is President of the Franklin County Tennis Club.

The women's program was started four years ago by Metzger. Her teams usually represent a good blend of recent high school graduates from throughout Southern Illinois and help from nontraditional, older students Metzger has become acquainted with as a result of her own playing during the summer months.

Each of the last two years, the Lady Warriors have finished third in Region XXIV, missing a berth in the national finals by one spot.

She was hired as a full-time math instructor by Rend Lake College in August, 1984.

Of her job here at RLC Metzger says, "I've always said that something you love should be a little part of your job."

A native of Metropolis, Metzger currently resides in Benton. She has two grown children and three grandchildren.

Meet the staff

HEAD TEACHER/PRE-SCHOOL & ASST. DIRECTOR
RLCF CHILDREN'S CENTER (8/1/98)

Brenda Heinzmann

Master of Science in Education – Curriculum & Instruction, Early Childhood Education – SIUC '97
B.S. in Early Childhood Education – U. of Tennessee-Martin, '80

Background – Early Childhood Coordinator/Lead Teacher, St. Mark's Lutheran School, '89-98
• Varsity Volleyball Coach, Steeleville High School, '90-94
• BABES. Coordinator, SCUS #138, '90-94 • Teacher/Coach, St. Mary's School, '85-88 • Teacher/Coach, Morrisonville Elementary, '82-85 • Education Coordinator, Western Egyptian Head Start,

'81-82 • Teacher, St. Mark's Lutheran School, '80-81 • Steeleville native

Husband – Jim (5th grade teacher at Steeleville Public School)

Children – Whitney, 10, a 5th grader at Steeleville in her father's homeroom

Organizations – Alum of Sigma Kappa Sorority • Member of Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society

Leisure – Collects Antiques • Enjoys Lawnwork, gardening • Remodeling her old (turn-of-the-century) home

Meet the staff

HEAD TEACHER/INFANT CLASSROOM
RLCF CHILDREN'S CENTER (8/1/98)

Carmen Randall

B.S. – Early Childhood/Elementary Education – SIUC, '92

Background – Resource Teacher, BCMW Head Start, '95-98 • Early Childhood Special Education Teacher, Central City Elementary, Centralia, '95-98
• 1st Grade Teacher, Raccoon Elementary, Centralia, '94-95 •

Substitute Teacher/Teacher's Aide, Jefferson County School District, '92-94 • Native of Mt. Vernon

Residence – Mt. Vernon
Husband – Robert (employed at a Benton plumbing and electric supplier)

Leisure – Reading • Crafts

STATE AND REGIONAL CONFERENCES *Presentations by Trammell, Metzger*

Two instructors representing Rend Lake College were invited to make presentations recently for colleagues attending regional and national conferences.

Dr. Sue Trammell, who teaches biology and botany for RLC, spoke at the National Association of Biology Teachers (NABT) annual convention in Reno, NV, on November 5 with a program entitled, "Distance Education Biology Courses? It Can Be Done." The presentation illustrated how General Botany and Biology for non-majors courses can be taught via distance education utilizing laboratory kits and a minimum of equipment.

Trammell also was elected to the Nominations Committee for the Two-Year Colleges Section of NABT.

RLC Math Professor Diane Metzger made her presentation November 17 at the Illinois State Board of Education Southern Regional Education-To-Careers Conference in Marion. Her program, "Developing Real World Math Problems," focused on curriculum development for Grades 1-14 based on local business and industry needs.

The development of Metzger's presentation contained several aspects initiated after representatives from Business/Industry in Southern Illinois presented real-world math problems on October 21, 1997, to a group of elementary, high school and college teachers.

Participants volunteered to stay afterward to discuss developing problems that could be used in the classroom related to the applications presented. Dr. Leno Petrotti, from the Center of Occupational Research Development, then took those examples and worked on the process to be followed in developing these problems.

The second part required a group of teachers from the previous work-

shop to meet as a team a year ago to review the real-world math problems and to develop math problems by grade level, related to them.

The goal of this session was to develop 50 problems and 25 labs for each grade level individually and as a group within one month's time. The group was named "Math Curriculum Design Team for Developing Real World Math Problems." Metzger was one of 10 people participating on the design team.

The design team then sent the problems to Pedrotti, who reviewed the problems and offered suggestions and corrections. On February 6, in a VTEL Conference with Pedrotti, the design team followed up on the problems and comments made, continuing to develop and revise problems.

Finally, this past summer, the design team again toured businesses and industries in Southern Illinois with the hopes of developing more ideas for real-world math problems with Pedrotti and preparing the final publication.

Beanie Baby raffle set for December 11

The Rend Lake College Foundation is sponsoring a Beanie Baby Raffle to benefit the Nursing Scholarship Fund.

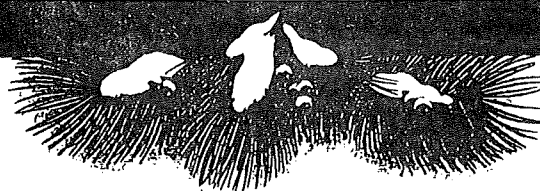
Allied Health students will be raffling 40-50 beanies both current and retired, including three Princesses, three Erins, Glory, two Fortunes and an entire set of 12 McDonald's 1998 Teeny Beanies.

"The grand prize is a Sammy Sosa and Mark McGwire combo set that includes both beanies, a McGwire baseball cap, cards, T-shirt, poster and pennant as well as the Sports Illustrated special issue commemorating the greathomerun race," said Sandra Lipe, RLC Nursing Professor.

Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. The drawing will be held at noon Friday, December 11, in the South Oasis. Winners need not be present.

For a complete listing of beanie raffles or for more information, contact Lipe in the Allied Health Department, 437-5321, Ext. 251.

"Do have money in hand," Lipe warned. "No money . . . no beanie. If you don't play, you can't win!"



You're Invited

Mr. Mark S. Kern,
President of Rend Lake College &
Mr. Hunt Bonan,
President of Rend Lake College Foundation

extend a cordial invitation to join us for the
Annual Dinner Meeting of the Rend Lake College Foundation.

Tuesday, December 8, 1998 at 6:00 o'clock in the evening
Holiday Inn, 222 Potomac, Mt. Vernon, Illinois

\$25.00 per person

Free swimming first Sunday of each month

Beginning this Sunday, December 6, the Jimmy J. Fulks Aquatics Center will be open to the public for a free swim the first Sunday of each month on the Rend Lake College campus, according to an announcement by

Coordinator Jason Thrash.

Free usage of the six-lane, 25-yard lap pool, hydro therapy pool and whirlpool will be available each of those Sundays during normal hours of operation, between noon and 5

p.m. The facility is accessible for the physically challenged.

The next free swim after this Sunday will be January 3.

Participants under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

Academic Assessment meetings December 7 and 9

Members of the Student Academic Assessment Committee have scheduled two Question/Answer panel sessions for next week and are encouraging all faculty to attend one of the meetings.

The first session is planned Monday, December 7, from 4-5 p.m. in the Student Center Private Dining Area. The second will be Wednesday, December 9, from 7-8 a.m., also in the Student Center PDA.

The newly formed committee is a product of preparation for the up-

coming North Central Association accreditation visit.

Dr. Julie K. Meents, Dean of Instruction, has asked all faculty members to do an assessment activity in at least one of their courses Spring Semester '99.

For those with questions or concerns regarding this request, the two upcoming meetings should help answer some of those uncertainties.

Dr. Sue Tomlin and Dr. Sue Trammell are co-chairing the committee.

Other Student Academic Assessment Committee members include Barbara Bauernfeind, Cindy Corn, Barbara Crouse, Linda Denton, Frank Fenton, Ro Hoar, Jody Johnson, Martha McCreery, Mike Mullen and Nigel Thompson.

Elaine Johnson, who is involved with the School-to-Work program and SCANS, also is a participant.

More information about the meetings December 7 and 9 is available by contact either Tomlin or Trammell at Ext. 288.

Meet the staff

Shirley Muckley

M.S. and B.S. in Education – Southern Illinois U.-Carbondale

Background – Retired from IL Public Schools • Contract Counselor, Century Unit School District #100 • Alternative Ed. Teacher, Shawnee College • Regional Office Mgr./Supervisor for Catholic Social Service, Carbondale • English Teacher, Kaskaskia College • DCFS PAL Transition Monitor, Mt. Vernon DCFS Field Office • IL State Board of Education LAN Liason for Jackson/Perry Counties and Franklin/Williamson Counties • Hometown is Vienna

Residence – Herrin

GUIDANCE COUNSELOR / RLC and PINCKNEYVILLE COMM. H.S. (9/16/98)

Status – Divorced
Children – Cheryl, 30, Case Manager Supervisor at Murphysboro Boot Camp • Glenn, 21, U. of Illinois senior

Organizations – Active in the Methodist Church • Herrin City Library Board • Franklin Co. Country Club • Illinois Assn. of College Admissions Counselors • Co-chair of Jackson/Perry Regional Vocational Delivery System Student Services Committee • Part-time farmer/conservationist
Leisure – Reading • Playing piano and organ • Gardening • "Owns" golf clubs

FYI Briefs

Winner of the Destin Dreamin' Vacation Raffle conducted by the RLC Lady Warrior basketball team is ...

Jenny Peter of Tell City, IN.

Team members sold over 400 tickets and made approximately \$1,800 as a result of the raffle.

The vacation package – five days and four nights in Destin, FL, valued at over \$1,000 – was donated by a former college friend of Cindy Corn, CEO Michael Balzer of Emerald Coast Vacation Rental and Sales.

RLC product Jyl Pepple, a USA Today All-America academic choice, recently helped the Southern Illinois University Flying Salukis finish third in a regional aviation meet and clinch a berth in national competition next spring. Pepple, a junior, placed sixth in navigation and ninth in computer accuracy.

Meet the staff

Frank Hughey

Obtained GED through Rend Lake College program

Background – Part-time since April painting for RLC • Self-employed painter/landscaper for 20 years • Southern Illinois Door and Guttering, '96 • Western Staff Service, '94-96 • Part-time painter, RLC, '91-94 • Mt. Vernon native; played basketball for Webber Twp. H.S., '76-77

MAINTENANCE PAINTER /
GROUNDSKEEPER (9/1/98)

Residence – Belle Rive
Wife – Faith (Certified Nurse Assistant for Addus Home Health Care)

Children – Tommy Lee, 10, Opdyke-Belle Rive 5th-grader
• Hannah, 8, OBR 2nd-grader

Leisure – Working for and helping senior citizens • Fishing • Camping • Hiking

Work – Six months per year will be spent painting, six months on helping landscape

SOE mini-grants due this Friday

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 Scholarship of Engagement mini-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 Friday, December 4.

For more information, please contact Director of Cooperative Education, Job Placement and Human Resources Development Rex Duncan at Ext. 352 or at duncan@rlc.cc.il.us.

MORE ABOUT >> Thursday concert

year ago. Holz will be accompanied by her father, Hank, on guitar. A piano solo by Kylie Watts (Ina), the 1997 Musicianship Award Winner, also will be presented.

Featured at various other times throughout the evening will be Duane Culli (Woodlawn) the other co-winner of the '97 Outstanding Performer Award, Michelle Jones (Mt. Vernon), Amanda Solomon (Dahlgren), Michelle Adams (Bonnie), Amy Baltzell (Mt. Vernon) and Herzing.

The 45-minute program will include traditional songs such as "Rocking Around the Christmas Tree," "I'll Be Home For Christmas," "The Christmas Waltz," "Let It Snow" and "Here We Come a Caroling," as well as two new pieces, entitled "African Noel" and "Have You Heard?"

Other choir members include Hazel Andros (Benton), James Andros (Benton), Guy Brown (Sesser), Alisha Elder (Benton), Lia Gajewski (Mt. Vernon), Brian Hefner (Mt. Vernon), Tony Jenkins (Mt. Vernon), Kelly Johnston (Ina), Grace Kennedy (Benton), Ryan Maurer (Mt. Vernon), Stacie McCowen (Waltonville), Steven McInnes (Benton), Kaycee Roberts (Sesser), Nancy Schutte (Woodlawn) and Aaron Woodrome (Mt. Vernon).

FYI Briefs

Poinsettias sold by the Lady Warrior softball team are due any time. If you didn't place an order but would still like to purchase one or more, you might check with Dave Ellingsworth, Ronnie Ressel or the Athletic Dept. regarding the availability of any extras.

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.

HELP WANTED



Rend Lake College

is seeking a part-time professional

Adult Education (GED) Instructor

for Jefferson, Franklin, Perry and Wayne Counties. This person will be responsible for teaching a curriculum that includes math, social studies, science, English composition and literature integrated with job readiness and teamwork skills. Both day and evening classes offered.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Bachelors degree from an accredited institution required.
- Must have experience teaching and ability to work with adult students of diverse skill and motivational levels.

SALARY and BENEFITS

- \$20 per hour (not to exceed 24 hours per week)
- Pleasant, challenging work environment
- Free tuition for employee after four semesters

THE APPLICATION PROCESS

- Application Deadline is Friday, December 18
- Send cover letter, résumé and completed application and transcripts to:

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Alternative and Developmental Education
c/o REND LAKE COLLEGE
468 N Ken Gray Pkwy
Ina, IL 62846
437-5321, Ext. 244 / e-mail - jobs@rlc.cc.il.us

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Meet the staff

ADULT ED CURRICULUM IMPLEMENTATION
SPECIALIST (9/16/98)

Mary Gayle (Meg) Jany

Ph.D. in English – SIUC, upon completion of dissertation
M.A. in American Literature – SIUC, '92
B.A. in English – SIUC, '90

Background – Co-Prep Instructor, RLC, '98 • Adjunct English Instructor, SIU, John A. Logan, Shawnee, McKendree, '94-97 • Academic Advisor to Undergrad English Students, SIUC, '94-96 • Originally from Randolph County
Residence – Johnston City

Husband – Eugene Children – Gayle, a physical therapist at Heartland Rehab in Herrin • Larry • Clay, an air conditioning/heating specialist in Georgia

Organizations – Society for Creative Anachronisms (medieval reenactment group) • Former 4-H leader

Leisure – Historical Costuming for stage and reenactments • Needlecraft • Creative Writing • Spoiling grandbabies

Meet the staff

DIRECTOR OF EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS/
PINCKNEYVILLE CORR. CENTER (10/2/98)

Traci Hempen

Masters of Public Administration – SIU-Edwardsville, '96
B.S. in Administration of Justice – SIU-Carbondale, '90

Background – Human Resource Manager, Good Samaritan Reg. Health Center, '97-98 • Program Coordinator / Dislocated Worker Program, Kaskaskia College, '93-96 • Part-time Instructor, Centralia Correctional Center, '92-98 • Parole Officer, US Probation Office in Chicago, '90-91 • Centralia native

Residence – Irvington
Husband – Hal (employed at KARCO Inc. in Okawville)

Organizations – IL Employment and Training Association • American Society for Training and Development

Leisure – Teaching Part-Time at the Centralia Correctional Center (Communications, Reading Comprehension, Job Skills, Career Planning and Human Values and Attitudes)

Faculty Development Committee invites input from everyone

The newly expanded Faculty Development Committee made up of Joe Rust (Chair), Debbie Benns, Frank Fenton, John Fisher, Ro Hoar, Julie Meents, Martha McCreery, Wilanna Patton, Terry Wilkerson and Tim Wills is scheduled to meet for the first time Wednesday, December 2, at 4 p.m. in the Dean of Instruction's Office.

In a recent e-mail, Rust indicated meetings are open to all personnel and the committee is looking for input as to what you would like to see done as faculty development at RLC.

Faculty development is defined as "more than just 'professional' development that revolves around salary and movement. It also includes personal development, especially when it may be assisted by the college," Rust noted.

"Many of our staff deal not only with young children, but with aging parents, while others are dealing with depression and illness. These are just the tip of personal issues that RLC's Faculty Development Committee needs to address."

Added Rust, "Please share your concerns as the committee moves to make a document that outlines all areas of Faculty Development. The committee cannot perform their duties without your frank and truthful comments. Feel free to discuss any issues with the members of the committee. E-mail is welcome.

"We hope to complete our charge in short order. Thank you in advance for your comments and suggestions."

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From shively@rlc.cc.il.us ~

• Starting Monday, December 14, maintenance staff, along with help from a boot camp crew, will be in the South Oasis Pit areas replacing the carpet with terrazzo tile. The pit areas will be closed to students, staff

and the public for several days for the work to be done and proper sealing and wax treatment.

The boot camp crew will be working December 14-16.

• Starting Monday, December 21, maintenance and a boot camp crew

will be replacing pipes above the ceiling and installing a new ceiling and new light fixtures in the hallways of the South Oasis.

The entire building will be under remodeling and "will be a mess" through at least January 8.

RLC class helps Ewing network

Service Learning is an educational concept that involves applying skills acquired in the classroom to benefit the community. At least six such courses will be included on the Spring schedule at Rend Lake College.

The theory behind this alternative is sound and makes perfect sense.

In reality, however, many Rend Lake College classes have practiced "service learning" for some time now.

Students in Ricky Robinson's Industrial Electronics class, "Introduction to Networks," did not need a "Service Learning" designation to send out invitations to in-district schools to take advantage of their newly learned skills.

"They extended the offer to any school in the area that had a computer lab where help was needed to get the equipment configured and get the network up and running," Department Chair William Dill said.

Ewing-Northern Grade School apparently considered the offer too good to pass up, especially since one of its own, Regina Houseworth, is a member of the RLC networking class.

Robinson and 11 of his students spent one evening class recently installing networking software on about 30 computers at Ewing-Northern.

"It was good experience for the class members because not all of the computers installed properly the first time. The students got to see what actually takes place during the installation process, and not just what is supposed to happen," Robinson said.

"It's a big help to the school, plus it's hands-on, practical experience in the 'real' world for our students. It's definitely a win-win situation for everyone concerned," added Dill.

Class members include three full-time teachers who wanted to learn about networking, as well as three engineers and one technician from General Tire, another technician and one high school student.

Meet the staff

Rebecca Ferguson

HEAD TEACHER/TODDLER CLASSROOM
RLCF CHILDREN'S CENTER (8/1/98)

B.S. - Early Childhood/Elementary Education - SIUC, '98

Elementary School • Originally from Carterville

Background - Child Development Laboratories, SIUC, '98 • Student Teaching Experience, 1st Grade, Carterville Grade School, '98
• Student Worker / Carbondale Infant / Toddler Rooms, SIUC, '96-97 • Practicum, Early Childhood / Child Development Labs, Crainville Grade and Benton

Residence - Carbondale
Status - Engaged to Mark Coons, a dorm parent at Brehm Preparatory School
• Planning an October '99 wedding

Leisure - Sewing • Exercising (when she has time!)

Meet the staff

Karla Lewis

DISTANCE LEARNING/INSTRUCTIONAL TECH.
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT (10/7/98)

A.A.S. in Legal Assisting - Rend Lake College, '92

Residence - Sesser
Husband - Kevin (RLC student)
Children - Kyle, 12, 7th-grader at Sesser-Valier • Kelsi, 18 months, enrolled in RLCF Children's Center

Background - Administrative Assistant for Wood, Mitchell and Associates, CPA, '94-98 • Office Manager, The Sunshine Co., '92-94 • Native of Sesser

Leisure - Crafts • Cross-stitch • Collecting Antiques

Meet the staff

Cheryl Glover

BIG MUDDY RIVER CORRECTIONAL CENTER
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT (10/1/98)

A.A. - Rend Lake College, '83

Children - Amanda, 26, a respiratory therapist at Franklin Hospital and SIUC student • Daniel, 22, senior at Millikan University

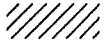
Background - Middle School Discipline Manager, Benton Grade School District, '88-98
• Native of Benton

Leisure - Watching Basketball • Spending time with family • Crafts • Work

Residence - Benton
Husband - Richard (Coal Miner for Rend Lake Consolidated)

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Repeating messages available on the Internet for RLC personnel with e-mail addresses . . .



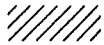
From nimtzt@rlc.cc.il.us ~

The Student Senate is sponsoring a Christmas Door Decorating Contest, with judging on December 14. The prize is a free night's stay at the Rend Lake Resort.

Please take care that no permanent damage is done to the door's surface and decorate to your Christmas spirit's delight!

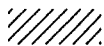
The Student Senate also is sponsoring its 9th annual Food Drive. Boxes for nonperishable items will be located in buildings throughout campus through December 11.

In addition, the Student Senate is sponsoring a Clothing Drive. If you have any clothes that you would like to donate, drop them off in TECH 174 or a drop box set up for that purpose in the Student Center.



The RLC Criminal Justice Club is collecting nonperishable food for delivery to needy families during the holidays as well. Please donate something to make this season a little brighter for the less fortunate.

Contact Professor Ed Heischmidt or a member of the Criminal Justice Club for more details.



From long@rlc.cc.il.us ~

The 1999 Top 20 Dining Cards are now available. The card permits 2-for-1 entrees at several participating area restaurants.

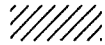
Participants include Alongi's Italian Restaurant, Midland Inn, Old Main Restaurant, Cristaudo's Cafe and Bakery, 17th Street Bar and Grill, Port Cape Restaurant, Martin's Restaurant and Catering, Whaler's Catch, Bistro 51, Girolamo's Pizzeria, Sebastian's, The Depot, Michael's, Italian Village, Pagliai's Pizza and Pasta, The European Cafe, The

Pioneer's Cabin, China King, Lick Creek General Store and Mugsy McGuire's.

The more cards ordered, the lower the cost. The regular price is \$20 per card, but last year we were able to purchase them for \$13.50 due to good response (65 ordered).

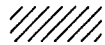
Do not send any money until the price is determined. Cutoff date for purchase is December 16. The card takes effect on January 2, 1999.

For more information contact Joan Long, Ext. 232. "Please understand," she said, "I am not selling these cards, only coordinating the effort."



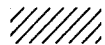
From schuessler@rlc.cc.il.us ~

If you are dispensing college brochures, please dispose of the Information Technology Computer Science and Microcomputer Support Specialist brochures. The curriculum has been revised.



From johnston@rlc.cc.il.us ~

A Job Strategy class (BUSI 1200-01) has been scheduled for Friday, December 4 and 11. For more information contact Jan Johnston, Ext. 271.



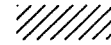
From vinyard@rlc.cc.il.us ~

There have been two changes in the general education core since the printing of the 1998-2000 catalog. Please make these notations in your catalog for future reference.

- **PHY 1103 - University Physics I** can be used as an IAI general ed course for the Physical Sciences (P2 900L) requirement. It is currently listed as an elective only.

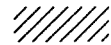
- **MATH 2110 - Math for Elementary Teachers** may NOT be used as an IAI math general ed course. It may be used as an elective only.

Previously the course was included for general education, but since has been denied because of the lack of geometry prerequisite. The department is working on a solution.



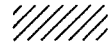
From kinsey@rlc.cc.il.us ~

Reminder for all those doing on-line registration. Double-check the front registration screen where the year and term are entered. Verify that the answers to the last four options are N, N, Y, Y. We've been receiving registration with Y, N, Y, Y causing error messages and problems. Also, please initial everything you enter. Please contact Nancy Kinsey (Ext. 336) if you have any questions.



From westonk@rlc.cc.il.us ~

Two additional CAD courses have been added to the Spring Schedule - an Introduction to CAD class and a CAD-Mechanical Applications course. The Intro to Computer-Aided Drafting class will meet Monday nights from 6-9, and CAD 1204 Mechanical Applications will meet Wednesdays, 6-9 p.m.



From huie@rlc.cc.il.us ~

A training course (CRJS 1601) for individuals planning to work as Private Investigators (certified by the Illinois Department of Professional Regulation) will be offered at RLC in Spring 1999. The three-credit course will run from February 22 through May 3 and will be held on Mondays from 6-9 p.m. in ACA 106. The cost is \$189, which includes the ammunition for firearms. For more information, contact Ed Heischmidt, Ext. 278.



From liston@rlc.cc.il.us ~

Reminder to everyone signed up for one-day computer workshops at Times Square. If you cannot attend, please call! We have had a good response from the public; however, RLC employees sometimes help the classes to make. If you are scheduled and do not attend it could cause the class to be canceled. We need to hear from you if you are going to make it.

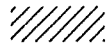
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From vinyard@rlc.cc.il.us ~

Please remember that all students who have accumulated less than 12 semester hours and are actively pursuing an AAS, AA, AS or certificate are required to participate in the orientation course, ORIE 1101.

It also is very appropriate to recommend this course to students with more than 12 semester hours who consistently experience academic difficulty or other study-related problems. ORIE 1101 is a one-credit hour course and may be counted as an hour of general elective credit for the student's degree.

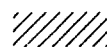
The intent of this course is to assist students in succeeding at RLC. Please contact David Vinyard at Ext. 205 or Barbara Bauernfeind at Ext. 244 with questions re: the course or student placement.



From rust@rlc.cc.il.us ~

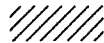
SPCH 1106 – Intercultural Communication is being offered in a special time period to encourage staff and faculty to take the course. It is offered Tuesday and Thursday from 3-5 p.m. in a 12-week block. This was done so that instructors would be free during a busy part of their semester.

This course looks broadly at cultures in our society and how we interact in everyday communication because of those differences. Don't read ethnic into intercultural because it is a small area of the many cultures that exist today. This class is great for students, especially if they are transferring to SIUC because it comes in as a 300 level course. Contact Joe Rust, Ext. 379, to see the course outline.



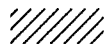
From mullen@rlc.cc.il.us ~

Newsworthy events may now be sent to the student newspaper via a mailbox on the "rllcall" list. You may forward photographs and graphics as attachments.



From salahs@rlc.cc.il.us ~

Mail sent to mis@rlc.cc.il.us will be received by Salah Shakir, Don Darnell, David Wilson, Mary McEndree and Nina Gaspar. In the case of something urgent, use this e-mail if you cannot reach any of those listed above by phone. Still use the ISR method to create an Information Service Request.



Notes to those advising students:

From ruffino@rlc.cc.il.us ~

• Please keep in mind that the Art Studio courses such as Design, Drawing, Painting, Ceramics and Printmaking can accommodate a combined total of 20 students. For example, if Design I has 10 enrolled and Design II has 9 enrolled, one additional student can be enrolled in Design I. If you have any questions, contact the Liberal Arts Department or the Counseling Center.

From dill@rlc.cc.il.us ~

• A new section of INEL 2220-42 meeting on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1-3:30 p.m. has been added. Questions? Call Bill Dill, Ext. 272.

From vinyard@rlc.cc.il.us ~

• Sections 51 and 41 of ORIE 1101 have been changed to a starting date of January 19 (51) and January 20 (41). This will allow us to include students who register late for spring semester.

From johnston@rlc.cc.il.us ~

• A Digital Electronics class (INEL 1240-01) has been added to the Spring schedule. It will meet Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8 a.m.-noon.

From vinyard@rlc.cc.il.us ~

• Please note that Honors Composition (ENGL 2120) now requires an ACT score of 27 for placement.

• A new section of BIO 1100 has been opened. Students in Section 2K will attend lecture the same times as other sections, but the lab will be on Tuesday from 2-4 pm.

• A new section of MATH 1107

has opened. Section 42 is now available. Do not overload Section 41.

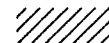
From davenportb@rlc.cc.il.us ~

• A new computer-based developmental Math course – MATH 1402-82 – will be offered Spring '99. It will be offered Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 1-1:50 pm. Please help fill this section. Questions? Call Barbara Davenport at Ext. 258.

From kuberski@rlc.cc.il.us ~

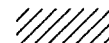
• Any student registering for Speech 1101 must have completed any required developmental English courses.

• For students with weak writing skills, taking Speech 1101 and English 1101 simultaneously may be difficult. For more information, contact Chris Kuberski, Ext. 264.



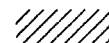
From thrash@rlc.cc.il.us ~

A lifeguard training course will be offered over Christmas Break. The class will run from December 26 to January 3 (excluding January 1) from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. For more information contact Jason Thrash at Ext. 207.



From kistner@rlc.cc.il.us ~

There has been some confusion as to the procedure required for the renting of vehicles used while on school sponsored conferences and meetings. Just as all travel must be approved in advance, approval for the use of rental vehicles must be obtained in advance from either the President or Dean of Finance. For assistance in arranging auto rental, call Angie Kistner at 221.



From howard@rlc.cc.il.us ~

Therese Howard would like to thank everyone for their continued support of the Art Auction. She especially thanks those "who came to the event, bought art and sang accolades to and for the students who have worked so hard to make this event a success."

Title III faculty mini-grants available

The Faculty Development Center announces the second year of faculty project mini-grants under the auspices of Activity One of the Title III: "Strengthening Institutions" Federal Grant Program.

The intent of the mini-grant program is to encourage RLC faculty to apply for funding to support professional development activities as they relate to the overall goals of Title III. Both full and part-time faculty are encouraged to apply for mini-grant funding to support curriculum development projects in a broad range of areas, including: classroom-based assessment, computer-assisted instruc-

tion, window treatments, CD-ROM/DVD instructional applications, and accessing/using online databases.

Key action dates:

- December 15 - Submit application to David Vinyard, Activity I Director.

- December 22 - Must have endorsement of Faculty Development Committee by this date.

- January 15 - Applicants notified and funds awarded by Title III Activity One Task Force

Please contact David Wicks or Karla Lewis in the Learning Resource Center (Ext. 299) for additional information and application.

NationsBank gets major gift award

NationsBank, now Bank of America, was recognized at the recent Rend Lake College Scholarship Dinner with a bronze major gift award from the college, presented by RLC Foundation Executive Director Pat Mitchell.

NationsBank of Franklin and Jefferson counties combined have donated over \$27,000 which has been given toward student scholarships or the sponsoring of special events.

Accepting the award were Brian Bauer, Business Banking Leader, and Dennis Miller, Banking Center Manager of the Benton Branch, along with Bruce Flanigan, Banking Center Manager of the Mt. Vernon Branch. Long-time RLC Foundation Board member Howard L. Payne, also in attendance, was the president for many years of the NationsBank/Bank of America forerunner, Bank of Benton.

Rachael Dawn Reese of Mulkeytown is the recipient of the 1998-99 NationsBank Franklin County Scholarship. The graduate of Zeigler-Royalton High School plans to go into speech pathology and says, "This is my dream to help people with speech problems to speak better. I was born and raised in Southern Illinois and I had hoped to pursue my college career in Southern Illinois."

Recipient of the 1998 NationsBank Jefferson County Scholarship is Melody Hustedde of Bluford. She is grateful for the scholarship and says, "I want to get a good education so I will be able to get a good job. I want to go into the psychology and/or business field. I want to be able to support myself if necessary. I want to have a career where I can climb the ladder and eventually reach the top."

"Gifts from NationsBank/Bank of America," noted Mitchell, "have always been given toward annual scholarships or to sponsor special events, such as the Valentine Dance, so that other monies could be used to directly benefit students."

RLC hosts Pinckneyville group

Fifteen members of the Pinckneyville Methodist Men's group and their spouses met at Rend Lake College in November for what RLC Foundation Executive Director Pat Mitchell called an "awareness visit."

"We chose the Methodist Men's group to come for this visit because we view them as one of the most influential groups in the Pinckneyville area," Mitchell said. She continued by saying, "We plan to do more of these visits with other communities in the region."

Rend Lake College currently has 181 traditional and non-traditional Pinckneyville graduates attending on-campus classes, according to the Admissions and Records office.

The three main goals of the meeting were to encourage better public relations between the Pinckneyville community and the college, to encourage PCHS graduates to explore Rend Lake College as a viable college choice and to promote involvement within the community and raise awareness for what the local community college has to offer the community at large.

President Mark S. Kern spoke on connections that the college already

has with the Pinckneyville community. First, Rend Lake College and Pinckneyville Community High School share Shirley Muckley, a recently hired RLC counselor who works four days a week at PCHS. Second, RLC has begun a pre-testing program in which community residents can test for Pinckneyville Correctional Center employment opportunities and are then able to train in weak areas identified by the test.

Third, RLC will offer extensive certificate and associate degree programs at the Pinckneyville Correctional Center and will be hiring local, part-time and full-time instructors to do so. And fourth, two RLC Foundation Board members from the Pinckneyville area, Dr. Gene Stotlar and Dr. Charles (Bill) Roe, have been working diligently to spur community involvement with Rend Lake College.

The group toured the Aquatics Center, Career Center, Children's Center, the restored, one-room Independence Schoolhouse and other labs and areas of interest on campus.

RLC staff who attended included Terry Clark, Salah Shakir and Wilanna Kiefer Patton.

►ORDER UP

Rend Lake's culinary students become seasoned chefs in school's cafe

By Linda A. Kruttsinger
The Southern Illinoisan

The smell of garlic, yeast bread and Italian sauce permeated the room as students from the Rend Lake College Culinary Arts program prepared creative cuisine for their third afternoon in the Culinary School Cafe.

In an effort to provide the students with experience that would be applicable to prospective employers, RLC students operate their own cafe in the college dining facility of the student center three times each semester. "This is the second year that we have done this and it has proven a very popular way to give our students the experience that employers are looking for," said culinary instructor Tim March. "The students run the restaurant, doing everything from cooking, doing dishes, serving and cleaning up."

March said the students rotate jobs during their cafe experience so they become familiar with every aspect of the restaurant business. "If they owned a restaurant, they would have to be able to step into any position and take over, no matter what it was," March said. "That is the experience that employers want, not just students from classrooms."

Students choose the menu items during cafe hours based on their favorite recipes or foods that they enjoy preparing.

"I personally enjoy shrimp scampi," said Robert Bartolotti of Christopher, who was dressed in the traditional white smock of a chef. "I'm Italian, and I really enjoy the smell of the garlic and spices."

Bartolotti, who is preparing to graduate in December, says the experience he has gained working in the cafe has been

invaluable.

"I plan to be a supervisor in the prison, and while I don't expect to serve the type of menu to the prisoners that we have here, I feel confident that this experience will not only look good on my job application, but give me the confidence to do the job," Bartolotti said. "That's what it is really all about, experience ... and good food."

Prices for the gourmet are \$5 to \$7; that includes soup, salad, potato and vegetable of the day, which makes them popular with the campus faculty, staff and students as well as the community.

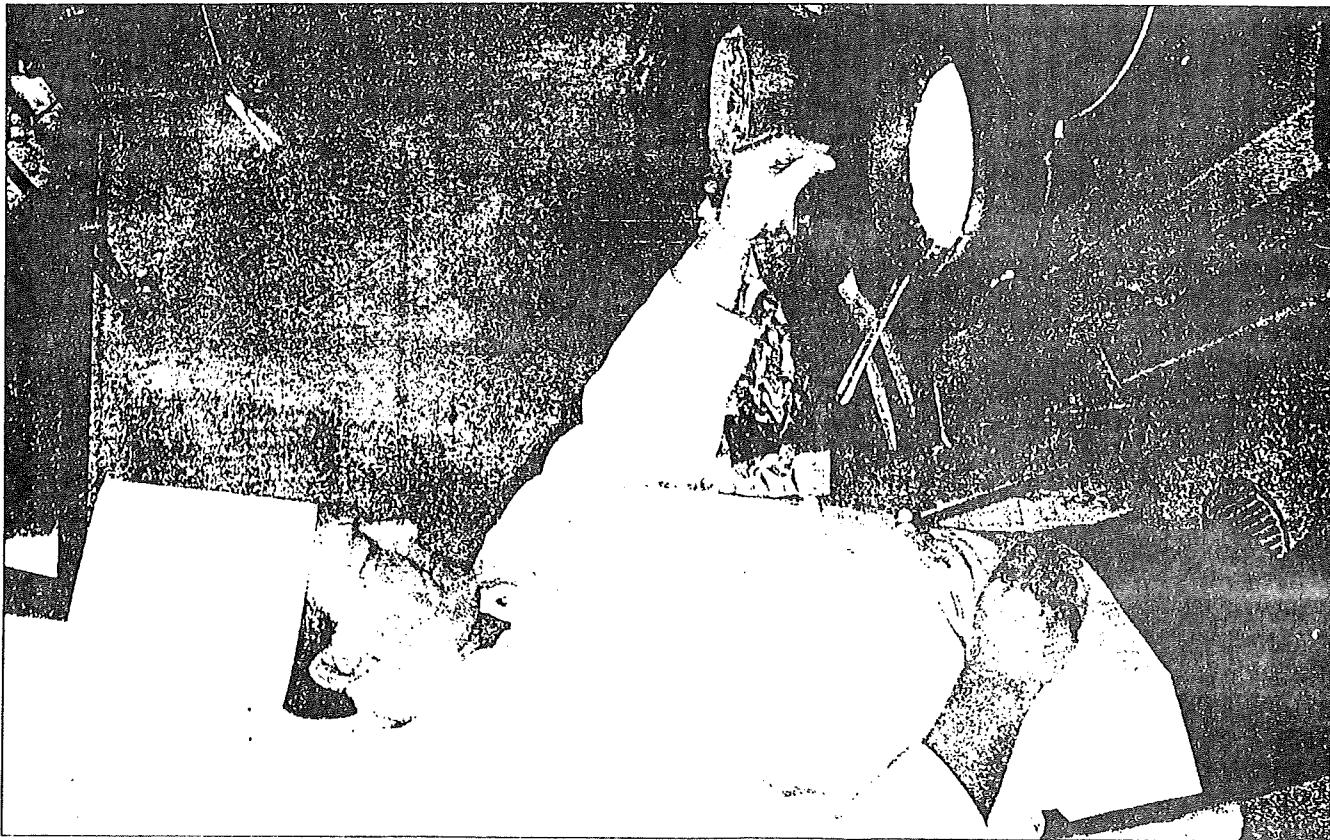
"Last week we served about 100 people in just a few hours," March said.

Kathy Crawford of Scheller, in the first semester of her education in the culinary school, stood at one of the sinks cleaning mounds of raw shrimp as others moved hurriedly around her carrying trays of baked potatoes and rolls.

"I came to this school because I just liked to cook," she said. "I didn't really think about the restaurant business until I got involved in the cafe. It has opened some avenues of interest that I may explore as I get further in my education."

March said that not all of the students enrolled in the culinary school participate in the cafe program, but for those who do, it can become an eye-opening event.

"We work very fast back here in the kitchen," he said. "One guy may have four steaks, several pieces of chicken and a couple pans on the stove all at the same time. It is great for them to learn to balance that type of a mixed order. It's not something that can be taught in a classroom."



On the front burner: Michael Andeslich of Herrin makes fettuccine Alfredo in the Culinary School Cafe at Rend Lake College.
Southern Illinoisan photo by JOE JINES

PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL MEETING

November 10, 1998

STRATEGIC PLANNING

Julie Meents is pursuing the possibility of using a consultant for a two-day training session on strategic planning. Council members will be informed when plans have been finalized.

CORE VALUES

A Core Values workshop will be held at Kaskaskia College on Thursday, January 7, and Rend Lake College employees have been invited to attend. Because all employees will be attending the January 7 workshop at Kaskaskia, Mark is contemplating a four-day weekend at Easter (Thursday through Sunday).

FAMILY READING NIGHT

Rex Duncan announced Family Reading Night would be held at Horace Mann School from 3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday, November 13. Any employee interesting in helping out should contact Rex.

BOOK RENTAL

Bob Carlock discussed the book rental program. Bob encouraged faculty members to discuss book rental problems with their department chairs. Bob stressed that textbooks can be changed before the end of the three-year period, if needed.

BROCHURES

Bob Carlock announced the brochure racks have arrived on campus. Racks will also be displayed in local high schools, Public Aid offices, and the Mt. Vernon Fitness Center. It was suggested racks be placed in the Learning Resource Center, the Career Center, and area public libraries.

MARKETING

Bob Carlock also discussed marketing plans including the purchase of radio time and the rental of two billboards.

BUSINESS OFFICE PROCEDURES

Bob Carlock discussed Business Office policies and procedures for mid-management personnel including items such as budget preparation, budget review and modification, purchasing/requisitions, grant administration, and inventory and disposal of obsolete equipment.

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

Mark asked if there were any questions concerning the new organizational chart which more accurately reflects the present structure of the college and creates one new position: Executive Director of Community Development (to begin in January 1999). This position would decrease the number of people reporting directly to Terry Clark.

College consortium will take over troubled MCC

Name, director, staff will change

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The beleaguered Metropolitan Community College in East St. Louis will be taken over by a consortium of community colleges and the Southern Illinois University system, the Illinois Community College Board announced Monday.

And the school is being given a new name — East St. Louis Community College Center.

The board took over Metropolitan Community College in May and on Oct. 16 said the college would be dissolved by year's end. It cited the failure of the administration to turn in an audit, inflated

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Metropolitan Community College students march on East St. Louis City Hall last spring to protest the demise of their school.

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enrollment figures, lack of financial controls, missing inventory and lack of adequate tax and population bases.

The board put out proposals for other schools to provide services to the college. Contracts with the cooperating schools will be signed within the next few weeks. Don Wilske, director for system finances for the board, said financial details were still being worked out.

Asked why the board is pressing ahead with the change while the school's trustees are trying to keep the college locally run, Wilske noted that the board already has decided to terminate the college. "The decision stands until it's changed. ... at this point, it would be premature to assume the board will change the decision," he said.

The administration and operation of the two-year college will be taken over Jan. 1 by a group called

the Southern Illinois Collegiate Common Market. It was organized in 1973 to provide health care programs and includes John A. Logan College, Rend Lake College, Shawnee Community College, Southeastern Illinois College and Southern Illinois Universities at Carbondale and Edwardsville.

The consortium will contract with other schools and entities to provide educational programs, the board said. This will include Belleville Area College, to provide occupational, adult basic and secondary education, developmental, and business training courses.

Shawnee Community College will provide courses for nurse assistant, addiction counseling, and truck driving certification. Lakeland College will provide classes at the Southwest Illinois Correctional Center. Kaskaskia College will offer classes in child care.

Most classes will be held on the campus of the dissolved college, and credits from the school will be transferable. Students may also enroll at any of the BAC campuses or extension sites, or at neighboring community colleges at in-district rates. A new director and staff will be named and student workers hired.

F.Y.I. Week ahead NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

MONDAY / 30th

- Special Populations, 11-12 am (SCI 117) • LIGHT, 3-5 pm (SC) • Student Senate, 4-5 pm (SC/EBR) • MIS Committee, 4-5 pm (SC/PDA)
- Real Estate, 5-9:30 pm (ACA 207) • Basketball, RLC vs. Shawnee at Ullin – Women, 5:30 pm; Men, 7:30 pm

TUESDAY / 1st

- Christmas Concert Rehearsal, all day (Theatre) • Nontraditional Students, 1-4 pm (SC/EBR) • "Culinary Arts" 2-10 (Kitchen), 2-6 (Restaurant)
- Academic Council, 4-5 pm (SC/EBR) • Student Senate, 6:30-9 pm (Gym) • "Theatre," 6-9 pm (Theatre)

WEDNESDAY / 2nd

- Health / Nutrition TV, 8-9 am (ACA 206) • Future Focus, 8 am-Noon (SC/PDA) • Student Services, 8:30-10 am (SC/EBR)
- Special Populations, 11 am-Noon (SCI 117) • Student Senate, 3 pm (SC/EBR) • Christmas Concert Rehearsal, 3-9 pm (Theatre)
- Business Department Meeting, 4 pm (SC/EBR) • College Bowl, 5-6 pm (ACA 105) • Culinary Arts, 6-8 pm (ACA 104)
- Automotive Advisory Council Meeting, 6-9 pm (SC/PDA)

THURSDAY / 3rd

- McKendree College, 8 am-8 pm (TECH 156) • Certification Team, 11 am-1 pm (SC/EBR) • Cooperative Education, 2-5 pm (SC/PDA)
- RLC Christmas Rehearsal and Concert, 5-10 pm (Theatre) • Automotive Advisory Council Meeting, 6:30-9 pm (SC)

FRIDAY / 4th

- Future Focus, 8-9:30 pm (SCI 110) • Grade School Performance, 8 am-3 pm (Theatre) • Jackson Co. Health Dept., 9 am-2 pm (SC/PDA)
- Health / Nutrition TV, 9-10 am (ACA 102)

WEEKEND / 5th & 6th

SATURDAY – Ina Grade School Tournament, all day (Gym) • STARS, 2-4 pm (North Oasis Pit)

- Men's Basketball – RLC vs. Illinois Central in Danville Area Classic, 6 pm

SUNDAY – Train Show, 6 am-6 pm (Gym) • Regional Institute for Community Policing set-up, all day (SC/PDA)

- Men's Basketball – RLC vs. Danville Area in Danville Area Classic, 3 pm

MONDAY / 7th

- Regional Institute for Community Policing (RICP), 7:30 am-4 pm (SC/PDA) • LIGHT, 3-5 pm (SC) • Health/Nutrition TV, 10-11 am (ACA 105)
- Special Populations, 11 am-Noon (SCI 117) • "History" TV, Noon-1 pm (ACA 206) and 6-7 pm (ACA 109) • Nitro Party, Noon-10 pm (Theatre)
- LIGHT, 3-5 pm (SC) • Student Academic Assessment Committee, 4-5:30 (SC/EBR) • "Stress Management," 6-8 pm (ACA 207)
- Airplane Club, 7:30 pm (SC/EBR) • Women's Basketball, Lake Land at RLC, 5:30 pm

TUESDAY / 8th

- RICP, 7:30 am-4 pm (SC/PDA), 10-11 am (ACA 105) • Health/Nutrition TV, 11-Noon (ACA 108), 1-2 (ACA 208), 6-7 pm (ACA 106)
- "Latin America" TV, 12-1 (SCI 110), 5-6 (ACA 211) • "Psychology" TV, 1-2 (ACA 107), 6-7 (ACA 109) • Chairs/Directors, 2-3:30 pm (ACA 105)
- "Culinary Arts" 2-10 pm (Kitchen) • RLC Foundation Annual Dinner, 6 pm (Mt. Vernon Holiday Inn) • "Theatre," 6-9 pm (Theatre)
- Men's Basketball, Parkland at RLC, 7 pm

WEDNESDAY / 9th

- RICP, 7:30 am-4 pm (SC/PDA) • Student Services, 8:30-10 (SC/EBR) • Health/Nutrition TV, 9-10 am, 3-4 pm (ACA 206)
- Business Pot Luck, 10:30-2 (SC/EBR) • Special Pops, 11-12 (SCI 117) • College Bowl, 5-6 (ACA 105) • Comp. Networking, 6-10 pm (SC/EBR)

THURSDAY / 10th

- RICP, 7:30 am-4 pm (SC/PDA) • McKendree College, 8 am-8 pm (Tech 156) • Health/Nutrition TV, 8-9 am (ACA 108), 6-7 pm (ACA 104)
- Office Systems Technology Classes, 11:30 am-5pm (ACA 204) • Basketball, Kaskaskia at RLC – Women, 5:30 pm; Men, 7:30 pm

FRIDAY / 11th

- RICP, 7:30 am-4 pm (SC/PDA), 8:30-9:30 am (ACA 102) • Census Testing, 9 am-4 pm (SCI 110) • Health / Nutrition TV, 10-11 am (ACA 108)
- Office Systems Technology Classes, 11:30 am-5 pm (ACA 204)

WEEKEND / 12th & 13th

SATURDAY – LAST DAY OF REGULAR CLASSES • Girls Jr. High Shoot Out, 9 am-7:30 pm (Gym)

SUNDAY –

