RLCONTINES

December 1997

By the students, for the students.



The road under the ACA building should be completed by spring.



Music is in the Air

FYI

The title says it all. "Songs of the Season" will be presented Saturday, December 13, by the Rend Lake College Community Chorus, a group which has doubled in size in its second year.

"Songs of the Season" is scheduled at 7:30 p.m. in the RLC Theatre. Admission will be a \$3 dollar donation to the Rend Lake College Foundation.

Numbers will include the standard collegiate choir material for this year, according to Director Julie Wilkerson. That would mean such numbers as "Carol of the Bells" and "I Saw Three Ships."

The 18-member group also be preforming a specials arrangement by Wilkerson of "Deck the Halls."

A Jazz Choir has been added this year and will be featured on two other selections. Members Brooke Borgelt (Mt. Vernon), Tony Jenkins (Mt. Vernon), Deena Jones (Mt. Vernon), Jennifer Raney (Mt. Vernon), Kylie Watts (Ina) and Aaron Woodrome (Mt. Vernon) will sing jazzed-up versions of "Jingle Bell Rock" and "Let It

Snow."

Four different singers will be spot lighted in another special arrangement-"What Child Is This?" Stepping forward will be Kendra Colwell (Bluford), Chris Donoho (Mt. Vernon), Tony Donoho (Mt. Vernon) and Alisha Wilson (Mt. Vernon).

At the conclusion of the 40-minute program will be a medley of "White Christmas" and "Happy Holidays"; "Little Drummer Boy," featuring percussionist Brent Wilkerson (McLeansboro); "Do You Hear What I Hear," with the percussionist and the Ladies Ensemble, and a special caroling segment with audience participation.

Other members of the RLC Community Chorus class are Amy Baltzell (Mt. Vernon), Cathy Cross (McLeansboro), Alisha Elder (Benton), Robin George (Mt. Vernon), Sara Holz (Mt. Vernon), Rebekah Levesque (Benton) and Nichole Preston (Mt. Vernon). The accompanist is the high school student Josh Jones of Mt. Vernon.

The group will go caroling on campus beginning at noon Wednesday, December 3.

RLC Under Construction

Amanda Pillers Staff Writer

In case you haven't noticed, the RLC campus has been undergoing some major construction in the past few weeks. Some of the projects include new sidewalks, chiller and back-up generator replacements, the Aquatic Center, and lighting replacement in the Student Center.

The construction teams have replaced over 14,000 square feet of sidewalk so far. Further sidewalk construction is scheduled to take place in this coming summer. The recent construction work has experienced some delays because of the rain and cold weather, but the project should be completed well before the spring semester starts.

Four new ADA parking spaces are being added on the east side of the Academic building. The new spaces will improve accessibility to

The curbcuts around these new ADA spaces will be improved also.

The Aquatic Center has been the major project of the year. It is nearly complete. The pool, whirlpool, and therapy pool have been filled. An inspection by the Health Department is scheduled to take place this week.

Another big project is the chiller (AC/heat) replacement. The college currently has three commercial chiller units that all run independently of each other. The three existing units will be replaced with two new units equal to the same load capacity. The new units will be connected to improve efficiency and allow the maintenance staff to control the chillers with less equipment. The piping for connecting the units is currently being installed under the Academic building. This phase of the project should be complete by finals week and the road will be passable again. The entire project will

be finished in March if all goes as planned.

New light fixtures are scheduled to be installed starting this week in the Science hallway; the Art, Music, and Mud room in the LRC; the Academic building; and the Student Center. FW Electric, a local contractor from Benton, will be working on the lighting in the Student Center and the Academic building. The RLC maintenance staff will be taking care of the rest. The metal cylinder-shaped lamps which hang from the ceilings in the Student Center will be replaced. Fewer lamps will be used and the new lamps will have more wattage. This will shed more light and cut down on energy use.

The RLC maintenance team is just finishing up another indoor improvement project. New vertical blinds have been installed in the offices on campus. There are only a few offices yet to be installed with new blinds.

Holiday Security Notes

Amanda Lindsey Associate Editor

from Jerry Bate, Chief of Security...

and I would like to offer some target! Be safe.

Driving is particularly risky with the unpredictable department for house checks. weather that we have at this looking for the bargains, so they travel long distances to etc. The weather can change at any time, so don't let your time of the year always brings sure and lock your purchases Christmas, and a safe and in your trunk! Also, while happy holiday season.

shopping, don't leave your purse, packages, or children unattended. Observe anyone A special Holiday Note you may feel uncomfortable around or notice hanging Security... around you in several Holiday season is upon us, different stores. Don't be a

safety tips to assist you in having a safe and happy or friends, contact your neighbors and let them know. Also contact your local police

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From my department to all out the worst in people, so be of you, have a very Merry



Student Senate

Amanda Pillers Staff Writer

The RLC Student Senate is gearing up for Homecoming The date for the Homecoming Dance has been set for January 29, but the festivities start days earlier.

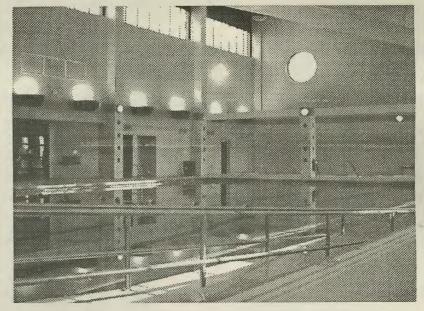
This year the student body as well as the college clubs will be nominating and voting for the Homecoming Queen. In previous years strictly the college clubs have done the nominating and the voting. Nominations should be turned in to the Student Senate by the 20th of January.

Homecoming Queen candidates will have their pictures taken on January 23. The candidates will also appear at the half-time show of the game on January 29.

The Student Senate has scheduled a lip-synch contest for January 26. It will be held in the South Oasis from 11-1. There will be a panel of judges and cash prizes will be awarded. Student Trustee, Russell Jay, claims it will be 'crazy fun".

Student surveys will be handed out on the the 13th and 14th concerning the Homecoming Students are welcomed to voice their opinions about various aspects of the Homecoming events.

Previously the Student Senate had planned to hold the dance in the Student Center, but plans may be changing. The committee has requested the use the Aquatic Center for the dance. They have yet to receive an answer.



The new Aquatic Center's pool is filled and waiting for next semester's eager swimmers.

Pool Schedule Available

Staff Writer

There will be a few new classes offered on the 1998 class schedule for Rend Lake College students. These classes will be centered around the new Aquatic PYED Center. 1125(Beginning Swimming), PYED 1126(Intermediate Swimming), PYED 1137(Lifeguarding I), PYED 1177(Water Aerobics), PYED 1180(Aquatics Aerobics Fitness 1), **PYED** 1185(Aquatics Aerobics Fitness II), PYED 1181(Prenatal Aquatics), 1187 (Arthritis PYED Aquatics), and PYED 1188(Arthritis Aquatics Plus). The tuition fees will range from \$36 to \$54. the lab fees will range from \$20 to \$30.

Memberships will also

be offered. A tentative schedule has been made for Monday-a.m./11-2 pass holders: Friday, 6-9 a.m./11-2 p.m./6:30-10 p.m., Saturdays 6-10 a.m./2-6 p.m., Sundays 1-5 p.m. There is also a \$75 fee for singles and a \$125 fee for families who are interested in a Fall or Spring semester membership and a \$30 and \$50 fee for summer memberships. A daily 2 hour session will have a \$5 fee.

Wayne Arnold, director of athletics, would like to remind everyone that there will be an Open House on Jan. 2,3 and 4 from 1-6 p.m. for anyone interested in taking a look. At this time any member of the public can participate in a free swim. For more info contact the Athletic Dept. at ext. 226/250.

New Classes Offered

FYI

"Job A two-day Strategy" class that has proven in the past to be a popular venue for many students interested in upgrading employability skills in order to be more competitive in the job market has been added to Rend Lake College's December lineup.

The class will meet from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 16, and Thursday, December 18, in the Tech Building

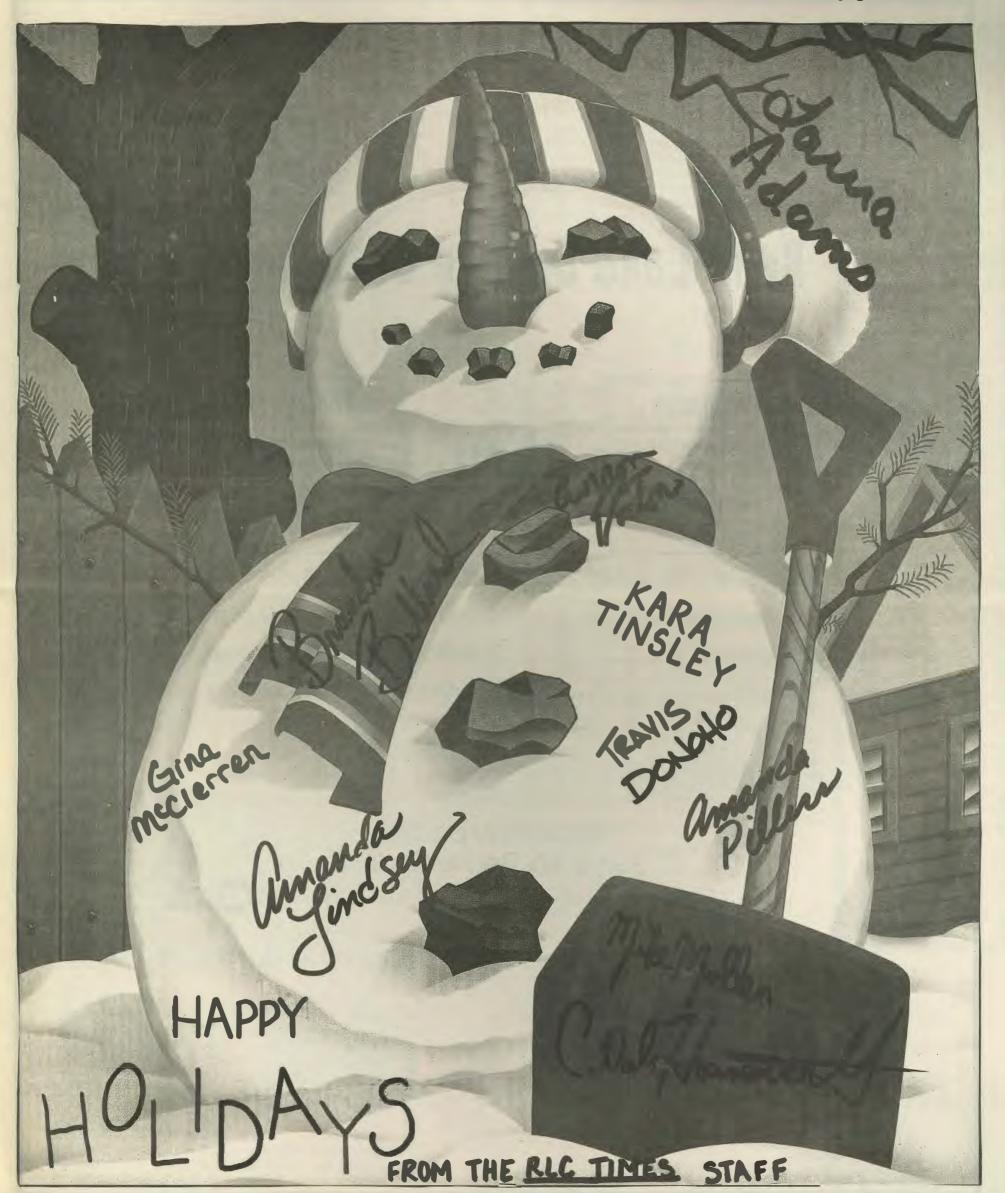
Strategy" will be taught by software. representatives of the sponsoring Cooperative December 16 and 18 "Job Education and Job Placement Duncan.

Because it starts after will be considered a Spring Semester '98 Thursday, 8 a.m. -4 p.m. offering.

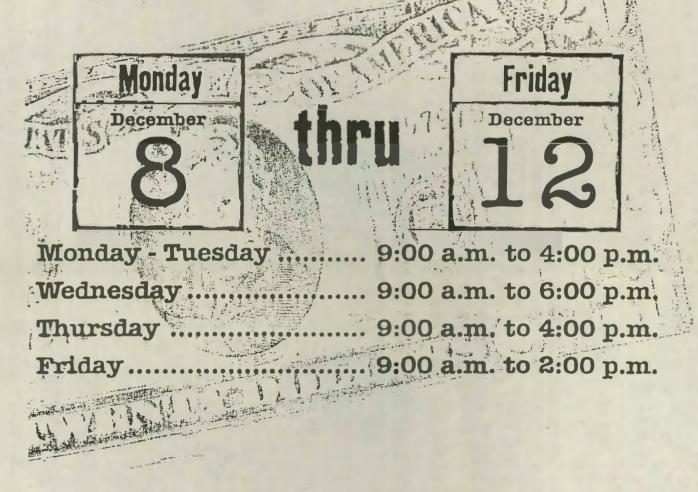
Students will need to (Room 143) on the Ina purchase a packet from

the RLC Bookstore that Offered as a Business includes a copy of "The course - BUSI 1200-01 - for Job Hunting Handbook" one semester hour of and Academic Software college credit, "Job Disc Resume' computer

Questions regarding the Strategy" course should office, be directed to Duncan or a according to Director Rex member of his staff at 437-5321, Ext. 352. Rend Lake College office hours Fall classes have ended, it are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through on Fridays.



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Career Center to Open

FYI

The public is invited to an open house Tuesday, December 9, in celebration of the new career center located on the Rend Lake College campus in Ina.

Ribbon-cutting ceremonies are planned at 9 a.m. that day, with open-house hours after 8 p.m. until Refreshments will be served.

The center is located on the second floor of the Academic Building, Room 202.

Rend Lake College, in

Center (IETC), is providing the new satefate center to serve the counties of Franklin, Hamilton, Jefferson, Perry, and Wayne.

Available in the Career Center comprehensive career and employment information base which will enable district residents to discover pathways leading to gainful employment, according to Career RLC Center Coordinator Shelley Meacham.

The center contains an conjunction with the Illinois extensive career library. Employment and Training Computers and software

values, and experiences, as well as connect to the Internet. relate to the world of work, Also provided: up-to-date labor information and statistics, computerized listings of job openings and direct referrals to employers who are hiring.

Staff and available materials may also help with career assessment, college information, software to assist with resumes and cover

"Career Development is a p.m. Fridays.

enable students to examine lifelong process through career interests, ability, skills, which individuals come to understand themselves as they noted Meacham.

"Through participation in a continuum of developmental activities, both formal and informal, individuals prepare themselves for the diversity of the workforce in the future."

Career Center hours are 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays, and 8:30 a.m.-4

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PsiBeta/Psych Club

Amanda Pillers Staff Writer

Beta and International Studies Club held an auction on Saturday November 22. Items auctioned off were donated by various companies and organizations in the area. The auction was a big success. The two clubs earned over \$350 each.

for the seventh and eight grade dance. The dance is to be held on Friday, December 5 from 7 p.m. until 10 p.m.

On Campus. Red Hobons and flyers were available in the cafeteria on Monday, December 1.

Psi Beta is helping to make The admission is \$3 and a canned good to be given to the needy. The dance will be held in the gym at the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, located at 3205 Broadway in club from their own funds. Mt. Vernon. There will be a live band, the "Ridgemonts", is donating soft drinks for the November 15 in Mt. Vernon. kids. If you have younger

siblings or know of someone interested in attending please be kind and give them a ride to the church.

Four new condom machines will be installed by next They will be semester. located in the men's restrooms in the South Oasis, North Oasis, Industrial Technical, and in the women's restroom in the North Oasis.

Psi Beta held a meeting at Bobo's on Wednesday, recognized by many students Aids Awareness Week was December 3 to finalize plans on campus. Red ribbons and

> Psi Beta is helping to make Christmas brighter for two local children. An eleven-year-old boy and a sevenyear-old girl will receive Christmas gifts bought by the

Members of the Psi Beta club collected over \$170 for performing at the dance. the Arthritis Foundation. Domino's Pizza is donating They also participated in the They also participated in the twenty-eight pizzas and Pepsi Jingle Bell Walk on

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Comic Relief for Finals

Gina McClerren Staff Writer

On December eighth and ninth in the private dining area be served during the movie. (PDA) of the student center, The admission is

starring Jim Carrey, will be while. second is at 12:00 PM, and 210).

the last at 2:00 PM on both days. Popcorn and drinks will

Student Services Activities there will be a final exam is sponsoring the festivities. They hope to give students a chance to relax and forget The movie Liar, Liar, about their finals for a little

shown three times a day on a big screen TV. The first for future activities please showing is at 10:00 AM, the contact Salah Shakir (ext.

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Excuses, Excuses!

Laura Adams Staff Writer

As every student in America is experiencing, time is running out. Exams are just around the corner and it is once again time to supply students with the EXCUSE LIST for those who are willing to try anything to get out of doing their homework. 1. There was a blackout in my

neighborhood.

2. I don't have a clue as to what you are talking about.

3 Homework?! What homework?!?

4. Someone stole my homework.

5. Terrorists stole my homework by

6. No one told me about any assignment.

7.My dog died last night

8.I was sick for a month

9. My house burned down.

10.I FORGOT!

Fall Semester 19

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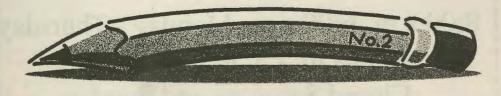
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EVENING CLASSES

Monday Evening: Monday, Dec. 8 Tuesday Evening: Tuesday, Dec. 9 Wednesday Evening: Wednesday, Dec. Thursday Evening: Thursday, Dec. 11 Saturday Classes: Saturday, Dec. 13 Art Critiques: Scheduled by Art Dept.



London, Here We Come!

Travis Donoho staff writer

"Have you dreamed of going to London? Would you like to see Big Ben? Would you like to visit Shakespeare's birthplace? Does Stonehenge intrigue you?"

These were the selling points on the brochure advertising the RLC Travel Club's trip to England in May of 1998. Several RLC students' interests were captured and they are striving hard to raise money for the journey. Each student must earn over \$2000 dollars for the trip through various fundraisers.

But the experience is well worth the trouble. The nine day trip offers visits to the Piccadilly Circus, Buckingham palace, Windsor Castle, London Bridge, and free time to explore England. Also on the agenda are visits to Canterbury, mysterious Stonehenge, and Brighton, England's oldest and most famous resort.

The students can also use their travel experience to gain 3 credit hours by registering for SOC2101 of summer 1998 and completing a related project upon return. Tuition for the 3 credit hours are waived for in district students.

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All I Want For Christmas ...

Kara Tinsley Staff Writer

Santa Claus is coming to town and for the last couple of days RLC students have been telling me what's at the top of their Christmas wish lists!

There were several students whose dreams centered towards a new automoblie.

John Copple, 19, of Dix, has his eye on a Harley

Dave Bornack, 19, of Chicago, said that he would gladly settle for a Toyota Supra.

Eric McLain, 19, of West Frankfort, said, "All I want is a new Blazer".

Ben Cox, 20, of Benton, would like a "big truck".
Shawn Rea, 21, of Valier,

had a difficult time making his mind up between his two front teeth and a Nissan Pathfinder, but he finally decided on the Utility Vehicle.

Jamie Mabry, 19, of Thompsonville, just wants her car to be "running" by Christmas.

There were two big

wishes for grades.
Wade Scrivner, 19, of Belle Rive, asked simply for a "B" in Mrs. Cox's Differential Calculus class. It didn't take Scrivner over 2 seconds to quickly and willingly blurt out the wish that stands at the top of his list.

Cory Cinnamon, 19, of Lexington, KY, would greatly appreaciate an "A" in Mr. Fisher's General Chemistry Class. (Wouldn't all of his students)!

Bart Bigham, 20, of Oakland City, IN, and Landon Jones, 19, of Mt. Vernon, both would like a Red Rider B B Gun. I hope they "Don't Shoot Their Eyes Out"!

Colter Tate, 18, of Mt. Vernon, and Chris Grey, 20, of Okaville, both would like new clothing.

A significant other was the

wish of a couple of students. Brandon Bullard, 18, of Mt. Vernon, requested the perfect woman. RLC is full of them, Bullard just needs to begin narrowing it down.

Jarrod Newell, 20, of Waltonville, was a little less picky. Newell just requested a beautiful woman - she doesn't have to be completely

Melinda Toms, 22, of Benton, had only one request and it was for Brad Pitt that's not too much to ask!

Their were two wishes for

Matt Click, 20, of St. Louis, wants a dog. When asked if he wanted any particular type of dog he answered, "Naa, justa dog". I suppose that if you have a mutt of some sort that you would like to get rid of, simply dump it off at Chesterfield Apartments in Mt. Vernon, but at least tie a red bow around it's neck! Click, keep an eye out!

Matt Davis, 18, of Cobden, wants a German Shepard puppy. He's a little more picky, so don't try the dump-off trick with Davis.

Jeremy Payne, 20, of Bluford, asked for a telescope. So if you live in Bluford within a couple of miles of Payne's house you may consider asking for miniblinds for Christmas. Just kidding Jeremy!

Rick Shelby, 19, of Thompsonville, would like a selection of performance car parts and a shotgun.

Shayna Staggs, 19, of Wayne City, said that she would like a bra for her car and the movie "Goonies".

Robert Cooper, 25, of Mt. Vernon, would simply like to have some time off with his

Terry Chisholm, 18, of Brampton, Ontario, Canada, debated on whether or not he wanted a tatoo and then finally decided that he would rather just see his family over the holidays.

Sara Copple, 20, Walnut Hill, only wants a watch to complete her Christmas wish

Chris Bernard, 20, of Belle Rive, is asking Santa for baseball cards and a hat.

Alisha Wilson, 19, of Opdyke, would like a keyless entry system for her car.

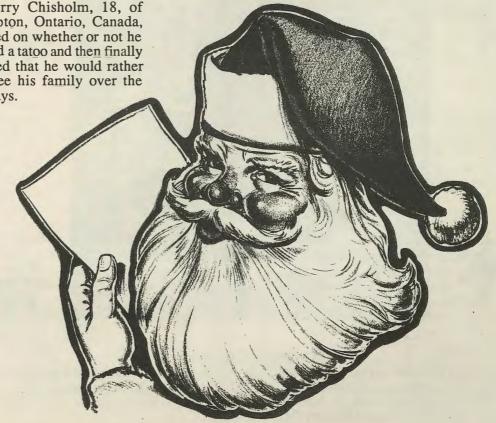
Travis Donoho, 18, of Mt. Vernon, is asking Good Ol' St. Nick for the power to save the world. The closest that he will come to that will be a Superman T-shirt stuffed in his stocking, but he may get farther with that than

Shawnika Lucks, 21, of Mt. Vernon, has a doll house at the top of her Christmas

Amanda Lindsey, 19, of Kell, only wants 87 hours of sleep for Christmas.

Tim Gaddis, 19, of Owensboro, KY, wants a hat! He said that he didn't care what kind of hat (a sombrero, a cowby hat or a stocking hat), it doesn't much matter.

This concludes the RLC Christmas Wish List, but the Newpaper staff would just like to wish each and every one of you a very Merry Christmas!



VARRIOR SPORTS

Men's Basketball

Brandon Bullard Staff Writer

The Rend Lake Basketball team suffered a big loss this past Tuesday at the hands of Kaskaskia. The Blue Devils posted a commanding 40 point victory over the Warriors, 80-40 to move RLC to a 3-6 record this season.

The Warriors head coach Tim Wills is pretty optimistic about his squad's next contest at Lincoln Friday, the 5th at 4

"We had a big loss, and a team will, we just have to get back up and be confident against Lincoln." Coach Wills

The Warriors also are without freshman Ryan Maurer of Mt. Vernon. Maurer sprained his ankle in practice Monday, after on a fellow

"I went to post with one leg to go around him, and stepped on his foot. Mine came down wrong and now it is sprained." Maurer said of his

"I think it's only a sprain, I'm pretty sure it's not broken."

He is pretty positive about his near future.

'I shouldn't be out that long, it's not that bad.'

Coach Wills and our Warrior team is anxious to see a big crowd and loud fans at Friday's game. If you can't make it Friday, you get a second chance Saturday night at Illinois Central at 8 pm. The Warriors begin a long road stretch that goes untill the next home game Saturday, 10. against January Southeastern Illinois College.

Transfer Student Pulls Her Weight

long way in a year's time. Her recent signature on an athletic letter-of-intent assures that will continue down the

This time a year ago, White Lady Warriors. was a student-but not a student-athlete-at Indiana State University, not far from her hometown of Brazil, IN.

Lake College followed and the rest, as they say, is history.

A softball standout as a the Lady Warriors(she also is senior athlete, and for good the back-up point guard for measure she took the home the RLC women's basketball the Silver Knight Award for team this winter), White outstanding achievement in recently signed a national letter-of-intent to play softball as a junior for Southeast spring. As the only member Missouri Stare University.

Kelsey White has come a Lake campus followed in the auspicious footsteps of former Northview High teammate Jaymie Cowell, a two-time NJCAA All-America pick for Coach Dave Ellingsworth's

But White arrived with credentials of her own. She is the only athlete-male or female-in Northveiw's history A mid-year transfer to Rend to earn four varsity letters in three spots(volleyball, too). She was the recipient of the Pell Blanket Award as the centerfield and No.2 batter for most outstanding female academics and athletics.

She struggled at times last of the squad not to benefit from playing a limited fall schedule, White still managed to hit .323 and was second in doubles(10) and triples(4) for a record-setting 32-16, sophmore-dominated team that had advanced to the NJCAA Women's Fast -Pitch

Finals the previous season.

This fall' more comfortable with her surroundings as a veteran on a young squad, the line-drive, pull-hitter batted .400, with a sparkling .725 slugging average and .454 onbase percentage. She led the Lady Warriors with 31 run scored, seven triples, three home runs and 10 base on balls. Her 10 RBIs tied her for runner-up honors in a 16-11 campaign.

"The thing that made attractive to SEMO is the fact she is a triple-threat,' Ellingsworth commented. true left-hander, she can bunt from the left side, either for the sacrifice or a hit, she can slap the ball for the hits and she's also got power, as evidenced by her extra-base hits and slugging percentage.

"Defensively in the outfield, she utilized her speed real well. She's aggressive. It doesn't seem like she will ever give up on a ball; she will have grass stains all over her uniform trying to catch up with balls, and usually does."

Ellingsworth had watched White play since her sophomore season at

White's arrival on the Rend Northveiw, but did not recruit her initially because he had a veteran players returning in the outfield. When injuries and illness reduced those numbers, Ellingsworth was pleasantly surprised to learn of her availability and a call was made.

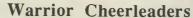
> She initially said, 'No.' Then she changed her mind. I'm glad she did, and I think she is, too," he smiled.

> Count SEMO Coach Lana Richmond among the happy ones, also. Her assistant, Buddy Foster, saw White on several occasions last spring while helping rival John A. Logan. They saw her again and were impressed - in tournaments hosted by the Otahkians in Cape Girardeau and by Southern Illinois University-Carbondale.

> "I'm extremely proud of Kelsey. I'm glad to have a player placed in that added program," Ellingsworth. "They will compete every year for the Ohio Valley Conference (OVC) championship.

The Brazil Northview athletic program has been extremely kind in recent years to Rend Lake College, and vice-versa. Three other Lady warrior players, along with White, were members of the 1995 squad that finished runner-up in the Indiana state high school tournament -Cowell, now at SIUC; sophomore second base Cari Cook and freshman first baseman Jennifer Calandrilla. Freshman golfer Chad Penman helped the Warriors win their forth Region XXIV title in a row and qualify for another shot at an NJCAA Division II National Championship this spring. Basketball / softball player Jennifer Bass was the first to make the Northview- RLC connection.





Back row from left to right: Jennifer Wilson (Thompsonville), Lesli Flatt (Christopher), Kelly Smith (Benton), Ashley Harlan (Mt. Vernon), Amy Baltzell (Mt. Vernon). Middle row from left to right: Jamie Webb (Sesser), Kylie Watts (Ina). Front and Center: Rachel Sanders (Mt. Vernon).

