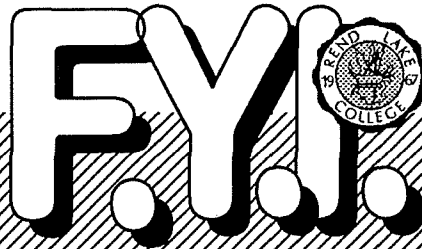


To paraphrase a former RLC student-athlete (his two years at a Juco were cut in final production) ... "My momma always said, 'Secretaries are like a bag of jelly beans. You never know what you're going to get.'"

FORREST GUMP

The RLC Office Support Staff features almost as many different varieties (32) as those jelly beans from the Bookstore almost everyone seems to love ... You know they are all very good, in their own unique way. A real treat!

REND LAKE COLLEGE



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To those human beans we couldn't do without, have a well-deserved **HAPPY SECRETARIES DAY**
HAPPY SECRETARIES WEEK

Not everyone set out to be a member of the Office Support Staff (surprise!). We asked, "What do you want to be when you grow up?" or more to the point, "What did you want to be when you were growing up?" To add a little spice, the F.Y.I. Enquirer also wanted to know if they could share any juicy secrets with us ...

“
IN YOUR DREAMS
”

"Several things ... an architect or an accountant. But what I really wanted to be was a cruise ship captain ... an artist living in Paris ... or to travel."
JENNIFER PARKER

"I thought I was going to be a stay-at-home mom, but extenuating circumstances forced me into the work world. I had joined the Navy when I was 18, then got married and had kids. The marriage didn't work out, so I went back to college. I started out here as a volunteer ... it has been enlightening."
MARY HARRISON

IN YOUR DREAMS

"Actually, I thought I would end up being a housewife. My mom stayed at home with four kids, and I enjoyed having her there. I thought (husband) Wade would always farm and I'd stay home ... Financially free, that's what I want to be. I don't see it happening."
MELINDA THOMAS

"Most definitely, a school teacher ... so I could have summers off ... my little white fence around the house and be home with the kiddies ... home for holidays. I still would like to pursue it."
MELISSA GOIN

"I'd probably say I always wanted to be a cowgirl. I lived in town and always wanted to be around horses. Now I live on a family farm, we have horses and it's a lot of work. Be careful what you ask for."
CARY MARSHALL

"I kinda pictured myself in an office-setting of some kind. I guess I'm doing what I thought I would. I'm pretty satisfied with where I'm at right now."
LORI IRVIN

"My plans went haywire. I wanted to be in journalism - TV or radio broadcasting. You know, the 6 o' clock news. What changed those plans? Life. I got my A.A. and started working. I enjoy what I'm doing. I like having a life outside of work, also."
JAN VIKARA

"I probably thought I was going to be an accountant or something like that, because I liked working with numbers. But as I got older, it was not something I wanted to do. I didn't like the 'law' part."
CATHY JACKSON

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"That's something I still struggle with on a daily basis . . . what do I want to be when I grow up? My mom always said I used to serve martinis with my A-B-C wooden blocks, so a cocktail waitress, I guess. Keep in mind, I come from a Southern Baptist background; I think it worried her." LISA COLLIER

"I was going to be a writer . . . a foreign correspondent, actually. Somewhere where the action was. Unrest. At the time, I couldn't go on and get my education. I started working right out of high school."

MARY ANN LEWIS

"I thought I'd be a fashion designer for McCall's (patterns)."

JERRI RUEMLER

"I intended to be a teacher . . . until my senior year. After taking secretarial classes, I decided that's what I wanted to be. If I was going to be a secretary, I got to go away to school; if I was going to be a teacher, I had to stay home (the first two years). Maybe that was part of it."

BECKY WILLIAMSON

IN YOUR DREAMS

"When I was a kid, a nurse; many years later, I became one. After that, I wanted to be a dental assistant; I did that, too. While I was going back to school, I got a job here and liked it so much I stayed. I get to be an EMT as part of my duties."

GINGER HOGAN

"I thought I was going to be a waitress. When I was in the 3rd or 4th grade, I thought that was the most glamorous thing. I saw people left tips for you . . . I didn't realize then how hard you had to work for it."

CONNIE SAMPLE

"An airline stewardess. That's what I dreamed about being."

JANICE DILLON

"A high school Business teacher is really what I want to be when I grow up. I did for one semester, but I was real young at the time . . . I think I was overwhelmed. I wanted to go back and get my master's, but I got married and had kids instead."

CINDY MINOR

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IN YOUR DREAMS

“When I was little, I wanted to be a nurse. Now I'm here (in the Allied Health Dept.), and I can't because I'm working.”

BETH MITCHELL

“I wanted to be an airline stewardess, but I didn't grow tall enough. I never got above 5-2. I chalked that idea up around the 8th grade. I did think about being a jockey ... I like to ride horses.”

SHERRY SUMMARY

“That's why I'm still here because I never figured out what I wanted to do when I grew up ... I didn't go on to a four-year school because I didn't know. Now, I wish I had gone into something like physical or occupational therapy, or teaching in order to work with kids.”

JULIE OXFORD

“When I was real young, I always thought I'd have 12 kids. That's all I ever looked forward to, because I just love kids. But then I had the first one and said, 'Hold everything. No way I'm going to keep doing this.'”

PHYLLIS RICE

“I went to school initially to be an elementary teacher. But then I had children of my own and had to go to work. I did work as a teacher's aide before coming here. At this point, I don't think I'd want to, because I'm too old to run after those little kids. I'm content doing what I'm doing.”

PAT DIETRICH

“I always wanted to be a TV talk show host, like Johnny Carson, when I was around 10 years old. I still want to. What would make me a good TV talk show host? I am a good listener. And I'm full of suggestions.”

JEAN HUIE

“I wanted to be an over-the-road truck driver. Or a beautician, I guess that more than anything else. But after my first child got older, I was ready to see the country. That, and raise horses.”

JEANNIE BROCKETT

“Probably a kindergarten teacher. That doesn't sound very exciting, does it? But someone told me you had to go to school for years and years. When I was in 1st grade, I wanted to be a nurse ... help people and do all that.”

SHARI CARPENTER

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"I wanted to be a tall, blonde airline stewardess. I didn't get tall, but I am blonde. Anyway, I would have had to leave home, and I probably couldn't ... I was a momma's girl. It just looked glamorous."

HOLLIE TAYLOR

"A lady of leisure. Very rich. Go on cruises and lots of trips. Have people clean my house. No more toilets!"

RITA HARRISS

"As a teenager, all you thought about was finishing school and getting married ... never about working. I waited until all my children were grown before venturing out on my own. I guess I had more freedom in making my choice by then."

IDA LOWERY

"I always wanted to be a writer. I still write all the time, but I don't let anyone else read it. I guess I want to be Barbara Luchsinger when I grow up ... she's my mentor. I write poetry, and I've written a couple of children's stories."

ELLEN KIRSCH

"I always wanted to be a social worker and work with kids, but I knew I'd have them at my home all the time ... and I figured I could get a job as a secretary. I'd probably go into psychology now."

CATHY CROSS

"I thought about being an elementary teacher, because I enjoy being around kids. But closer to time, I just wanted to go to school a couple of years and start making money."

JAN JOHNSTON

"I wanted to be independently wealthy, a lady of leisure. More realistically, I kinda wanted to be a nurse. But I'm happy where I'm at. I was out here with friends who were going to school ... I had just been laid off. I saw an announcement about this job; the deadline for applying was that day."

KIM DAVIS

IN YOUR DREAMS

"I'm still searching. I've always wanted to be the owner of my own business. When I was 17 or 18, I wanted to be in the Navy. But I would have been afraid of going to war; I just saw the glamorous part. I wanted to be an airline stewardess, but you had to be so tall."

RENEE HENSHAW

Juicy

Pssst. Wanna know a secret?

We all have something from the past that is our little secret, don't we? Something that even our co-workers would be shocked to find out about someone they thought they knew pretty well. Not all of our honored Office Support Staff were willing to admit to keeping secrets from the rest of us – many reactions were to admit, "When you work here, there are no secrets" – but enough did so to allow the F.Y.I. gossip rag to stoop to a new low and include these tidbits . . . ownership of which will remain forever anonymous, unless the authors themselves are willing to confess.

■ "Did I ever mention my body-piercing? Where? I'm not telling, because it wouldn't be a secret then. I have plenty of others I'm not going to dish out."

■ "I am really a shy person (everybody always laughs at that). But it's the truth. If I'm around people I don't know, it's hard for me to talk. At first, it really is painful for me. I try to hide it."

■ "I'm a choc-aholic. I love chocolate and eat it anytime I can get it. It's not a secret any longer since the Bookstore started selling it."
(Did 32 sets of hands just go up?)

■ "I'm really not the innocent little angel everybody thinks I am."

■ "I got fired from a job at the Dairy Queen (my second year there). I was getting ready to go off to college, and I already had a job there I was going. It was late that summer, I was at the beach and I didn't want to go to work that day. And I had already been warned about being late once before that. I just didn't want to work any more. My folks were mad at me because I was so irresponsible."

■ "I'm not a true (hair-coloring). I used to be, but since I've had children, I have to work on it now to get the color I want. It was green once; that was a mistake I had to live with for about a month."

■ "In-Service day three years ago, I started to get out of my car at work and discovered I was wearing two different styles of shoes . . . both left feet. One black and one navy, one wedge heel and one pump, but both left feet. I don't know how I managed that. I had had the flu but felt I needed to come even though I had been sick. That was my most embarrassing moment ever, but I've been able to laugh about it ever since."

■ "I color my hair. She does! And everybody thinks this is the true me. Every morning I put on my 'mask' just to come to work. Saturday mornings, I look like the rag man coming. Sweats. No makeup. It's not pretty!"

■ "I want to write a novel some day, called "Rend Lake Collage." People will be ready to shoot me when they hear that. Someday, maybe I will write that novel and sell it in the Bookstore."

■ "I was the Valedictorian of my class. I made straight-A's all through school. I was a cheerleader in grade school . . . that would surprise everybody who knew me, I'm sure."

■ "Nobody would ever know it if they saw us today, but my sister and I used to fight like cats and dogs. Especially over new clothes. We'd share our baby-sitting money to buy a new outfit and then fight over who got to wear it first. I can remember a new pair of Chic jeans we fought over, in particular. That's the truth."

■ "I smoked marijuana . . . but I didn't inhale! Whew, I had to get that off my chest." (Called back later to the Confessional Hotline @ Marketing and Public Information, Ext. 234.)

■ "I got an 'F' in Accounting in high school. I was in Beta Club and Honor Society and all that, but I was flunking Accounting and dropped it before getting a grade. My folks never knew. I'm bad."

■ "If people saw me at lunch or away from here, they would be surprised. When I'm with a group of friends, I seem more talkative. It just depends on who I'm around . . . The only trouble I ever got in at school was in the 6th or 7th grade. I got caught passing notes in class. There were usually several of us doing it. We'd pass them to some boy we liked, or to each other. If the teacher caught us, she would put them up on the bulletin board. Another time, I had to read mine out loud to the other class. That was really embarrassing, but not enough to keep us from doing it again!"

■ "People would be surprised to find out how backward and bashful I am. I put on a pretty good front."

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MORE ABOUT >>> *Juicy! Pssst. Wanna know a secret?*

■ "I'm pretty much straight-and-narrow here. But when I am away from here, I like to do fun things . . . get out and get grimy. I like to fish. I like to go mudding on four-wheelers, whenever I get the notion and the opportunity. I went rappelling once, and I'd probably go again. I'd like to sky-dive and hang-glide, too. I don't know about bungee-jumping, though; I might have to draw the line there."

■ She makes a mean white pie.

■ "My first serious boyfriend was a guitarist in a rock-and-roll band. We were both sophomores. Yes, he had long hair."

■ "I saved up (at age 21) and bought a brand new sports car – an MGA, turquoise, black leather top, 5-speed stick shift – and did not know how to drive. Neither did my mother. They delivered it Fourth of July weekend. We learned together, on the back roads, from reading how out of a book and having watched my dad."

■ "In 5th or 6th grade, I was supposed to do a bug collection. I hadn't done mine, so I pretended to be sick that day and didn't go to school. The teacher never did ask me for it."

■ "I performed at Disneyland when I was 16 . . . singing and dancing with a high school swing choir. We were invited to perform at an International Kiwanis Convention in front of 17,000 people. Mt. Zion is known for its performing groups, but we were the first to go. The swing choir consisted of about 10 band members and around 30 singers. We were there a week and performed four times at the convention and three times at Disneyland. We did airplane washes at the airport – just like car washes – for our fund-raisers."

■ "No names . . . PLEASE. It was on a Friday. My senior year of high school. It was the last two weeks of school, and we were supposed to be working on our prom decorations. My Business teacher was also the Dean of Girls. I worked in her office, and she let me out of class to go help with prom. Instead of decorating, I was in the parking lot of the high school – right below her window – mixing drinks for my friends. She saw me mixing Mr. Misties and slow-gin fizzes. How smart could I be doing it right under her window? And I was always such a good child . . . never any trouble."

■ "I'm ashamed to admit it, but right after going through labor when my child was born, and they told me 'It's a girl!' my first thought was, 'You poor thing.' Actually, mine was not that bad; it was comparatively short. But it is called labor, and it is work!"

■ "I am so boring, it's pitiful. Am I the same away from the office that I am here? Yes, unfortunately. I did ride a cow once as a child . . . while trying to milk it. I thought I knew how."

■ "I got grounded for the entire summer after my freshman year in high school. It was for coming home, well . . . let's just say I got left on my front porch, I couldn't tell you how I got there. I don't have a clue. Little ol' (me), and I was plastered. It was final exam week, and I went to lunch between morning and afternoon exams with some older kids, mostly seniors. That summer, I didn't get to see any friends. I didn't get to talk to them because I had no telephone. I didn't have a life! I think a lot of people would really be shocked if they found that out about me. I wouldn't mind using my name. No, better not."

■ "I am different away from the office than I am here. I'm more of an outdoors person, the kind they used to call a tomboy. People always have a different idea of the kind of person I really am; I've heard me described as very feminine, and I'm totally the opposite. I wrestle with hogs . . . chase cows through briar bushes . . . fish . . . like to ride horses."

■ "I am a 'two-digit midget.' That's military talk for a short-timer. I am turning in my resignation today and going to Iowa to pursue a career as a legal assistant. I moved 22 times in 18 years growing up."

■ "I want to be in a financial position someday where I can help a single mother go through the LPN program, because the Single-Parent program was out here to help me . . . When I was a student nurse working in a nursing home, I hadn't looked at the patient's record like I probably should have done. I was getting ready to move him and asked if he would like to sit by the window so he could look outside. He was blind. I found out later he probably didn't hear me, because he was pretty well deaf, too."

■ "I was a member of the Honor Society in high school, but I skipped school one time. Of course, I got caught. I really don't remember

us doing anything special, except riding around. But none of the other girls got in trouble, because their mothers told the school they were sick that day. When my mother got the call and was told I wasn't there, she refused to make up an excuse for me."

■ "I am a totally different person away from the office; it is probably a good thing I am. I act different at home about everything. Here, I get things done; at home, I do not. I blame not getting things done on my child, but that's not true, not the real reason. I am a slob at home. No makeup."

In case you were wondering, for future gift ideas, an unofficial Jelly Bean survey (or other taste treats) uncovered these favorites:

- Jeannie Brockett – Cinnamon bears
- Shari Carpenter – Marshmallow
- Lisa Collier – Mixed
- Cathy Cross – Mixed; chocolate nuts
- Kim Davis – Cherry
- Pat Dietrich – Mixed
- Janice Dillon – Watermelon
- Melissa Goin – Cinnamon, strawberry daiquiri
- Mary Harrison – Chocolate/peanut butter
- Rita Harriss – Mixed (except black)
- Renée Henshaw – Sour worms
- Ginger Hogan – Sour balls
- Jean Huie – Boston baked beans
- Lori Irvin – Watermelon, cherry, strawberry
- Cathy Jackson – Anything w/ chocolate
- Jan Johnston – Peach
- Ellen Kirsch – Buttered popcorn
- Mary Ann Lewis – Chocolate nuts
- Ida Lowery – Licorice; all chocolate
- Cary Marshall – Pina collada and cherry
- Cindy Minor – Chocolate-covered nuts
- Beth Mitchell – Cherry and tangerine
- Julie Oxford – Peach, tangerine, st. daq.
- Jennifer Parker – Cinnamon or cherry
- Phyllis Rice – Cherry; chocolates
- Jerri Ruemmler – Blue mint
- Connie Sample – Strawberry daiquiri
- Sherry Summary – Sour balls
- Hollie Taylor – Pina collada
- Melinda Thomas – Mixed
- Jan Vikara – Reece's peanut butter cup
- Becky Williamson – Boston baked beans

Special thanks to Dorothy Feira and Mary Braden in the RLC Bookstore for their jelly bean expertise and assistance.

Lincolnland Brass in free noon performance April 28

The Lincolnland Brass Quintet from Scott Air Force Base is scheduled to perform a noon concert on Monday, April 28, in the RLC Theatre. Admission is free. The public is welcome.

The AMC Band of Mid-America Lincolnland Brass features six musicians "sure to please music lovers of all types."

In addition to the standard brass quintet instrumentation of two trum-

pets, French horn, trombone and tuba, this versatile group often adds a percussionist to perform a variety of musical styles.

A typical program will include major works from the standard repertoire and transcriptions of works particularly suited for brass instruments, as well as jazz, ragtime, marches and other lighter selections. Through a unique blend of musicianship and humor, the group members

develop a rapport with audiences that is both musically rewarding and highly enjoyable.

The Lincolnland Brass makes appearances at military ceremonies and presents concerts and clinics at high schools and colleges throughout the midwestern United States.

Performances by the group are presented as a public service and are always free of charge and open to the general public.

RLC Community Chorus in noon concert May 1

The first performing group of its kind on campus in about 10 years will be showcased Thursday and Friday, May 1-2, when the Rend Lake College Community Chorus is featured in concert.

Both performances are free of charge. The public is invited.

Thursday's concert is scheduled at noon in the RLC Theatre. The Friday presentation is scheduled for 7 p.m., also in the RLC Theatre.

The singers will be performing

"sets" of songs that encompass a variety of styles, including jazz, pop, folk songs and multi-cultural.

Each of the participants is a Rend Lake College student with impressive performance credentials. Each will be featured during the concert, either through a solo or as part of an ensemble.

RLC Community Choir members are: Kendra Colwell (Bluford), Mt. Vernon brothers Tony Donoho and Chris Donoho, Alisha Elder (Benton), Melissa Hefner (Bluford), Andrea McMahan (Mt. Vernon) and Alisha Wilson (Opdyke), along with Director Julie Wilkerson.

"The Spring '97 Community Chorus is the first student-dominated performing music group that Rend Lake College has had in approximately 10 years," commented Wilkerson.

"Because we started later in the semester and then had some bad weather early, our practice time has been limited. However, these factors have only added to the motivation level of the students to put forth a greater effort during rehearsals to learn as much music as possible in a short amount of time.

"We rehearse 1 1/2 hours weekly, with additional rehearsals scheduled as needed. Students receive one hour of credit for their efforts, plus the chance to be involved in something

they love to do."

"In other words," added Wilkerson, "it is a recreation as well as a professional event. I really admire and respect the students' desire to establish a continuing chorus at Rend Lake College."

Goals of the new class included a performance by the end of the semester and laying the groundwork which would enable the group to continue next semester. Newcomers are always welcome, whether they sign up for the credit class or just contribute for their own enjoyment.

Wilkerson, in her first year as a part-time music instructor for Rend Lake College, has an impressive background in performance herself for someone who only recently graduated from Southern Illinois University-Carbondale with a degree in Music.

The McLeansboro native was invited to perform during the Inaugural Gala in Washington, D.C., in 1992. She had performed for then-Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton previously and was subsequently asked to sing at one of his campaign stops in Vandalia prior to the Inaugural invite.

She also has served as assistant director for the SIUC Concert Choir and the Southern Illinois Children's Choir. The Children's Choir toured and performed in Washington, D.C., and the East about three years ago.



Speakers Bureau

UPCOMING ENGAGEMENTS

TIM WILLS -

Monday, April 21 - 6:30 p.m.
Benton Kiwanis Club
"The Rend Lake College
Athletic Program"

STEVE KENNETT -

Thursday, April 24 - 1:30 p.m.
Community Care Systems
Homemaking Service to Elderly
Rome Meadows in Dix
"Suffering, Death and Dying -
Feelings of Clients and Families"

Camille Jones honored

RLC "Project First Class" Coordinator Camille Jones received a special educational award Friday night at the Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner attended

by 500-plus in Mt. Vernon. It was one of two surprise presentations.

A giant photo represented incoming (and ailing) President Bob Carlock and made Page 1 of the *Register-News*.

/// F.Y.I. Personals ///

Congratulations to the newest mother at Project CHILD, Data Entry Clerk **Cary Marshall**.

She gave birth Tuesday, April 15, to Samantha Louise Marshall, who checked in at 2:32 p.m. weighing 7 pounds 4 ounces. She was 20 1/4 inches long.

Mother, baby and father, Loren, are all doing well at their Ewing home.



Sincere condolences to Data Entry Clerk **Mary Ann Lewis**. Her father, George A. Hart, died Friday night, April 18.

Visitation is scheduled Monday after 6 p.m. at Gilbert Funeral Home in Christopher. Services will be conducted at the funeral home Tuesday morning at 11.

Hart, 90, was a retired coal miner and worked more recently for Turco in DuQuoin.

He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Audrey, and a son, George D. Hart, in addition to Mary Ann and their families. He had two grandsons.

Although in very poor health, Hart had been able to help celebrate the birthdays of Mary Ann and her brother, who was visiting from Alabama, the previous week.



/// Birthdays ///

- Mike Mullen (4/21)
- Joan Long (4/22)
- David Vinyard (4/24)
- Debbie Benns (4/29)
- Jeannie Brockett (5/3)
- Vickie Lewis (5/4)

Condolences, also, to Franklin County Family Investment Center Program Specialist **Nicole Garrett**.

Her grandfather, Dwight B. Willmore of West Frankfort, died Friday, April 11. Services were the following Monday.

Willmore was a Navy veteran and retired Old Ben Mine #9 top boss.



The headline across the top of Page 2 of the *Southern Illinoisan* sports section on Thursday, April 17, proclaimed, "Benton issues Summary judgement on Nashville."

It was in reference to the son of Financial Aid Assistant **Sherry Summary**, and topped the following lead:

"BENTON - Justin Summary singled home Jason Drew in the ninth inning as the Benton Rangers edged the Nashville Hornets 5-4 in prep baseball action on Wednesday."

OBITUARY

Ex-Instructor J. Levesque

Former Rend Lake College Mathematics Instructor Julien J. Levesque died Wednesday, April 9, at St. Mary's Hospital in Centralia, where he was living at the time.

Levesque, 80, lived previously in Marion.

Services were held April 16, with interment in Rosehill Cemetery in Marion.

Levesque was a member of the original faculty when RLC was established in 1967. He served until December, 1980.

Survivors include two sons, a daughter, their spouses and four grandchildren.

Educated in London and Montreal, Levesque also taught school in Uganda. He served as a brother in the monastery, played the church organ and taught radio electronics for Scott Air Force Base.

Memorials may be made for Masses at St. Joseph's Church in Centralia.

MARTIN'S FOOD SERVICE

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<i>Specials</i>	<i>Specials</i>	<i>Specials</i>	<i>Specials</i>	<i>Specials</i>
DINNER \$3.99 Chicken Stir Fry 2 Vegetables Roll Small Drink	DINNER \$3.99 Cabbage Casserole 2 Vegetables Roll Small Drink	DINNER \$3.99 Beef and Noodles 2 Vegetables Roll Small Drink	DINNER \$3.99 Country-Fried Steak 2 Vegetables Roll Small Drink	DINNER \$3.99 Shrimp 2 Vegetables Roll Small Drink
SANDWICH \$2.99 BLT FF/Veg/Chips Small Drink	SANDWICH \$2.99 Cheeseburger FF/Veg/Chips Small Drink	SANDWICH \$2.99 Chicken FF/Veg/Chips Small Drink	SANDWICH \$2.99 Corn Dogs (2) FF/Veg/Chips Small Drink	SANDWICH \$2.99 Sloppy Joe FF/Veg/Chips Small Drink

Hours / 7:30 am - 1:30 pm



March of Dimes
WalkAmerica

Walk for
Someone You Love

Join the fun and raise money
for healthier babies!

**SATURDAY
APRIL 26
10 am**

RLC team still in search of walkers, contributors

Good news for all of you procrastinators: There is always room for one more if you would like to join the Rend Lake College "team" for Saturday's March of Dimes WalkAmerica happening.

There's no such thing as too many donors or contributors, either.

If you can join the walkers, or at the least contribute, you are still encouraged to do so.

Participants will assemble this Saturday between 9 and 10 a.m. at the Rend Lake Resort. Those who are able should plan on walking from there to the college and back.

Prior to that, a meeting (as yet to be determined) will be held on campus for those planning to walk. People will be notified by

a campus memo as soon as the time, date and place are set.

Each person soliciting for March of Dimes funds on campus has been asked to collect a minimum of \$20. RLC staff members are being asked to give \$5 apiece, if possible, students \$1.

Among those known to be actively involved: Andrea Boucher, Angie Kistner and Sherry Somers, helping to pick up the slack for an ailing Bob Carlock, who was coordinating campus activities; Mary Braden; Shari Carpenter; Sara Davenport; Cindy Hamilton; Ginger Hogan; Jan Johnston; Cindy Minor; Beth Mitchell; Julie Oxford; Hollie Taylor; Dr. Sue Tomlin, and Student Worker Gina Todd.

Just like the pros: Chance to tee it up and win \$50,000!!!

Wonder what it would be like to feel like a pro for one day and experience the exhilaration of playing golf for a shot at \$50,000?

You can, provided you circle your calendar for Saturday, May 10, and get your entry fee (\$10) in for the Rend Lake College "\$50,000 Shootout" hole-in-one contest.

The first-time event is being sponsored by the Recreation Programming class and Warrior/Lady Warrior Athletic programs, with proceeds going toward a Physical Education/Recreation students scholarship and the participating sports teams.

Participants will receive five shots each at the Rend Lake Golf Course driving range between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. on May 10. Men will hit from 160 yards, women from 145 yards.

One person each hour – a total of 10 – will qualify to shoot for the \$50,000 cash prize. Each contestant who reaches the final round will have one attempt at making the \$50,000 ace on Hole No. 4, beginning at 6 p.m.

Qualifiers will receive gift certificates for getting closest to the pin each hour. Special prizes will be awarded for a hole-in-one prior to the final shootout.

If there is no hole-in-one, the closest to the pin effort in the finals will be worth \$250.

Only amateurs will be allowed.

Tickets (and tee times) are available from the RLC Athletic Dept.

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Ina, IL 62846**

The Jefferson County 9-1-1 Board & U.S. Post Office request that you begin using this new address ASAP



REND LAKE
COLLEGE

Warriors



ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

TO: Faculty & Staff
FROM: Tim Wills, Athletic Director *T.W.*
Rend Lake College
RE: All-Sports Banquet
DATE: April 1, 1997

WHEN: Wednesday, May 7, 1997
WHERE: Rend Lake Resort Conference Center
Ina, Illinois
TIME: 6:30 p.m.
COST: \$15.00 per person (Buffet includes two entrees, vegetables, salads,
dessert, bread, and drinks)

As another school year rapidly comes to a close, it is once again time to start making plans for our annual sports banquet. The banquet has been a huge success since its inception five years ago. Each year seems to be better than the one before. We are really looking forward to this year's event, it will be held at the beautiful, new Rend Lake Resort Conference Center located at Wayne Fitzgerald State Park.

We are hoping to have a great turn out as we honor the many outstanding accomplishments of our young men and women athletes during the past year. All our athletes' meals will be compliments of RLC Athletics. All others will be \$15.00 per person. We really hope you will be able to make plans to attend.

Please take the time to fill out the reservation form and return it by Monday, April 21 to Tim Wills, Rend Lake College, Ina, Illinois, 62846.

 Can not Attend

Can Attend and will bring _____ people total

Number of People x \$15.00 = _____ Total Amount

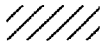
MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: Rend Lake Athletics

(Signed)

F.Y.I. Briefs

The article on Page 12, a commentary entitled "Clinton's Education Inflation" from *The Washington Post National Weekly Edition*, comes highly recommended by RLC President Mark S. Kern.

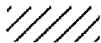
He doesn't necessarily endorse everything the article says or the proposal itself, but the subject matter includes numerous thought-provoking concepts worth contemplating.



The annual Learning Resource Center Book Sale is planned Tuesday through Friday, May 6-9.

Donations for the sale will gladly be accepted at the LRC.

Book sale hours each of those four days will be 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.



Free classes on "Microsoft Works 3.0 for Windows and the Internet" are being offered by the Benton Consolidated High School Business Department.

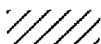
The class is scheduled from 6-8 p.m. at BCHS Room 110 Monday, April 28, Thursday, May 1, and Monday, May 5.

Anyone wishing to enroll is asked to contact the BCHS Business Department at 439-3103 before April 25.



Payroll information is due in the Business Office for processing on the dates listed below. This information includes timesheets and deduction changes, etc.

Payday	Due Date for Payroll Information.
Monday, May 5	Monday, April 28
Tuesday, May 20	Wednesday, May 14



Two-time All-Region XXIV pick and a second-team NJCAA All-America selection, April Long, was recently named Missouri Valley Conference "Player of the Week."

A senior centerfielder for the Southern Illinois Salukis, Long was 7-for-10 with four runs scored and three RBIs as her team swept double-headers from SIU-Edwardsville and Southeast Missouri State.

Long came to RLC by way of Herrin H.S. Joining her are two other ex-Lady Warriors/Herrin players, twins Maggie and Marty Calcaterra.

Long and mates are ranked fifth in the NCAA Midwest Region.



School children and elementary educators from the Southern Illinois area are once again invited to visit Nakajo, Japan, home of a branch of SIUC.

The town of Nakajo sponsors the trip to promote international awareness and friendship. The 10-day trip, which begins July 7, costs approximately \$2,000. More information may be obtained before May 2 from Tammy Morris at 453-3880.

CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE - DRYER

Used Whirlpool electric dryer. White. In good working condition. Your cost: \$100. Contact Julie Mumbower at Ext. 359 or at home evenings/weekends at 439-0026.

FOR SALE - PICK-UP TRUCK

1994 Toyota Pick-up with 37,000 miles. 5-speed. A.C. Blue, with aerocover on bed. Asking price: \$9,500. Contact Keith Kendrick at Ext. 260 or at home evenings/weekends at 983-6719.

FOR SALE - POOL TABLE

Beautiful, 8-foot oak pool table with antique webbed leather pockets. 1-inch slate. Oak wall unit with glass door for balls, cues, etc. Rack 'em up for \$1,500. Contact Dave Davenport at 242-5805 or at home evenings or weekends at 932-6034.

REND LAKE COLLEGE HELP WANTED

BIG MUDDY RIVER
CORRECTIONAL CENTER /
R.L.C. EDUCATION PROGRAM

Secretary

The successful candidate will be required to pass a Dept. of Corrections background check and a drug screening.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Type/coordinate office correspondence. Organize/maintain files, attendance reports, budget and student records (including "Inmate Transcript" status records). Schedule appointments.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Required: Associate Degree (AAS in Secretarial Science/Office Systems Technology preferred). Preferred: Proficiency in WordPerfect, Lotus and d-Base software.

STARTING SALARY

- \$1,455 per month.

STARTING DATE

- May 1 or as negotiated.

TESTING

- Select applicants may be tested.

TO APPLY

- Submit application letter, resumé, transcripts and RLC application form (available from President's Office, Ext. 243) to Administrative Assistant Cindy Minor, by 4 p.m. Thursday, April 24.



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Department Chair / Ag, Auto and Architecture

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Schedule classes and instructors. Evaluate faculty and recommend new full-time faculty. Hire and evaluate part-time instructional staff. Prepare and manage department budget. Be responsible for department inventory of materials and equipment acquisition and maintenance. Continually evaluate and develop existing and new programs and curricula. Lead in recruitment of students. Counsel and advise AAA students. Develop and maintain liaison with appropriate business and industry related to the department. // Full-time, non-tenure-track position.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Master's Degree required. Preferred: Previous administrative experience and/or teaching experience at community college level in Agriculture or Automotive or Architecture.

SALARY RANGE

- \$50,000-\$53,000

STARTING DATE

- July 1 or as negotiated.

TO APPLY

- Submit application letter, resumé, transcripts and RLC application form (available from President's Office, along with complete job description) to Administrative Assistant Cindy Minor by 4 p.m. Thursday, May 15.



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COMMENTARY

Clinton's Education Inflation

The proposal for college tuition tax deductions will only drive the costs up

By Virginia I. Postrel

Bill Clinton wants to make two years of community college an entitlement and offer a tax deduction for tuition. He demands a "new nonpartisan commitment to education" and declares that "education is a critical national security issue for our future, and politics must stop at the schoolhouse door." That declaration is, of course, backed by piles of polls showing that education hand-outs are popular among voters in general and women in particular. And it's tied to programs designed to make educational entitlements as much a part of middle-class life as Social Security or the home mortgage deduction.

In a seemingly unguarded moment, Assistant Secretary of Education David Longanecker blurted out the policy's true goal: bribing Generation X and its successors to back big government. "We want to make a very strong statement," Longanecker said after Clinton's State of the Union address, "that it is worth it to this country to invest in these middle-class students. We believe it will help them re-engage in civic life and make them believe that government does something for them, too."

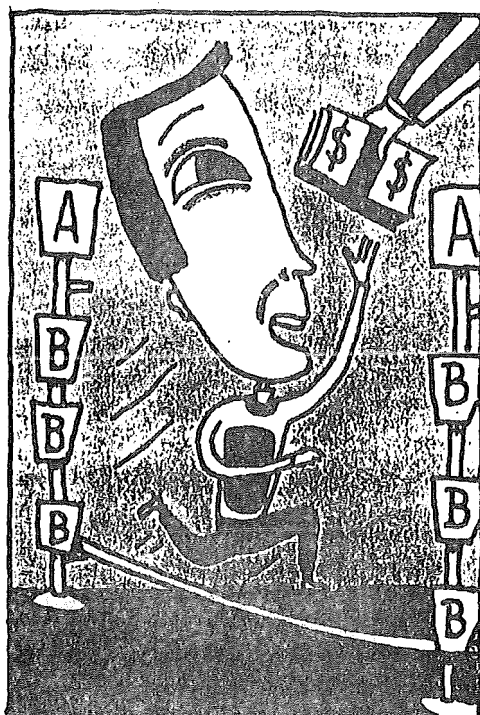
Maybe politics should stop at the schoolhouse door, but intelligent analysis shouldn't. Clinton's higher-education policies are harebrained and irresponsible, obviously concocted by people who care more about poll results than about what they might be doing to the nation's colleges or their students. They ignore the basic, well-understood dynamics of higher-education finance and indicate no knowledge of how colleges work or what challenges they face today.

The biggest such challenge is keeping the cost of college under control. Clinton's plan threatens to reverse what progress has been made in this area. College tuitions rose rapidly in the 1980s—2.7 percent annually for state schools and 3.9 percent for private schools, after accounting for inflation and expanded financial aid. That increase had many causes, but the most important was simple supply and demand: Supply was essentially fixed, and demand was rising. Students were willing to pay, for good reason. In crass financial terms, a college degree is an excellent investment, with an average return of around 19 percent a year after inflation.

"In almost any other unregulated market, an increase in demand against a fixed supply is sure to push up the equilibrium price," writes economist Charles Clotfelter in "Buying the Best," a 1996 study of higher-education finances that focuses on four elite schools. "It is a distinctive feature of the market for higher education, however, that the supplying firms made it a practice not to charge what the market might bear, choosing instead to ration demand by electing talented and diverse student bodies who would best fit their institutional objectives. At the same time, however, the trustees and administrators of these favored institutions could not fail to observe that their admissions offices were being besieged by eager applicants, and that an unusually large tuition increase would not cool the ardor of prospective students." At all but a few elite and well-endowed schools, prices were what the market would bear—and it could hear a lot.

BUT FAMILIES PAYING FULL FREIGHT HAVE STARTED TO balk at the price discrimination that charges them high prices and subsidizes scholarship students. Those shocking list prices can be misleading: A University of Chicago official notes that the typical student there pays only about half of that private school's approximately \$22,000 list price. But family income is at least comparable at the publicly funded University of Illinois, where tuition is under \$3,000 a year. Families that make too much to qualify for financial aid find it hard to justify full fare at a private college.

And not every expensive private school offers a world-class, Chicago-style education. These pricey but run-of-the-mill colleges are feeling competitive pressures. Susan Lee and Daniel Roth of Forbes have documented how numerous private colleges have cut their tuition in order to compete with nearby state schools. Most are small, non-elite regional schools such as North Carolina Wesleyan, which slashed tuition by 23 percent. And some more selective colleges are getting price-conscious: Rice University is limiting increases to inflation, while Lehigh University is aiming



BY PAUL FISCH FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

for that goal. Even Bennington College, long the most expensive school in the country, has frozen its tuition.

So tuition increases are finally decelerating. "Although there is no evidence that the university is losing a significant number of students because of the cost of a Princeton education . . . large tuition increases in the face of the growing public concern about the overall cost of higher education would be contrary to the long-term interests of the university," declared that school's budget-setting Priorities Committee, recommending a 4.9 percent increase in tuition and fees for 1996-97—not exactly modest, but the smallest jump in two decades.

Into this evolving situation blusters Bill Clinton, trying to buy students' love—and that of their parents. His plan is twofold: First, he calls for making "the 13th and 14th years of education—at least two years of college—just as universal in America by the 21st century as a high school education is today." To do so, he would provide a \$1,500-a-year tax credit for tuition, as long as the student maintains a B average. Second, he proposes a \$10,000 tax deduction for any post-high-school tuition.

Unfortunately, the effect of both plans would be to push up tuition. As David Henderson notes in *Fortune*, the average tuition at community colleges was only \$1,114 in 1994. Clinton's dollar-for-dollar tuition credit "would make college students paying less than \$1,500 in tuition unconcerned about increases" because the federal government, not the student's family, would be footing the bill. In other words, the average community college tuition could rise to \$2,614 before the effective cost rose at all. Pressures to keep costs down would be severely reduced. Those painless price hikes would not only give schools an incentive to increase overhead but make the tax credit all but impossible to remove, lest large numbers of people be priced out of the market.

The tax deduction is almost as bad. It lowers the cost of tuition by the tax rate—say, 28 percent—so that the first \$10,000 of tuition actually costs only \$7,200. That means those schools can go right back to jacking up tuitions. They'll still feel competitive pressure, but only after they've raised their prices to the

post-bribe equivalent of today's levels. Again, the critical fact is that the supply of higher education is more or less fixed. Increasing demand simply drives up prices.

But what's truly worrisome about Clinton's education plan is his belief that two years of college should be a universal entitlement—as common as high school and just as meaningless. Already, community colleges give too many students the education they should have gotten earlier.

By requiring a modest entry fee and maintaining the special aura of higher education, community colleges have been able to screen out the people who don't want to be in school. Many will accept anyone with a high school diploma or its equivalent; selection is based not on the student's academic record but on his or her willingness to work. As a result, students actually have a chance to learn. Their teachers do not have to worry about maintaining basic discipline or giving assignments no one will complete. Making community colleges an extension of high school would destroy their role as places that let low-income or average students enter the world of serious education.

But conditioning tax credits on a B average would go even further: It would encourage grade inflation in all freshman and sophomore classes—and not just at community colleges. Over time, grades below a B would disappear. All colleges would have a strong economic motive to keep grades up.

IN FACT, CLINTON'S PLAN FOR TUITION BREAKS COULD push grades up even without the requirement to maintain a specific GPA. Why? Because there appears to be a connection between rising tuitions and rising grades. Although less selective, less expensive public institutions still try to weed students out, grade inflation has become a major problem at elite universities with high tuitions. By allowing colleges to more easily raise tuition, the Clinton plan could spread this phenomenon from relatively exclusive private schools into universities in general.

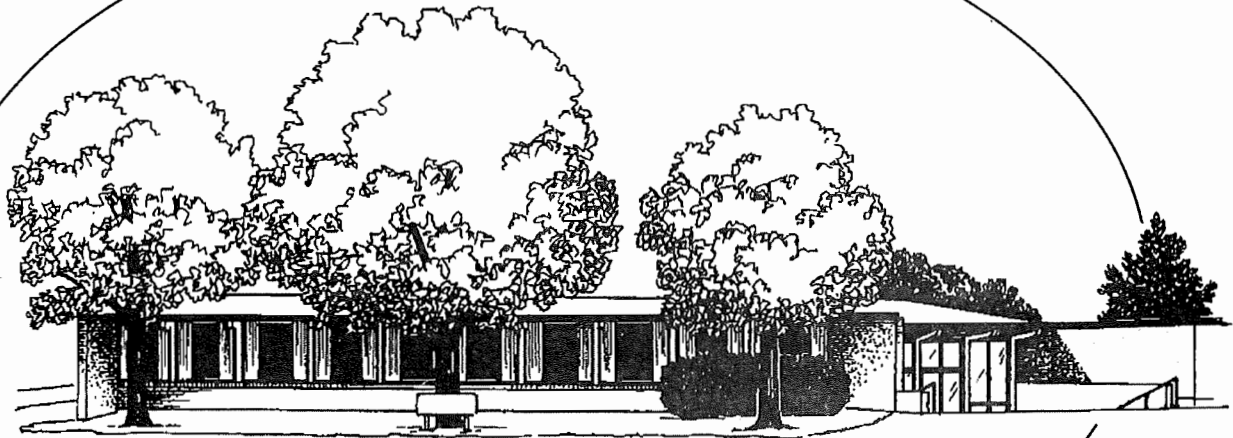
It's well known that in the Vietnam era, professors who feared casting students out into the draft boosted grades. Less heralded, however, is the enormous jump elite-college grades have taken since the mid-'80s, the very period during which both the cost and the value of a college degree have escalated rapidly. During my years at Princeton, from 1978 to 1982, about 30 percent of grades were A's of various sorts, a level the school had maintained since a huge jump in the early '70s. Today, that figure stands at 45 percent. The pattern is repeated at similar schools.

No one knows exactly what happened to push grades up. Princeton Registrar Anthony Broh attributes the jump to pressure from students competing for graduate and professional school slots. But students at the beginning of their college careers are also more likely to be accustomed to pumped-up grades; since the mid-'80s, the high school grades of college freshmen have skyrocketed, although more students are going to college. It's not surprising that they expect—and sometimes demand—to do equally well in college, especially at expensive schools. As tuitions go up, students expect "more" for their money. Since most students are not budding intellectuals but pragmatic pre-professionals, "more" means a handsome transcript. If you are paying \$25,000 a year, you do not expect to be handed bad grades.

But there are signs that these private universities are worried about meaningless grades. Stanford, famous even in my college years as the school with no B's, has restored the F. Dartmouth has begun reporting not just grades but the course median. Princeton is considering a similar approach.

And so Clinton's tax credits for B's and education-as-entitlement philosophy can only do harm. Increasing the demand for higher education and pushing up the price will only heighten students' sense that they deserve high grades just for getting into an expensive, elite school. In fact, Clinton promises to spread that baleful attitude down to the lowliest community college, until every student in America feels he or she deserves a diploma and an A-studded transcript just for showing up. That is hardly the way "to prepare our people for the hold new world of the 21st century." We can only hope that the professor-filled GOP leadership will develop the backbone to say so.

Virginia I. Postrel is the editor of *Reason* magazine, a current-affairs monthly based in Los Angeles.



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Building renderings available on request

Drawings of campus buildings that appear on the cover and back of the Fall '97 Rend Lake College Course Schedule are available from the Marketing and Public Information Office (Ext. 234).

The majority are copied on 8 1/2-inch by 11-inch format.

The pen-and-ink renderings were done by Mt. Vernon artist Susan Hinz, who operates Fine Line Designs.

Buildings depicted include Academic, Dr. Allen Y. Baker Administration, Aquatics Center, James (Hummer) Waugh Gymnasium, Industrial Tech/Skills Center, Learning Resource Center, North Oasis, Science, South Oasis, Student Center, Theatre and Vocational.



Do you know this man (the tall, cool dude) . . . and would you admit to it even if you did???

Every now and then, the Ol' F.Y.I. Editor comes across something too good to pass up . . . and he gleefully passes it on to the masses. The picture comes with the blessings of the fellow shown, but it's safe to assume another RLC employee may want to find a rock to hide under.

F.Y.I. Week ahead



APRIL / MAY

MONDAY / 21st

- "Truck Driving," 6:30 am-6:30 pm (Trap) • "Biology," 8-9:30 am (Theatre) • "Health Ed" TV, 8-9 am (ACA 104)
- Bid Opening, 10-11:30 (SC/EBR) • Student Senate, 11:45 am-12:45 pm (SC/EBR) • H.S. class, 5-8 pm (SCI 117)
- Sonya's Gotta Dance, 6-8 pm (Theatre) • Culinary Arts, 6-10 pm (SC Kitchen) • "Karate," 6:30-8:30 (Gym)

TUESDAY / 22nd

- "Truck Driving," 6:30 am-6:30 pm (Trap) • "Job Strategy," 8 am-4 pm (TECH 156) • "Health Ed" TV, 11 am-Noon, Noon-1 (A 109); 6-7 (A 104)
- RLC Foundation, 11 am-2 pm (SC/PDA) • Single-Parent, 12:30-2:30 pm (SCI 122) • Baseball, Belleville Area at RLC (DH), 1 pm
- Softball, John A. Logan at RLC (DH), 2 pm • H.S. classes, 5-8 (SCI 120, TECH 140) • "ACT Prep," 6-9 pm (SCI 106) • Culinary Arts, 6-10 (SC)

WEDNESDAY / 23rd

- "Truck Driving," 6:30 am-6:30 pm (Trap) • "Biology," 8-9:30 am (Theatre) • "Health Ed," 11 am-Noon (ACA 206)
- SIUC Social Work Rep, 11 am-Noon (SCI 110) • Registration, 3:30-5 pm (SCI 110) • MIS Committee, 4 pm (SC/PDA)
- Advisory Council to the President, 4-5 pm (SC/EBR) • H.S. class, 5-8 pm (SCI 117) • Lions Club Meeting, 7-8:30 pm (SC/EBR)

THURSDAY / 24th

- "Truck Driving," 6:30 am-6:30 pm (Trap) • "Job Strategy," 8 am-4 pm (TECH 119) • Dept. of Mines and Minerals, all day (Gym)
- "Health Ed" TV, 9-10 am (SCI 116), 11 am-Noon (ACA 109) and 6-7 pm (ACA 105) • Baseball, Southeastern Illinois at RLC (DH), 2 pm
- Program Review, 3:30-5 pm (SC/EBR) • Ag Business Management, 4:30-9 pm (Theatre) • H.S. class, 5-8 pm (SCI 120)
- Industrial Tech Advisory Committee, 6:30-10 pm (SC/EBR)

FRIDAY / 25th

- "Truck Driving," 6:30 am-6:30 pm (Trap) • "Health Ed" TV, 9-10 am (ACA 102)
- Softball, Shawnee at RLC (DH), 2 pm • Men's Tennis, Region XXIV Tournament at Lewis & Clark in Godfrey, TBA

WEEKEND / 26th & 27th

- SATURDAY • Baseball, RLC at Wabash Valley in Mt. Carmel, 1 pm • Men's Tennis, Region XXIV Tournament at Lewis & Clark in Godfrey, TBA
- SUNDAY • Baseball, RLC at East Central In Union, MO (DH), Noon • Softball, Springfield at RLC (DH), 1 pm

MONDAY / 28th

- "Truck Driving," 6:30 am-6:30 pm (Trap) • "Biology," 8-9:30 am (Theatre) • Lincolnland Brass, 10 am-2 pm (Theatre)
- Senate, 11:45 am-12:45 pm (SC/EBR) • H.S. class, 5-8 pm (SCI 117) • "Karate," 6:30-8:30 pm (Gym)

TUESDAY / 29th

- "Truck Driving," 6:30-6:30 (Trap) • Dynix Users Group, 8 am-4 pm (Theatre) • Softball, RLC at U. of S. Indiana in Evansville, TBA
- Instructional Chair Meeting, 1-2:30 pm (SC/EBR) • Baseball, RLC at Lewis & Clark, 2 pm • H.S. classes, 5-8 pm (SCI 120 and TECH 140)
- Culinary Arts, 3-9 pm (SC Kitchen) • Academic Council, 4 pm (SC/EBR) • Chorus Practice, 5-7 pm (Theatre)

WEDNESDAY / 30th

- "Truck Driving," 6:30 am-6:30 pm (Trap) • "Biology," 8-9:30 (SCI 110) • Student Senate "Battle of the Bands," 10 am-3 pm (Theatre)

THURSDAY / 1st

- "Truck Driving," 6:30 am-6:30 pm (Trap) • Chorus Concert, 11 am-1 pm (Theatre) • Program Review, 3:30-4:30 pm (SC/EBR)
- Softball, RLC in Sectional Playoffs at John A. Logan, TBA

FRIDAY / 2nd

- "Truck Driving," 6:30 am-6:30 pm (Trap) • Softball, RLC in Sectional Playoffs at John A. Logan, TBA
- Waltonville H.S. Prom, 3-10 pm (SC) • Chorus Concert, 6-8 pm (Theatre)

WEEKEND / 3rd & 4th

- SATURDAY • Rend Lake Baby Show, 7 am-3 pm (Theatre) • Waltonville H.S. Prom, 8 am-Noon and 6:30 pm-Midnight (SC)
- St. Jude's Bike-a-thon, 9 am (outdoors) • Softball, RLC in Sectional Playoffs at John A. Logan, TBA
- SUNDAY • Waltonville H.S. Prom clean-up, 1-4 pm (SC)

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE ANNUAL
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DATE: FRIDAY, MAY 9, 1997

TIME: 6:30 P.M.

LOCATION: STUDENT CENTER

AS A FULL-TIME EMPLOYEE, YOU AND YOUR SPOUSE
OR GUEST ARE INVITED TO OUR ANNUAL BOARD/
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PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATION BY COMPLETING
THE FORM BELOW OR BY CALLING CINDY MINOR AT
EXTENSION 243 ON OR BEFORE FRIDAY, MAY 2,
1997.

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PLEASE MAKE _____ RESERVATION(S) FOR THE
BOARD/FACULTY/STAFF DINNER ON MAY 9, 1997.

NAME

