

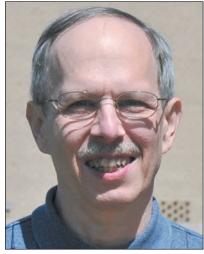


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Flummoxed Fairy Tales was a big hit last week when RLC Thespians performed the enchanted skit for more than 1,000 local K-5 students. Written and directed by Tracey Webb, Flummoxed keeps audiences guessing with short spoofs on five favorites — Cinderella, Rapunzel, Snow White, Hansel and Gretel, and The Princess and The Frog. Find more photos from Flummoxed Fairy Tales inside today's Clocktower Chronicle. (Photo by Taylor Blankenship / **Clocktower Chronicle Staff Photographer)**

Robinson, Knapp selected for RLC Faculty Excellence Awards



Full-Time Faculty Excellence Award Winner Ricky

Computer Science Instructors nominated for statewide OFA

BY REANNE PALMER RLC PUBLIC INFORMATION

wo members of Rend Lake College's Applied Science and Technology Division will be honored this year for their dedication and service to the RLC community and

Nominated by their peers, Ricky Robinson and Eric Knapp — both of the computer science program

- have been invited to attend the statewide awards banquet later this year.

Robinson, the Full-Time Faculty Excellence Award winner, is a computer networking professor. The Indiana native has lived in Benton for most of the last two decades while he helped begin and develop the Computer Networking program at RLC. In 1998, Robinson came to RLC from Continental Tire the Americas to work with electronics — a career change he never saw coming.

"I never thought I would become an instructor. When I came to Rend Lake, the computer program was just starting, and it's evolved

so much since then," said Robinson. "My favorite part is working with the students on the lab networking equipment. It's very hands-on and gives them lots of experience."

Since his start at RLC, Robinson has also become an integral part of the Criminal Justice program, helping to incorporate computer classes for a cyber crime certificate. Every semester he logs five or six courses, seeing hundreds of students every week.

"I don't feel like I deserve this honor. I think they got the wrong

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Part-Time Faculty Excellence Award Winner Eric

Should We Still Give A Damn? The 'Lost Cause' of 'Gone with the Wind'

BY BILLY MCPHERSON

CLOCKTOWER CHRONICLE STAFFWRITER (Alert! This review contains spoilers! So, if you want to watch "Gone with the Wind," go ahead. Then read Billy's review for some reflection, sprinkled with a dash of perspective. Enjoy!)

■ rankly, reader, this is a movie I should have seen long before now. Last month saw the 150th

anniversary of the end of the Civil War, and perhaps no other movie is looked upon quite as nostalgically for its portrayal of the pre- and post-war south as much as this one.

Adjusted for inflation, "Gone with the Wind" is still the highest grossing movie of all time, by a margin of nearly \$200,000,000. According to BoxOfficeMojo.com, its' adjusted take is over \$1.6 billion. Next on the list is the original "Star Wars," which comes in at \$1.4 billion (also adjusted).

Now, the go-to example of a movie that is technically perfect but morally troubling is Cecil B. Demille's "Birth of a Nation." But, for my money, "Gone with the Wind" has to be in the running as well. Both movies are set in the same time period, from just before the beginning of the Civil War all the way through to the

aftermath and reconstruction period. Both movies paint a picture of the old Antebellum south as a virtual heaven on

earth for all who inhabited it. The scenes in "Gone with the Wind" where Scarlet chastises her black house servant are especially troubling and insulting to sit through for modern audi-

ences. As Yale historian David Blight wrote about the film. "From this combination of Lost Cause voices, a reunited America arose pure, guiltless, and assured that the deep conflicts in its past had been imposed upon it by otherworldly forces ..." Again, Blight states, "One of the ideas the reconciliationist Lost Cause instilled deep into the national culture is that even when Americans lose, they win. Such was the message, the indomitable spirit, that Margaret Mitchell infused into her character Scarlett O'Hara in 'Gone with the Wind' ..."

In a way, this movie does for the Civil War what Rambo did for Vietnam. They helped a nation feel better about an unpopular and — for one side a lost conflict. This is the only way the two movies should ever, ever be compared to one another though.

Movies like these, while beautiful and breathtaking to

sit through, gave birth to a whole new generation of southern racists who used the view of the old "perfect south" from before the war — a view that was invented here — to further their backwards ideology and horrific mistreatment of black Americans throughout the 20th century. I wanted to include these criticisms up front because they form the moral framework from which I viewed the statement the movie was trying to make. Regardless of how much I enjoyed parts of the film, that fact was

never far from my mind. That out of the way, this truly is a breathtakingly beautiful and grandiose movie in every sense of the word. The scenes on the Atlanta plantation — especially the battle scenes that show it burning and over-run with wounded and dying soldiers — are as stunning now as they were then, even with the benefit of more than 70 years of advanced special effects with which to judge them.

Vivien Leigh's "Scarlett O'Hara" is one of the all-time



great tragic movie characters. She is a manic mess, obsessed throughout by the singular passion for Leslie Howard's character and Confederate hero Ashley Wilkes. Leigh's performance is entirely captivating. We watch her grow from a teenage youth to a tired, haggard woman who has grown old well before her time as a result of the war and the slew of misfortune that fell upon her. While that might seem sympathetic, she manages to behave in such a

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RLC faculty, staff serving free **lunch on Student Appreciation Day**

tudents at Rend Lake College are encouraged to take a break from finals and studying for a free lunch next week for Student Appreciation Day. There will be free hot dogs, chips, and soft drinks available from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Tuesday, May 12 in Warrior Way, located beneath the Academic Building.

RLC Faculty and Staff will be serving food to students as a way to thank them for a good year and celebrate the end of another round of classes.

"It's the perfect time for students to relax and enjoy themselves on one of the last days of the semester," said

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RLC 2015 High School Welding Contest Winners



Taking first place in RLC's 2015 High School Welding Contest was Zach Morgan of Mount Vernon Township High School. Morgan is pictured with **Applied Science and Advanced Technology Dean** Chris Nielsen (LEFT) and Welding Associate Professor Pete Wilce. Morgan was awarded a scholarship to RLC's program and a brand new welding hood, donated by ILMO Products Company. (Photo by Nathan Wheeler / RLC Public Information)



Taking the runner-up spot in RLC's 2015 High **School Welding Contest was Derick Hammonds** of Christopher High School. Hammonds is pictured with Applied Science and Advanced Technology Dean Chris Nielsen (LEFT) and Welding Associate Professor Pete Wilce. Hammonds was awarded a scholarship to RLC's program and a brand new welding hood, donated by Express Care of Mt. Vernon. (Photo by Nathan Wheeler / **RLC Public Information**)



Third place in RLC's 2015 High School Welding Contest was Zach Ballard of Wayne City High School. Ballard is pictured with Applied Science and Advanced Technology Dean Chris Nielsen (LEFT) and Welding Associate Professor Pete Wilce. Ballard was awarded a scholarship to RLC's program. (Photo by Nathan Wheeler / RLC **Public Information)**



Fourth place in RLC's 2015 High School Welding Contest was Eric Schumm of Wayne City High School. Schumm is pictured with Applied Science and Advanced Technology Dean Chris Nielsen (LEFT) and Welding Associate Professor Pete Wilce. (Photo by Nathan Wheeler / RLC Public Information)



Fifth place in RLC's 2015 High School Welding Contest was Cody Hargis of Christopher High School. Hargis is pictured with Applied Science and Advanced Technology Dean Chris Nielsen (LEFT) and Welding Associate Professor Pete Wilce. (Photo by Nathan Wheeler / RLC Public Information)



Sixth place in RLC's 2015 High School Welding **Contest was Hudson Garrison of Thompsonville** High School. Garrison is pictured with Applied Science and Advanced Technology Dean Chris Nielsen (LEFT) and Welding Associate Professor Pete Wilce. (Photo by Nathan Wheeler / RLC Public Information)



Seventh place in RLC's 2015 High School Welding Contest was Jarron Bennett of Benton High School. Bennett is pictured with Applied Science and Advanced Technology Dean Chris Nielsen (LEFT) and Welding Associate Professor Pete Wilce. (Photo by Nathan Wheeler / RLC Public Information)



Eighth place in RLC's 2015 High School Welding Contest was Stephan Threewitt of Christopher High School. Threewitt is pictured with Applied Science and Advanced Technology Dean Chris Nielsen (LEFT) and Welding Associate Professor Pete Wilce. (Nathan Wheeler / RLC Public Information)



Ninth place in RLC's 2015 High School Welding Contest was Anthony Williams of Hamilton County Senior High School in McLeansboro. Williams is pictured with Applied Science and Advanced Technology Dean Chris Nielsen (LEFT) and Welding Associate professor Pete Wilce. (Photo by Nathan Wheeler / RLC Public Information)

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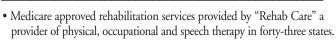
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Tenth place in RLC's 2015 High School Welding Contest was Mead Dennison of Christopher High School. Dennison is pictured with Applied Science and Advanced Technology Dean Chris Nielsen (LEFT) and Welding Associate Professor Pete Wilce. (Photo by Nathan Wheeler / RLC Public Information)



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way as to avoid audience sympathy for most of the story, taking advantage of several hapless fools who fall in love with her along the

Many have commented that the O'Hara character is a representation of women at the time this movie was made. She is the primary focus of the movie, and her struggle for independence mirrors the slow, clawing struggle that women had to go through to get their rights in the early 20th century. So, in that sense, this movie is no more about the Civil War than "M.A.S.H." was about Korea, to reference another infamous Lost Cause war. Yet no matter how much freedom and independence she achieves, it is never enough, since her first love, Ashley, forsook her. Thus she will never be able to accept her "true place" (as the culture saw it) as the loving wife of the man for whom she would sacrifice everything.

Without that "love" to bind her she becomes, as some have written, a kind of "proto-feminist" — running her own business as well as becoming the head of her household as her father takes ill, and generally fulfilling lots of roles that no woman of her time (or the time of this movie's production, for the most part) would realistically be able to accomplish in real life. Scarlett is the kind of strong leading lady that Howard Hawks featured in countless movies over the years. Only — unlike Hawks' cocksure Femme Fatales — O'Hara is also capable of crushing vulnerability. She uses men without thought to the consequences, and is a headstrong, selfish champion of her own rights throughout the film. There is a fascinating duality here as the movie seems like it is

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set to slap down Scarlett's efforts at climbing the maledominated social ladder, and in many ways uses that desire as its main justification of vilifying her.

With such a strong female lead, it would take nothing less than Clark Gable in the prime of his screen presence to match her. Gable's Rhett Butler falls for the headstrong Scarlet early on in the movie and remains in love with her for the majority of it.

Butler is the kind of suave, silent — but still witty and rough around the edges — character that would inspire scores of imitations over the years. Butler gets to utter the film's most famous line of dialogue at the end, and it is that sentence that provides the closest thing to emotional catharsis that this movie is willing to provide. He has endured Scarlet's impetuousness for too many years. After waiting more than a decade to finally win her, he watches her remain obsessed with Ashley. It is only after the loss of their only child — the only woman he loves more than Scarlett — that Rhett is finally able to emotionally separate himself from Scar-

Scarlett, in her usual spoiled and incessant demeanor, begs him to stay. She screams out, "Where shall I go? What shall I do?" His reply is the famous Gable line, "Frankly, my dear, I don't give a damn." It's the film's final commentary on Scarlett's quest for female emancipation. It is that quest that turns out to be this film's true "Lost Cause".

5 Stars

Director: Victor Fleming; Starring: Vivien Leigh, Clark Gable, Leslie Howard; Written by: Margaret Mitchell (source novel), Sidney Howard (screenplay); Released: 1939

Annual Water Quality Report For the period of January 1 to December 31, 2014 WALTONVILLE IL0810400

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2014 Regulated Contaminants Detected

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LEAD AND COPPER	Date Sampled		Action	90th	#Sites Over			
COPPER	06/21/2012	MCLG 1.3	Level (AL) 1.3	Percentile 0.13	AL 0	Units ppm	Violation No	Likely Source of Contamination Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from
								wood preservatives; Corrosion of household plumbing systems
LEAD	06/21/2012	0	15	1.9	0	ppb	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems;
								Erosion of natural deposits

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Regulated Contaminantsc

Disinfectants & Disinfection By-Products Collection Date		Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Sourse of Contamination
Chloramines	12/31/2014	1.8	1.4-1.9	MRDLG=4	MRDL=4	ppm	No	Water additive used to control microbes
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)*	2014	25	18-31.3	No goal for the t	otal 60	ppb	No	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Total Trihalomethanes (TThm)	2014	39	21.62-56.56	No goal for the t	otal 80	ppb	No	By-product of drinking water disinfection

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Chlorite	2014	0.52	0.24-0.52	ppm	0.8	1	No	By-product of drinking water disinfection			
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)*	2014	16	13.9-22	ppb	No goal for the to	tal 60	No	By-product of drinking water disinfection			
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)*		36	24.1-51.8	ppb	No goal for the to		No	By-product of drinking water disinfection			
Inorganic Contaminan	Inorganic Contaminants										
ARSENIC	2014	1	1.12-1.12	ppb	0	10	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass and electronics production wastes			
BARIUM	2014	0.0135	0.0135-0.0135	ppm	2	2	No	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits			
FLUORIDE	2014	0.9	0.876-0.876	ppm	4	4.0	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories			
NITRATE (measured as Nitrogen)	2014	0.113	0.113-0.113	ppm	10	10	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits			
SODIUM	2014	21	20.6-20.6	ppm			No	Erosion of naturally occurring deposits; Used in water softener regeneration			
Radioactive Contaminants											
COMBINED RADIUM 226/228		0.26	0.26-0.26	pCi/l	0	5	No	Erosion of natural deposits			
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ATRAZINE	2014	0.41	0-0.41	ppb	3	3	No	Runoff from herbicide used on row crops			
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Cast performs Flummoxed Fairy Tales at Rend Lake College

LEFT, student actors narrate the winding children's story. RIGHT, cast members answer questions from grade school students in the audience.



A crowd gathers for free lunch on Student Appreciation Day on Rend Lake College's campus. Students are again invited to enjoy hot dogs, chips, and soft drinks under the Academic Building Tuesday, May 12. (RLC Public Information)



Mining scholarships

The Illinois Mining Institute awarded three scholarships Tuesday to students in Rend Lake College's Mining Technology program. The award winners are pictured here with program faculty and administration. FROM LEFT, are, Instructor Charles Wingo, recipient Tyler Ragan of McLeansboro, recipient Zac Cairns of Thompsonville, recipient Luke Anselment of McLeansboro, Instructor Don McBride, and Dean of Applied Science and Advanced Technology Chris Nielsen. (Photo by Nathan Wheeler / RLC Public Information)



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Rachel Sveda, RLC financial aid and admissions coordinator. "We host Student Appreciation

Day every year because it's a great way for our faculty and staff to interact with our students and express their gratitude for the first-rate students we have."

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person," joked Robinson. "I do appreciate the nomination and I want to say thank you to those who did nominate me."

Robinson is active in developing curriculum on campus, including helping with a security certificate, and teaching a training course called "Refuse to be a Victim" through RLC's Community and Corporate Education Division. He has been the administrator of RLC's Pearson VUE Testing Center for three years.

Chris Nielsen, dean of Applied Science and Technology, said Robinson is a very talented instructor who takes a proactive approach when it comes to preparing his students for their future careers.

"Ricky Robinson has been a valued faculty member of our Computer Networking Program area since 1998. A student who sits in Ricky's class will gain a set of skills in which they can expect to be in-demand by employers across the nation," said Nielsen. "Ricky has looked ahead to see changing technology in information systems and steered the program into the most relevant areas of study. He is a workman who produces quality work consistently and is worthy of the Faculty Excellence Award."

The Part-Time Faculty Excellence Award winner is Eric Knapp of Tamaroa, a computer science instructor. Best-known as the Introduction to Computers instructor — a class that nearly all general education students take — Knapp is a six-year veteran of the halls in the Advanced Technology Cen-

Knapp graduated from RLC in May of 2008 and

returned the following year to teach part-time in Computer Maintenance and Introduction to Computers. Every semester, Knapp teaches three classes, mostly to students planning to graduate and transfer to a four-year university. He says he's happily surprised

by the nomination.

"Thanks to my peers for the nomination. I was very surprised when I heard the news," said Knapp. "I love teaching the Introduction to Computers class because I get to see the students make that realization that what I'm teaching them they can use in their everyday life. It's a great moment as an instructor."

Nielsen added that Knapp is an extremely reliable instructor who continues to have students completing his computer courses with high marks, due both to his knowledge of computer software and his teaching ability.

"Eric has the ability to meet students at their various knowledge levels, whether they are non-traditional students who have never turned on a computer or a tech-savvy millennial, he has the expertise to offer them quality instruction," said Nielsen. "Eric has become a teacher who I rely on and is one of my first choices when staffing sections. He is a worthy recipient of the Part-Time Teacher Excellence Award."

Robinson and Knapp will join other community college outstanding faculty members from across the state at the Illinois Community College Trustees Association (ICCTA) Awards Banquet on June 5 in Schaumburg. During the banquet, winners will be announced for the ICCTA Outstanding Faculty Member Awards.

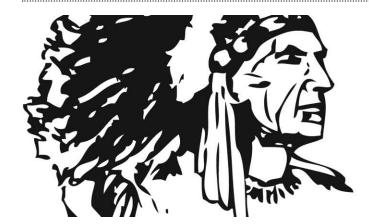
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Baseball falls out of Region XXIV tournament

BY REANNE PALMER RLC SPORTS INFORMATION

OBINSON, III. (May 4, 2015) — The Rend Lake College Baseball team ended their postseason with two losses to Lincoln Trail College (LTC) last weekend in Robinson. They fell 4-7 in the first game and 8-14 in the second. RLC ended their regular season 20-19 and 14-10 in the Great Rivers Athletic Conference (GRAC).

Head Coach, Tony Etnier said he's proud of the team this season and is excited to see what's in store for next year with several returning pitchers. In fact, those pitchers helped RLC get to second in the conference for their earned run average (ERA).

"I am proud of our

effort this season. Our sophomores provided leadership both on and off the field, and as a result, we had some guys really improve over the course of the year," said Etnier. "I am sad to see those guys move on, but I am very excited about our chance to have a special team next year. We will be returning three freshmen starting pitchers who helped us post a 3.04 conference ERA, plus we had several freshmen make signifi-

defensively." LTC moves on to the Region XXIV Final Four, hosted by John A. Logan College May 9-10 at Rent One Park in Marion. For all things athletic at The Lake, visit www.rlc.edu/warriors.

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Men's Golf finishes third, Greenfield and Swofford qualify for Nationals

BY REANNE PALMER

RLC SPORTS INFORMATION LOOMINGTON, III. (May 4, 2015) Sophomore Matt Greenfield (Hassocks, England) and the Rend Lake College Men's Golf team both ended Monday in third place at the Region XXIV Tournament, held at Weibring Golf Club at Illinois State University. RLC finished the two-day tournament at 923 (304-304-315).

Greenfield fell two spots today, and landed in a three-way tie for third at 227 (72-75-80). In first is Lewis & Clark Community College's (LCC) Colin Ahlvers at

218 (76-72-70), followed by Illinois Central College's (ICC) Ethan Brue at 220 (73-75-72). Greenfield tied with Parkland College's (PC) Nick Berger and Lincoln College's (LC) Tanner Cicci.

Fellow sophomore

Blake Swofford (Vandalia) finished only one stroke behind Greenfield at 228 (76-73-79). He tied for sixth with ICC's Zach Jewell. The last three spots for the Warriors went to Dalton Korte (Metropolis) tied for ninth at 232 (76-78-78), Luke Robinson (United Kingdom) tied for 12th at 236 (80-78-78). and Jordan Harre (Nashville) tied for 21st

at 244 (83-81-80).

ICC took first place by one shot over second place PC at 920 (301-314-305) and 921 (306-310-305) respectively. Following RLC is LCC in fourth at 954 (334-311-309), Kaskaskia College in fifth at 963 (312-327-324), LC in sixth at 985 (327-336-322) and Lin-

coln Trail College did not finish.

RLC's Greenfield and Swofford qualified to play at the NJCAA National Championship May 19-22 at Goose Pond Colony Golf Course in Scottsboro. Ariz. as individuals. For all things athletic at The Lake, visit www.rlc.edu/warriors.



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Softball suffers elimination at final Four tournament

BY REANNE PALMER RLC SPORTS INFORMATION

ENTRALIA, III. (May 2, 2015) — The Rend Lake College Softball team fell out of the Region XXIV Final Four vesterday with a loss against #2 seed Wabash Valley College 6-2, followed by a loss to #1 seed Lake Land College

7-5. The Final Four, hosted at Kaskaskia College in Centralia, was a double-elimination tournament. RLC ended the regular season 27-18 (14-11 in the Great Rivers Athletic Conference) and 2-2 in the post-season. For all things athletic at The Lake, visit

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