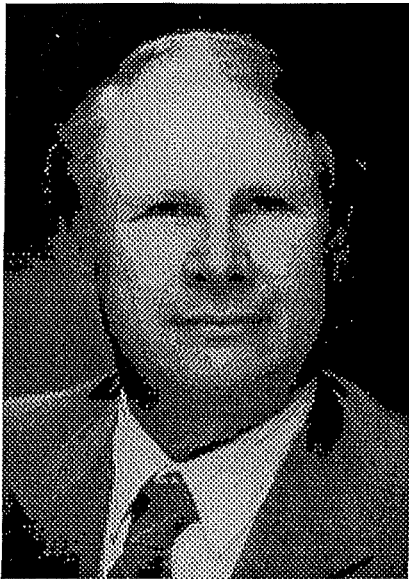


Over 1,200 show respect for AAA Chair Doug Leeck



DOUG LEECK

Campus leader dead at 45

There won't be any fearless forecasts from the magnificent soothsayer at this year's Ag Banquet.

He will no longer have the ear of the college president and the boldness to tell it like it is. No more "President's House" signs posted in front of the old one-room schoolhouse prior to remodeling.

Friend and foe alike aren't going to feel the zing of his biting sense of humor.

And the number of jokes told on campus will no doubt be reduced significantly.

I.e., things just aren't going

to be the same around here without Doug Leeck, who died Thursday morning, March 6, at age 45.

Leeck had served as Chair of the Agriculture, Automotive and Architecture (AAA) Department less than one year (Acting Chair and Coordinator prior to that), but he had been a full-time employee of Rend Lake College longer than all but a half-dozen or so of his colleagues.

He won't be forgotten, either.

That was made rather ob-

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March 6 a day full of tragedy

Two Benton Consolidated High School students were seriously injured in a head-on collision near Benton Camp Road on Route 37 around 9:30 a.m. Thursday, March 6, as they headed to Rend Lake College for activities sponsored by the AAA Department.

David McCain and George Bozonelos apparently were late getting out of one class at BCHS and

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OBITUARY

Ag Student Charles Nadolski

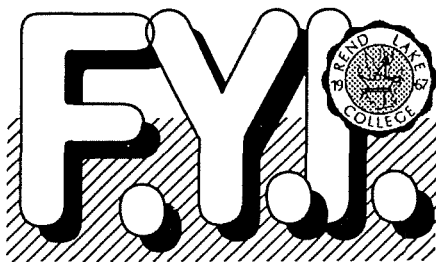
In a twist of fate too cruel to fathom, Rend Lake College

student Charles M. Nadolski, 20, of Beaucoup, died at 6:10 p.m. Thursday, March 6, from injuries suffered in an accident on Route 15.

Nadolski reportedly was riding a four-wheeler while helping with chores associated with the family farm at the time he was struck by another vehicle.

Nadolski was an agriculture major. He was home earlier than usual that day due to the death of one of his instructors, Doug Leeck.

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'AMERICA READS CHALLENGE' . . .

RLC first downstate to commit

Rend Lake College recently became the first community college in downstate Illinois and one of less than a dozen nationwide to commit to the "America Reads Challenge," President Clinton's initiative to help ensure that every American child can read well and independently by the end of the third grade.

College administrators last week approved a plan to devote over half of an anticipated \$30,519 increase in Federal Work-Study monies for FY 1998 to the project.

The commitment and funding will enable as many as 10 Rend Lake College students to devote approximately 10 hours per week helping youngsters at Benton Elementary School (K-2) and Benton's Grant School (3-4) improve reading skills during the 1997-98 school year.

"We ought to commit ourselves as a country to say by the year 2000 that 8-year-olds in America will be able to pick up an appropriate book and say, 'I read this all by myself,'" Clinton said.

"The 'America Reads Challenge' will give students the extra help after school they need to be better learners inside the classroom."

Rex Duncan, Director of Cooperative Education and Job Placement, and Doug Carlson, Director of Financial Aid and Veterans Affairs, submitted the proposal. Their offices will handle student placement/supervision and eligibility/payroll, respectively. The RLC literacy program, coordinated by Jana Groh, and the local schools will be responsible for tutor training.

Benton was chosen as the "America Reads" pilot site, with the encouragement of third-grade teacher Sharon Clements and in part because Rend Lake College already places student tutors in Mt.

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Golfers return with Win No. 9

VASS, NC - The seasons have changed since we last heard from the Rend Lake College golf team. Seven of the eight tournaments Coach Dave Smith's squad won then (in nine tries) mean nothing now.

The competition was a far cry from what it will be later, and the stakes not nearly as great.

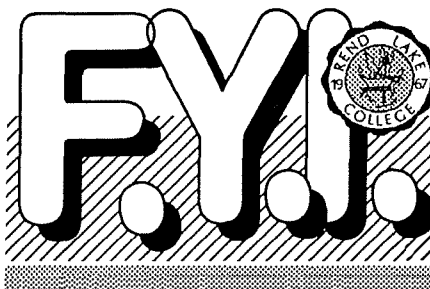
Nevertheless, a win is a win is a win. And the No. 2 ranked team in the country took advantage of the opportunity to play on the course where the National Junior College Athletic Association Division II Championships will be contested in June.

With freshman Dave

Bornack showing the way, the two-time defending champions made it three Louisburg Invitational titles in a row last weekend on the Maples Course at

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Staff pictures in; orders due 24th

Faculty/staff pictures taken at the time of In-Service are in and are being distributed along with this week's F.Y.I.

If you do not wish to order any copies, the proofs are yours to keep.

To place a picture order, mark your envelope properly,

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Direct deposit / Surprise N. Central visit

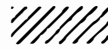
Direct payroll deposit will become reality – but not before June, at the earliest – following a 91-41 faculty/staff vote in favor of the electronic transfer of funds.

“It will probably be at least June before we can implement it,” commented Dean for Finance and Administration Bob Carlock, “due to new employees in the Business Office and general organizational time needed to run tests and make sure the system is running properly.”

Direct payroll deposit will be used for all full-time and part-time staff, but not work-study students.

“Be advised,” Carlock added, “if after the first month to six weeks, you have problems with it, the Business Office will be flexible and try to work things out on an individual basis.”

Concerns with direct payroll deposit should go to Carlock, he added.



A word of warning from the Executive Director of the accreditation

organization, North Central Association of Colleges and Schools:

“The Higher Education Act . . . requires that accrediting agencies recognized by the Department conduct unannounced site inspections to institutions that participate in Title IV financial aid and other vocational education.”

“The Commission is beginning implementation of its unannounced inspection program in a four-state area (Illinois, Michigan, Missouri and Ohio) in March of 1997. The Commission

hopes to conduct 10 inspections by the end of May.

“Later, the inspection program will be expanded to include the remaining areas of the North Central region. Based on your last Annual Report to the Commission believes that your institution may be offering occupationally specific programs as defined by IPEDS. Therefore, I am writing to inform you that you may have an unannounced inspection.”

Vocational programs by definition are those designed to prepare individuals with the skills and training required for employment in a specific trade, occupation or profession related to the instructional program.

Dean Terry Clark has been designated at RLC’s contact person should such a visit occur, according to Dr. Steve Tietz, Vice-President.

CLASSIFIEDS

REND LAKE COLLEGE

HELP WANTED

Weekend Security Officer (11 pm - 7 am Shift)

SATURDAY - SUNDAY

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Patrol and maintain security for campus. Unlock/lock doors. Assist students and staff as needed. Operate and check lighting and HVAC controls. Perform other duties as assigned. // Part-time.

REQUIREMENTS

- High school diploma or GED. Valid Illinois Drivers License. Over 21 years of age. No felony convictions. Background and security check will be taken. Experience in law enforcement and first aid certification preferred.

STARTING SALARY

- \$8 / hour.

STARTING DATE

- April 5 or as negotiated.

TO APPLY

- Submit application letter, résumé and RLC application form (available from President's Office) to Cindy Minor, Administrative Assistant, by 4 p.m. Thursday, March 27.

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REND LAKE COLLEGE

HELP WANTED

Literacy District Family Coordinator / Even Start

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Recruit families from Head Start/Pre-K for Family Partnerships Program. Plan and teach parenting curriculum to parents. Coordinate weekly cluster groups. Conduct home visits. Network with Head Start and social service agencies. // 42-week, nontenure position.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Required: Bachelor's Degree. Preferred: Early Childhood Education or Social Service Education.

SALARY RANGE

- \$20,000-\$21,000.

STARTING DATE

- April 9 or as negotiated.

TO APPLY

- Submit application letter, résumé, transcripts and RLC application form (President's Office, Ext. 243) to Administrative Asst. Cindy Minor by 4 p.m. Friday, March 21.

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HELP WANTED

Accounts Payable / Purchasing Clerk

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Prepare and process purchase orders. Process accounts payable checks in accordance with established procedures. Open, process and distribute mail for the Business Office. Maintain W-9 files for vendors. Maintain confidentiality. // 48-week, nontenure position.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Required: Minimum of Associate Degree. Preferred: Accounts Payable experience.

STARTING SALARY

- \$1,550 per month.

STARTING DATE

- March 26 or as negotiated.

TESTING

- Select applicants will be tested.

TO APPLY

- Submit application letter, résumé, transcripts and RLC application form (President's Office, Ext. 243) to Administrative Asst. Cindy Minor by 4 p.m. Friday, March 21.

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Reference / Technical Services Librarian

RESPONSIBILITIES

- General reference; technical services (cataloging, classification, acquisition, inventory control and statistics of print/non-print materials); serials and inter-library loan management; Internet assistance and instruction; conduct library tours. // 12-month, nontenure position.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Master in Library Science Degree from ALA-accredited school and demonstrable Internet knowledge required. Community college and cataloging experience preferred.

STARTING SALARY

- \$28,285.

STARTING DATE

- July 1 or as negotiated.

TO APPLY

- Submit application letter, résumé, transcripts and RLC application form (available from the President's Office, Ext. 243) to Administrative Assistant Cindy Minor by Friday, March 21.

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FOR SALE –

1989 FORD F-150 XLT

Full-size pickup. Dark gray. One-owner. Low miles (70,000 highway miles; it has never pulled a load). V-8 engine. Five-speed stick. \$8,500. Contact Julie Oxford at Ext. 250.

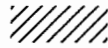
F.Y.I. Briefs

Thera Smith of Benton has been selected as the local nominee for the Illinois Community College Trustee Association's Paul Simon Essay Contest.

Her entry, entitled "It's Never Too Late," addresses the theme, "What My Community College Has Done (or Is Doing) For Me."

There were a total of six entries submitted by Rend Lake College students, according to Dr. John Homan Jr.

"We would not have hesitated to nominate any of the other five essays," Homan added. "The competition was keen, and I regret that ICCTA changed its rules to allow only one entrant per community college."



Southern Illinois University-Carbondale student Shelley Meachem, currently working as an intern in the RLC Cooperative Education and Job Placement program, has been named recipient of the Minnie Mae Pitkin Award by the College of Education.

The award goes to the student who demonstrates academic achievement and leadership in the home economics field. Meachem will be presented with a certificate and cash award at

the College of Education Honors Day Ceremonies on April 6 at 1 p.m. at Shyrock Auditorium.

She is a resident of Pinckneyville. Her husband, Brad, is a Rend Lake College student in the Industrial Technology Department. She has been interning at RLC since January and is heavily involved with the first Job Fair, to be held April 9.



Speakers Bureau

RECENT ENGAGEMENT

REX DUNCAN –

Wednesday, March 12
Benton Women's Club
"AmeriCorps in Southern Illinois"
and "America Reads"

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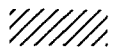
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Rend Lake College Foundation / (618) 437-5321, Ext. 213 or 243

/// F.Y.I. Briefs ///

It is not too early to be thinking of a nominee for this spring's "Alumnus of the Year" Award.

Have you heard from some of your former students recently? Maybe they should be considered for the honor.

If you know of a possibility (or two), don't hesitate to let the President's Office know.

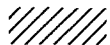


Speaking of alumni . . .

Tuesday night's Illinois High School Association Class AA Super-Sectional game at SIU-Carbondale pits two former Warrior student-athletes against one another.

Former all-time scoring leader Doug Creel and his sophomore-dominated Mt. Vernon Rams will take on the Alton Redbirds of Ron Smith.

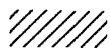
Smith is in his third season at Alton. The Benton product and 1973 Rend Lake College graduate was an assistant coach for many years under Coach Rich Herrin at SIUC. Creel, who also serves as Athletic Director at his prep alma mater, departed with most of the Warrior scoring records when he moved on in 1980; many of those records lasted until Bryant Lowe came along a year ago.



More preseason softball honors for the Lady Warriors, who returned from their spring trip 5-5 . . .

Jaymie Cowell is a preseason first-team All-America pick, according to the 1997 NJCAA Women's Softball Guide. She also is listed as the top returning player in Region XXIV.

Top returning pitchers are ranked nationally according to ERA, with RLC's Amanda Perjenski listed at No. 9 and Angela Robinson at No. 15.



Were you aware you can subscribe free of charge to the New York Times daily newspaper? It is available over the Internet at www.nytimes.com. Full contents are included, with updates throughout the day.

More dealers, kids' carnival added to Fishing/Boat Show

There are a few changes in store for the third annual Rend Lake and Southern Illinois Fishing and Boat Show to be held on the Rend Lake College campus, not the least of which are the dates.

It is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, April 19-20, later by more than a month from previous years.

As in past years, the show will feature free admission and parking. Hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday.

Free carnival rides and horseback rides for children have been added to help guarantee a good time for the entire family.

At least five more boat and/or recreational vehicles also will

be participating.

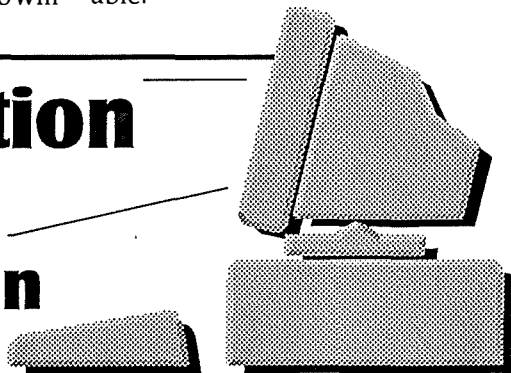
"This will be the biggest show we have ever had," commented RLC Dean Bob Carlock.

Produced by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, it will again offer free fishing seminars and demonstrations, a free trout-fishing pond for the youngsters and shows utilizing the 5,000-gallon tank fish exhibit.

Highlighted will be displays of fishing and pleasure boats, personal watercraft and all-terrain vehicles, as well as fishing information and equipment, guide services, cabins and lodges and sportsmen's clubs.

Food and soft drinks will be available.

Information Services Information For Your Information . . .



Network News / Don Darnell, Microcomputer System Specialist

Have you turned in an I.S. Request (ISR) and then wondered if we ever received it?

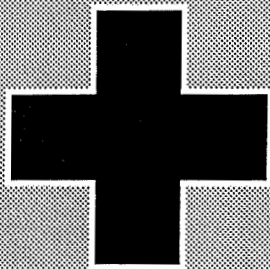
We have decided to start publishing ISR reports on our Internet Page. You can reach our page by first going to "<http://www.rlc.cc.il.us/mis.htm>" followed by the I.S. menu.

The report will be published every two weeks. The order of the list does not reflect the order in which we are finishing the ISRs. All Requests are important to us. If you have a problem or question, just ask.

You can pick up ISRs from Ginger Hogan at the switchboard, or print them off the web at "<http://www.rlc.cc.il.us/mis.htm>."

If you need to talk to us, our extensions are 210 for Salah Shakir and 211 for either Don Darnell or Troy Becker.

There is a life to be saved right now!



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blood!*

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE ON-CAMPUS

Tuesday, March 25 • Mobile Unit / 11 am-4 pm

Wednesday, March 26 • GYM / 9 am - 2 pm

F.Y.I. Brief

Two more Rend Lake College students who will be receiving Southern Illinois University-Carbondale Academic Scholarships for 1997-98 ...

- Melanie Holman, Benton
 - Victoria Hohman, Mt. Vernon
- Applicants for the \$2,500 award must be Associate Degree recipients with a minimum GPA of 3.5.



Thirty students will be inducted into the RLC Rho Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa Wednesday, March 26, in the Theatre..

F.Y.I. Brief

The Illinois Campus Compact for Community Services (ICCCS) is sponsoring a conference especially designed for community colleges. Conference goals include bringing faculties together to share model approaches to integrate service learning into course syllabi and providing administrators an opportunity to discuss effective partnerships to meet community needs.

The conference is scheduled for Friday, April 4, from 8 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. at William Rainey Harper College.

For more information, please contact Shawn Sweeney at 1-309-438-8123.



The Illinois Staff and Curriculum Development Association's Summer Institute, "Dealing with Differences," offers community college faculty an opportunity to explore diversity and its impact on curriculum, instruction and campus climate.

Featured presenters will include Dr. Johnella Butler, Professor of American Ethnic Studies and Women's Studies at the University of Washington, Seattle, and Dr. Peggy McIntosh, Associate Director of the Wellesley College Center for Research on Women.

The Institute is scheduled for Sunday, May 18, through Wednesday, May 21, at the Olson Conference Center, Western Illinois University, Macomb.

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'Arab World & Islam' teaching workshop April 25 at Belleville

A workshop for high school and college educators interested in "Teaching About the Arab World and Islam" will be conducted Friday, April 25, in Belleville.

The 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. workshop has been organized by the Southern Illinois International Studies Alliance in cooperation with Belleville Area College. It is the first of its kind offered in Southern Illinois and will feature hands-on activities, class preparation exercises, video tapes and demonstrations to assist educators in creative teaching about the Arab region, its people, cultures and religion.

April 1 is the registration deadline. The cost is \$5 per person, which also covers lunch.

Presenter Audrey Shabbas is the author of numerous books for the social studies curricula. A former teacher and an educational consultant for the past 20 years, she currently is executive director of the Arab World and Islamic Resources (AWAIR) and School Services.

"This workshop should be fantastic," said RLC Professor Sue Tomlin. "Ms. Shabbas gets rave reviews from the people who attend her talks.

"She is able to come to Southern Illinois so inexpensively because of a special grant. We probably won't get this chance again."

All participants will receive a free copy of The Arab World Notebook, a 460-page bound volume (retailed at \$39.95) with information and lesson plans that relate the Arab world to students' lives, as well as a Koran and other resource materials.

A copy of the registration form is available from Dr. Tomlin or the Public Information Office. Checks or money orders should be made out to: Belleville Area College, Attn. Paul Wreford, 2500 Carlyle Ave., Belleville, IL 62221-5899.

RLC to join March of Dimes WalkAmerica; participants asked to meet Wednesday

Rend Lake College will sponsor a team in the April 26 March of Dimes WalkAmerica, in which participants will make the approximate 2-2 1/2-mile round trip between the college and the Rend Lake Resort complex.

WalkAmerica, now in its 27th year, is the March of Dimes biggest fundraiser and emphasizes the need for healthier babies.

An organizational meeting for those on campus who would care to donate a couple of hours of their time – 10 a.m. to noon on that Saturday – is scheduled for 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 19, in the Student Center Executive Board Room.

Individuals also are asked to sign up in the Business Office, according to RLC organizer Bob Carlock.

Big Muddy River Correctional Center Warden Jack Hartwig is serv-

ing as the captain for the local WalkAmerica.

Last year, 14 teams, seven corporate sponsors and 149 individuals combined to raise \$10,326.79. This year's goal is to raise \$10,700 with 200 individuals paying to walk, 20 teams and 10 corporate sponsors.

Nearly 1 million people participate nationwide in 1,500 communities each year.

Individuals are encouraged to walk for a loved one during this annual "Walk for Healthier Babies."

America's babies have a better chance for a healthy start in life because of the money that is raised, 75% of which goes to research and programs. Funds are used for research that leads to new treatments and cures for birth defects, community and educational programs.

AMERICORPS IN SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

Six help provide flood relief

Rex Duncan, Jeannie Mitchell and four others responded to a plea Friday for people who truly wanted to get involved and help those in need.

The AmeriCorps in Southern Illinois program sought volunteers to help sandbag and provide other flood relief for victims in the Gallatin County and Old Shawneetown areas.

"We saw this as an opportunity to help fellow Southern Illinoisans in this crisis," Duncan commented.

Duncan did similar duty during his college days in the mid-'70s.

Much of their time was spent helping maintain the levee. They worked alongside volunteers from a Southern Illinois work camp, which provided another worthwhile experience for those who cared to get involved

on a cold, damp day.

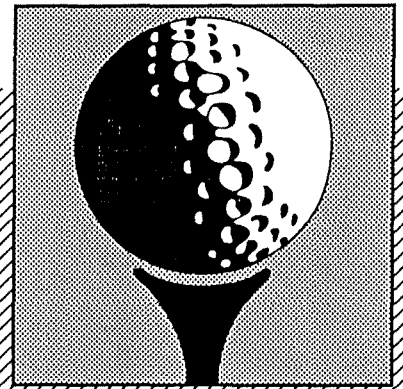
Food was provided at the work site. Tetanus shots also were made available free of charge to anyone wishing to take advantage of that option.

The trip was organized less than 24 hours before departure. Less-than-ideal weather conditions also played a part in keeping the number of volunteers to a minimum.

"We were disappointed in the turnout, but we learned a few things from the experience," said an exhausted Duncan. "I would do some things differently the next time, but I would do it again."

Volunteers were interviewed by both The Southern Illinoisan and WPSD-TV Channel 6 for features.

**Tee it up
for a shot at ...**



\$50,000

REND LAKE COLLEGE \$50,000 SHOOTOUT HOLE-IN-ONE CONTEST

- WHERE:** Rend Lake Golf Course Driving Range ~ Whittington, IL
- WHEN:** Saturday, May 10 ~ Qualifying, 7 a.m.-5 p.m. / Finals, 6 p.m. on Hole No. 4
- ENTRY FEE:** 5 attempts for \$10 during qualifying rounds. Tickets may be purchased (and tee times reserved) in advance from the RLC Athletic Dept. (437-5321, Ext. 250).
- AWARDS:** \$250 for closest-to-the-pin in Final Round if no hole-in-one is recorded. Gift certificates and/or merchandise to hourly winners. Special prize for hole-in-one during qualifying.
- RULES:** Only one person each hour will qualify (closest-to-the-pin) to shoot for \$50,000 cash prize; i.e., 10 individuals qualify for a chance to win \$50,000 for a hole-in-one in the Final Round.
- ★ Only amateurs may participate; NO professionals allowed
 - ★ Men will hit from 160 yards, women from 145 yards ★ No mulligans permitted

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REND LAKE COLLEGE

Saturday, May 10, 1997

Rend Lake Golf Course

7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

\$10.00 for 5 chances

*** Proceeds go to Physical Education/
Recreation Scholarship & RLC Athletics**

Hole-in-One Contest

REND LAKE COLLEGE \$50,000 SHOOTOUT RULES

Participants will attempt to qualify for the \$50,000 Shootout between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the Rend Lake Golf Course Driving Range on Saturday, May 10. The cost is \$10 for five (5) drives. Only one person each hour will qualify (closest to the pin) to shoot for the \$50,000 cash prize; i.e., a total of 10 individuals will qualify for the actual chance at winning \$50,000. Each hourly qualifier will receive a gift(s) for getting closest to the pin. A special prize will be awarded to any individual who makes a hole-in-one during qualifying. At 6 p.m., the 10 qualifiers will move to Hole No. 4 on Rend Lake Golf Course and will have one shot each for the \$50,000 prize for a hole-in-one. If there is not a hole-in-one recorded, a lesser prize will be presented for the participant who finishes closest to the pin in the finals.

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By Phil Pearson
Staff Writer

When Benton's Brenda Webster-McCollum heard that the Marion Civic Center was on fire Monday morning, she didn't just consider it a tragedy for the town. This time, the tragedy was personal.

To the artist whose paintings have been known for years as among the best produced in Southern Illinois, the fire meant every painting but three she has produced in the past four years were destroyed.

"Everything is gone," she said Tuesday morning after finding out conclusively that the paintings were completely destroyed by the intense heat. "I just feel like four years of my life is gone. It's like a part of me died."

Webster-McCollum knew the water-color paintings would be destroyed, but had hoped the more durable acrylics and oils would have withstood the punishment of the fire better than they did. Even the frames, some of which were metal, were completely destroyed.

She said she spends two or three months on each painting to get it just right. Because she was scheduled for a two-month show at the civic center, she was pressed for time

and failed to take photographs of most of the paintings, especially the most recent ones.

The civic center had been holding a series of one-artist shows running two months each. Her show was supposed to be removed this coming Friday.

The three paintings not destroyed were recently taken out of the exhibit to be entered in another exhibit. One of the works saved was a painting of one of her grandsons.

A painting of her other grandson, though, was destroyed.

That painting is one of the few she has photos of, and she may try to recreate it. But, she said, that will not only be painful, but impossible to do perfectly.

"You can never paint the same thing again," Webster-McCollum said. "Every picture you paint is a little different."

Not only did the fire destroy four years of work, it destroyed participation in upcoming shows.

"Until I get another body of work built up, I won't be able to have shows," Webster-McCollum said.

It will take another two to four years to rebuild her collection to the point where she can again participate in showings.

She makes difference with kids

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MT. VERNON — The day she saw a little boy waiting with one of his mother's old books in hand as she drove up to her home, AmeriCorps leader Nicole Sayegh knew her involvement in the Horace Mann School neighborhood was making a difference.

That's the purpose of Illinois ChildCorps, a division of AmeriCorps, to make a difference in a community and to teach others to make a difference, too.

The California native started reading to neighborhood kids after joining them on roller blades.

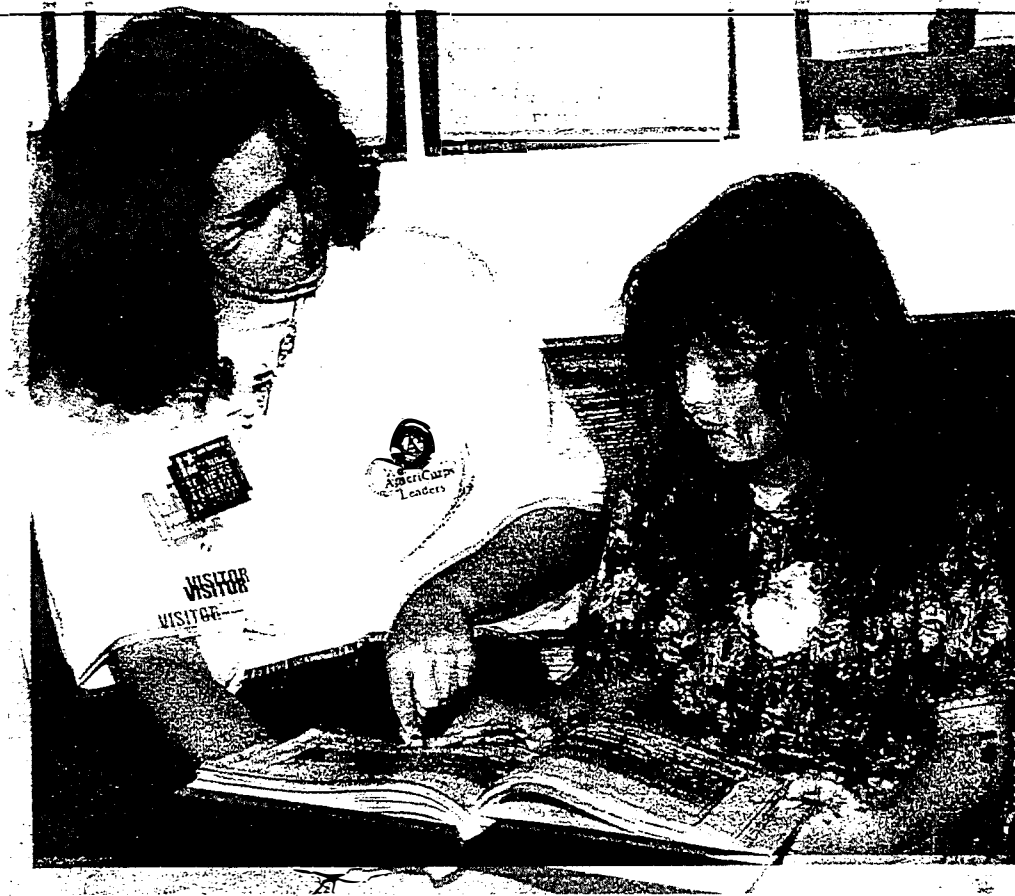
As one of 50 AmeriCorps Leaders nationwide and coordinator of 25 Illinois ChildCorp members serving 13 sites statewide, Sayegh is just doing her part to be active in the community like she thinks others could be, she said.

"The world I want is where the community is really coming in and sharing," Sayegh said.

One day after Sayegh arrived home from work, some kids were roller blading on her street. She told them that she also roller bladed and they soon asked her to join them.

When the weather was really good, the kids would say they were bored, and Sayegh would suggest they read a book to them. The kids were very excited by this idea, Sayegh said.

It was her involvement with Illinois ChildCorps and her strong sense of commitment to service in her neighborhood that helped her



Nicole Sayegh on Wednesday tutors Carrie Woods, 7, a first-grader at Horace Mann Grade School. Sayegh is one of 50 AmeriCorps leaders nationwide and volunteers locally for Project Excel, a volunteer tutoring program designed to help elementary school children master the basic building blocks of education. (Debrea M. Ritter photo)

— along with Alice Badger — get nominated for an award on "Make a Difference Day," a national volunteer and service day celebrated by many and sponsored by USA Weekend.

These same children she has helped have made her feel welcome, despite the distance from her family.

"I see the smiles; I see the satisfaction in the kids' eyes when

they get that attention," she said. "They're our success; they're our future."

Illinois ChildCorps, which serves in collaboration with the Statewide Child Care Resource and Referral System, works to improve the availability, accessibility and quality of child care and education for all families in Illinois.

Sayegh and Badger, who is also

affiliated with Illinois ChildCorps, recognized a need in their community and sought to fulfill it in order to make a difference in their community.

With the help of local businesses, Badger and Sayegh collected and donated 131 pair of socks to give to Horace Mann.

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Badger, who has children attending Horace Mann Elementary School, and Sayegh saw that many of the pupils at Horace Mann lacked the necessary clothing for the winter, including such necessities as warm socks.

The reward for Sayegh and Badger's service was not only a nomination for an award for "Make a Difference Day," but also a tour of Horace Mann. And, as things went, this got Sayegh even more involved.

Tina Mitchell, the District 80 coordinator for Project Excel, which is a volunteer tutoring program designed to help elementary school children master the basic building blocks of education, recruited Sayegh to be a tutor.

Tutoring "gives that child more individual attention in language, read-

ing and math," Mitchell said.

Approximately 160 students are involved in Project Excel in Franklin, J.L. Buford, Horace Mann and Lincoln elementaries, with 60 tutors volunteering to help the students.

Mitchell said they are always looking for faithful and reliable tutors, and Nicole is one she can count on.

"She's been a very big help," Mitchell said.

Carrie Woods, 7, a pupil of Sayegh, also appreciates the time that Sayegh gives. She especially likes to read with Sayegh, because, "if I look in books, I can imagine skiing on an ocean or taming lions," Woods said.

As for Sayegh, she is looking forward in the near future to the weather getting warm again so she can join the kids outside. In the more distant future, she would like to go back to school to get a teaching certificate and perhaps go into the Peace Corps.

"I love being around kids any chance I can get," Sayegh said.