

**TIME TO GET OUT YOUR
KIDDIE SHOVELS AND . . .**

BREAK GROUND

Over 225 expected for Children's Center ceremonies Thursday

Groundbreaking ceremonies for the Rend Lake College Foundation Children's Center, expected to be in operation in time for Fall Semester 1998, will be held Thursday, April 9, at 11 a.m. on the Ina campus.

College officials anticipate an audience of 225-plus supporters, Child Development students, teen parents with young children, faculty and staff, as well as most of the

major donors who are making the child-care and training facility possible.

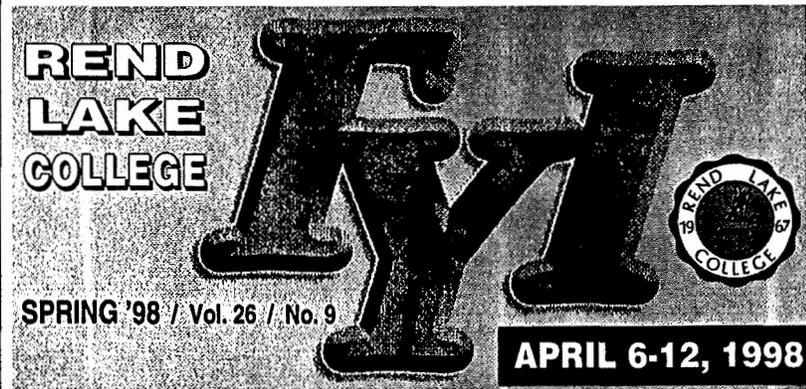
Center site, located just off the west parking lot on the north edge of campus, near the one-room schoolhouse.

The RLC Children's Center is nearing reality, thanks to the efforts of the Rend Lake College Foundation membership and major contributors

Marjorie Farrar and the late Coyn Mateer and his wife, Pat.

An internal campaign within

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The special gathering and reception which will follow are scheduled to take place under a tent set up near the Children's

Art students honored at exhibit opening

An appreciative gathering of about 200 artists and their guests celebrated the opening of the 14th annual Student and Faculty Art Exhibition, along with major award-recipients Megan Mitchell and Janice Threatt, scholarship recipients and various media winners, Thursday, April 2, on the Rend Lake College campus.

The show, which overflows

into the Learning Resource Center, RLC Theatre and Theatre Lobby and Art Room, showcases the work and talents of Rend Lake College students in the art program between April 1997 and April 1998.

Work is included from ceramic, design, drawing, painting, printmaking and sculpture classes, with students compet-

ing for prizes in the exhibit which runs through May 1.

Judge Dawn Garvin, professor of art at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, had the difficult challenge of selecting winners in a variety of media categories.

The top award – the Rend Lake College Foundation Award – went to Mitchell, a

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

Congratulations to RLC Foundation Board member and major gift donor **Mildred Fitzgerald**, who is a new "grandmother."

The Sesser resident was recently "adopted" by the Waltonville Chapter of Future Business Leaders of America as its chapter grandparent.

The "Adopt a Grandparent" program is part of the FBLA's "In Praise of Age" national program, which encourages local chapters to involve senior citizens in their activities and allow the adopted grandparent the opportunity to see first-hand some of the positive things teenagers are involved in today.

Fitzgerald was surprised on Valentine's Day with a card announcing she is now the proud grandparent of 14 teenagers. She has since attended a club meet, where they shared a cake in her honor as well as life experiences.



Congratulations to former Mt. Vernon Family Education Investment Center Security Guard **Kenneth Richardson**, who left RLC recently.

Richardson, a longtime Benton precinct committeeman, is the new Democrat Party County Chairman for Franklin County.

Richardson, 58, ousted State Sen. Jim Rea thanks to support from 18 of 31 county precinct committeemen.

/// Birthdays ///

- Ro Hoar (4/6)
- Chuck Mercer (4/7)
- Salah Shakir (4/8)
- Mary Ann Lewis (4/10)
- Gloria Oliver (4/10)
- Linda Cox (4/13)
- Larry Sidwell (4/13)
- Sharon Beasley (4/14)
- Janice Dillon (4/15)
- Brenda Garvin (4/16)
- Bunny Wolfe (4/17)
- Sara Davenport (4/18)
- Troy Becker (4/19)

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

The "Aquatics Arthritis" and "Aquatics Arthritis-Plus" classes conducted by RLC Associate Degree Nursing Associate Professor Debbie Benns provided a feature during Sunday's Arthritis Foundation Telethon on WSIL-TV 3.

Bookstore Assistant Dorothy Feira was among those volunteers manning the phones. Also featured was Alecia Hutchens, the daughter of former Dean of Instruction Secretary Marvla (Minor) Hutchens.



The "Burke Career Development Fund" has been established by "Friends of Philip Burke" on behalf of his budding singing career.

Burke is the son of former RLC Counselor and Instructor Tom Burke.

A 1991 Valedictorian at Mt. Vernon Township High School, Philip Burke is expecting to complete his Master of Music in Opera and Music Theater Degree this May.

He will spend June and July in intensive language study in a study abroad program in Germany before returning in the fall to establish temporary residence in Munich and audition throughout Germany and

Austria. Opera is dominant in German-speaking countries.

The young singer plans concerts in Carbondale April 28, Ladue, MO, May 12, and Mt. Vernon May 26.

Contributions may be sent to: Burke Career Development Fund, P.O. Box 651, Murphysboro, IL 62966.

CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE - USED APPLIANCES

1) Reliance 30-gal. gas water heater. \$50. 2) General Electric portable dishwasher. Almond. \$75. 3) Kenmore portable dishwasher. White. \$75. 4) Kenmore clothes washing machine. White. \$50. All used, believed to be in good working condition. Make an offer. Contact Dr. Sue Trammell at Ext. 288 or at home evenings/weekends, 993-6313, in Marion

FOR SALE - USED AUTOMOBILE

1990 Chevy Lumina. Red. Two-door. Actual mileage - 70,000. Automatic V-6 with power windows and locks and all the options. CD player. Asking price - \$7,300. Contact Allison Raski at Ext. 234 or evenings/weekends at 596-6052 in Zeigler.

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 \$4.19 Salisbury Steak 2 Vegetables Roll Small Drink	DINNER \$4.19 Fried Chicken 2 Vegetables Roll Small Drink	DINNER \$4.19 Meatloaf 2 Vegetables Roll Small Drink	DINNER \$4.19 Shrimp 2 Vegetables Roll Small Drink	COLLEGE CLOSED - GOOD FRIDAY
SANDWICH \$2.99 Tenderloin FF/Veg/Chips Small Drink	SANDWICH \$2.99 Sloppy Joe FF/Veg/Chips Small Drink	SANDWICH \$2.99 Fish FF/Veg/Chips Small Drink	SANDWICH \$2.99 Chicken FF/Veg/Chips Small Drink	

Hours / 7:30 am - 1:30 pm



Speakers Bureau

RECENT ENGAGEMENT

CAROLYN STEWART
PAT MITCHELL –
Benton Rotary Club
March 3
"Costa Rica /
International Study Abroad"

UPCOMING ENGAGEMENT

SARAH CAPPS –
First General Baptist Church
in McLeansboro
Saturday, April 11

DICKENS, HOMAN, PATTON, TIETZ . . .

Retiree reception April 22

A reception in honor of four RLC soon-to-be-retirees is planned Wednesday, April 22, at 2 p.m. in the Student Center Private Dining Area, according to Assistant Cindy Minor.

The get-together will provide an opportunity to say farewell to:

Dr. Steve Tietz, Vice-President;
David Patton, Director of Learning Resources;

Dr. John Homan Jr., Arts and Communications Department Chair,

Charles Dickens, Electronics Professor.

All four have applied for and received early retirement.

Dickens will complete a 19-year teaching career at RLC as of graduation May 15.

Patton (30 years), Tietz (19 years) and Homan (15 years) are scheduled to work through June 30, with varying departure dates due to vacation days, etc.

SPRING FUN FEST

Wednesday,
April 29
Noon-4 pm



Rend Lake College

is seeking a professional

Dean of Instruction

One of two Deans with responsibility for the college's instructional program. Three Department Chairs and the Directors of the Learning Resource Center and Skills Center report to this position. Responsibilities include faculty development and program evaluation/review.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Doctorate Degree preferred; Master's required.
- Community college administrative experience required.
- Instructional experience strongly preferred.

SALARY and BENEFITS

- \$65,000-\$70,000 range
- 20 paid Vacation Days
- Retirement Plan
- 12 paid Holidays
- Pleasant, challenging work environment
- Excellent Health/Life Insurance coverage
- Free Tuition for employee, spouse & dependents

THE APPLICATION PROCESS

- Submit a letter addressing qualifications, a résumé of educational and professional accomplishments; transcripts; official RLC application form and other relevant materials
- Tentative start date is July 1 (or as negotiated)
- Application Deadline is Friday, April 17, 4 pm
- For an application packet, contact:

President's Office
c/o REND LAKE COLLEGE
468 N Ken Gray Pkwy
Ina, IL 62846
(618) 437-5321, Ext. 228

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

REND LAKE COLLEGE

Rend Lake College is one of the 40 public community colleges in the state of Illinois and is located in rural Southern Illinois, between the largest in-district communities of Mt. Vernon and Benton, approximately 100 miles east of St. Louis, MO.

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F.Y.I. Briefs

President Mark S. Kern will treat Office Support personnel to lunch Tuesday, April 21, in observance of Professional Secretaries Week. The luncheon will be held at noon in Room B of the Rend Lake Resort Convention Center.

Invitations have gone out to all Office Support personnel. Regrets-only RSVP are due to Assistant Cindy Minor (Ext. 243) by Friday, April 17.

RLC Art Professor Sarah Capps was among a gathering of the original planners and staff members for the Southern Illinois Arts and Crafts Marketplace – now the Southern Illinois Artisans Shop/Visitors Center – called by Sen. Jim Rea April 6 to review early goals, assess progress made and discuss future plans for the facility.

Several artisans whose work is exhibited at the center were there to represent the craft community.

The group which met with Sen. Rea included Bruce McMillan, Director of the Illinois State Museum; Ellen Gantner, Director of the Illinois Artisans Program and center personnel Laura Cobin, Director, Mary Lou Galloway, Manager, and Debra Tayes, Assistant Curator.

MORE ABOUT >> *Children's Center digs in for Fall start-up*

the RLC Foundation ranks produced half of the estimated \$400,000 project in donations and pledges over the next five years. Mrs. Farrar, Chairman of the Board for Farrar Oil, and Mateer, a retired Mt. Vernon business man who died March 9, promised \$100,000 each to complete the deal.

The proposed facility will accommodate 40 children at any one time, with the potential of serving 150-200 children on a part-time basis during the week. The first section will include classrooms for the child care center, plus an office, kitchen, restroom and storage areas. The children's classroom will serve infants six weeks and older, toddlers and preschoolers. Each classroom will extend to a natural, outdoor play environment.

At the time of the announcement – the RLC Foundation Annual Dinner in December – the news even surprised RLC Child Development Instructor Tina Grounds, who was asked by Pat Mitchell, Director of Institutional Advancement for the college and Executive Director of the RLC Foundation, to explain the need.

According to Grounds, the purpose of the facility is to help Rend Lake College "meet the educational needs of both its present student population and the population of potential students who do not have the availability of quality child care for their children."

The lab, Grounds explained, will meet three main objectives:

1) To provide accessible, quality child care services for students and staff, making education possible for many, including single parents, public assistance clients and low-income parents;

2) To develop a learning lab for students in RLC's one-year certificate and two-year degree programs

in Child Development;

3) To develop a model center that will promote quality care for young children throughout the district.

"We've been talking about it for years," Mitchell commented. "I found mention of a child-care facility in Foundation minutes from 1979 and again in '85. There have been several other proposals in recent years, but for various reasons none have ever gotten off the ground before.

"I think most people were to the point they didn't think it was ever going to happen."

A realistic proposal from Grounds, Director of Resource Development Bob Ross and Director of the Physical Plant Randall Shively is credited with providing the impetus for the center.

When presented at a Board of Trustees meeting a couple of months back, the proposal was described by one proponent as "probably the most realistic, bare-bone plan we could have . . . an approach for a quality program and a very practical structure."

President Mark S. Kern agreed with the assessment by Ross. "This," Kern said then, "is about as practical as you are going to get and still meet all the standards that are necessary."

Confronted with a fund-raising option in the \$300,000 range, the RLC Foundation Board of Directors chose instead to accept the greater challenge and include a more expensive model which includes an adult classroom with observation areas, more windows for a better learning environment and an outdoor porch.

"They all felt if it was going to be done, it should be done right," Mitchell added.

The Foundation Directors quickly accepted the challenge. Peoples National Bank of Mt. Vernon and McLeansboro, thanks to the efforts of

RLC Foundation President Hunt Bonan, immediately stepped to the forefront with a sizable contribution. Caroline Quinn, who decided not to run for election in the most recent Trustee race, expressed her interest in staying involved with this particular project and made the center one of her goals, as well. Individual members did not hesitate to make their personal contributions.

"The results were astonishing," admitted Mitchell.

Research from the National Coalition for Campus Children's Centers, according to Grounds, reveals student-parents receiving quality child care have higher grade-point averages, demonstrate higher rates of persistence to remain in school and have higher graduation rates than campus counterparts, in a fewer number of years. The study also indicates the determination of availability of child care is critical in their decision to enroll in college in the first place.

The need for child care at Rend Lake College has been well-documented, considering the average age of students (31-plus) and large numbers of first-generation college students who are economically disadvantaged.

Grounds also emphasized in her report: "Child care is a growth industry in Southern Illinois that cannot find enough qualified staff. In the counties served by Rend Lake College, there are approximately 6,728 children of working parents from birth to age 5 who need care, but there are only 1,548 openings for children in early childhood programs. To meet this need, many new child care facilities are being started."

There are 72 students enrolled in the program presently. Grounds indicated, "I also believe it should help us increase our enrollment numbers significantly."

Dawe, Long serving area needs of business/industry community

Two recent appointments to the Rend Lake College staff are working closely with the business/industry community to the benefit of all parties involved.

George Dawe, a former mine safety instructor, is the new RLC Business and Industry Training Coordinator. His primary objective in that capacity is to develop and implement customized training programs to enhance employee productivity.

Dawe's position likewise will serve as the focal point for all Rend Lake College business/industry training. Training is available in such diverse areas as computers, forklift operation, industrial safety, customer service and many others.

Joan Long, who has worked the past eight years in the college's Cooperative Education and Job Placement office, has accepted the position of Title III Curriculum/Evaluation Specialist.

Long has been certified by the American College Testing Co. as an ACT Work Keys Job Profiler. Work Keys is a method of identifying and evaluating tasks critical for successful performance on the job. Work Keys has quickly become a recognized tool for determining skills and pinpointing training needs for business and industry and is gaining a nationwide reputation for enhancing the employment selection and promotion process.

In her role as an ACT Job Profiler, Long will assess business and industry applicant and employee skills and make recommendations regarding training needs. ACT Work Keys assessments meet federal EEOC standards and may be used as valid criteria during the hiring and promotion process.

Dawe worked 22 years for Old Ben Coal Company. More recently, he has been with Manpower Temporary Services and has taught part-time for Rend Lake College. He is a certified MSHA and OSHA instructor.

A U.S. Navy veteran, Dawe holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Workforce Education from Southern Illinois University-Carbondale. He and his wife, Linda, reside in Valier and are the parents of two grown children, Sean Dawe, a supervisor at Columbia Outpatient Surgical Center in Marion, and Angie Dawe, a special education teacher in Girard.

Long is a member of the College's Consortium for Employee Resources and Training (CERT) Team. She earned her Bachelor of Science Degree in Education (Mathematics) from Eastern Illinois University and a Master of Business Administration Degree from Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville.

Long and her husband, Phil, live in DuQuoin. They are the parents of two sons, University of Illinois sophomore Brad and high school sophomore Jeff.

More information regarding ACT Work Keys is available by contacting Long at Rend Lake College, 437-5321, Ext. 232, or reaching her by e-mail at long@rlc.cc.il.us.

Additional information concerning business/industry training programs is available from Dawe at Ext. 334, or by e-mail, dawe@rlc.cc.il.us.

In either case, the college's toll-free number (in-district only) is 1-800-369-5321. Rend Lake College office hours are 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Fridays.

HELP WANTED

Rend Lake College



is seeking a professional

Administrative Assistant

with strong communications and clerical skills to fill an on-campus position with our Center for Business and Industry.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Minimum of Associate Degree from an accredited Institution required
- Degree in Office Systems Technology or related field preferred
- Computer skills with word processing, spreadsheet and database software preferred

SALARY and BENEFITS

- \$17,484 annually to start
- 20 paid Vacation Days
- Pleasant, challenging work environment
- Excellent Health/Life Insurance coverage
- Free Tuition for employee, spouse and dependents
- Retirement Plan
- 12 paid Holidays

THE APPLICATION PROCESS

- Tentative start date is May 4
- Application Deadline is **Monday, April 20**, noon
- Select applicants will be tested
- For an application packet, contact:

Cindy Minor, Assistant
c/o REND LAKE COLLEGE
468 N Ken Gray Pkwy
Ina, IL 62846
(618) 437-5321, Ext. 228

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

REND LAKE COLLEGE

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HELP WANTED

Rend Lake College



is seeking internal candidates only as a

Theatre Manager

This individual will be expected to: Coordinate RLC Theatre maintenance; Direct three productions a year, with at least one focusing on children, and Coordinate a presentation program for outside groups.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Master's Degree in Theater or related field required
- Directing experience at community college level preferred
- Some professional theater experience preferred

SALARY and BENEFITS

- Annual salary of \$19,500
- 20 paid Vacation Days
- Pleasant, challenging work environment
- Excellent Health/Life Insurance coverage
- Free Tuition for employee, spouse and dependents
- Full-time (48-week), nontenure-track position
- Retirement plan
- 12 paid Holidays

THE APPLICATION PROCESS

- Tentative start date is July 1
- Application Deadline is **Wednesday, April 15**, 4 pm
- For an application packet, contact:

Assistant to the President
c/o REND LAKE COLLEGE
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MORE ABOUT >> *Student/Faculty art*

sophomore from Opdyke (Mt. Vernon Township High School), for her entry, "Torso."

The Evelyn Claxton Award went to Threatt (Belle Rive) for her oil painting, "Old Patriarch."

Two first-place awards in the various media categories were earned by Amie Petro and Brenda McCollum. Also claiming first-place recognition were Gerri Reichert and Kristen Dains.

Reichert (Mt. Vernon) accepted top honors in ceramics for her piece, "Fruit Jar and Spotted Vase." Second-place went to "Carnival Bowl" by Dains (Mt. Vernon), while third went to Jim Simmons (Mt. Vernon) for "3 Small Boxes."

In the category of design, Dains won for her colored pencil design, "Cat/fish." Second-place went to Mitchell for "Self-Portrait Chair," and third went to Sara Scott (Mt. Vernon) for her acrylic, "Get the Red Out."

For drawing, "Contemplation" won for Petro (Sesser), an untitled entry took second for B. Scorment (Mt. Vernon) and "Artist at Work #3" took third for Scott.

The painting category was won by McCollum (Benton) for her watercolor, "Past Pleasures." Olivia Hart (Mt. Vernon) was the second-place winner with "Have a Seat," while Ruby Reinhardt (Pinckneyville) was third with a mixed-media painting, "Mr. Teddy."

Printmaking honors, in 1-2-3 order, were bestowed on McCollum for "Sand and Sea," Leslie McGuire (Mt. Vernon) for "Reclining Male Figure and Megan" and Sandra Kahl (Thompsonville) for "Concrete Quilt."

Honorable Mentions in each media were won by the following:

Hart, for ceramics; Sharon Voyles (Carbondale), Kahl, Neesa Wilson (Mt. Vernon) and Sherry Rutherford (Mt. Vernon), design; Reinhardt, Angela Richardson (Dix) and Kahl, drawing; Jean Fisher (Mt. Vernon), painting; Melissa Capps (Mt.

Vernon), Richardson and Kahl, printmaking, and Dains, Kendra Colwell (Bluford) and Glenda Thompson (Benton), sculpture.

Several outstanding contributions by Rend Lake College Art Professor Sarah Capps and RLC Art Associate Professor Therese Howard add considerably to the exhibition but were not considered for awards.

Scholarships were awarded to seven students, including one RLC student who will be returning as a sophomore and six incoming freshmen.

The Elks Lodge Art Scholarship for continuing students was presented to Janet Witges of Scheller.

Six full tuition scholarships were presented to high school students following competition involving Benton, Mt. Vernon, Pinckneyville and Sesser-Valier. Scholarship recipients are Chris Chaney (Benton), Justin Holman (Ewing), Phillip Gower (Thompsonville), Amanda Huston (Mt. Vernon), Dennis Robinson (Pinckneyville) and Brandy Szczeblewski (Mulkeytown).

Guests at the reception were entertained by the Bob Pina group and by Rend Lake College part-time music instructor Julie Wilkerson as vocalist.

The exhibition will be open during normal college hours of operation, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Fridays.

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

Mark this date on your calendar:

The Illinois Council of Community College Administrators will hold its Fall '98 Conference November 18-20 at the Renaissance Springfield Hotel. The theme is "Surfing the Wave of Change: Facing the Attitudes, Challenges and Opportunities of the 21st Century.

Reservations? (217) 544-8800.

/// FYI Briefs ///

Rend Lake College, Good Samaritan Regional Health Center, Rent One, Peoples National Bank and Magna Bank were honored recently for providing smoke-free facilities.

The awards were presented at the American Lung Association's Critics Choice Dinner in Carbondale.

The Critics Choice Dinner has become an annual event for the Southern Region of the American Lung Association of Illinois to recognize agencies and businesses which are concerned about second-hand smoke, and raise money for ALA programs.

It is the first time four award-winners have had ties to Mt. Vernon.



Memo to all Fiscal Managers from Physical Plant Director Randall Shively . . .

"It is time to gather obsolete equipment for this year's sale, to be held sometime in May.

"Please notify the Maintenance Department if you have items that need to be picked up by May 1."



Another note from Shively, again to all Fiscal Managers . . .

"Next year's budget request deadline is approaching. Please send me a short description of your anticipated project requests by May 8.

"This will enable me to estimate and include those projects in the Physical Plant budget for FY99.

"If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact me as soon as possible."



The Gateway Area Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society has donated a copy of Rosalind C. Kalb's "M.S.: The Questions You Have - The Answers You Need" to the RLC Learning Resource Center.

It is a question/answer guide for individuals with M.S., their families and all health-care providers.

Copple, Sanford, Dagner earn All-GRAC honors

Three Rend Lake College standouts have received post-season honors following the 1997-98 Great Rivers Athletic Conference basketball campaign.

Guards John Copple and Tara Sanford, both of whom led their respective teams in scoring, were voted All-GRAC by league coaches, as well as All-Region XXIV, while center Andrew Dagner was awarded the men's "Sportsmanship Award."

The two in-district stars – Copple, a 6-foot sophomore from Dix via Woodlawn High School, and Dagner, his 6-7, 230-pound classmate from Pinckneyville – led the Warriors to a 7-7 conference mark and fifth-place showing, an impressive showing by the lone Division II entry (no room-and-board scholarships) in an otherwise Division I field of national contenders.

Coach Tim Wills' club, 16-16 overall, was responsible for the first of only two league losses for champion Kaskaskia, which went on to finish in the top eight in the nation in Division I. Copple netted double-figure totals in all but three outings, boasted 20 or more in 14 games with a high of 30 in a win over Wabash Valley and averaged 17.7 points per game, leading the team 18 times. Dagner added 10.7 points and a Warrior-best 5.5 rebounds per contest.

Freshman Sanford, a 5-5 sharpshooter from Coach Ronnie Ressel's neck of the woods, Scott City, MO, was a bright spot in a women's season beset by injuries and setbacks to key sophomore returnees.

She averaged 14.4 points per game, scoring 20 or more on 11 occasions, and led the team in scoring 16 times. The Lady Warriors, defending GRAC co-champs, finished 16-15 overall and 6-8 for fifth in the final league standings.

The final men's standings were reflected in all-conference balloting, where the Blue Devils' Sean

Stackhouse shared "Most Valuable Player" laurels with George Reese of John A. Logan, K.C. teammate Errick Greene was co-"Freshman of the Year" with James Foster of Southeastern Illinois and their leader, Jeff Carling, was named "Coach of the Year." Kaskaskia's Roy King headed the balloting for the remaining 10 All-GRAC picks.

Three teams tied for second between Kaskaskia's 12-2 mark and RLC. Olney Central, John A. Logan and Southeastern Illinois all checked in at 9-5. A surprising sixth was five-time defending champ Wabash Valley at 5-9, followed by Lincoln Trail at 4-9 and Belleville Area at 0-13.

Joining the co-MVPs, co-Freshmen, Copple, Dagner and King as all-conference selections were Michael Forest of Logan, Donta Wade of SIC, Everett Stubblefield of OCC, Thadus Williams of Lincoln Trail, Jamey Upton of WVC, Byron Benton of OCC, Steven Sensabaugh of SIC and Robert Forrest of Logan. King, co-"Freshman of the Year" in 1996-97, Williams, Upton and Robert Forrest were all-league for the second time.

In spite of being a marked man for opposing defenses, Copple hit 43.1% of his three-point attempts (90-209) – .485 from the field overall – and led the Warriors by hitting 82.3% of his free throw opportunities (121-147).

Copple's 567 points rank 11th all-time among Warrior single-season point-producers, just two points from cracking the top 10, and his career total of 890 points places him in the No. 12 slot in 41 seasons of RLC/Mt. Vernon Community College basketball.

Sanford quietly provided similar offense for the Lady Warriors. She scored as many as 27 points twice – against Lake Land and Lincoln Trail – and led the team in assists in nine games, averaging 3.3 to go along with 4.0 rebounds from her point-guard position. She hit 30.8% from three-

point territory, 40.0% overall from the floor and 76.9% from the charity stripe.

Olney Central did not lose in conference play (14-0) and just once prior to the NJCAA Division I national tournament to end John A. Logan's seven-year reign. Oddly enough, however, the Lady Knights boasted only the fifth- and sixth-leading vote-getters on the All-GRAC team in Heather Bates and Monica Bernat. No wonder the balanced champs earned "Coach of the Year" distinction for Perry Pruitt.

Others recognized included "Most Valuable Player" Liea Toedte (Kaskaskia), the top freshman from a year ago, Jaynette Saunders of Belleville Area as the latest "Freshman of the Year," Trish Ackerman of Wabash Valley as winner of the "Sportsmanship Award" and All-GRAC performers Tawanda Daniel (Logan), Jocelyn Duke (WVC), Salena Miller (Logan), Angel Rickard (SIC), L.A. Brewer (BAC), Jill Schaffer (K.C.) and Casey Nations (BAC).

Toedte, a near-unanimous choice as MVP, and Daniel were the lone repeaters on the all-stars squad. Freshmen honorees included Saunders and her chief competition, Duke, plus Sanford, Brewer and Nations.

The same players comprise the All-Region XXIV team which was selected at season's end, with the exception of Lake Land's Marcie DeBlock replacing Nations.

Belleville Area's Dutchwomen trailed Olney Central at 11-3. Then came Logan at 10-4, Wabash Valley at 7-7, RLC, Kaskaskia and Southeastern Illinois at 4-10 each and Lincoln Trail at 0-14 (for the second year in a row).

Logan's Gary Barton, who guided the Lady Vols to 14 of the 16 previous GRAC crowns and 11 NJCAA finals, including a runner-up showing in 1987-88 and third in '85-86, recently announced his retirement.

*Join other
RLC students
and staff
as they ...*



ADOPT-A SHORELINE

at REND LAKE

Tuesday, April 21
11 am - 2 pm or 1-4 pm

Be part of a major campus-wide service effort. Help other students and staff pick up lake trash and litter from the Ina Boat Ramp south as Rend Lake College personnel help beautify the area during National Youth Service Day.

Meet at the Ina Boat Ramp area at the north end of the Ken Gray Parkway – by 11 am or 1 pm. Transportation will be available. Wear your old jeans and rubber boots. Gloves would be helpful. Also, bring any old plastic grocery-type bags you might have at home.

For more information, contact a Rend Lake College Student Senate or BASIC member, or Director Rex Duncan in the Co-op and Job Placement Office (South Oasis, Room 108).



RLC team still in search of walkers, contributors

Too much fun? No such thing. Nor is there such a thing as too many volunteers, too many participants or too many contributors for the annual March of Dimes WalkAmerica to be held Saturday, April 25, at Wayne Fitzgerald Park, just past Windows Restaurant and the Boatel, beginning at 10 a.m.

Rend Lake College will sponsor a team for the second year in a row and help is still needed.

The walk is approximately three miles in length and takes between 1-2 hours to complete. There will be checkpoints along the way for those who may need to stop and take a break or get some refreshments.

Food (barbeque) and more refreshments will be available after the walk. Prizes and awards also will be presented at that time.

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

Participants will assemble that Saturday between 9 and 9:45 a.m. at the Rend Lake Resort.

Meanwhile, volunteers will be seeking donations from co-workers, family, friends and neighbors. Each person is encouraged to set their own donation levels, with no pre-determined goals set by others.

Sponsor envelopes are available from Rend Lake College WalkAmerica Team Coordinator Andrea Boucher in the Business Office (Ext. 296).

Collections should be completed and turned in to Boucher by Friday, April 24, so the RLC total can be counted and turned in prior to the actual event.

"Thanks in advance for your support of the March of Dimes WalkAmerica," Boucher said. "Remember, we are helping to improve the health of babies and their mothers. Your time and effort are very much appreciated."

Lady Warrior White tabbed All-Sunshine

Don't blame Lady Warrior centerfielder Kelsey White for Rend Lake College's 0-4 showing in the Sunshine State Tournament earlier in the season.

Coach Dave Ellingsworth received word recently from organizers of the prestigious eight-team Florida invitational that the fleet White, a sophomore from Brazil, IN, had been named to the 14-member all-tournament team.

The Southeast Missouri State University recruit made her early signing look good by going 5-for-12 in Tallahassee, even though her team was uncharacteristically unimpressive. The Lady Warriors scored one or no runs in three of the four outings and committed 26 errors in six games during their Florida or Bust trip.

White tripled and homered in the Sunshine State tourney. She also grabbed her share of attention with some dazzling plays defensively, Ellingsworth said. Only one of the errors could be attributed to their all-tourney member.

Rend Lake College did not have enough help for White, considering an 8-1 loss to host Tallahassee in the opener, followed by a 10-0 setback to Santa Fe, a 10-7 loss to eventual runner-up Florida Community College of Jacksonville and a 13-1 spanking by eventual champ Gulf Coast.

All four of the Lady Warriors' conquerors reached the semifinals. Gulf Coast defeated Jacksonville in the finale, 3-0, after beating Tallahassee in the semifinals, 8-4. Florida C.C.-Jacksonville edged Santa Fe in the other semifinal, 3-2.

Gulf Coast teammates Rhonda Kessler, a pitcher, and Jolene Impson, a centerfielder-pitcher, shared "Most Valuable Player" status.



**REND LAKE
COLLEGE**

Warriors



ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

TO: Administration, Faculty & Staff

FROM: Tim Wills, Athletic Director *T.W.*
Rend Lake College

RE: All-Sports Banquet

DATE: April 1, 1998

WHEN: Tuesday, May 5, 1998

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 six 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 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 20 to Tim Wills, Rend Lake College, Ina, Illinois, 62846.

_____ Can not Attend

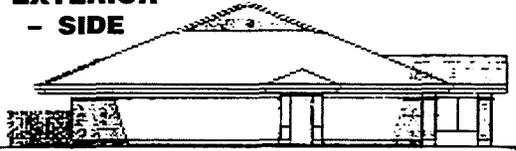
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Number of People x \$15.00 = _____ Total Amount

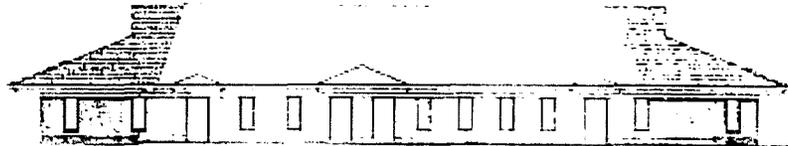
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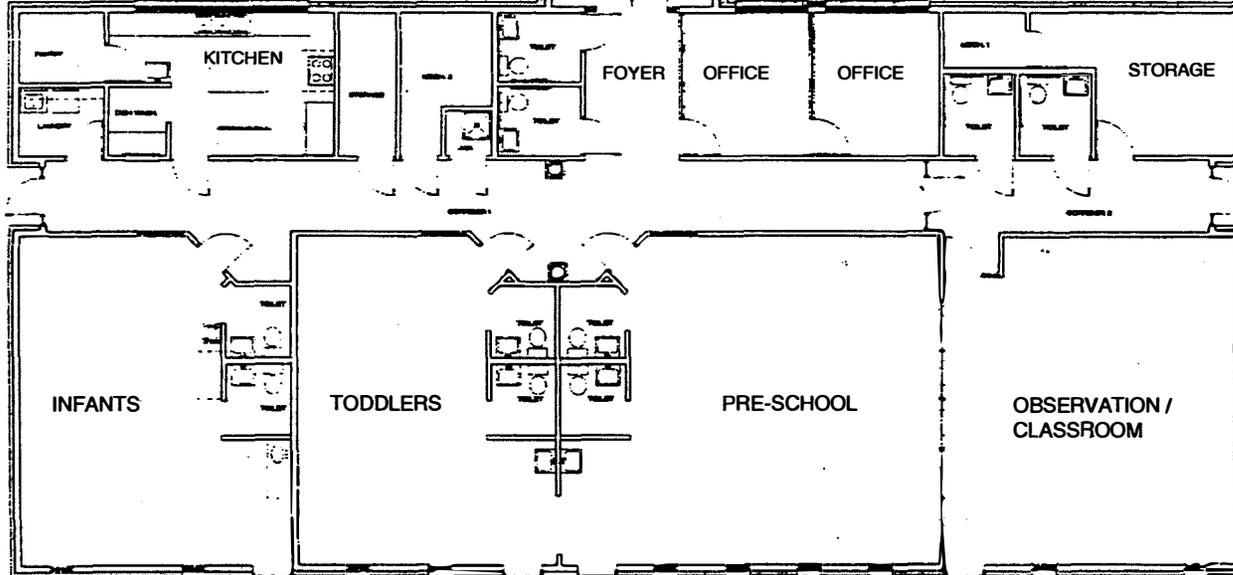
**EXTERIOR
- SIDE**



VESTIBULE



EXTERIOR - BACK



**Rend Lake
College
Foundation
CHILDREN'S
CENTER**

INTERIOR

F.Y.I. Week ahead



APRIL

MONDAY / 6th

- Biology, 8-9:30 am (Theatre) • BCHS, all day (Theatre) • Golf, RLC in Hidden Meadows Invite at Shelton St. • SB, Lincoln Trail at RLC (DH), 2 pm
- Assessment, 4-5:30 (SC/EBR) • BASIC, 4-5 (SC) • Student Senate, 4-5 (SC/EBR) • "Taxidermy," 6-9 (SCI 116) • Airplane, 7:30-9 (SC/EBR)

TUESDAY / 7th

- BCHS, all day (Theatre; LRC 107, 4-10 pm) • Appeals Meeting, 10 am-Noon (SC/EBR) • Nontraditional Student Marketing, 10 am-Noon (SC/PDA)
- BB, RLC at Parkland (DH), 1 • SB, Shawnee at RLC (DH), 2 • Tennis, Parkland at RLC, 3 • Tutoring, 4-6 (SCI 109) • Culinary Arts, 6-10 (SC)
- Golf at Shelton St. • Foundation, 5:30-9 pm (SC) • "Marketing," 6-9 pm (SCI 106) • "Theatre," 6-9 pm (Theatre) • "EcoWatch," 7-10 pm (SCI 109)

WEDNESDAY / 8th

- Biology, 8-9:30 am (Theatre) • BCHS, all day (Theatre; LRC) • Student Services, 8:30-10 am (SC/EBR) • Bidders, 9:30 am-Noon (SC/PDA)
- "Health" TV, 11 am-Noon, 2-3 (ACA 104) • SB, RLC at BAC, 2 • Tutoring, 4-6 (SCI 109) • English, 6-9 (A 102) • "Taxidermy," 6-9 (SCI 116)

THURSDAY / 9th

- BCHS, all day (Theatre; LRC) • Choate, 8:30 am-2 pm (SC/PDA) • McKendree, 9 am-6:30 pm (ACA 108) • Walton, 10 am-3 pm (SC/EBR)
- Children's Center Groundbreaking Ceremony/Reception, 11 am (West Parking) • BB, BAC at RLC (DH), 1 pm • BASIC, 2:30-3:30 pm (ACA 109)
- Tutoring, 4-6 (SCI 109) • Ag Banquet, 5-10 (SC) • "Creative Writing," 6-8 (ACA 102) • "Taxidermy," 6-9 (SCI 115) • Lions Club, 7-9 (SC/EBR)

FRIDAY / 10th

- COLLEGE CLOSED – GOOD FRIDAY HOLIDAY • BCHS, all day (Theatre; LRC 107) • "Lifeguarding," 4-7 (SCI 106)
- BB, RLC vs. St. Louis-Forest Park (DH) at Sauget, 1 pm • SB, RLC at Kaskaskia (DH), 2 pm • Men's Tennis, RLC in Springfield Tourney, TBA

WEEKEND / 11th & 12th

- SATURDAY** – NO CLASSES • BCHS, all day (Theatre; LRC 107) • "Lifeguarding," 11 am-2 pm (SCI 106) • BB, WVC at RLC (DH), 1 pm
- Men's Tennis, RLC in Springfield Tourney **SUNDAY** – BCHS, all day (Theatre; LRC 107) • Golf, RLC at Wallace State (AL), TBA

MONDAY / 13th

- Biology, 8-9:30 am (Theatre) • BCHS, all day (Theatre; LRC) • Golf, RLC at Wallace State (AL) • Retired Secretaries, Noon-1 pm (SC/EBR)
- Assessment, 3-4 pm (SC/EBR) • BASIC, 4-5 pm (SC) • Student Senate, 4-5 (SC/EBR) • Choir, 6-8 (SCI 110) • "Taxidermy," 6-9 (SCI 116)

TUESDAY / 14th

- BCHS, all day (Theatre; LRC 107) • STARS, 10 am-3 pm (SC/EBR) • "Psychology" TV, 1-2 pm (ACA 108) and 6-7 pm (ACA 109)
- Golf, RLC at Wallace State (AL), TBA • Baseball, St. Charles at RLC (DH), 1 pm • President's Council, 2 pm (SC/PDA)
- Softball, SIC at RLC (DH), 2 pm • Men's Tennis, Belleville Area vs. RLC at Benton City Park, 3 pm • Tutoring, 4-6 pm (SCI 109)
- Culinary Arts, 6-10 pm (SC) • "Job Skills," 6-9 pm (SCI 106) • "Theatre," 6-9 pm (Theatre) • RLC Board of Trustees, 6:30 pm (SC)

WEDNESDAY / 15th

- Science, 8-9 am (SCI 110) • Title III Meeting, 8 am-Noon (SC/EBR) • Allied Health, 8 am-5 pm (One-Room Schoolhouse)
- Grade School Performances, morning (Theatre) • Student Services, 8:30-10 am (SC/PDA) • Upward Bound, 1:30-2:30 pm (SC/EBR)
- Softball, Volunteer State (TN) at RLC (DH), TBA • Tutoring, 4-6 pm (SCI 109) • "Anthropology" TV, 6-8 pm (NO) • "Taxidermy," 6-9 (SCI 116)

THURSDAY / 16th

- H.S. Scholar Bowl, 8 am-4 pm (Theatre; SC/PDA) • McKendree College, 9 am-5 pm (SCI 108) • Security – "Gangs," 10 am-Noon (SCI 122)
- "Health" TV, 10-11 am (ACA 105) and 1-2 pm (ACA 209) • RLC at Kaskaskia, 1 pm • BASIC, 2:30-3:30 pm (ACA 109)
- Tutoring, 4-6 pm (SCI 109) • "Creative Writing," 6-8 pm (ACA 102) • "Taxidermy," 6-9 pm (SCI 115) • EcoWatch, 7-10 pm (SCI 116)

FRIDAY / 17th

- Office Systems Technology Contest, 8 am-5 pm (Theatre; SC/PDA; SC/EBR) • Tutoring, 8 am-3 pm (SCI 109) • Fun Fest, 2-3:30 pm (SCI 106)
- "Lifeguarding," 4-7 pm (SCI 106) • Men's Tennis, Lake Land vs. RLC at Benton City Park, 4 pm • Phi Theta Kappa Induction, 5-8 pm (Theatre)

WEEKEND / 18th & 19th

- SATURDAY** – "Lifeguarding," 11 am-2 pm (SCI 106) • BB, SIC at RLC (DH), 1 pm • Tennis, OCC at RLC, 1 pm • SB, RLC at Meramec Tourney
- SUNDAY** – SB, RLC at Meramec Tourney • Benton Chamber of Commerce Pageant Orientation, 1-4 pm (SC) • BB, RLC at Shawnee (DH), 1 pm

**YOU ARE INVITED TO THE
ANNUAL REND LAKE COLLEGE
BOARD/FACULTY/STAFF
DINNER**

DATE: FRIDAY, MAY 8, 1998

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/faculty/staff dinner.

Please make your reservation by completing the form below or by calling Cindy Minor at Extension 243 on or before Friday, May 1, 1998.

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Please make _____ reservation(s) for the Board/Faculty/Staff Dinner on May 8, 1998.

Name

