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Students and Staff Gather for the 2000 Annual Scholarship Banquet

Camille Bowman
Staff Writer

"It is always better to give than to receive," a famous biblical quote and also the theme for this night. On October 26, 2000 scholarship recipients and donors met together at RLC student center. Students gathered to show appreciation to the many generous donors of college scholarships. There were 187 people who attended the Annual Scholarship Banquet at 6:00 p.m. in the Student Center. A deliciously prepared dinner was also served for guests to enjoy.

To begin the evening Pat Mitchell, Executive Director of Donations, welcomed everyone explaining the importance the donors have on students' future success. Attendance at the banquet was crucial; not being present would have damaged the scholarship given to students.

"It was so important to attend because donors were able to see what they have done," said Mitchell, "knowing scholarship donations were being put to use for to students."

While attending the banquet, scholarship recipients were told to rise and thank the donators. The speakers for the evening were both scholarship recipients [students] and donors.

Rocky Millenbine, a student here at RLC, thanked his donor for the scholarship he received. This scholarship gave Millenbine an opportunity to go to college, and he has been doing so successfully. Without it, he may not have had such an easy start into his college career.

Also Greg Hollman, a former student and alumni to RLC, spoke of the scholarships students received as "stones that will turn to diamonds" in the future. The hostess, Pat Mitchell turned attention to the fact that giving should be recognized and praised. Speaker Rachel Gartner, RLC alumni, received money from a late uncle for college. When he passed away, she decided that giving a

scholarship to a coal miner's daughter, in particular, would honor him.

"When students show up at the banquets," said Mitchell, "the donors want to give more to students here at RLC."

Scholarships are also given to students who graduate from RLC and go to a four-year college such as SIU-C.

The donor who spoke at the dinner John Moreland, who owns several McDonald's fast food restaurants in the county, gave seven goals and words to take to heart for all listeners and students. He brought to attention the imminence of technology and learning it.

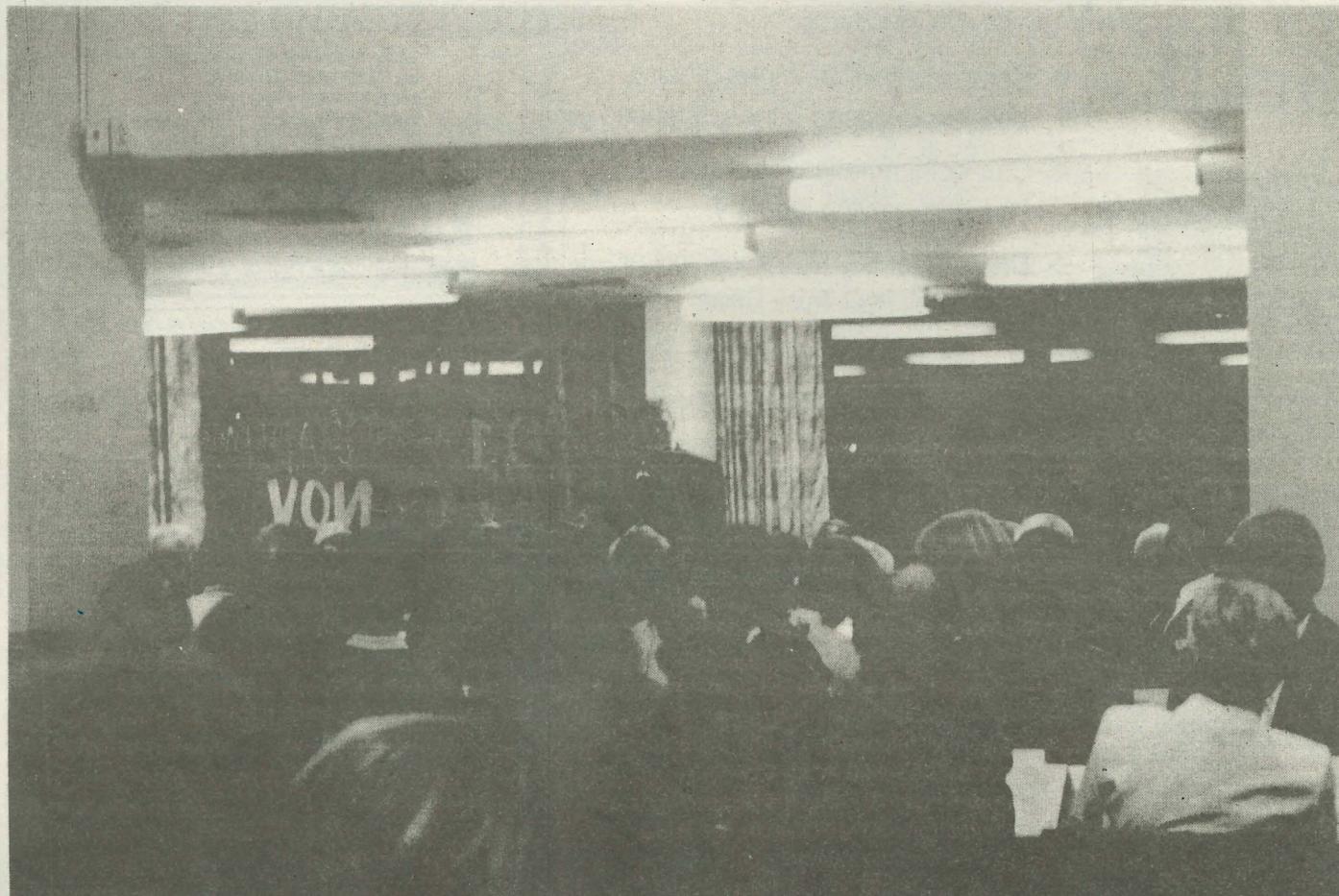
"There are over two-hundred million job positions in fast food alone," said Moreland.

Once more, the job titles, such

as Manager, and/or Supervisor, that were formerly popular are now being changed and upgraded. Job titles such as Associated Director, and Executive Director in Charge of French fries are becoming popular because they have added responsibility and better wages, compared to many of the past titles. He talked about how humans are the most important factor in all fields of work.

"I agree that basic human contact and communication is what keeps us together," said Bob Kelley. Kelley also assisted in the photos that were taken at the banquet.

With the excitement and knowledge present at the banquet students, staff, and donors took home appreciation, a full stomach, and smiles for the greatest gift, giving.



RLC Alumnist Greg Holmann, speaks about the importance of scholarships (Photo by: Sara Cairns)

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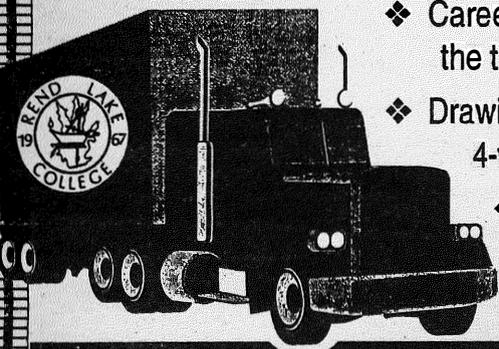
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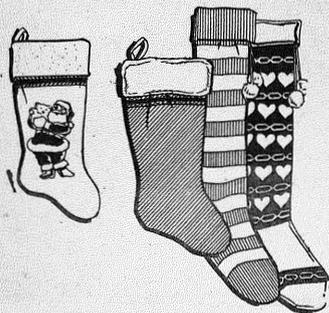
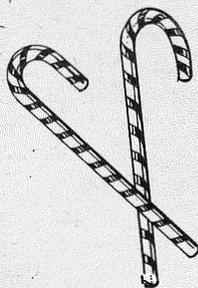
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Rend Lake College

is seeking a full-time, professional

Administrative Assistant

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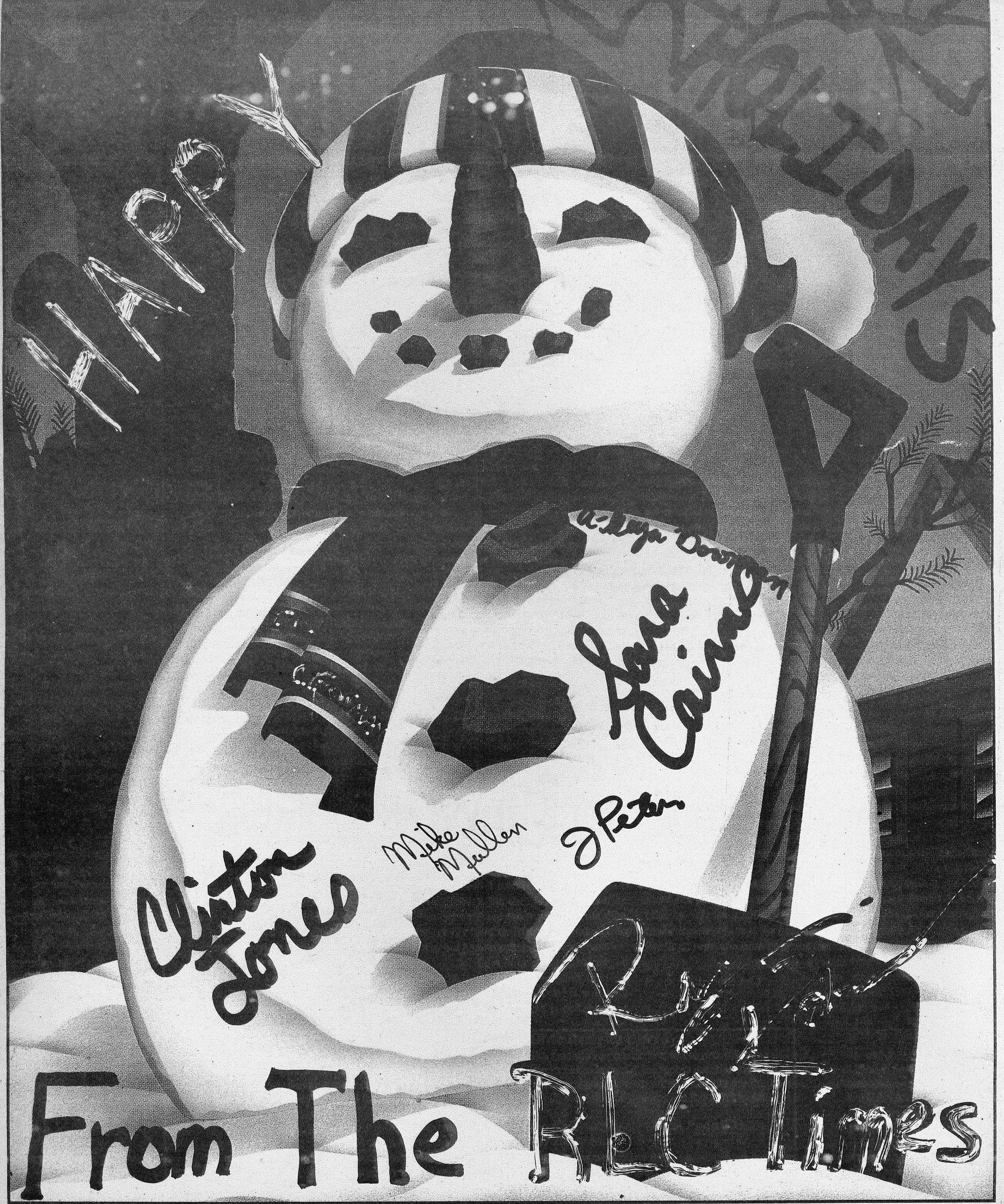
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From The

RICHTIME



A student shoots a round of pool in the RLC Game Room (Photo by: Sara Cairns)

EDITORIAL

Clinton Jones
News Editor

Having something to fill the time in between classes has always been a problem here at RLC. Sure, you can study or even catch some sleep, but that has been pretty much it until this Fall semester.

This semester, there was a new addition to the RLC campus that would hopefully alleviate the problem of the boring downtime between classes. Located now, where the Financial Aid office used to reside, which is the RLC Free Game room.

First of all I must give kudos to the administration for finally listening to the students pleas for some type of entertainment.

In the game room one can find five different types of entertainment. The main attraction is of course the pool table, is in use constantly. Behind the pool table in the arcade room that holds four different game machines which include: Street Fighter, a golf game, a pinball machine, and finally a light gun game.

The great thing about the game room is that it is free. That's right no longer do you need to drop down .50 cents for a game of pool or Street Fighter.

However, a FREE game room

does not make this a GOOD game room. The problem with the room is the lack of quality in the arcade machines. Three out of the four coin-op machines do not work in some way. Street Fighter, for example, has a vast amount of non-working buttons which makes the game largely unplayable. The pinball machine would not produce any pinballs which also makes it impossible to play. Lastly, the shooting game, besides being so terribly boring that it hurts to play it, cannot be played with two people because of a broken light gun.

In fact, the only thing in the game room worth using is the pool table.

Just because they provide something free to the students, it is not okay to provide them with broken and outdated equipment in the hopes of quieting them.

There was a time in which this campus had a recreation area that held multiple pool tables and other games. I am told that it was quite nice. Why, then is it that in a time when there are more students than ever here at RLC, the students do not have a suitable recreation area.

While it is commendable to see the administration making an effort to please the students, it will take more than a single pool table and

some broken arcade machines to do the job.

I suggest that the administration seriously look into providing a good entertainment area. I also suggest that they ask for advice from the students themselves, on what they would like to have in such a room.

Something such as a game room may seem a waste of time to many. They may say that such a thing doesn't have a place in a learning institute. However, to say that is foolish. Think about this, if a potential student is trying to decide between two colleges of equal educational value, which is more tempting, a campus with little or nothing to do in between classes, or a campus that has an extensive entertainment area. The choice is simple.

(Editor's Note: Sources indicate that such a recreation area may in fact be being planned. For the betterment of the campus and it's student population we hope that this is true. Also, a small survey has been passed around to specific classes. If you would like to help make a recreation area become a reality, reproduce or clip out the survey below and let administration know what you want.)

Student Leisure Time Activity Survey

The staff, faculty and administration of Rend Lake College remain committed to providing the highest quality of instruction to the citizens of the district. However, we recognize that the "college experience" is defined by more than just classroom activities. In an effort to identify the best ways to meet the leisure time needs of our students, we ask that you answer the following questions. Be as specific and honest as possible.

1. If you were designing a Student Leisure Time Activity Center for Rend Lake College, what items would you place in this center?
2. How and when would you personally make use of this area?
3. How often would you take advantage of this area?
4. From your own personal perspective, should RLC have a Student Leisure Time Activity Center?
5. What other suggestions would you have to make RLC more "student centered?"



RLC made Playhouse on display at Marion mall (Photo by: Sara Cairns)

RLC Architecture Students Build Playhouse for CASA

Sara Cairns
Staff Writer/Photographer

If you've been to the Illinois Centre Mall in Marion recently you may have noticed the playhouses currently on display. Unique design ideas and top-notch workmanship are showcased each year as thousands of visitors are shopping during the holiday season. Rend Lake College was chosen by CASA, Court Appointed Special Advocate, of Williamson County to participate in the Seventh Annual CASAs for CASA Playhouse Village building.

CASA is an organization that got its start in 1977 to help children living with neglect, abuse, or abandonment. In cases of abuse child can't speak for themselves so CASA appoints special advocates to speak for them. CASA advocates are trained community volunteers appointed by a judge to speak up for the children in court. In many of these cases, many children also become victims a second time, lost in the overburdened child welfare system that cannot pay close attention to each individual child whose life is in its hands. Some materials, Mt. Vernon Neontimes a child can remain adrift in Anthony Lankford for foster care for months or even years.

CASA granted Rend Lake College the opportunity to help with its efforts on behalf of the children Southern Illinois. The materials budget this year was \$700.00, which could be spent at children at the Rend Lake Daycare Center for expert advise on design, Marion, and Stotlar-Herrin in and the Rend Lake College graphic design students for design ideas for convenient with the school. the sign.

Kevin Weston and the students in the architecture classes for the fall semester put in a lot of time and effort in getting the playhouse built.

Weston said "Some students put in as much as 80 to 100 hours giving up Saturdays, Sundays, and time between classes towards the playhouse."

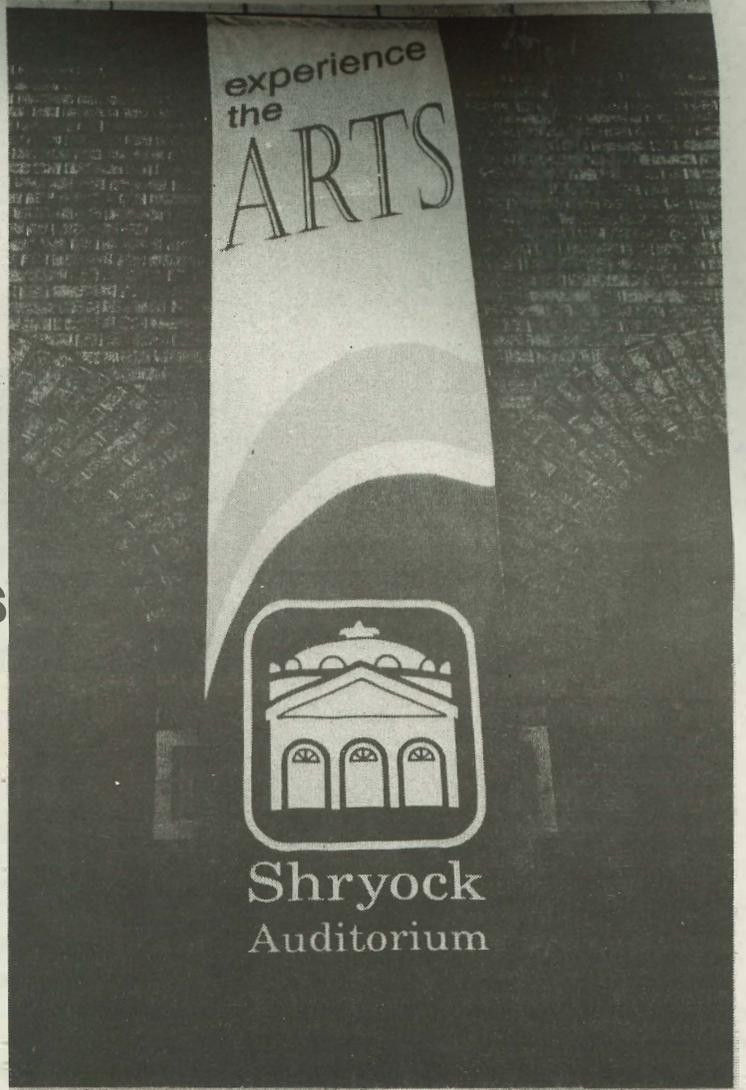
The students did a great job with the playhouse making it look like an old general store.

Architectural Technology students that contributed time and effort to the design and construction of the playhouse include: Randy Brown, Leslie Hopkins, Kellen Minor, Greg Karcher, Natasha Adams, Stephanie Eller, Dennis Crain, Derek Lomas, Joel Martin, B.J. Pennington, Tom Arpasi, Ryan Reu, and Brandon Moore.

The following individuals and companies contributed time and materials to the project: Stotlar-Herrin Lumber in Benton for agreeing to provide materials as cost, Kehrer Brothers Roofing for rubber roofing materials, Blood Roofing, Ina for rubber roofing Polycarbonate Glass, Mt. Vernon Glass for Polycarbonate Glass,



Poinsettias were displayed and sold in the Student Center on December 1 (Photo by: Sara Cairns)



A closeup view of the Shryock Auditorium (Photo by: Sara Cairns)

Weather-Related College Closings

In situations where inclement weather may affect the normal operation of Rend Lake College, or when circumstances beyond the college's control may affect working conditions and create a need to call off classes or close the campus for whatever reason, students should refer to one of the following radio or television stations for information.

The college will notify the following stations and try to have information on the air by 6-6:30 a.m. whenever necessary, or as soon as possible at other times.

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Art Professor Sarah Capps Wins Top Watercolor Award at Charleston Exhibit Again



Sara Cairns
Staff Writer/Photographer
FYI News Release

Rend Lake College Art Professor Sarah Capps has won the Barbara Bishop Werden "Best Traditional Watercolor Award" at the 13th Biennial Watercolor and Drawing Exhibition at the Tarble Arts Center in Charleston. It is the second time in the last three years one of Capps' works has claimed this prestigious honor.

Her most recent winning entry, "Wellspring," depicts a woodland scene with water. It is one of two pieces Capps had accepted. The other is a drawing entitled "The Candy Lady." Capps also won the "Best Traditional Watercolor Award" in 1998 and has won purchase awards in the same show twice previously. The 13th Biennial exhibit will be on display during the months of December and January.

Capps has been the "Featured Artist" for the month of November at the Illinois Artisans Shop and Visitors Center in nearby Whittington. Six of her paintings were showcased on the main wall behind the sales counter. As the featured artist, Capps also demonstrates her watercolor techniques at the Artisans Shop on November 18th as a part of an ongoing series of demonstrations sponsored by the Illinois Artisans Shop and Visitors Center.



Warrior Sports

Tomas Runs His Way to Second in Nationals.

Jim Peters
Staff Writer

Freshman Cross-Country runner Francisco Tomas (Cobden H.S.) finished the National Junior College Division II Cross-Country Championships in second place as he ran the five mile course in Levelland, TX, in 26 minutes and 20 seconds. Tomas finished just five seconds behind the winner, Patrick Keller, from Paradise Valley, Arizona. The two runners finished the painful five mile course with Keller nosing out the victory just before the finish line.

To put what has accomplished into perspective, had he won the race, he would have been the first athlete in any sport from the southern Illinois region to win first place at a National Junior

College Athletic Association (NJCAA) event, the first ever.

"No more needs to be said," said first year Coach Brent McClain, "Francisco ran extremely well and so did the rest of the team. People were coming up afterwards and saying that this was amazing. They couldn't believe we finished so high because this was our first year competing in cross-country. We're happy how it turned out, especially for Francisco, he's a phenomenal young man."

"This is a dream come true," said Tomas. The son of migrant workers, Tomas never competed at

the High School level. "I just ran for fun," said Tomas. Tomas would run anywhere from 70 to 100 miles a week for fun. When Tomas's mother would ask him to run to town, he took her words literally.

Prior to signing a letter-of-intent to run for Rend Lake College, Tomas finished a remarkable 36th in the Boston Marathon and won the annual River to River run in Southern Illinois in 1999. "He has a very bright future," said McClain.

Rend Lake finished in seventh place at the National Championship Event.

"We're extremely happy to get seventh in our first year," said McClain. "Nobody expected us to get that. We're proud we did it with five guys from Southern Illinois."

Rend Lake finished in seventh place despite entering only five runners in the seven man competition. Each team could enter seven runners with only the top five times recorded.

Tomas was backed by solid effort from his teammates David Diaz (Fr., West Frankfort), 27th overall in 27:28.9, Daniel Nalley (Fr., Benton), 32nd in 27:38.4, Tim Koch (Fr., Mt. Vernon), 65th in 28:26.8, and Brett Smith (Fr., Benton), 63rd in 28:30.2 to nail down the impressive finish. With Tomas and all five members of it's team back next season, Coach McClain has reason to be in a good mood during the off season.



(Back row from left to right: Daniel Nalley, Tim Koch, Brandon Albright, Brett Smith)
(Front row from left to right: Head Coach Brent McClain, Fernando Tomas, David Diaz) (submitted photo)

EDITORIAL

Ryan Dodson
Clinton Jones
Editors

[Ryan] It seems like only yesterday, this semester just began. We were comparing schedules and talking about how we wished the summer break was longer. Well, now it's final exam week and we're wishing it was mid-term again.

The first snowflakes have fallen, and the temperature has dropped on what is an extremely windy campus. Now, it's time for Christmas and everyone's favorite, a three week vacation from school.

I would just like to thank a few people for their patience and commitment this semester. It's not been an easy one, to say the least.

All of our student writers, who dedicated their time and effort without receiving credit for doing so, your work is gladly appreciated. There are a couple I would like to thank personally.

Jim, every month we knew we could count on you, having at least one article written and ready to go. With your help, we were able to cover a lot more athletic teams than expected, and I know the teams, coaches, and the editors appreciate that, thank you.

Ryan Martin, a.k.a. "The Science Guy", thank you for having your

column written, and on-time every month. I know you're a busy man, and you came through for us big time.

I would also like to thank Bob Kelley, Coach Corn, Coach Wills, Coach McClain, Connie Ruffino, John Fisher, Coach Johnston, Ed Ruffino, Coach Metzger, Coach Dave Smith, Coach Laur, Coach Ressel, and everyone else for your time.

Last, but not least, thank you to my staff for all you've done. To the ones that stuck around and was here for the duration, I couldn't have asked for more. Most importantly,

thanks for putting up with me the entire semester. Sara and Clint, without you two, none of this would have been possible. Thank you.

[Clinton] This semester, above all others that I have been here for, was a tough one for the RLC Times. At the beginning of the semester it looked as if the RLC Times would have a flourishing staff of talented and dedicated writers and staff members.

Well, as everyone knows, looks can be deceiving. Sadly, the RLC Times suffered from a few undedicated staff writers leaving in the middle of a semester without as much as a "**** off." To them I say, "Good riddance!" Even without them, the remaining staff

banded together and continued to put out a quality newspaper.

Listen up folks, it takes a lot to do the job we do. It is not uncommon for us to be on campus working on this paper late in to the night. It is not uncommon for us to get here at 8:00am and not leave until 7:00pm. Some of us even spent our beloved holidays working in the newsroom.

Boys and girls, that is dedication. When you have staff members that are willing to pull longer days than many instructors that teach here, then you know you have a few good people. To them I say, "thank you from the bottom of my heart." Without you, this paper would never get put on the easels, waxed, sent for replication, and distributed. I have no need to say your names, you know who you are and what you did for us, and again I thank you.

So, if you think you have what it takes, if you want a challenging and creative job, if you want to be a part of this multi-award winning newspaper, then sign up now. We would be glad to have you. Besides getting class credit for working on the paper, you also get a powerful reference for when you go in to the job market.

So long for now, and we will see you next semester when the presses begin rolling again.

RLC Warriors Baseball Team Ready to Commence Battle

Camille Bowman
Staff Writer

like," said Campbell, "but we always hope for the best."

The team opened up the year with more than half its' players being freshmen, even though they are showing some good traits for the spring season. In the spring season Campbell says their talents should really show.

"Right now were just doing training," said Campbell, "this spring we will be ready."

With a full roster to start the season, the RLC Warriors baseball team is hitting it home. Head Coach Rich Campbell, says the team is doing a great job and have won 7 of the 11 games they have played this season.

"It is too early in the year to say what the spring season will look