COMPUTER AND GADGET EXPERTS, including five Rend Lake College computer science graduates and students, assembled earlier this month from all over Southern Illinois to participate in the first-ever HackSI event, hosted by Southern Illinois University-Carbondale (SIUC). HackSI, also known as Hack Day, is a creative avenue for computer science students and grads to invent the next big thing. In fact, companies such as Google, Yahoo, Tumblr, Facebook and Twitter have hosted several similar events to recruit talent and ideas.

The 12-hour hack-a-thon hosted nearly 100 participants in the Dunn-Richmond Center of the SIUC campus. The contestants worked on various projects, from creating webpages and robots, to inventing phone and tablet apps. At the end of the day, all of the individuals and groups showed off their inventions.

Brad Helm, RLC Associate Professor of Computer Science, said there were future RLC computer science students from Benton and Mt. Vernon high schools present, in addition to the five RLC participants. He said the students created remarkable technologies for such a short amount of time.

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Helm said he is planning to implement a class project that resembles a hack-a-thon in the future. “We received some Lego Mindstorms over the summer, and we are integrating them into our coursework,” said Helm. “Likewise, many of our programming classes focus on games-based assignments and lessons to increase student interest and involvement. If my first semester Java class has time towards the end of the semester, I plan on letting them have a mini-competition as a class project.”

Elhan Richardson of Benton, an RLC grad and SIUC student, wrote his first Android app at the event, but he wasn’t the only one. Fellow RLC grad Harrison Teel, also of Benton, created an Android app at the event, but he wasn’t the only one. Fellow RLC grad Harrison Teel, also of Benton, created an Android app at the event, but he wasn’t the only one. Fellow RLC grad Harrison Teel, also of Benton, created an Android app at the event, but he wasn’t the only one. Fellow RLC grad Harrison Teel, also of Benton, created an Android app at the event, but he wasn’t the only one. Fellow RLC grad Harrison Teel, also of Benton, created an Android app at the event, but he wasn’t the only one. Fellow RLC grad Harrison Teel, also of Benton, created an Android app at the event, but he wasn’t the only one. Fellow RLC grad Harrison Teel, also of Benton, created an Android app at the event, but he wasn’t the only one. Fellow RLC grad Harrison Teel, also of Benton, created an Android app at the event, but he wasn’t the only one. Fellow RLC grad Harrison Teel, also of Benton, created an Android app at the event, but he wasn’t the only one. Fellow RLC grad Harrison Teel, also of Benton, created an Android app at the event, but he wasn’t the only one. Fellow RLC grad Harrison Teel, also of Benton, created an Android app at the event, but he wasn’t the only one. Fellow RLC grad Harrison Teel, also of Benton, created an Android app at the event, but he wasn’t the only one. Fellow RLC grad Harrison Teel, also of Benton, created an Android app at the event, but he wasn’t the only one.

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Sudoku solution is printed on page 4.
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app that will plot informa-
tion graphically for a web-
page and a Nintendo Wii-
mindle controlled Quad-
Copter.

Helm said he plans to
start working on a Hack-
Day event to bring to the
RLC campus for in-district
students. “My end goal is to come here
to RLC to serve our local
school,” said Helm. “I know it’d be a huge
draw for our prospective stu-
dents.”

Co-coordinator Darryl T.
Jones said the event was
so successful that plans
are already in the works
for another hack-a-thon in
the area.

“We’ve already begun
planning the next event,”
said Jones. “It was great. I
loved seeing how clever,
passionate, and hungry these kids were. We
hear a lot bad about the upcoming genera-
tions, but this was an example of good. 
These kids really impressed me. It was
great day.”

Anyone interested in
finding out more informa-
tion about the hack-a-thon
or RLC’s Computer Sci-
cence program can contact
Brad Helm at helmb@rlc.edu.

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The Lincoln Land Loggers led the Warriors 26-23 on their home turf 82-65. Rend Lake is now 6-3 on the season. Rend Lake ended the first half with a 14-point lead in the Loggers, shooting 8/12 from the three. In the second half, they reached a 24-point lead with the help of sophomore Jeri Taylor (Louisville, KY) who had a double-double on the night with the game-high of 20 points and 14 rebounds. Rend Lake docked 49 rebounds during the game against Lincoln Land’s 25. The Warriors will return to home two games, Southwestern on Dec. 4 and Southeastern on Dec. 7, before rounding up the year against Lincoln on Dec. 8 and Danville Area on Dec. 12. For all things The Lake, visit RLC online at www.rlc.edu/warriors.

Lady Warriors top Lady Saints in UBA

The Rend Lake College Lady Warriors rose above the Shawnee Lady Saints Nov. 26 in Olney for a 78-53 victory, and that fifth win for the season. The Lady Warriors are now 5-3. The Lady Warriors will finish 2013 with two home games — against Southwestern on Dec. 4 and against Southeastern on Dec. 7. For all things The Lake, visit RLC online at www.rlc.edu/war-

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A new internship this year is called the Rural Health Experience (RHE), and is aimed toward providing healthcare professionals to a medically underserved area. The RHE is open to graduate and professional level students enrolled in a health professional program and is a 40-hour experience in a rural community in south central Illinois. Room and board for RHE will be covered by SCI-AHEC, as well as a $150 stipend to cover travel expenses. Students will be required to submit an 8-10 page reflection of their week. In addition to the application, students should submit a two-page personal statement, a current resume and a letter of recommendation from an academic advisor or instructor. Deadline to apply for RHE is March 14, 2014.

The goals of RHE are as follows: to learn about the social and health characteristics, needs and resources of a specific rural community, to understand the roles and responsibilities of different healthcare providers in a rural community and to reflect on a future career as a healthcare provider in a rural community and to

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Solution to crossword puzzle on page 2:

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hundreds of fires causing an average of 15 deaths each year. In addition, such fires cause an average of $13 mil- lion in property damage annually. Though it can be tempting to purchase the most eye-catching Christmas tree you find, avoid doing so unless you have learned a little about the trees. Artificial trees should be labeled as “Fire Resistant.” Such trees can still catch fire, but they are more resistant than trees without such labels. When buying a live tree, make sure the tree is fresh. The tree should be green, and its needles should be difficult to pull out of the branches, which should not be easily breakable. The tree on the ground before purchasing it is much more likely than trees in lots of needles upon tapping the ground will prevent it from catching fire. Trees that aren’t fresh are more susceptible to going up in flames.

• Keep the tree away from heat sources. Though Christmas trees, that can catch fire. Never place can- dles near curtains, furniture or pets at home might want to decorate with fake LED light instead of traditional candles. Curious kids or excitable pets may not rec- ognize the potential dangers involved with little children or pets at home might want to decorate with fake LED light instead of traditional candles. Curious kids or excitable pets may not rec- ognize the potential dangers involved with candles.

• Use of candles. Like Christmas trees, can- dles are a popular yet poten- tially hazardous decorative item during the holiday sea- son. Holiday enthusiasts who use both candles, be sure that all can- dles are extinguished before leaving a room and never leave them burning when you go to bed. Candles should always come first.

The holiday season is upon us, and that means scores of celebrants will be decorating their halls. Though festive decorations are a part of the sea- son, safety should always come first. (Metro Cre- ative Connection Photo)

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Rend Lake College Athletics accepted Sports Hall of Fame nominations

The Rend Lake College Sports Hall of Fame is seeking nominations for the 2013-14 induction class ballot. Athlet- ic Director Tim Wills said there is not a date set for the induction cer- emony at this time, though it will be held during the spring semester. Any and all nominations are wel- come, including former athletes and coaches.

The Hall of Fame Committee has the responsibility of evaluating all nominees to determine those indi- viduals/teams to be inducted annu- ally into the Rend Lake College Sports Hall of Fame. Nominations may be from several categories – Former Athletes; For- mer Coaches; Former Teams; Alum- ni Coaches, and Sports Profession- als (officials, writers, photographers and other professionals). Nomina- tions are solicited each year from former players, coaches and stu- dents, college personnel and the general public.

To be selected, the nominee must receive a minimum of 75 percent of the highest number of possible affir- mative votes that could be received by a nominee. The first year, a max- imum of nine individuals/teams could have been inducted; in subse- quent years, a minimum of one and maximum of five inductees will be honored.

Nominations were due by Mon- day, Dec. 2. For more information about the hall of fame, contact Wills at (618) 437-5321, Ext. 1250 or at wills@rlc.edu.

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