

Kerrie Lampley Crowned Queen



Ms. Kerrie Lampley was crowned Queen at the RLC Christmas Dance.

Miss Kerrie Lampley, a freshman Cosmetology student from Benton, was crowned RLC Christmas Queen on Thursday evening, December 21.

Members of her court were sophomores Donna Kimmel, Cindy Pullis, Shirley Mann and Mary Kellerman, and freshman Becky Browning and Kristie Martin.

The Christmas Dance was held in the gymnasium — beautifully decorated to the theme of "Winter Night's Dream".

Karma, a group from SIU Edwardsville provided the music for about 200 students, faculty, administration and friends.

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Benton Artist Displays Work

The paintings of Gary Messersmith, a Benton resident and instructor of art at the Benton High School, are being displayed by the Rend Lake College Art Department from January 12 thru February 2 in the Oasis.

A public reception was held Sunday January 14 from 3:00 til 4:00 p.m. in the Oasis.

Mr. Messersmith works in oils, and makes wide use of heavy brushing strokes and is an accomplished abstract artist, and produces conventional styles of oil works as well.

The public is invited to view Mr. Messersmith's works as long as they are displayed.

STUDENTS WORK ON DISPLAY TOO

Several first semester art students are also displaying some of their art work in the RLC library; John Sgutt, art instructor says that more of the student art displays are planned in the future.

The display is located near the entrance to the library and features works of design, and drawing students.

Come Join Us

With all the searching and shuffling through copy of newspaper stories, callouses on the nimble fingers of the writers, patience on the part of the instructor, editing, pasting, and learning. I think I can be safe in saying that for most of us journalism class has been fun. But as some of you may already know journalism will not be offered at RLC next semester.

Dr. Evelyn Claxton, instructor of journalism, would like, however, to encourage any and all interested students to work on the "Pressing Times" newspaper staff. This will give them some good experience in newspaper writing and make-up. Any help from anyone willing is needed and would be appreciated.

Exam Schedule

Tuesday, January 16

8:00-10:00 All eight o'clock classes except health.

10:10-12:10 All ten o'clock classes except botany and zoology.

12:50- 2:50 All twelve o'clock classes except health.

Wednesday, January 17

8:00-10:00 All nine o'clock classes except health, botany, and zoology.

10:10-12:10 All botany classes in Science Room 110.

12:50- 2:50 All one o'clock classes except health.

Thursday, January 18

8:00-10:00 All zoology classes in Science Room 110.

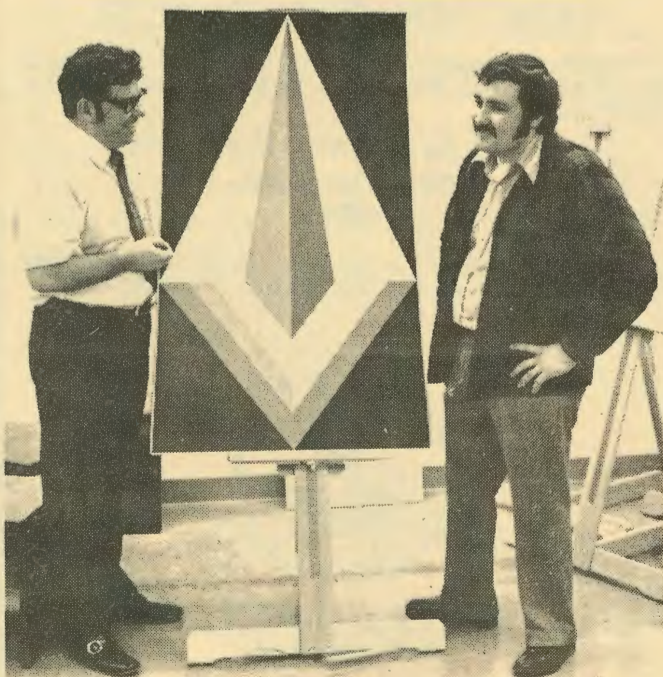
10:10-12:10 All eleven o'clock classes except health.

12:50- 2:50 All two o'clock classes.

Friday, January 19

8:00-10:00 All health classes in rooms to be designated by instructor.

10:10-12:10 All music appreciation classes in Science Room 110.



GARY MESSERSMITH and JOHN SGUTT enjoy a good laugh while inspecting one of Messersmith's works. Messersmith is art instructor at Benton High School and his works will be on display in the Oasis from January 12 until February 2.

(Photo by David Patton)

Visitor on Campus

Art Potts, pastor of the Presbyterian church in Benton visited several social science classes on the RLC campus December 7.

Visiting in the Journalism class Mr. Potts was interviewed by the class and the instructor, Dr. Evelyn Claxton.

Prior to coming to the Benton area Mr. Potts was in Alaska from 1967-72 serving as a church pastor on Prince Wales Island in the town of Hayeburg with a congregation made up mostly of the Haide Indians.

Mr. Potts is interested in transactional analysis groups and told the class how the group have helped him in his personal life and dealing with other people.

When asked about his im-

pressions of RLC Mr. Potts said, "I have had good experiences, the people are very open." He felt he could go in to the Oasis and sit down and talk, but he did notice a division and also an atmospheric division — some people preferred to buy their cokes on a certain side of the snack bar and they seemed to prefer not to go on the other side.

Mr. Potts noticed a lack of direction as he arrived on the campus and as he entered buildings, but he said, "this is a time (in college life) we have to decide many things."

In the other class rooms Mr. Potts also felt very comfortable. "The rooms remind me of seminary experiences. These are good class situations."

Of the campus in general

Mr. Potts said, "I have felt a sense of freedom here, to make decisions and mistakes. There are vibrations coming that this freedom might be hampered."



What Is Key '73 Anyway?

By Suzi Woolley

In 1960, Communist Leader Gus Hall was interviewed by a magazine reporter in New York City. He was reported to have said that 1973 was set aside as the year America would be overcome by communism.

The reporter remarked that Hall hadn't taken into account the power of the churches in America.

Hall reportedly said that "there will be no more churches — you'll find the blood of your women and children flowing across your church altars."

The answer to this claim has been found in a minister who envisioned Key '73. Perhaps

the best explanation can be found in the Bible in II Chronicles 7:14, where we find these words:

"... then if my people will humble themselves and pray, and search for me, and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear them from heaven and forgive their sins and heal their land."

This is what Key '73 is all about. It is calling the continent not to communism, but to Christ. Key '73 involves not only Illinois, but all the U.S., Canada, Mexico, and all of North America — all uniting in Christ to save America from Communism.

Letters to the Editor

A few weeks ago the faculty and staff members were honored by members of the student body at a Christmas Party. The food and warm hospitality was first class. This was further evidence of the excellent students we have here at RLC. I'm not only grateful, but indeed, honored to have the opportunity of working with and knowing such thoughtful people.

My thanks to all who were responsible for the "party" and may each of you experience a most fulfilling "73".

Sincerely,
E. Judson DeWitt

Dear Editor:

Regardless of what others think, I am one who realizes how hard a job the *Pressing Times* staff has. They are limited in their amount of time to work and are all so very cramped for space with their small staff room in the Oasis.

Too often students complain about when the paper arrives. If those people would only devote their time and effort to publishing the paper then they would undoubtedly realize the importance of the journalism student.

An appreciative Student

Faculty Profile: Larry Phifer

By Mary Simpson

Mr. Larry Phifer, age 32, is a classic example of the young-at-heart. As a very versatile teacher, he can communicate with students as well as with teachers. He feels that students should be, "... treated like people; not like they are on the other side of the fence."

Mr. Phifer communicates with students not only in conversation, but in his manner of dress as well. He wears mod clothes and uses a dash of sophistication as his final touch. His vibrant personality and sometimes wild sense of humor fit in very characteristically with his other traits.

W. C. Fields, laurel and Hardy, and the Bowery Boys are among Mr. Phifer's favorite characters because they also possess this type of senseless humor and have developed it to perfection. He states, "Life isn't a joke but if you can laugh at small problems, the large ones will be easier to handle."

This suggests Mr. Phifer's other side — his serious side.



Mr. Larry D. Phifer works diligently directing College Choir. — (Photo by Mary Simpson)

As a dedicated musician and teacher, he can influence his students to do their best. He became a teacher after years of work at Illinois Wesleyan University, Indiana University and the University of Illinois. He is presently working on his doctoral dissertation.

Besides being serious about his work, Mr. Phifer has an even stronger interest — his wife Geri Phifer is presently employed at Rend Lake Col-

lege as Dr. Snyder's secretary.

Besides teaching, playing instruments, being a husband and father, sailing and golfing, Mr. Phifer also enjoys reading. He reads everything from newspapers to text books. Reading in his own field takes an exceptional amount of time but whenever possible he squeezes in another subject to learn about. This quality only adds to his well-rounded personality.

Graduation Poll

Last year a poll was taken among students concerning their thoughts about graduation. Again, this year much discussion is being heard. Sophomores please voice your opinions. Answer the following questions and return them to

the Pressing Times office.

1. Graduation should be done away with completely?
2. Graduation should be made optional?
3. Graduation should be mandatory?

Notice to Students
The S.E.A. spring 1973 booksale will be held sometime during the week of January 22. Because no definite dates have been set, students are urged to watch bulletin boards and newspapers, and listen to area radio stations for more information.

Good Old Southern Hospitality? Says Who!!

By Mary and Brad Simpson

Have you ever heard the phrase "good old southern hospitality"? During Christmas break we took a trip into the deep south to visit our southern neighbors. Much to our dismay southern hospitality is not what it's cracked up to be.

Traveling through Missouri on I-55 we encountered friendly people with an atmosphere much like that of Southern Illinois. Entering Arkansas and staying on I-55 we traveled better than 100 miles without encountering a single speed limit sign. The interstate gradually worsened as we drove through Memphis and headed for Mississippi we detoured on to a 50 mile stretch (U.S. Rt. 51) that must have been designed for jeeps. The police sat behind bushes waiting for victims to throw into jail, only to meet with the kangaroo court system.

Stopping at a small country store in Mississippi we found no refuge. We were treated like a couple of lepers with a bad case of the bubonic plague.

Traveling on, while guessing at the speed limit, we arrived at our final destination Biloxi, Mississippi on the Gulf coast.

Our "friendly" motel clerk gave us a lot of literature on things to do in Biloxi; what he failed to tell us was that 95%

of these places were closed for the season. We decided to venture over to New Orleans, La.

Arriving in New Orleans we found a Holiday Inn where a young man rented us a room (with a leaky stool) for \$17.50 and then calmly told us if we wanted to stay longer we would have to take the room for three days at \$32.50 per day because the Sugar Bowl was in town. The following day we moved to a less expensive hotel near the French Quarter where we hoped to find some new things to do.

On two different excursions (one bus & one boat) we were subjected to witticisms that led us to believe the civil war is still going on. We traversed some of the

famous old streets of New Orleans only to find more topless and bottomless joints than anything else.

To add the straw that broke the camel's back, on the 30th of December we decided to make one last sojourn into the French Quarter. We parked our car on Canal Street next to a sign reading

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Returning to where we left our car we found another car parked where ours had once been. An apathetic group of police informed us that it had probably been stolen or impounded and gave us a card with the number of the auto pound on it. The auto pound informed us they did have our car. We took a taxi to the auto pound and attempted to explain to a young officer named Jan Poretto that the sign had a double meaning and we didn't feel we were liable for the \$15.00 impound fee. He told us we could appeal the fine on Jan. 2 but we would have to pay the fee to get our car back...which we did. It is almost impossible for out-of-staters to ap-

peal violations because of dis-tance. We both decided this was a terrible vacation until we filled our car with Tenneco gaso-

line only to find that the main ingredient was kerosene. The car conked out and so did we. So ends a "beautiful" southern trip.

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Social Science Department

Having A Good Year

The social science department of RLC has much to be proud of. Much has been planned and accomplished this year.

By Jean Bondi

Ms. Eleanor Hall's anthropology students are engaged in two "digs".

Students in psychology and sociology are doing volunteer service work as class projects.

Members of the department have made themselves available to give talks to social and service organizations.

People from the RLC district have come to the college to speak in the social science classes.

The film series, "Civilization" has been shown on campus at the request of the department, with the aid of Mr. David Patton, visual-aids director.

RLC offers a self-study class in western civilization. Other civilization classes are forming their own objectives.

Members of the department have attended educational conferences to seek new ideas for improving their courses.

The department of social sciences includes two of the last three presidents of the fa-

culty as well as two members honored as the "Teacher of the Year" by the student body.

Reports from S.I.U. indicate RLC students taking courses in history and social sciences at S.I.U. earned higher average grades than transfer students from other community colleges.

The social science department shows its appreciation of the type of student it has attracted by giving an annual award for "Outstanding Achievement in Social Science" to a deserving person.

Dr Richard Doherty is chairman of the social science department.

Self-Study in Western Civilization

RLC has one of the few innovative courses in social science in the community colleges in southern Illinois.

History 111 or Western Civilization (self-study) is now being offered in the curriculum as a means of meeting the needs of the students. Vincent Cain is the instructor.

The objectives for the course are: The student should learn to find and gather information; be able to rationalize how historical events influenced the cultural development of the period and their continuing influence on the future; and develop the art of critical thinking.

Students enrolled in this self-study will complete specific learn objectives, completed when the student desires within certain time limits. These objectives constitute the examinations.

At the beginning of the course, class attendance is expected. Classes will consist of discussion, lectures, student questions and comments. Examinations will be given during the last two class meetings each week.

Students advancing satisfactorily will be excused from attending class and will be continuing on their own under the guidance of Mr. Cain.

Classes Form Own Objectives

Students in two Western Civilization classes and one Contemporary Civilization class at RLC have voted this semester to form their own objective for their classes. Robert Jones is the instructor.

After studying the text, students bring their objectives to class and in a small groups determine their choice of objective for the class. From the groups the best objectives are chosen and class discussion is held to decide if any objectives should be added or deleted.

During mid-term the classes held a critique of the way the

objectives are chosen and gave criticisms of the overall view of the class.

Most of the criticism was of a need for more lecturing and class discussion. Some students felt the method of choosing the objectives should be changed.

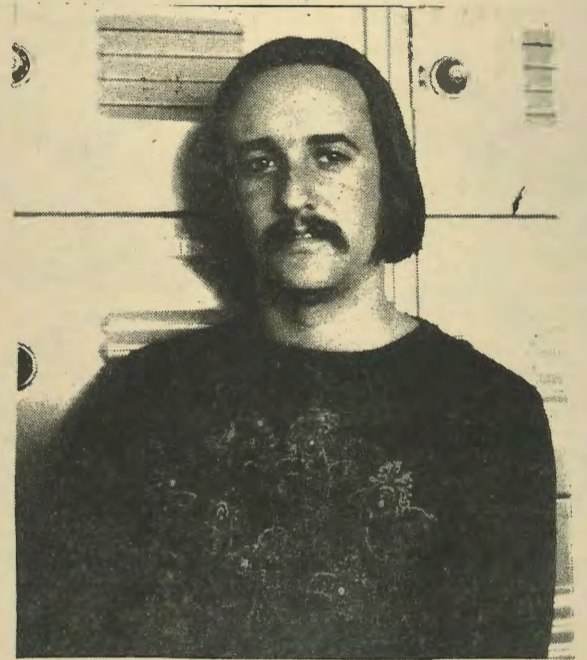
The classes voted to continue choosing their own objectives but changed the method slightly. Individual objectives will be listed, discussed, then objectives established for the class. The following day the objectives will be discussed in small groups. The third day Mr. Jones will lecture, end-

ing with a question and answer session. The students are allowed to use their notes on tests.

Beginning in the Spring Semester the classes will choose their own objectives one month out of the semester and the class will be conducted in the traditional way for the remainder of the semester.

Mr. Jones said the purpose in the class forming their own objectives is, "hopefully to get everyone involved." He aims for the student to learn critical thinking, critical reading and critical writing.

Sam Phillips Volunteer in Court



Sam Phillips

Sam Phillips has completed four training sessions in preparation for becoming a "Volunteer in Court". He will be a big brother to children and young people who are in trouble with the law.

Phillips first heard of the volunteers when Nancy Peale was on the RLC campus several months ago and spoke in the sociology class of Ms. Eleanor Hall. Phillips will be a volunteer as a project for sociology class and also because he feels he could, "possibly help one of them to see where he is going if he continues in the way he is going . . . maybe to get himself back into what is considered acceptable."

Phillips will be working with young people from 8 or 9 years old through the teens. When the child is brought before the judge on charges, someone from the volunteer services will contact Phillips. He will act as a listening post, and will be a friend. He will not attempt to be a counselor or try to replace the parents. Phillips could work with the child or youth for a short time or for years, according to how much good he thinks he is doing. If Phillips thinks at any time he is not helping the child, another volunteer will take his place.

Phillips will be working through the Mt. Vernon courts.

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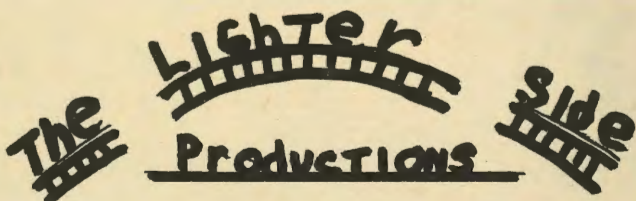
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Warriors Fourth In Holiday Tourney

By Dennis Rice

The RLC Warriors had little success in the annual Rend Lake Holiday Tournament held here on December 18-20 as they opened with an impressive victory in their first outing but were then defeated in their next two games, which gave them fourth place for the tourney.

Championship honors went to the Olney Central Blue Knights as they downed tough Parkland 73-58 in the final game. Danville and Kaskaskia were other trophy winners as they won third place and consolation championships respectively.

In their opening game, the Warriors rode a strong second half comeback in defeating a tough Wabash Valley unit 76-58.

Although RLC never relinquished the lead throughout the game, the first half was tight all the way until Rend Lake got a 26-15 lead with 7 minutes to go. That was short lived however as Wabash Valley battled back to trail only 34-31 at the half.

RLC was finally able to put everything together in the second half as Ron Henderson scored 13 of his 21 points with sub Mike Hayes chipping in

with 9. The Rend Lake lead was cut to 57-51 at one point but the Warriors were able to pull away for the final margin of victory.

Score by Halves:
Parkland 36 44-80
Rend Lake 33 45-78
Rend Lake 34 42-76
Wabash Valley 31 27-58

RLC Scoring: Henderson 11, Boyd 8, Davis 8, Umbarger 21, Wyatt 15, Ranklin 10, Riesenberger 10, Hayes 9, Lemay 7, Kretz 2, Weathers 2.

Warrior Coach Jim Waugh was convinced that his team was looking ahead in the contest. After the game he commented, "We thought we were playing in the championship game tonight because we played in spurts the whole game. But of course, I was glad that we played better in the second half so that we could get the

The following night the Warriors dropped their first game of the season as they suffered a heartbreaking 80-78 defeat at the hands of a tough Parkland team.

From the opening tip-off the fans seemed to sense that the game would be tight all the way. And that was exactly what happened as Parkland held slim leads in the early going until the Warriors tied it at 26-26 in the first half. Parkland then got the lead once again but their margin over the Warriors was only 36-33 at the halftime break.

The second half was much the same thing as the lead changed hands continuously, but it looked as though the Warriors could possibly put the game away as they held a 76-72 lead with 1:30 left, but Parkland soon came back to knot it up at 76-76 with only 45 seconds remaining. With only 30 seconds to go, Warrior guard Mike Hayes popped a jump shot which sent RLC atop 78-76, only to see Parkland come back and tie the game at 78-78.

With 7 seconds showing on the clock, the Warriors were dealt the kiss of death as Parkland guard Henry Davis promptly sank two free throws to give Parkland the lead. Rend Lake had only 7 seconds to work with in order to tie the

game, and thus could not turn the trick as Parkland captured the two point victory.

Score by Halves:
Parkland 36 44-80
Rend Lake 33 45-78

Parkland Scoring: Jackson 26, Lovingfoss 20, Newbern 11, Boyd 8, Davis 8, Umbarger 7.

RLC Scoring: Wyatt 25, Rieckenberg 21, Lemay 12, Henderson 10, Hayes 6, Rankin 2, Weathers 2.

The Warriors lost their second game in a row as the Danville Jaguars defeated them 83-75 for the third place trophy.

The Warriors were obviously suffering from the loss of the night before as they fell behind as much as 22 points before coming to within 45-33 at the half.

The second half saw the Warriors put on a late surge as they cut the margin to 77-73 with 150 remaining. Despite the comeback, it wasn't quite enough as Danville registered the eight point victory.

Score by Halves:
Danville 45 38-83
Rend Lake 33 42-75

Danville scoring: Lilly 22, Hansen 21, Forest 20, T. Davis 8, Faulkner 8, Simon 2, Tovey 2.

RLC scoring: Henderson 19, Wyatt 14, Rieckenberg 13, Weathers 11, Lemay 10, Rankin 6, Hayes 2.

Wyatt, Henderson High in Tourney

Although the Warriors placed fourth in the holiday tournament they did not go away empty handed. Sonny Wyatt won the sportsmanship award along with being chosen on the all tourney second team.

In addition, RLC's Ron Henderson joined four other players on the all tournament first team. They were as follows: Calvin Johnson, Shawnee; Lovice Smith, Olney Central; Roger Morningstar, Olney Central; Bob Jackson, Parkland. Bob Jackson was also chosen as Most Valuable Player of the tournament.

Blue Knights Down RLC

The Rend Lake Warriors experienced their third straight defeat as the Olney Central Blue Knights won 84-69 in a game played on January 6 at Olney.

The Warriors held the lead for the first five minutes of the game until Olney went ahead 11-10 and thus never trailed again in the contest. RLC did manage to close the gap to 23-22 but Olney edged ahead to hold a 46-36 lead at the half-time break.

The Warriors shot ice cold from the field and got into extensive foul trouble as they trailed by as much as 20 points in the second half. Olney then maintained the lead the rest of the way to get the final 15 point victory.

Rend Lake hit 3 more field goals than Olney did in the game but the Blue Knights made up for it at the charity line by hitting on 32 of 42 attempts while the Warriors connected on 11 of 20 charity tosses.

Olney Central's Rick Bussard and Doug Turner led all scorers with 19 points each while J. B. Rankin headed the Warrior attack with 14.

Score by Halves:
Olney 45 39-84
Rend Lake 36 33-69
Kretz 12, Henderson 11, Weathers 10, Loucks 8, Rieckenberg 8, Wyatt 4, Bradshaw 2.



Rieckenberg grabs two, while Lockyear defenders look on.
Photo by Dennis Rice



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