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Versatile Marv Lou Parker Exhibits Paintings in Oasis

The 26 paintings now on display in the Oasis are the work of Mary Lou Parker, art instructor in the RLC evening division. This display of Mrs. Parker's work is the second such exhibit of the school year, following display of photographs of John Sgutt, RLC art instructor.

The paintings represent work done by Ms. Parker during 1970-1971 and are the culmination of years of training and work. Ms. Parker, a very versatile woman, has been interested in poetry, music, and art, and for a while earlier in her life found it difficult to decide the area in which to specialize. She wrote gospel songs for a while, and two of her songs appear on a record done by Mahalia Jackson.

Although she was born in Des Moines, Iowa, Ms. Parker grew up in Centralia and attended the Mt. Vernon Community College before it became Rend Lake College. She studied for three years with the Famous Artists School. When she began painting, she was working at the Court House and she got in the habit of getting up at 5 a.m. to paint before she went to work. Ms. Parker said she still uses this time of day for painting because it is a quiet time when she can concentrate totally on her painting.

Although one of the paintings on display, the portrait of her mother, is done in oils, Ms. Parker prefers to work in water color. She said that ordinary scenes interest her and often



she finds her subject in her own backyard. This was the case with one landscape which was given a First at state level judging and which now hangs in the office of the Dean of Agriculture at the University of Illinois.

Ms. Parker is active in local art organizations, serving on the Board of the Mt. Vernon Art Guild and on the committee of

the Town and Country Art Show usually held in Mt. Vernon in April.

Ms. Parker, whose husband Joshua is a mortician in Mt. Vernon, has two grown children.

The exhibit of Ms. Parker's paintings which opened with a reception in the Oasis on Sunday, Jan. 16, will run until Feb. 11.

RLC Students to Help Judge in Achievement Program

Seven RLC students have been named to a committee to help administer the 1971-1972 Student Achievement Recognition Program launched last month on RLC's campus.

Named to the committee were the following: Diane Clark, Mt. Vernon, sophomore; Thomas A. Denton, Jr., Pinckneyville, freshman; David Hess, Pinckneyville, sophomore; Andre McWilliams, Mt. Vernon, sophomore; Debbie S. Mannen, Waltonville, freshman; Ms. Zuiene Payne, Macedonia, sophomore; and Dewain Ritchason, McLeansboro, sophomore.

Mr. Charles E. von Schlutter, coordinator of the awards program for RLC, appointed the seven students to the committee. The committee will help Mr. von Schlutter in administering the program. The committee's primary function will be to help act as a liaison among students, college faculty, and judges.

The committee will also help supervise the final judging process next February at which time two RLC students, one man and one woman, will be chosen as winners of the campus competition.

The winners will be those two individuals who the judges feel have best demonstrated noteworthy achievement toward

their desired career goals and who have shown leadership qualities in their studies and through their participation in campus and community activities.

The two winners will receive a \$100 cash award, and in March they will compete for \$250 cash awards in one of the six district competitions with the winners from the other forty-five public junior college campuses in Illinois. Twelve finalists will be selected, two from each district, and will then compete in the state finals for a \$1,000 cash award as the top man and woman in Illinois junior colleges.

The Student Achievement Recognition Program is being sponsored by Continental Bank, Chicago, for the third successive year in cooperation with the Illinois Association of Community and Junior colleges. It is not a scholarship awards competition, but is rather one designed to give community and statewide recognition to two-year college students for outstanding individual achievement.

To be eligible, students must currently be in good academic standing and have completed nine semester hours and be an enrolled junior college student in good standing at the time of the final judging in April.

Chris Jones Crowned by Santa Claus

Santa Claus once again managed to make it to RLC's Student Senate sponsored Christmas dance Sat., Dec. 18, 1971. The highlight of the dance was the crowning of our Christmas queen, Chris Jones, by Santa, using Santa's sleigh for a throne.

A rock group called ROC from Louisville supplied the music. Close to 150 people attended the dance—a number below the senate's expectations.

The queen and attendants were: Chris Jones, escorted by Bob Rusiewski; Diane Hill, escorted by Jerry Kolmer; Janet Raney, escorted by Mike Whalen; Jackie Brown, escorted by Sonny Wyatt; Donna Kimmel, escorted by Kent Renshaw; Diane Edmison, escorted by Kevin Karcher; and Brenda Wildermuth, escorted by Brent Davey.

The decoration committee, consisting of Steve Korris, Janice Webb, Kurt Strothman, Dewain Ritchason, and Kathy Kirkpatrick.



Santa Claus crowns the queen, Chris Jones (above), as Chris' escort, Bob Rusiewski, and Brenda Wildermuth smilingly watch.



WHAT'S HAPPENING OVER SEMESTER BREAK

SEE — "Camelot," Fri., Jan. 21 at 7:30 p. m. in the Oasis.

MOVE — Coalkitchen and Farm Sat., Jan 22 from 7:30 to 12 p. m. at Mt. Vernon Armory. Tickets \$1.75 in advance, \$2.25 at the door.

BUY, SELL — SEA Spring Semester Booksale Jan. 24-27 from 9-4 every day. Mon., Tues. take in books; Wed., Thurs. sell books.

VISIT — SIU-Junior College Guest Day. Mon., Jan. 24 (see inside story)



Ina, Illinois

Pop. — Angry

Dear Editor:

The article in the December 15 issue of the Pressing Times pertaining to the Village of Ina is a disgrace to the Rend Lake College and to the citizens of Ina. Obviously, the writer, Miss Janet Waggoner, did not research her article at all.

Many of the people in Ina are very upset at the insinuations in

the article. We feel that an apology and a retraction are due the citizens of Ina.

This type article does nothing to better the relations between the Rend Lake College and the people of Ina.

We are proud of the college and try to work with it in every way possible, but articles such as what appeared in the December 15 issue of the Pressing Times cannot go unanswered.

Very truly yours,
Robert Dunbar
Ina, Ill.

Dear Mr. Dunbar and other Citizens of Ina,

As the editor of the Dec. 15 issue of the Pressing Times, I do not feel an apology is due the citizens of Ina. But maybe a little intelligent discussion of the subject is in order.

I chose the pictures to accompany Janet's article because I thought they were beautiful. You must remember that many people love narrow streets, Victorian style houses and little cafes where the food still tastes good. Rural America is disappearing fast, and I will be extremely sad, (won't you?), when all that is left will be one megalopolis extending from Canada to Mexico.

But I see your point. Although we in the larger cities feel we are being robbed when old buildings histories and characters are demolished to make way for modern architecture, new construction must be very important to your town. Really though, why print a picture of the new Ina Post Office when it isn't that different from the Mt. Vernon Post Office or any other? If we ran an article on Mt. Vernon, we certainly wouldn't publish a picture of the post office.

The tone of Janet's writing shows that she is enchanted by Ina, as we are. Its fascination is that it accepts us as its children, grumbling about long hair, and implying that nothing we do is quite right. But this is a pretty silly thing to quarrel about. Nostalgia, like all other memories, is seen only from the outside, afterwards.

Love,
Brenda Record

Dear Editor:

As a citizen of Ina Illinois, I am pleased with the articles which appeared in the December issue of the Pressing Times concerning the characteristics of Ina and the people that live here.

I agree that everything that you stated in your article is true, and is a prime example of Ina. Personally, I think that there are a lot of people, including the mayor, who are set in their ways and need to be shaken up to get them to wake up to the issues which are a hand.

I also think that Ina should give more of their support to the college, because the college is really going to be a strong influence to Ina in the future. If the people here would only work with the college and not against it, conditions in Ina would strengthen one hundred percent.

I would also like to mention that I have college students living next to my house in a garage apartment, and I only wish that more people in Ina would offer housing for college students.

Sincerely yours,
Clarence Neal

Board Considers Tuition

The trend at Rend Lake seems to be for students to concern themselves with little more than getting to classes and leaving as soon as they're over. Consequently, students rarely realize when the administration and the Board of Trustees begins to consider decisions that directly affect the student pocketbook.

According to Dr. Howard Rawlinson, RLC Dean, a proposal to have a tuition at RLC will have been presented to the Board of Trustees by the time this issue is out. Dr. Rawlinson said that the suggested tuition fee would be somewhere in the neighborhood of \$2.50 per semester hour or \$70 per year. He also stated that the proposed tuition fee would be advantageous to the college in two ways. First, the college would receive additional income from the students in the form of the fee, and second, the college would receive a larger amount of funds from the state.

At a recent meeting of the Board of Trustees, Dr. Allen Baker, President of the Board, said that it had been suggested that commuting costs as well as tuition charges should be a part of the calculation for equalization funds.

As a result, a report written by Dr. Rawlinson states that RLC students drive over 30,000 miles per day round trip. The report goes on to say that each student drives 6,304 miles per year at a cost of \$312 for transportation alone. The cost is equivalent to slightly more than \$10 per semester hour.

On a state-wide basis the average tuition fee in junior colleges is \$8 per semester hour. Harrisburg, Olney and the Chicago junior colleges are the only other junior colleges that do not charge a tuition fee.

Admittedly, we need money, and the trend these days is to charge tuition in supposedly tax-supported junior colleges in order for them to maintain a status quo in the face of state budget cuts, fund-withholding and inflation. This need is understandable.

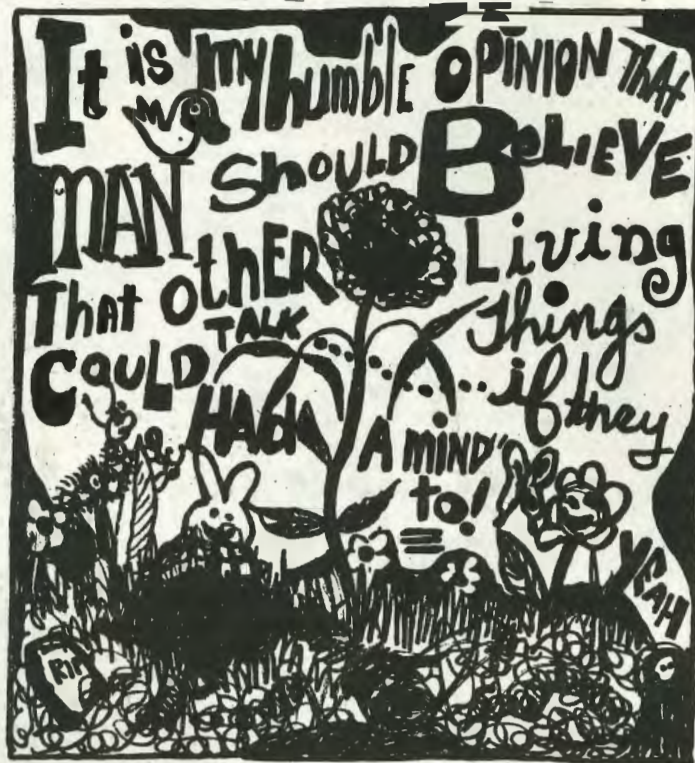
But, it would seem that a tuition fee destroys an implied premise of a junior college—that is, to save the student money — especially at a commuter junior college. At RLC a student pays transportation costs, book fees, food costs at monopoly prices and activity and graduation fees. If tuition is charged the student may possibly not have to pay the \$10 activity fee each semester, but he may end up paying for senate-sponsored dances, movies, ballgames or any other activity, plus his yearbook and student newspaper.

Yes, we pay less, in the long run, by attending a junior college instead of a four year institution — even with a tuition. But do we have any guarantee that this savings will be assured in the future?

The least that we feel we deserve is a chance to voice our — the students' — opinion in the matter.

What do you think?

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Keith Parker

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Please let me out.

He said

Who's that?

Said he.

It's me. I want out!

He said.

But you're THERE!

Said he.

I AM??

He said.

Yes Yes you've always been there.

Said he.

Oh my God!

He said.

Goodby.

Said he.

No no wait! LET ME IN, LET

ME IN!

He said.

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Students Visit School For Blind

By Emma Miller

On November 5, Elaine Walker and I had the privilege of visiting the Illinois Institute for the Blind in Jacksonville, Illinois. This was an especially meaningful visit for me since I plan to go into this area of special education. It was a very beautiful school and everyone was very courteous. We were sent to Ms. MFCGuire who is the supervisor of the child care department. A blind boy took us to her office.

Before we started on a tour, she gave some general information about the school. It was founded in the 1800's, but they have just completed new buildings and it is a very modern school, offering instruction from kindergarten through high school. Only a few students are totally blind, but all have greatly impaired vision and are considered legally blind.

We first visited the kindergarten room where they were four boys and one girl. They came and felt of us and asked our names and where we lived. They were very friendly and seemed quite happy. It was Kevin's birthday and they were getting ready to have a party. One thing I noticed about these children was their level of maturity. They spoke more clearly

and more grown up than other children their age. Kevin told his teacher, "Miss, we have nice visitors today." We asked Larry where he lived and he said "I live in the country but the town nearby is Pontiac, Illinois." Each word was pronounced with perfection.

The second and third grades were working math problems. They used the abacus and wrote their answers on their papers. Some had to get within two or three inches of the paper to read and write. If they missed a problem, they did it again.

Mrs. McGuire then had her secretary give us a tour of the girls' dorm; which is a large, new building. There are two floors and it is divided into fourths for different age levels. Debbie explained that the junior and senior girls live in one quarter, junior high in another, etc. There are two beds, two desks, and two closets in each room.

Each quarter has a lounge. In the lounges are tables, chairs, couches, reference books, games, a piano, a stereo, and a color TV. There is also a small kitchenette. In the basement there is a baby grand piano and a large kitchen. This is where they have their parties and dances. Debbie took us back to Ms. McGuire's because she had

to go to class.

We then visited the rest of the classes. Some were having reading or math. Several were working on crafts for Thanksgiving. The Home Ec classes were hand sewing. They have rooms fixed as a real house: living room, bedroom, bathroom, and kitchen. The girls learn how to cook, clean house, wash dishes, wash clothes, iron and many other things which we learn at home. They prepare meals and give parties to learn to cope in a seeing world.

The boys receive vocational training. They have car engines and they learn how to work on them. Some learn how to tune pianos. Two of the boys were building radios. They also do wood working. The school had a very good science department and a large library.

The school teaches braille and or regular reading and writing, depending on the individual's needs. We talked to one of the senior boys and he told us all about their basketball team. He is one of their star players. We also ran into Debbie and her friend. They had just had a piano lesson and we asked them to play something for us. Both played classical music very well, and did not have to use their books.

Before we left, we were standing outside talking to Mrs. McGuire. We could see wires stretched along the sidewalks all over campus to guide the children, though only the newer pupils use them. There are steps and stairs all over, but the kids run up or down the faster than I ever could.

The kindergarten class had just gotten out of P. E. and Kevin went running down the sidewalk and fell. He just lay there and whimpered. Then two little girls came and helped him up and they all ran away. Then two little girls came down the sidewalk singing as loud as they could, "God Bless America, Our Home Sweet Home."

I really hated to leave; but I shall return. Special education for the blind is not a very open field now, since the vaccine for Rubella has helped in preventing blindness. There are only three schools for the blind in Illinois: in Jacksonville, East St. Louis, and Chicago. In order to teach, one must receive training from either ISU or DeKalb University, if in Illinois. A degree for this type of special education is also acceptable in any public school. As a teacher, I will live in the dorm with the girls in Jacksonville, and I can't wait.

NEW STAFF

The first semester journalism class has chosen a permanent staff for the spring semester. The new staff is as follows:

- Managing Editor—Karen Book
- Editorial Editor—Mike Wilson
- Feature Editor—Courtney Cox
- Sports Editor—Marty Cox
- Photography Editor—Bob Jenkins
- Circulation Editor—Kenny Pigg

During the first semester class, the newspaper was put out in an experimental style workshop, with a rotating staff giving class members a chance at a different newspaper job each issue.

Since there will be no journalism class next semester, anyone interested in newspaper work should contact either Dr. Evelyn Claxton, advisor, or a staff member.

Junior College Guest Day at SIU

The fourteenth annual Junior-Community College Guest Day at SIU, Carbondale will be Mon., Jan. 24. The program is designed to provide information to junior college students considering transferring to SIU or who have been accepted there as a transfer student.

One-Day Concentrated Program

Registration will begin Monday at 9 a. m. with the program ending at 3:30 p. m. with a tour of the campus. Students will have a chance to hear former transfer students and the problems they encountered, to meet with departmental representatives and to hear explained the specifics of policies and procedures pertaining to admissions, registration, advisement and evaluation of transfer credit. Financial assistance, student work and on or off-campus housing will also be discussed.

Overnight Lodging Offered

An off-campus residence hall (Edgement Hall at University City Residence Hall, 611 East College) has been secured for students needing overnight lodging. A rate of \$4 per person per night will be charged. Linen service is provided, without blankets. Advance registration is not necessary.

Participants should request a "free" parking permit from the attendant in the Visitor's Lot directly across from the Student Center.

For more information see the programs posted on the bulletin boards in the Oasis or come to the Pressing Times office.

Apply Now for Federal Job

College students interested in applying for 1972 summer jobs in federal departments and agencies are urged to apply early. Mr. von Schlutter, counselor, has been informed by the United States Civil Service Commission that applications received by Feb. 2, will be tested March 11. All applications must be received no later than Feb. 2, 1972.

Complete instructions for filing, information on opportunities available, and applications for the written examination may be obtained from Mr. von Schlutter's office, 0-144.

A few positions are filled without a written examination based on an outstanding grade-point

average. Applications based on an outstanding grade-point average must be post-marked by March 11, 1972.

The summer jobs are in various federal agencies. Most of the positions open for junior college students are in the Washington, D. C. area, post office facilities, or in the national park system. They are awarded on the basis of a nationwide test and upon merit procedures administered by the various federal agencies. Mr. von Schlutter noted that last year 34,600 persons were employed in these summer jobs, a small number in proportion to the number of applicants.

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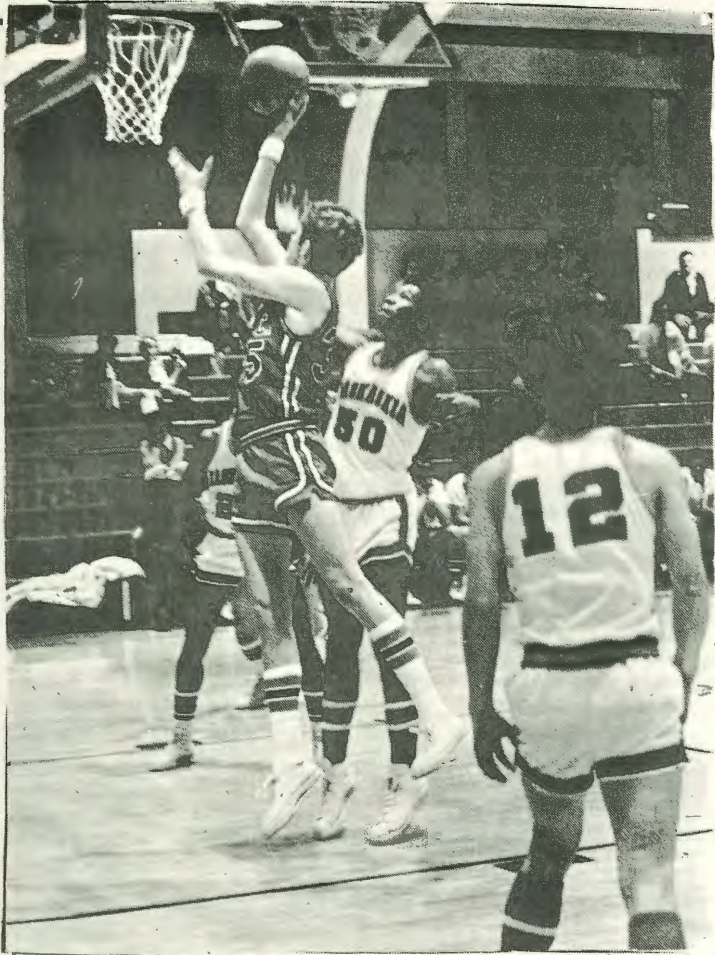
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Rend Lake's Brad Weathers drives for two points in the Holiday tournament held over Christmas break. Looking on are Centralia's Julius Moss (20), Doug Taylor (50) and Scott Robb (12). Undeclared Danville was the winner of the tourney, while Rend Lake claimed consolation honors.

Rend Lake Third In Conference

With the basketball season nearly half gone, the Rend Lake Warriors currently hold third place in the conference. The Warriors have proven to be rugged competitors and just might give first place Harrisburg a battle for top honors.

Rend Lake recorded its ninth win of the season Jan. 6 by blasting Lockyear Business College, 95-50, in the Rend Lake gym.

The game was close for the first eight minutes as it came to an 11-11 deadlock. The Warriors finally caught fire with eight straight points to post a 19-12 edge.

Coach Jim Waugh used two five-man platoons in the game, with the second string performing better statistically than the first. When the second string came in they built the lead to 45-23 at halftime.

The starting five took over again to start the second half with Bob Rusiewski and Chap Waters handling most of the scoring. Then the second string reentered and crushed Lockyear out of contention.

Score by halves

Rend Lake 45 50—95
Lockyear 23 27—50

RLC scoring: Wyatt 27, Waters 18, Weathers 12, Rusiewski 11, Case 8, Harmsen 6, Donoho 4, Henderson 4, Smith 4.

LBC scoring: Cave 17, Gehl 13, Oliver 7, Spayd 7, Hardy 2, Nigg 2, Orr 2.

The Warriors made a late in the game surge to slide past Olney Central 88-82 Saturday night, January 8. This victory for Rend Lake ended a two and a half year winning streak at home for the Blue Knights.

The first 20 minutes of the game Olney dominated the scoring. Olney Central pumped in the first eight points and then pulled away to a 22-9 advantage. The Warriors cut that lead to

10 by halftime, when they trailed 38-28.

Olney carried a steady 10 point lead until mid-way through the second half. With 8:39 left, Ronnie Henderson fouled out with RLC behind, 64-52. Five points each way made it 69-57 with just over seven minutes remaining.

Then the Warriors made their purge. Ed Case connected both ends of a one and one and shortly after dropped in a basket. Each team traded a pair of points, then Chap Waters hit two free-throws at 5:55 and the score read 71-65. A basket by Olney and two free throws by Case were followed by a basket by Sonny Wyatt for a 73-69 score.

Seconds later Bob Rusiewski out jumped 6-5 Louyce Smith for a tip and Waters was fouled by Dave Burt, putting him on the bench with five fouls. Both shots were found by Waters and it was 73-71. Then Wyatt stole the ball and Case scored to tie the game. The Warriors, applying a sticky defense, continued to put the hurt on the Olney Blue Knights. Five free-throws in the last 27 seconds enabled the Warriors to post a lead; then a basket for Rusiewski with only two seconds remaining boxed it up.

Fifteen of the last 29 points scored by RLC were free-throws. The Warriors hit an impressive 30 straight free tosses, finishing the night 32 out of 36 from the charity line.

This contest made it four straight victories for Rend Lake and certainly one of the most impressive performances in some time.

Score by halves

Rend Lake 28 53—86
Olney 38 44—82

RLC scoring: Wyatt 23, Case 21, Henderson 14, Waters 14, Edson 12, Rusiewski 2.

OCC scoring: Morningstar 21,

Grimes 18, Smith 14, Burt 11, Stanford 9, Vaughn 6, Camfield 2, Espenscheid 1.

Western Kentucky Vocational School ended a four-game RLC winning streak by plowing the Warriors 98-88, Tuesday night Jan. 11, in Paducah.

The Warriors started out slow in the first stanza, falling behind as much as 13 points until finally cutting Western's lead to six at intermission, 53-47.

Rend Lake came out fired up to begin the second half and took the lead, 62-61. Western then regained the lead and built it steadily as the Warriors lost the free-throw touch, making only 5 of 14 in the second half. After going ahead by 10 the home team drifted to an easy victory.

"We just didn't play good ball against Western," stated Coach Waugh. "The condition of the gymnasium was certainly no asset; the lighting was poor and the dressing room very hot."

Score by halves

Rend Lake 47 41—88
Western Ky. 53 45—98

RLC scoring: Case 29, Waters 22, Edson 14, Henderson 11, Wyatt 8, Rusiewski 4.

WKVS scoring: Nalls 25, Brame 22, Woodard 16, Maddox 14, Watkins 8, Wildins 8, Commus 5

Conference Standings

Southeastern	5-0
Belleville	3-1
Rend Lake	2-3
Kaskaskia	1-3
John A. Logan	0-4

Player Average

Case	17.5
Wyatt	16.9
Henderson	13
Waters	12.5
Edson	11
Rusiewski	9
Weathers	5

Average

RLC	86.8
Opp.	83.1

Intramural Sports Continue



Jackie Eubanks drills the ball over the net in intramural action. The "Saints," led by Jackie, were defeated by the "Gunners."

standings so far:

	W	L
Those Guys	4	0
Gunners	2	1
Old Pros (Faculty Team)	2	1
Magnificent Seven	1	1
Saints	1	2
Turtles	0	2
Gophers	0	3

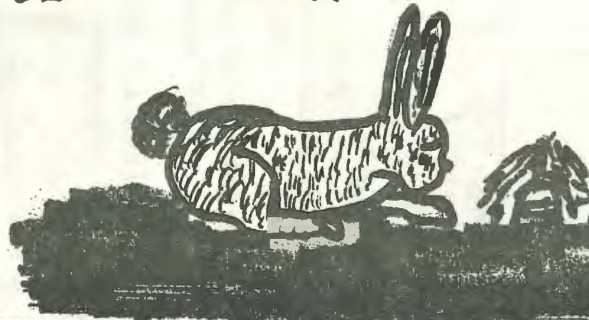
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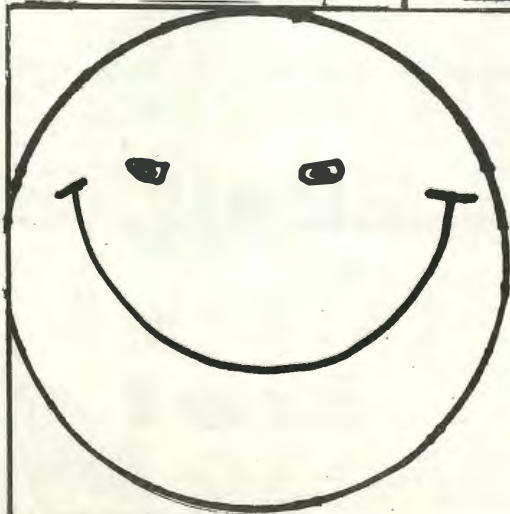
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