

Pyramid Players announce shows

By Gina Mitchell

RLC will be the site of three well-known productions this summer. The shows are: "South Pacific," "The Last of the Red Hot Lovers," and "The Wizard of Oz." The Pyramid Players, an area community theatre group will present the productions.

The Pyramid Players under the direction of Allan Kimball, did their first show in 1977 which was "Godspell." Other productions include, "Narnia," in 1978, and "Cinderella" in 1979. In 1980 the group did a musical and a play, "Fiddler on the Roof" and "The Playroom." The last three productions were presented at the RLC Theatre.

"Anybody in Southern Illinois who enjoys music and theatre is welcome to join our group," said Kimball. "We also need people for make-up, costume, light and set design."

Last summer the group also included four grade school children in "Fiddler on the Roof." "We plan to have a lot of children this summer for 'Wizard of Oz,'" Kimball said. "We recently toured the Benton grade schools with a small group who did a short 'Peanuts' show, therefore we are anticipating a large turnout of children at the auditions."

Auditions for all three productions will be May 26 and 27 in the RLC Theatre at 7 p.m. Those who plan to audition for the musical should bring one song to sing for auditions.

The musical, "South Pacific," a Rodgers and Hammerstein production will be presented on June 22, 23, and 24 at 8 p.m. Neil Simon's play, "Last of the Red Hot Lovers" will be presented at 8 p.m. on July 13 and 14. L. Frank Baum's famous musical "The Wizard of Oz" will be shown

August 3, 4, and 5 at 7:30 p.m.

This summer the group will be backed by The Franklin County Association for the Advancement of the Arts, Inc. The incorporation was established in November by the Pyramid Players and other local promoters.

"The whole point of the incorporation is to create an outlet for adults and the youth of our area to work together to further their creative talents," said Kimball.

Members of the incorporation are: Mary Ellen Aiken, Joe R. Browning, Courtney Cox, Betty Frailey, Ruth Hall, Allan Kimball, Annette Lawson, Brian Summers, Dave Webster, Sue Willard, and Ray Wood, all of Benton.

For further information write to: The Pyramid Players, P.O. Box 14, Benton, IL 62812.

Students gain career knowledge

The Counseling Center and Cooperative Placement are in the process of expanding the local career information available to students. The new program, titled "Do You Have the General Studies Blues?" will provide students with information about a particular occupation or educational field through seminars. They will be held on Wednesdays from noon to 1 p.m. in the South Oasis.

Law is the topic for the Feb. 11 seminar while Agriculture will be discussed on Feb. 18. On Feb. 25 Occupational and Physical Therapy will be discussed. The topic for the March 4 seminar is Peace Corps and on March 18 it will be Medical Lab Technologist-Radiology. Computer Science is the topic for April 1 followed by Biomedical-Electronics Technology on April 8. The final seminar will be on April 15 and will cover Social Services-Respiratory Therapy.

All students are urged to attend these seminars according to counselor Pam Luttmers.

Affirmative Action Officer Liles selected for leadership

Barbara K. Liles, Affirmative Action Officer at RLC, is one of 66 top women in management chosen from more than 400 applicants nationwide to participate in a leadership training program financed through a \$60,000 grant from the Fund for Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE).

The program, "Leadership for the 80's," is designed to assist community college women to assume major policy-making positions during the decade.

During the 6-month project, participants will be paired with mentors at their college to work on a research project that will aid their institution, participate in special regional workshops and national conferences and become involved with other women in top-ranked administration positions.

Liles has been with RLC as Affirmative Action Officer for the past three years. B.J. (Skip) Witunski, Business Manager for RLC, will be the mentor for Liles as she works to learn more about the fiscal and personnel management-planning functions of the college. Her research project is

in three parts including the collection and evaluation of Salary Survey Data, the update of job descriptions, and the development of certain orientation and training materials.

The project is sponsored by the League for Innovation in Community Colleges, a consortium of 17 community college districts nationwide, and by the American Association of Women in Community and Junior Colleges. The program is being conducted by the Maricopa Community Colleges in Phoenix, Az.

A graduate of SIU-C in 1971, Liles holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Management and was given the Outstanding Senior in the School of Business Award that year. She is a member of Phi Gamma Nu, a sorority for women in business, and of Beta Gamma Sigma, a national honorary society for business students. She is also a member of the First United Methodist Church in Benton.

Liles is the wife of Peter H. Troyan and the daughter of Robert and Kathleen Liles of Thompsonville.

Financial Aid packets for the 1981-82 academic year may now be picked up at the Financial Aid Office in the South Oasis. Don't wait! Apply early!

Adragna and new materials join Law Enforcement program

John Peter Adragna has joined the Law Enforcement program at RLC, but he isn't the only thing different in the area of criminal justice.

A course in Criminalistics has returned to the schedule. Featured are such new materials as a trace metal detection, ultra-violet light detection processes for solving sex crimes and forgeries and case-study methods involving the John F. Kennedy shooting and the Charles Lindbergh kidnapping.

Ed Heischmidt is teaching Criminalistics, along with Criminal Investigation.

Adragna is teaching Introduction to

Corrections, Law Enforcement and Community Problems and Laws of Arrest, Search and Seizure.

Adragna, who has a bachelor's degree from SIU-C and his master's degree in Urban Affairs from St. Louis University, has considerable teaching and work experience in the St. Louis area. He taught for 10 years at the St. Louis Police Academy and is a veteran of the St. Louis Metro Police Department, as is Heischmidt.

Adragna is replacing Gary Tucker, who resigned in the fall to take a position with the federal government.

In situations where inclement weather may affect the operation of RLC, students are asked to refer to one of the following radio or television stations for information:

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WFRX	97.7 FM	West Frankfort
WDQN	1580 AM	DuQuoin
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WQRX	106.3 FM	Benton
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WILY	1210 AM	Centralia
WRXX	95.3 FM	Centralia
WCIL	1020 AM	Carbondale
WCIL	101.5 FM	Carbondale

WSIL-TV Channel 3 Harrisburg

The information will be on the air between 6 a.m. and 6:30 a.m.



RLC sophomore Missy Learned of Benton brings the ball down the floor in action against Parkland College. The next home game for the Lady Warriors is Tues., Feb. 10, against Shawnee, game time is 6 p.m.

Campus Briefs

The American Red Cross sent out donor cards Jan. 9. If any student gave blood at RLC on Oct. 15, 1980 and did not receive a card, they should stop by the nurses office in the Student Center and leave their name and address.

Ardell Kimmel, Director of Cooperative Education and Placement, has been voted president-elect of the newly formed Southern Illinois Career Planning and Placement Association. The goal of the group is to promote efficiency, economy and professionalization in the field of career planning and placement at the secondary and post-secondary level in Southern Illinois.

The nurse is seeking help in locating all Public Health and Mental Health Services in the college district. Needed leaflets include those from McLeansboro, West Frankfort, Pinckneyville, Du Quoin, Marion, Christopher, Herrin, and Carterville. Any faculty member or student who could obtain this material should contact the nurse in the Student Center at Ext. 253 or bring the material to her office.

Three new classes in the field related to child development and care will be offered for the first time by RLC beginning in early February.

Managing the Pre-School Classroom will meet from 8 a.m. until noon on Fridays starting Feb. 6. A second lecture-type course, Child Development, is planned Tuesday evenings at 6 o'clock beginning Feb. 10. Both will be held in Mt. Vernon.

Prospective students also may sign up for a Child Care Practicum course, with times to be arranged by the individual.

RLC Symphony to give concert

The Rend Lake Civic Symphony Orchestra, revitalized this year under the direction of conductor Larry D. Phifer, RLC music instructor, will present a repeat performance of its Winter Concert at 8 p.m. Fri., Feb. 9, in the RLC Theatre.

A similar concert at the Mitchell Museum in Mt. Vernon previously met with sufficient enthusiasm to warrant the repeat performance, according to Phifer.

"We have about 40 area musicians who are giving their time and enthusiastic effort to the revitalization of the symphony. I feel very good about the attitude of the performers and their playing," said Phifer. "I hope many area people will share this support at the repeat concert."

The civic symphony is supported in part by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council.

Included will be a performance of Schubert's "Unfinished Symphony," plus an unaccompanied violin sonata by Ysaye performed by Mt. Vernon artist-in-residence Gail Lilja. Lilja has received wide acclaim in the area during her three-month Illinois Arts Council-sponsored residency in Mt. Vernon.

In addition to the Schubert symphony and Lilja's number, the orchestra will perform several lighter selections.

Tickets are \$2.50 for adults, \$1 for students.

A seminar on Bank Advertising and Public Relations will be held in SCI 110 from 1-4 p.m. on Feb. 5. There is a \$20 registration fee.

The LRN Pre-Entrance Exam will be given in the Theatre on Feb. 6 from 8 a.m. to noon.

The Rend Lake Civic Symphony will give a repeat performance of its "Winter Concert," at 8 p.m. in the Theatre on Feb. 9.

The Stidsen Photography Exhibit will be on display in the RLC Theatre Gallery starting Feb. 9. The display will continue through Feb. 28.

There will be a Child Abuse Seminar on Feb. 11 in the Science Building Room 110 at noon. This and all Health seminars are sponsored by the Health Services.

Opinion

Consumers ultimately set prices

By Barbara Doherty

We have just inaugurated a President who ran on the idea that the government can not do everything. He told the people that the least was the best; many people agreed. If power is a limited commodity, and if our federal government is actually reducing it's share, then who is going to pick up the slack?

I believe that big business, and big labor will be willing and able to use the influence we don't want the government to have. If power is going to shift, an educated public should be willing and able to take its share.

If the idea of an economically powerful, educated public sounds idealistic, you're right. Maybe we can't agree on very much, but I think we do agree that inflation is reallocating wealth to our detriment. Financially we are digging our own

graves.

Every one of us needs to become more economically aware, always demanding the most product for the least expenditure. We can do it now, voluntarily, or we can watch profit takers and price setters paint us into a corner. We, as consumers, are the ultimate price setters, and it is time we started acting like it.

When you walk into a store, you don't have to walk out with a bag in your hand. If you think \$25 is too much to spend on a shirt, then keep your wallet in your pocket. Before you buy something, know exactly what you want and have some idea of what you're willing to spend.

Merchandisers make their living convincing you to buy things. You know their game. You could be winning it.



On the RLC Stage

"Angel Street" to be presented Feb. 27, 28

Rehearsals for the RLC production of "Angel Street," the suspense filled play by Patrick Hamilton, began this week at the Theatre for an opening on Feb. 27. A resounding stage triumph that ran for over three years on Broadway, "Angel Street" will continue for two performances through Feb. 28.

Set in the plush Victorian living room of the Manningham home, a prototype of every Gothic tale ever written—a staircase leading up in to dark shadows; towering walls that exude the mustiness of an old hearse, and gaslights that glimmer like the spirits of the restless dead—"Angel Street" tells the story of the suave

master of the house who has conceived a series of mental ploys designed to slowly but surely drive his wife insane.

The crafty tormentor shifts from the gentle, loving husband, a mood which disarms and distracts his distraught wife, to the severity of a prosecuting attorney, ruthlessly accusing his spouse of some small neglect or absentmindedness. His inspector, on the trail of an unsolved murder committed 15 years before, appears on the scene. At this point, the chills build to a thunderous climax.

Heading the cast of the production, under the direction of speech instructor Joseph H. Rust are: Tammy Stewart, Mt. Vernon, in the role of the fear-filled wife; David Martin of Benton, as the diabolic husband; and David Spotanski of Mt. Vernon, as the police inspector who is so suspicious of the happenings in the house on Angel Street. In the other key roles, Teresa Davis of Mt. Vernon has been assigned the part of the saucy, young maid and Gaye Bergschneider of Mt. Vernon will portray the stolid, older servant.

Bill Perry of West Frankfort is responsible for designing the elegant, but gloomy, Victorian setting and RLC English instructor Georgine Hawley is in charge of costumes typical of 1880 England.



Tammy Stewart of Mt. Vernon and David Martin from Benton rehearse a scene as husband and wife for the upcoming production of "Angel Street."



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BCHS senior Diane Heaton is participating in a physics experiment. Heaton is a high school student who is currently enrolled in RLC classes.

Benton High senior to be RLC sophomore

By Gina Mitchell

Diane Heaton, a senior at Benton Consolidated High School (BCHS) will be coming to RLC next fall but she will not be classified as an incoming freshman but rather a sophomore, with some hours!

With the help of the Franklin County Gifted Program and the cooperation of BCHS, Heaton has completed 29 credit hours and is currently taking 13 hours. "I'll have two semesters left with all my classes tying in with engineering, so I don't think I'll rush it because I want to take it slow and learn it well," said Heaton.

BCHS' new policy allows any junior or senior student with an I.Q. score of 120 or above, a written recommendation of three faculty members, a "B" average or above, and 14 credits or higher to enroll in no more than two RLC classes per day, according to BCHS Director of Instruction, Larry Richmond. The students may take only those classes that are not offered at BCHS, according to Richmond. "These classes must be taken during the day through this program, assuming they (the students) have already taken a terminal course," said Richmond.

"Our administration tries to devise a policy to fit the students," Richmond said. "We know we are not a large school and we try to help the higher ability students who desire further education."

Heaton is taking Physics and Analytical Geometry during the day and she says these classes are not conflicting with her

high school classes in any way, in fact, they help parallel them.

Heaton, the daughter of RLC science instructor, Richard Heaton and wife Doris, plans to continue her education either at the University of Illinois or at the University of Missouri at Rolla where she plans to major in highly technical law. She also plans to look into a computer or petroleum engineering degree.

"I would definitely encourage other high school students to take RLC classes because it helps get the general studies classes out of the way," said Heaton.

"There are a number of students that are more than capable of taking college courses that should check with their high school counselors. This is only one means for these students to use their potential," said Marilyn Kreher, Coordinator of the Franklin County Gifted Cooperation.

BCHS allows any student to take RLC night classes as long as the student meets RLC's requirements. "I don't think we have any right to say what a student can and can't do. Only the better students will want to take the extra classes anyway," said Richmond.

There are no other BCHS students who are taking advantage of the new policy but Richmond feels it is due to the lack of publicity of the policy.

SIU, U of I, schedule visiting

RLC students will have a chance to visit the campus of Southern Illinois University-Carbondale (SIU-C) and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in early February.

Students that plan to visit SIU-C on Transfer Guest Day, Feb. 7, should meet in the Student Center International Lounge on the Carbondale campus at 9 a.m.

Information on university housing, work and financial assistance, career planning and placement, and veterans affairs will be discussed. Transfer information pertaining to the policies and procedures of admission, advisement, registration and evaluation or transfer credit will also be discussed.

Admission-on-the-spot will be certified to any student who has accumulated at least 26 semester or 39 quarter hours of college work with at least an overall "C"

Sports

Warriors win Shawnee Tourney; not bad against No. 2 team

Semester break was a rousing success for the RLC Basketball Warriors as they took second in the Lewis and Clark Round Robin, the Consolation Championship of the Lincoln-Land tourney and the Championship of the Shawnee Invitational.

The Warriors began the Lewis and Clark tourney by beating the host school 83-72. The next day the Warriors split, besting Richland, then losing to Spoon River in the championship game 66-59.

The Warriors started out on the wrong foot at the Lincoln Land meet, dropping their first game in three years of play at the tourney to the host school 89-68. But the Warriors came back to take the consolation title, slipping by Blackhawk of Moline 86-74. Benton native Curtis Smith led the Warriors with 38 points, establishing a new single game scoring record for the tourney, and a new field goal record with 17. Smith was a first team selection for the all-tourney team.

Fred Settle of Mooresville, IN led the Warriors with 18 points in their next victory, a 96-73 rout of Greenville College's JV Team. The Kankakee College Cavaliers, undefeated and ranked second in the state, then beat the Warriors, but it was close, the Warriors finally losing by nine.

The Warriors lost two more games, to Parkland and Olney, before launching a three game winning streak with an 80-79 win over Southeastern. Next came a defensive struggle with the Cape Girardeau Athletes for Christ, the Warriors

coming out on the good end of a 126-93 final score, in the first round of the Shawnee Tourney. Coach Jim Waugh's Warriors then beat Shawnee, 73-62, to take the tourney title.

The winning streak was cut short at three as the Warriors dropped a 73-62 decision to Southeast Missouri State's JV squad.

Upcoming home games for the Warriors are Feb. 5 against Shawnee and Feb. 17 against Kaskaskia. Both games tipoff at 7:30 p.m.



RLC Warrior Steve Shurtz of Benton.

Students can receive work experience through program

A recently approved course which begins Tues., Feb. 10, at RLC will provide classroom preparation needed by baccalaureate students who would like to take advantage of the opportunity for work experience in their educational field.

Pre-Cooperative Education, which will meet on campus Tuesday and Thursday from 8-9 a.m. is intended for those students who may already be participating in a cooperative education program and will serve as a prerequisite in the future for

anyone desiring the work experience this summer or next fall.

Director of Cooperative Education and Placement Ardell Kimmel and program coordinator Sandra Rhoads, will teach the two hour course. The class is designed to provide the knowledge and skill needed to participate in the college-sponsored cooperative education work experience program. This will include such things as what the employer is looking for in an employee, interviewing skills and job-searching skills. Some instruction will be individualized.

Cost of the course is \$26. Prospective students may register in advance.

Students who already have earned at least 12 semester hours of college credit and who may be interested in being placed in a job situation during the spring semester likewise have the chance to sign up for a new four-hour course, Cooperative Occupational Experience I, BUSI 2194. Permission from the Cooperative Education office is necessary before a student will be allowed to enroll for this class.

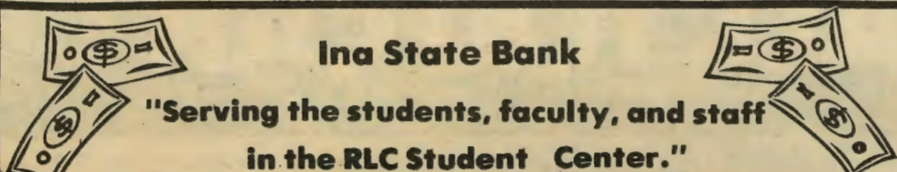
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