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## By Ann Woolley

Recently, students at RLC conducted an evaluation of their instructors. The evaluation continued over a three week period and every instructor at the college was evaluated by at least one of his classes.

The evaluation in each class was conducted this way: one or two students in charge entered a classroom, briefly explained instructions, and then handed out the evaluation forms.

Each form consisted of 16 questions, all asking a student his or her opinion on various aspects of the instructor's teaching methods. The students were to answer each question by rating the instructor on a 1-5 basis.

Under each question, a space was provided for written comments, which were encouraged. The forms were then handed in to the students who added up the scores and copied the written comments which were then turned in to the department chairman.

The chairman then discussed the results with the instructor. The actual forms were turned into the Administration office.

The whole idea of students rating their instructors sounds good and fair, but to satisfactorily serve its purpose, it must be perfected. Some weak points need to be corrected before the next time.

The first, even though giving a teacher a rating number seems objective, it really doesn't give a fair evaluation to the instructor. In fact, some of the written comments didn't even match up with the numbers above them. Would it be better to have only written comments, excluding comments?

Second, it is certainly possible that some students give a teacher a low rating to get revenge because of something the teacher did that the student disliked. However, this situation is inevitable in any evaluation.

Finally, how can we as students be assured that our evaluations do any good? If the results on one instructor are consistently poor, will our evaluations carry much weight when it comes time to grant tenure?

If these weaknesses would removed, Student Evaluations would definitely be a worthwhile project. But, the question is, will the Evaluation Committee see these weaknesses as that, and will they do anything about them?

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#### PREREGISTRATION

Preregistration for summer and fall semesters begins Feb. 17. Appointments may be made at Mrs. Roddy's desk in the N. Oasis. \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

## the GRAPEVINE REPORT

### By Rocket Jack

This is a new, and I hope, thought provoking column. This report will contain little known happenings on the world and domestic front, and also matters of political or international concern. So, folks with that unlimited definition, we're off and running!

\* In the past year or so more senior senators, congressmen, and governors are retiring or have retired than the usual amount.(Ronald Reagan, Ken Gray, Sam Ervin) Some of these figures were relatively young in the political sense. (Ken Gray is an example but there are others.) Is this just coincidence or were these public servants serving themselves too, and had to leave politics to keep the investigators away?

\* Yes folks, you can now legally buy & sell gold! And if you wait a while you might actually make a little money at it. But as of now, the London free-market price of gold has dropped from its late De cember high of \$197.50 an ounce to approx. \$178 an ounce. In Gold We Trust?

\* And guess what? Ex-Pres. Nixon's press secretary, Ron Zeigler, is going on the college lecture circuit soon. It seems that his \$42,500 yearly salary from the Federal government will end in February. Who knows, he may be "categorically denying" to us in our own gym before long. Well, anyway, Happy "No Comment" to you Ron!

\* Do you think that a relaxing ot environmental standards is needed to spur energy development? Well, it seems that just the opposite is required in relation to oil tanker controls. It was estimated that, last year alone, oil tankers spilled 350 thousand tons of bubblin' crude in the ocean.

\* And, finally, I feel real sorry for the poor ole auto manufacturers whose sales have dropped this year. Why, Richard C. Gertenberg of General Motors only earned \$938,000 and Henry Ford II just barely made \$878,746 last year. We all oughta go out and buy a car to help those folks out, Right?

\* Post-script: I've iust learned of a rumor which expands on the first item in this issues column. It's been rumored that Ken Gray retired this year because of pressure applied to him by nationally syndicated columnist Jack Anderson. It is alleged that Anderson had some "dope" on Gray, and he would release it unless Rep. Gray of Southern Illinois resigned.

# Letters

(Editor's Note: Last semester one of RLC's former students who visited campus was Peggy Anderson who is now serving in the Army. She wrote the following letter about her experiences in Korea where she is now stationed.)

I finally made it here. There's a lot of interesting things to see here; each day something new happens. It's a lot different from the states, and I'm still getting used to the country. So far, I have not been outside the compound, but in time I will.

My tour here is only for a year. I'm in Teague, the third largest city in Korea. It's surrounded by mountains--beautiful because they have snow on them.

They're still shooting here; you don't hear much about it back in the states. Last Sunday they shot up a bus in Soule. I just hope nothing happens while I'm here. But while I'm here, I'm going to take the opportunity to see the far east.

I'm still learning about their money--484 equals one dollar. But that's all I know and the language--well, I can't get the hang of it. I have enough trouble with English.

I have walked among the shops. It's a real trip. They stay open until midnight. Even though there are places of interest, some of the things make me feel sorry for the people, their living conditions are so low.

The women at age sixteen are prostitutes and wait outside the gate for the GI's to come out. But a lot of the young people are trying to better themselves by going to the U. of Teagu.

The weather is cole here and it kind of reminds me of home. Sometimes I get homesick when I think of all my friends there. Well, I better go.

Peggy

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## Board Report Sounds

(Editor's Note: As co-editor of the PT, I think it is important that students be aware of what goes on at college Board Meetings where policy is made. I attended both the regular meeting and the special meeting, and these are my observations. Mary Jo Cockrum)

## CHARGES FILED IN PETITT CASE

The Board met in a special meeting Friday, Jan. 10 in the Student Center to dis cuss matters arising from the lawsuit filed by the firm of Weiner, Wexler and Spak, Chicago, on behalf of Becky Petitt, RLC physical education teacher terminated last spring.

Dr. J. M. Snyder, president, made notice of receipt of a charge of employment discrimination from the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission on Nov. 6, 1974.

A court summons was delivered to Dr. Snyder on Jan. 6, 1975, as "President, Board of Trustees." Dr. Snyder pointed out that this was an error since he is president of the college and Dr. Allen Y. Baker, Pinckneyville, is president of the Board. Copies of this summons were sent to all Board members.

The special meeting was called to allow the Board to review its position on the case and give Dr. Snyder direction as to legal cousel he shoul

legal counsel he should contact.

Bill Moore, Mt. Vernon trustee, stated that the only decision the Board had to make was to hire legal counsel for the action against the trustees.

Albert Gulley, Benton, stated that he saw no reason to "rehash" the whole situation.

The Board voted to retain Ted Clark to represent Community College District No. 521 with Don Musick, legal counsel for the college assisting him.

## REGULAR BOARD MEETING

In the regular meeting of the RLC Board of Trustees Tues., Jan. 21, 1975, James Yates, director of admissions, reported a record enrollment for the spring semester. Total head count had reached 1558. Last fall the head count was only 1317.

The largest increase was in the evening program where 715 persons are enrolled as compared to 456 for the fall semester. There are 745 full time day students.

Bill Moore, Mt. Vernon trustee, expressed pleasure at the increase and said he hopes we will continue to sew new seeds so people in the district will take advantage of what RLC has to offer.

Other Board action included: Mrs. Jean Scroggins was hired to re-

## Sounds of <sup>°</sup>75

By Larry Lewis and Scott Enis

## HOT 10 SINGLES

Ohio Players Fire You're No Good Linda Ronstadt Boogie On Reggae Woman Stevie Wonder Pick Up the Pieces Average White Band Best of My Love Eagles Some Kind of Wonderful **Grand Funk Black Water Doobie Brothers** Laughter in the Rain Neil Sedaka Lonely People America Get Dancin' Disco Tex & the Sex-O-Lettes Pick of the week: Sally G Paul McCartney & Wings HOT 10 ALBUMS Fire **Ohio Players Miles of Aisles** Joni Mitchell Linda Ronstadt Heart Like a Wheel Average White Band Average White Band **Greatest Hits** Elton John Dark Horse George Harrison War Child Jethro Tull Relayer Yes New & Improved Spinners Do It ('Til You're Satisfied) **B.T.** Express Pick album of the week: **Blood on the Tracks** Bob Dylan (This is the mid-60's Dylan back at last) HOT SOUL SINGLES

Happy People	Temptations					
Fire	Ohio Players					
I Belong to You	Love Unlimited					
Let Me Start Tonight Rhyme Tyme People	Lamont Dozier Kool & the Gang					
Billboard charts courtesy of Featherstons TV & Appliance						

place Mrs. Foster as the new faculty secretary.

The Board voted unanimously to accept the mining technology building.

The Board voted to seek agreement from the public schools in the district for elementary math and reading taught in the Shelter Care Program. This agreement would allow RLC to receive \$9,400 in funding from the office of the Supt. of Public Instruction.

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## TRANSFER GUEST DAY AT SIU SET

Saturday, Feb. 8, has been declared Transfer Guest Day at SIU-C. The day will begin with a session starting at 9 a. m. in the Student Center Auditorium.

The purpose of the Transfer Guest Day is to provide transfer students, who are interested in continuing their education, an opportunity to visit the campus and obtain specific information about the University.

On-the-spot admission will be granted to eligible students.

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## SENATE SPONSORS ART TRIP

The Student Senate is sponsoring a trip to the St. Louis Art Museum on Friday, Feb. 14. The bus, paid for by student activity fees, will leave the college at 7:45 a. m. and will return about 5 p. m. Any student is eligible to attend and may sign the list on Mrs. Kolojeski's door in the North Oasis.

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## DATES ANNOUNCED FOR FILING BOARD PETITIONS

Petitions for membership on the Board of Trustees of RLC may be filed with B.J. "Skip" Witunski, business manager and treasurer, in the Administration Office between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The first day for filing is Wednesday, Feb. 26, and the last day is Friday, March 21.

## Harwick resigns from RLC staff

Charles "Chuck" Harwick, coordinator for the Early Leaver's Program at RLC for the past two and a half years, resigned his position Jan. 29. He has accepted the position of Director of Cooperative Education at Arizona Western College, Yuma, Arizona, beginning Feb. 3.

Mr. Harwick has a M.A. in vocational education and a Level I, General Supervisory Certificate issued by the state of Illinois.

Since being at RLC, Mr. Harwick has served a one year internship under Ardell Kimmel, Dean of Vocational and Technical Education.

The position at Arizona Western is a job which will utilize Mr. Harvick's training and experience. He will be in charge of three coordinators working in his area.

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## Lit Magazine needs WORKERS

Blanche Obrecht has been named as the editor for this year's literary magazine.

Assisting Miss Obrecht will be the following staff: literary, June Moss, Rae Crawford, Joyce Richards, Jo Ellen Smith and Lyne Mabry; Pat Kimble is working in art and photography.

Susan Kolojeski, art instructor, has agreed to serve as design adviser, while Dr. Claxton is the adviser again for the fifth year.

The staff is now accepting student work in prose, poetry, art, and photography. Anyone with work to submit should leave it in the literary magazine box in the newspaper office, Student Center.

The staff is still recruiting members and anyone wanting to work on the magazine should contact Blanche Obrecht or some other staff member. Typists are particularly needed.

**RLC HOSTS CONFERENCE** 

Rend Lake College, in conjunction with the Association of Illinois Student Governments, will sponsor a Community College Leadership Conference on Sat., February 15 in the Student Center.

Scheduled topics of discussion are "How to develop a strong Student Government" and "Resources available to the Student Editor."

Invitations have been sent to student body presidents, newspaper editors, student trustees, and activity directors, but any interested student is invited to attend.

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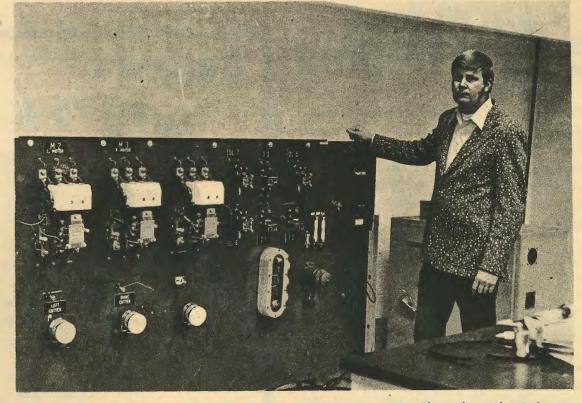


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## Mine Your Own Business

#### By Beverly Walker

Concerning the Mining Technology program coordinator Brad Evilsizer said, "This type of experience is invaluable."

Mr. Evilsizer is from Christopher and has had extensive experience with the mines. He worked for Freemen Coal Company for nine and a half years and taught for them for six years. While working for Freeman Coal, Mr. Evilsizer had his Electrical Qualifications Training Program, U.S. approved. This was a great honor because it is seldom that an individual gets his own program approved.

The Mining Technology Program was started last fall. There is an extensive two year program and a one year program, both geared toward maintenance repair. The program developed from interest shown by the mines in training people for jobs in the mines. Also, a survey was taken of high school seniors who said they would like a program training them for mine work.

The students receive enough classroom training to work in areas which otherwise would taken years. They are prepared as mechanics, electricians, strip mining electricians, and other jobs.

All the equipment for the courses is ordered from the same companies the mines order from, except that the students assemble everything themselves.

After completing the program, the students more than adequately comply with the federal requirements for the job of mining electrician. Federal certificates will be granted for some of the training.

## WANTED: warm bodies

Tryouts for the first musical production in RLC's Little Theater are scheduled for February 10 and 11. The musical, "Brigadoon" requires a cast of at least 30 persons, and will be presented about the mid dle of April.

Mrs. Foley, director, said it isn't necessary that you be a good dancer or singer. She said "We will guide you." Anyone interested in any aspect of the production is encouraged to tryout.

Miss Suzi Woolley is doing the choreography. Mr. Keith Drayton is directing the singing and orchestration. Mary Jo Cockrum

and

Larry Lewis

cordially invite anyone interested

to join the staff

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THE PRESSINGS TIMES

Come to the staff office

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# Not All Students Are 18

### By Sheri Hobbs

Several RLC students who decided to become full time students after working and/or raising a family were recently interviewed. They all agreed that entering college was the only way to reach their goals, and the easiest way to begin was entering a community college.

Clara Reed felt she would like to further her education when she and her husband lived in Lockport, III., where he attended Lewis College. Mrs. Reed felt a communication gap when she attended parties with people who were enrolled in college and she was afraid the same kind of gap would develop in the relationship between her and her daughters, Billie Jean 22, Beverly, 20, and Lana, 16.

In her animated conversation, Mrs. Reed said she was not the average housewife before she became a student. "I didn't watch television, gossip, or drink. 'They' say all housewives drive! I was bored and wanted to get out of a rut, but I did not have the capabilities to get a worthwhile job." Before entering RLC, Mrs. Reed received a high school diploma through the GED program.

The GED program, which allows people who haven't completed formal high school graduation requirements to receive the Illinois High School Equivalency Certificate, and other programs such as the Basic Grant and Illinois Veteran Scholarships, enable many people who haven't gotten an education to earn one.

Dick Kehrer is one of the many RLC students who has returned to school with the help of the Vets Scholarship program. Before entering RLC, Kehrer lived in Arizona 12 years. He said, "Young people here are more conservative than those in Phoenix. People arefriendly on campus, but you don't see them over the weekend, whereas in Phoenix everyone went places on the weekend."

Kehrer works at Lakeside Boat and Motors when he isn't attending Automotive Mechanics classes. He lives with his wife and children outside Opdyke, III. His children, ranging in age from 9 to 22, have christened him "Prof" because he helps instruct a shop course in automotive air conditioning on Fridays. "You have to go to college to achieve, and I definitely wish I had begun college immediately after high school", Kehrer said.



Only two students in terviewed disagreed with Kehrer's idea that college immediately after high school is better. One of the exceptions is Flo Dudley. Mrs. Dudley commented, "I had no chance to go to college at first because I had to work and I wouldn't have appreciated it at first anyway." Speaking with an honest sense of thankfulness, Mrs. Dudley recalled her experience with her daughter, Bev, who is 20 and lives in Ohio. "I called her to let her know I was beginning college, and we both cried for joy. My kids are really proud of me."

Her children, Bev, Charles, 27, and Jimmy, 6, had a great influence on her returning to school. "Bev and Charles were my life. Seeing them finish their schooling and grow up made me feel like a nobody. It just killed me, because I lived my life in them."

By the time her youngest son, Jimmy, is old enough to have a career of his own, Mrs. Dudley hopes to be teaching elementary education. "I might be able to help a child some day and that would give me true satisfaction." Mrs. Dudley said beginning school made her change her lifestyle. "I had to reshuffle my values. I learned homework is more important than house work."

Joyce Poorman shares Mrs. Dudley's ideas about waiting to enter college. "When I graduated from high school, my parents told me they would send me anywhere to college, but I was sick of going to school and if I had started I wouldn't have finished. The time I spent out of school was not wasted. My three children, Bryan, II, Troy, IO, and Robyn, 5, now are in school the same hours I am."

Mrs. Poorman lives in Woodlawn with her husband who, she said, is "sick of hearing about al gebra, and children who don't mind doing their homework because Mother has to it it also." She wants to continue her education at SIU-C, and teach art at the high school level. "I feel everyone should have some art training and so many small high schools don't."

She also commented about RLC students, "I love to watch the young people because I can see myself in them. Everything they do makes me remember something I did. I'm really having fun."



An observer at lunchtime in the cafeteria may notice a man sporting a moustache who seems to be having fun, surrounded by giggling ladies. The man,

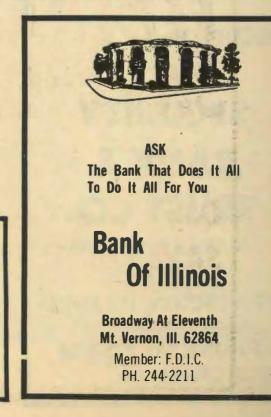
Jim Fenrion, Wayne City, and two of his companions, Frances Bravard and Barbara McKay, Mt. Vernon, are enrolled in RLC's ADN nursing program. They may be happy because, unlike many students, they already have a career and are students only because they want to improve in their field.

"We were doing the same work as registered nurses but receiving less pay because we were only licensed practical nurses," commented Mrs. McKay. Fenton and his two companions stressed the idea that the nursing field's job opportunities are wide open. Their goal is to gain opportunities by returning to school and earning the title of RN.

Rev. Joe Wilson is another student with a definite goal. He wants a degree from a bible school. Rev. Wilson, who lives with his wife Sue and children, Joey, 8, Wendy, 3, and Tammy, 2, in Belle Rive said he has no problem keeping up with all his interests and being a student.

"I'm pastor of the Assembly of God Church in Belle Rive, and run Wilson Janitorial Service at night." He enthusiastically talks about his plans for the church. "We want to build a new church and start Royal Rangers which is a program for boys of all faiths, similar to Boy Scouts. We first held services in a building which had been abandoned for three years. You can imagine the mess." Rev. Wilson wants to attend Ozark Bible Institution or Southern Assembly of God College.

All the students interviewed were very glad they had returned to school, although they are all busy people. Foremost in their minds is achieving the goals they have set for themselves.



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## RECORD REVIEW

## By Joyce Richards

There's something new in the library these days--it's called music. Yes, now the library has several Lp's available to the students including those in the popular, country, and big band areas of music.

While I was thumbing through the popular music section of the record rack a

few days ago, I came across several albums. I'd like to give a listen to-- the O'Jays, james Taylor, and the Hollies to mention a few. Unfortunately, I decided on taking Billy Joel's "Piano Man" album home with me.

I knew I hadn't heard much from this young artist and, after listening to his LP, I realized why. He wrote all the songs, but the themes of his lyrics are so old, after having heard the same thing for for so many years from other singers, that one might feel inclined to check the grooves on the record for moth holes. His songs deal with drugs, emptiness, and lonely people who do weird things in their spare time. What else is new?

I found I liked the music for the most part and his voice even better in such songs as "Piano Man," "Traveling Prayer" and "If Only I Had the Words"-- and I'm thinking if only he had had the words, I probably would have liked it.

I rate this record PB (pretty bad), which is better than RR (really rotten). And for those of you who may rush right over to get this album, let me warn you, it's rather depressing after a bad day at school.

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## want to date a tree ring?

## By Ann Woolley

What can be found out from tree rings? That is what I asked Dr. Estes, botany instructor, who did his doctoral research on tree rings. I found that many types of information can be obtained from tree rings. Climatic cycles and variations can be read by tree rings. When logging and fires have occurred, tree rings can show how quickly a tree grows. They can also show that a river has changed its course, and were once used in a court case to settle a boundary dispute. It has been proven that there is a direct relationship between tree ring width and climate.

Many historic happenings were dated by use of tree rings. Almost all Indian ruins have been dated accurately by tree rings and many avalanches have been dated because of their damage on trees by using these tree samples.

One of the most recent uses of tree rings was practiced last summer in a pilot study in St. Louis that Dr. Estes attended, where they used tree samples to determine air pollution in the St. Louis area.

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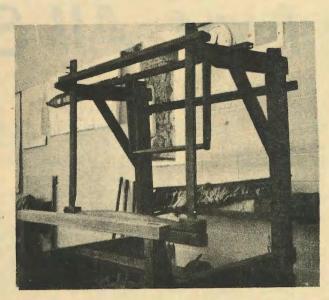
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## TIRED OF SCHOOL? WHY NOT TRY INDEPENDENT STUDY?

If you're tired of the class room, why not try something new? A program of independent study was approved for RLC students this fall and will be in full operation this spring semester.

The way to get into this program is to decide what area you wish more study in and talk it over with an instructor. You must then fill out a form in the admissions office.

In discussing your proposed program with the instructor of your choice, you must decide how many hours you want to study for and thus how much material you will have to cover. You can choose anywhere from one to four hours.



## Old Loom In Art Room

Photo by B. Dempsey

## By Ed Smith

The approaching bicentennial celebration has arroused quite a bit of public interest in pioneer arts and crafts. In the true American way, many sharp-witted businessmen have commercialized upon this public interest and are making a tidy profit on admission fees to pioneer arts and crafts exhibits. However, those who are interested have an opportunity to see a relic of a pioneer craft and it won't cost you a cent, right here at RLC.

The relic is a very old weaving loom that is owned by Bo Phillips, an RLC art student. It is in the art room where Phillips and M rs. Kolojeski are in the process of restoring it.

Vera Grosowsky, who does various types of weaving and whose work was on display last semester in the lobby outside the art room, said that the loom was at least 100 years old. According to her, looms of this type were commonly used in this area. They were mainly used for weaving rugs and blankets.

Mrs. Kolojeski said that she expects the restoration to be complete and for the loom to be in working order by March. She also welcomed anyone interested to come by and look at the loom as well as the other art projects on display.



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Tixlag Italian Quilting



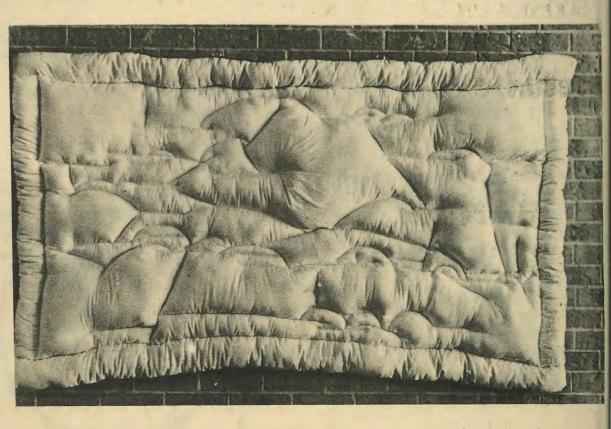


Recently Joan Lintault, SIU-C, exhibited her Italian Quilting in the lobby of the Fine Arts Theater. Ms. Lintault, pictured above, spoke to interested students and faculty on Thursday, Jan. 16.

The following is a statement made by Ms. Lintault about her work:

"My work depends on light to exist. Light gently molds the forms and gives the illusion of more colors than there are. I often make sectioned pieces to show incidents or changes in time and space. Your eyes can read each incident, dwell on it, then move to the next.

"Sometimes I make an incident that is complete in one, bound in, compact on the wall, or sometimes it unfolds like a story on a Japanese scroll."



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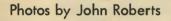
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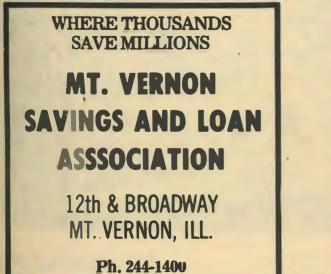
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## **BASKETBALL STATISTICS**

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Stewart	44	14	42.4	83	231	16.5
Starks	30	14	50.6	50	169	12.07
Hardacre	14	7	23	66	18	2.6
Nehrkorn	22	14	43	74	194	13.9
Mings	42	13	63	80	106	7.6
Bolton	40	10	48	60	53	5.3
Hill	24	14	46 .	67	209	14.9
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