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## LaSalle fills dean position

By Sheila McMahon

Who now occupies former Dean of Instruction, Dr. Phillip Ward's office?

Dr. Kenneth J. LaSalle, 38, of Chicopee, Massachusetts, was selected unanimously by the Board of Trustees during their Dec. 21 meeting to fill the position of RLC's new Dean of Instruction.

After an extensive five month search to fill the vacancy upon Dr. Ward's resignation to accept a presidency at a community college in Michigan, Dr. LaSalle was chosen from a list of more than 250 qualified candidates. He began his work at the college Jan. 5 at an annual salary of \$24,000.

Dr. Travis Martin, president of RLC, says he feels the search committee has done an outstanding job in selecting a very qualified candidate who will be able to further the educational goals of the college.

LaSalle was born in Paterson, New Jersey but does not consider that his home since his family moved to Rhode Island when he was six years old and it was here that he grew up and went through school.

He served twenty-four months in the Army; twenty of which were spent in an overseas tour of Europe. He worked in Personnel Management and achieved the rank of sergeant before the end of his tour in 1961.

After his time in service, LaSalle went back to Rhode Island for his secondary schooling. He went to college, not missing one term (spring, summer, and fall) for eleven consecutive years.

He received his B.S. degree from Bryant College in Rhode Island and his M.S. degree in Business Administration from the University of Rhode Island. During this time, he served as a high school instructor from 1966 through 1969, an assistant professor at Rhode Island Junior College also between 1966-1969, an



Dr. Kenneth A. LaSalle enjoys some casual talk and a cup of coffee with Cheryl Foley in a break from his new job as Dean of Instructions.

assistant professor at the University of Rhode Island from 1967-1969 and also an assistant professor at the Martin Luther King Center in Providence, Rhode Island during the 1968-1969 school year.

LaSalle moved to Massachusetts in 1969 after accepting a position at Holyoke College as a professor-division chairman where he has been for the past seven years. His job entailed not only the teaching of courses in Management but he was responsible for the expansion of the college's business department as well. Through the development of staff and educational programs and the use of over \$1 million in capital investments, the college grew from business programs, 10 faculty, and 295 students in 1969 when he started, to its present size of 15 programs, 30 full and part-time instructors, and over 1300 students.

While working and teaching at Holyoke, LaSalle continued his education further at Boston

University where in 1973 he earned his doctorate degree in Education. His studies included fund raising for institutional development with the Polaroid Corporation, systems design and analysis, long-range educational planning, human relations, and public relations which was his minor. He also completed some post doctoral study at the University of Massachusetts between 1974-1976.

His business background has led him to serving as a consultant for developing and presenting human relations training and supervising development programs for several large business firms. Included among these are American Cyanamid, IRW-Holyoke Wire and Cable Corporation, the Scott Paper Company, and John H. Breck, Inc. (makers of Breck shampoo) where he was responsible for developing an internal communications network to promote the company's cooperative relationships.

He is a member of several civic and professional organizations and has participated in many community service activities. He enjoys hiking, sailing, scouting, and travel. He and his wife, Lynn, traveled extensively throughout Europe and Canada. They and their three children will live in Mt. Vernon. He hopes to move his family in two weeks. Being a New Englander, he says the rural setting of Southern Illinois is not a new one for him or his family.

He enjoys meeting and working with people, and through talking with faculty and board members he is impressed with all aspects of RLC, especially the high priority held on the excellence of its programs and has set his goal for the continuance of that excellence.

He misses his close contact with students but hopes to find time in the future to resume his teaching.



The "Winter of '77"

# Political Retrospective

Students visit Plains, Georgia

By Mike McHaney

On November 2, 1976, the people of the United States, after being ravaged by eight years of Republican scandal, unemployment, and inflation, elected Jimmy Carter to the Presidency. In being as totally objective as I am when it comes to the subject of politics, it is not for me to say whether this was good or bad.

However, being avid supporters and taking active roles in the great institution, the Democratic Party, Chuck Eckert and I decided to visit the home of our great hero and conqueror. Thus began our 700 mile journey to the holy lands. Plains, Georgia--the hallowed grounds where history provided a savior to the White House hungry Democrats.

Plains is a town comperable to the bustling metropolis of Ina. Although larger in population, Plains consists mainly of a gas station, train depot, antique shop, general store, pharmacy, restaurant, and two churches. It was a virtual tourist trap. Everywhere you went someone had something to sell, which usually had something to do with peanuts. There were peanut buttons, shirts, bumper stickers, movies, bracelets, necklaces, glasses, pencils, spoons, and the list goes on and on.

There were hundreds of people all buying, looking, and a few trying to be Monday morning Wal-

ter Cronkites by seeking personal interviews with people whom they thought knew President Carter. A tourist somehow gets the feeling that Plains, Georgia is proud of Jimmy Carter.

Perhaps the biggest attraction in Plains is Billy Carter's gas station. In the section of the south through which we traveled gas was approximately 55¢ per gallon. Billy Carter charges 67¢ per gallon. I personally feel that Billy Carter cares all the way to the bank whether or not Plains is going to hell. And if it does, the President's brother will be able to afford a very expensive pitchfork. I think Billy Carter is a lot smarter than people give him credit for. Especially due to the fact that he can charge an outrageous price for his product, in a town of 600 people, and cars wait in line for thirty minutes to fill up.

We went to a small coin shop across from the gas station and in talking to the owner found out a few facts about the social life in Plains. He stated that the black population of Plains spends Saturday night in a little night club a couple of blocks from Billy Carter's gold mine, while the whites drink their beer at the gas station.

Upon investigating these points of interest I discovered that the "nightclub" consisted of two pinball machines and a juke box. Billy Carter's gas station lounge resembled something out of Green Acres, complete with pot bellied stove, chairs with broken legs, and couch with protruding springs.

The proprietor of the coin shop also told us that he had had tourists from as far away as Canada, Europe, and Japan. This fact made me feel better. It was here that I found the souvenir that topped all. A Plains, Georgia coloring book. What astonished me even more was the fact that I bought one.

As we left Plains with bags of peanuts, buttons, bumper stickers, and coloring book in hand, I felt

somewhat satisfied. Bearing in mind the humble surroundings of Sunter County, I thought to myself, "Maybe we really do have a president who knows the needs of the majority of the people of this country, who shares our dreams and aspirations, who cares about our hardships." As we passed the city limits sign, I asked myself, For our third century, why NOT...

the best?

## RLC students receive invitations

By Becky Harvey

RLC students' Linda Dawson, Chuck Eckert and Becky Harvey, who campaigned long and hard for Jimmy Carter, received invitations to his inauguration.

Eckert, along with former RLC student Mary Black, was able to fly to Washington to see the event. They also attended one of the seven parties.

They stood in the cold for three hours and waited to hear the inaugural address.

When Carter spoke, those in the audience could only hear part of the time. But the speech was "an ordinary address for people, not any fancy words," Eckert stated.

The inaugural party they attended was held at the Shoreman Americana Hotel. Eckert said it was a fancy event and that all different kinds of people were there.

Eckert also stated some of the impressions he got while in Washington. "Carter's going to make a difference," he said, "After hearing and seeing Carter I don't think he is going to be a closet conservative, but an independent progressive."

"I think amnesty is a step in the right direction" and he also thought that Carter was "over nice to Ford."

Eckert saw an abundance of Confederate flags and lots of yippies.

On their spare time, Eckert and Black toured King Tut's treasure, the National Art and History Museum and the Smithsonian Institution.

In summing up the trip Eckert said, "It was an experience I'll never forget. I just hope that I get the chance to go again someday."

# Student volunteers help out

By Melissa Outland

Franklin-Williamson Youth Services Bureau was developed to work with delinquent and pre-delinquent youth in the two-county area.

The YSB serves three main purposes. 1) To divert juveniles from the juvenile justice system; 2) To encourage modifications of existing systems now serving youth to provide more efficient service to the population; and 3) Community development. The community development function includes a wide variety of alternatives to delinquency, including a tutorial service.

The tutorial service is a new program operating under the two aspects of a drop-in center and one-to-one tutoring. The drop-in center will be an informal study hall setting operated for junior high and high school students. Students can work independently until they require help from the leaders. The one-to-one tutoring matches a college volunteer and student to meet once a week at their own convenience. This aspect of the program enables the volunteer to do recreational activities as well as school work.

The Youth/Advocate Program functions on the same order as the Big Brother-Big Sister programs have in the past. The objective of the program is to help youths who are lacking in proper adult guidance and companionship or those who are troubled with identity problems.

The program provides services for children age 5 through 18 living in the Franklin and Williamson County areas. Referrals are accepted from four social service agencies in the area. The majority of the children come from broken homes.



Jim Kohlbacker, Carbondale, is having a good time with some of the boys in the Youth/Advocate Program.

Others have trouble adapting to their community, home, and school.

As a volunteer in the Youth/Advocate Program he/she will be expected to: 1) Spend a minimum of four hours a week for a six to nine month period with the child you are matched with. 2) Relate to the child on a consistent basis as a friend rather than a therapist and provide a positive model for the child. 3) Maintain the youth's right to confidentiality. 4) Provide or arrange for transportation. 5) Consult with the staff member responsible for the child for 1-2 hours for every 16 hours of contact with the child to reevaluate the goals, objectives, and report on case progress.

The program needs more male volunteers than female, because the majority of the youth in the program are male.

Although participation in the program is voluntary, the advocate is entitled to receive \$25 a month for expenses accrued while working with the program.

If interested in becoming an advocate, contact Youth/Advocate Program, 320 N. Main Street, Benton, IL 62812 or call 439-6338 and ask for Program Coordinator, Karen Guger.

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# RLC dumps Valley

By Ron Stanart

The RLC basketball Warriors, having played twenty contests to date, are sporting a 9-11 overall record and a 4-4 mark in S.I.C.C. play.

Monday, Jan. 31, RLC played Wabash Valley in a conference battle that had been postponed earlier due to bad weather. The Warriors were guaranteed a victory, since Wabash uses that same nickname. Fortunately it was RLC coming away with their fourth straight conference win, 87-75, following a slow 0-3 start.

The first half was relatively close throughout. Neither team was able to gain much of an advantage in those first twenty minutes which ended in a 37-37 deadlock. However, the last half was a different story as RLC raced to as big a lead as twenty points and were never threatened.

Individual scoring for the home team finds five men in double figures. Gary Hutchcraft and Jeff Wilson paved the way as they each tallied 23 points. Kevin Rose registered 15, Chris Benetti 14, Jack Smith 10, and Hugh Moore 2.

Tuesday, Feb. 1, the Athletes for Christ, a group of young ex-college players witnessing for Christ, visited the Ina Campus. The final outcome was never in doubt as RLC took a commanding 52-31 lead at halftime and coasted home. Hutchcraft spearheaded an offensive attack that

mounted 92 points to the oppositions 78, with 23 of his own. Jim Bybee added 12, Rose and Wilson had 10 apiece, Benetti and Moore 8 each, Smith and Ron Stanart both had 6, Chuck Doty 5, and Jay Sandusky 4.

Thursday, Feb. 3, RLC and the Southeastern Falcons of Harrisburg collided in an S.I.C.C. showdown for first place in a game played at Ina. Both teams went into the contest with league leading 4-3 conference records.

The Warriors couldn't seem to get untracked in the early going, falling behind 49-36 at the midway mark. RLC then scored the first six points of the second half to pull within seven only to trail by as many as fifteen at one time. A courageous rally that found RLC trailing by only two, 77-75, fell short as the Warriors had to foul to get the ball and eventually succumbed 82-77. The Warriors lost an earlier match to this same team 85-71, at Harrisburg.

Smith led all RLC scorers with 18. Hutchcraft and Benetti hit for 17 and 16, respectively. Rose scored 12, Wilson 10, and Moore 4.

RLC meets Kaskaskia on the road Feb. 8 in a conference clash, play Jefferson, Mo. at home Feb. 10, and travel to East Central, Mo. Feb. 12. Come on out and support your team.

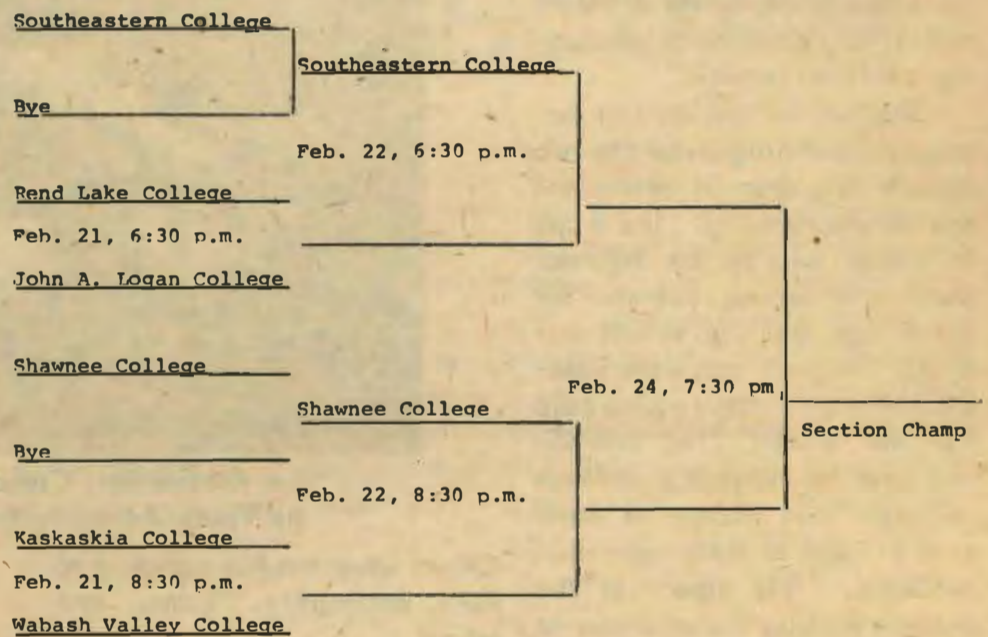
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(10 game schedule)

Southeastern	5-3
Kaskaskia	5-3
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