

PRESSING TIMES

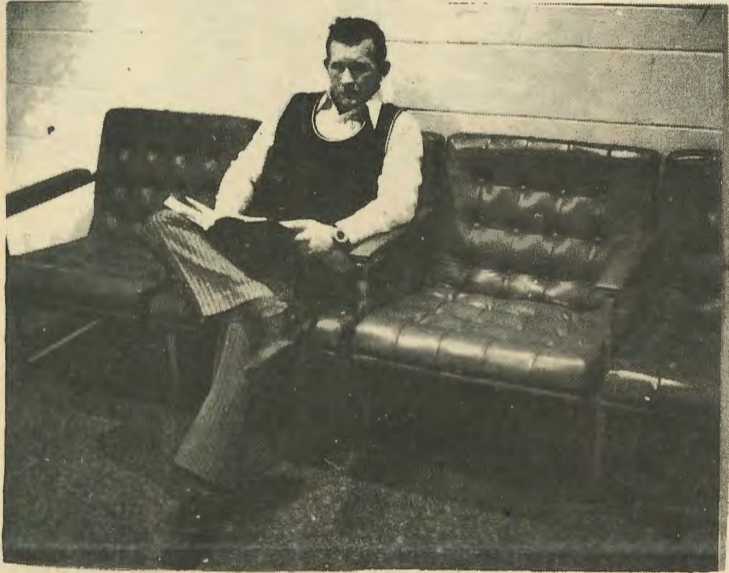
Rend Lake College

Ina, Illinois

Feb. 26, 1976



SARP Winners Are Announced



Harvey Neal

Mary Bourque



Photos By Larry Lewis

Mary Bourque and Harvey Neal, both of Mt. Vernon, are the 1975-76 Student Achievement Program winners. It was announced at the Feb. 19 meeting.

Mary, 18, an English Education major, and Harvey 38, were selected from 11 entrants in the RLC competition as the two students who have the best progress toward their career goals and have shown leadership qualities through participation in campus and community activities.

Mary and Harvey will each receive \$100 and a certificate of merit. They will compete in March for a \$250 cash award in one of the six district competitions with winners from 48 other community colleges in the state.

From this competition, twelve finalists will be selected to compete in the

state finals in April for two \$1000 awards.

Mary Elizabeth Francis Bourque is a full-time student here at RLC. Mary has written for the PT and worked on the theatrical make-up crew. She also has played in Stage Band and has done volunteer work in Nursing Homes.

Mary is presently a student worker for the audio-visual department at RLC.

Harvey D. Neal, also a full-time RLC student, is a graduate of Mt. Vernon High School and a veteran.

He is not only an RLC student, but a husband and father of four children. His hours are filled with school and his job at the Mt. Vernon Sewer Treatment Plant.

Harvey hopes to attend night courses at SIU. His goal is to receive a B.S. in Engineering.

Blood Mobile Returns

By Kyle Ingram

The Bloodmobile returns to RLC, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Wed., March 3, in the gym. And to promote a greater response, Faculty Coordinator Wayne Arnold is encouraging inter-group competition.

Campus groups (such as the Lettermen and the Music Club) which have the most pints donated in their name will receive a plaque bearing their title and the amount of blood given.

You do not have to be a member of a certain group to donate in its name.

Registration booths will be set up in the Oasises, in the Library, and the Student Center. Two health classes and the student nurses will assist. Beki Mattingly and Mitch Fulford are the Student Coordinators.

The plaque given will be mounted in the Student Center, and a picture of the winning club members will be sent to the area news media, including the PT.

"Ozone" Accepts Work!

The publication of RLC's Literary Magazine is now accepting submissions from the students and personnel of the college to put together the annual Ozone magazine.

There are many students on campus whose poetry, fiction, non-fiction writings, art, and photography deserve recognition.

If you have a student whose creative work could be considered for the magazine, please turn it in to Dr. Claxton, Literary magazine sponsor; Beverly Lawson, Literary magazine editor; or to the Literary magazine box in the PT office on the second level of the Student Center building.

It is important that you seek this talent out. We would like to involve all the students, including night class students.

We do have a deadline of March 12, so, prompt, positive action is a necessity. Please help us out.

Activities

Students Chosen

By Laura Mick

Ten RLC students have been nominated for inclusion in the 1976 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges. This award is conferred annually upon outstanding student leaders.

Students are selected by campus nominating committees based on above average academic standing, community service, leadership ability and future potential.



Scott Everett Ellis, of Mt. Vernon, is the son of Mr. & Mrs. C. E. Ellis. He is a 1974 graduate of The American School; Great Yarmouth, Norfolk, England.

Scott is the editor of the PT, a member of Phi Theta Kappa, a non-voting member of the Student Senate, and participated in "Black-Outs".

Scott plans to major in either Journalism or Political Science.

Beverly Ann Walker is from Benton. She is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Floyd Walker. Beverly is a 1974 graduate of Benton High School.

Beverly is a member of Community Chorus and Collegiate Choir. She has taken part in "Brigadoon", "Thurber Carnival", "Bus Stop", "Kiss Me Kate", and "Black-Outs". Bev was the 1974 Christmas Queen.

Beverly hopes to attend SIU, majoring in Speech Pathology.



Lyne Mabry of Valier is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Mabry. She is a 1974 graduate of Sesser High School.

Lyne is the editor of the "Tarn" and also writes for the PT. She is a member of the Stage Band and on the "Kiss Me Kate" cast. She was the 1975 RLC Christmas Queen. Last year she was on the Ozone Staff.

Future plans for Lyne are going to SIU as an English major.



Margaret Lynn Skinner of McLeansboro is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Harold Skinner. She is a 1974 graduate of McLeansboro High School.

Margaret is a member of Stage Band, Concert Band and Orchestra, Phi Theta Kappa, and the Ozone staff. She also writes for the PT, is secretary of the Student Senate, and is a Pom Pon girl. She also participated in "Black-Outs".

Margaret hopes to attend the University of Illinois majoring in music.



Greta Lynne Garbo is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Garbo of Benton. Greta also graduated from Benton High School in 1974.

Greta is a member of Community Choir and Collegiate Choir, and is a member of the PT and "Tarn" staff. She has been in plays; "Thurber Carnival", "Bus Stop", "Brigadoon", and "Kiss Me Kate". She also participated in "Black-Outs".

Greta plans to attend Western Kentucky University. Her major will be Music Education.



Activities for Who's Who



Dan Mitchell of Enfield is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Gene Mitchell. He is a 1974 graduate of Enfield High School. Dan is a two year member of the Student Senate. He is President this year.

Dan is a student worker at RLC and was an officer for the Ag. Club last year. Dan plans to attend SIU after graduation.



Thomas Joseph Mick, of Benton, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Mick. Tom is a 1974 Benton High graduate.

Tom is a Community & Collegiate Choir member. He is RLC's Social Chairman for the Student Senate and was in two musicals, "Brigadoon" & "Kiss Me Kate". He is also on the Ozone, PT, and "Tarn" staff.

Tom's plans are to attend the University of Tennessee in the fall, majoring in Architecture.

Hyla Jean Farthing, Mt. Vernon, is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Don Farthing. She is a 1974 graduate of Mt. Vernon High School.

Hyla is Secretary-Treasurer of Phi Theta Kappa, a member of Community Choir, Collegiate Choir and last year's ISMEA secretary. She was selected as an All-State Choir member for 1976. She has taken part in "Black-Outs", "Brigadoon", "Kiss Me Kate", "Thurber Carnival", and "Bus Stop". She is also a BASIC member.

Hyla plans to attend Eastern Illinois University where she will major in Music Education.



All the unique photos on pages 2 & 3 are by Larry Lewis.

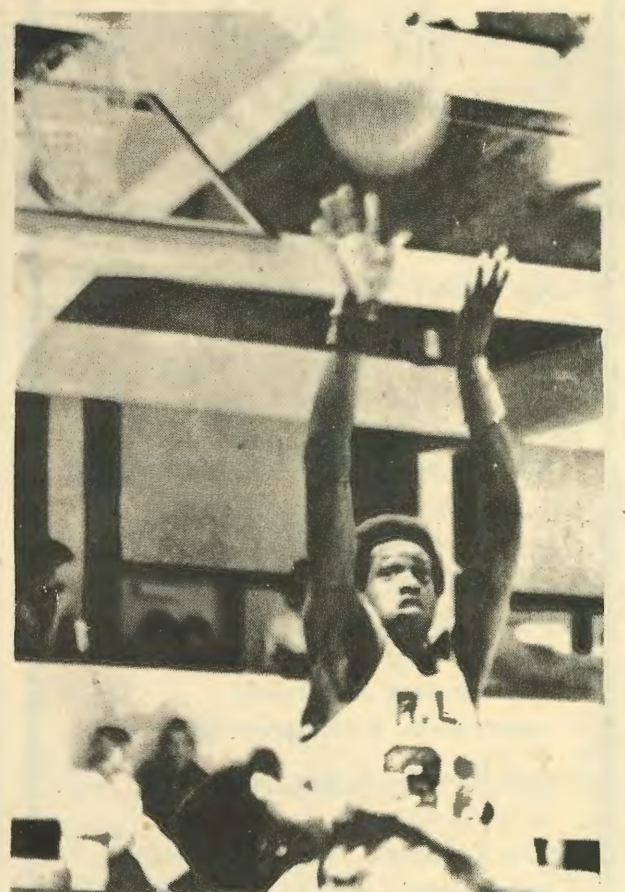
Photo of George Starks By John Fleri



Lesa A. Rhodes, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Dale Rhodes, Zeigler; is a 1974 graduate of Zeigler-Royalton High School.

Lesa is a member of Community and Collegiate Choir, SEA, and Concert Band. She writes for the PT and is in the Student Senate. She was in the play "Thurber Carnival" and "Black-Outs".

After graduation, Lesa plans to major in Art at Eastern Illinois University.



George Starks, Jr. son of Mr. & Mrs. George Starks, Sr. is from Mt. Vernon. He is a 1974 graduate of the Mt. Vernon High School.

George is a "first five" basketball player and is in the letterman's club.

After graduating, George hopes to major in accounting at Eastern Illinois University.

Editorials

76'S Carnival Of Candidates

*"Hey there voter, wanna pick a candidate?"

"Our 1976 line includes many new hopefuls, like the progressive Harris, or the refreshing Udall. We also still have our older established models, like the Little Deuce "Scoop" and the H. H. Humphrey!

Come on, you've gotta decide soon!"

That might be how a high-pressure salesman would try and sell the 1976 Democratic candidates for President, to the American voter. And we do have to decide soon.

The Illinois Primary is March 16,

and in addition to voting for state offices, we'll be voting for delegates to the Republican and Democratic National Conventions. There's also a place on the ballot to indicate our favorite choice, overall, for President.

In general, you can divide the 1976 candidates into 5 categories; the first four being made up of Democratic contenders: 1. The Liberals, 2. The

ates, is waiting in the wings. If no strong candidate emerges from the primaries, Humphrey has indicated that he would accept the Democratic nomination.

THE "OTHERS"

Sen. Henry (Scoop) Jackson of Washington state, is the current leader of the "Others" category. Jackson's cam-

* **the GRAPEVINE REPORT** *
* By Rocket Jack *

Southerners, 3. The Undeclared, 4. The Others, and 5. The Republicans.

THE LIBERALS

The Liberals include Indiana Sen. Birch Bayh, former Oklahoma Sen. Fred Harris, Arizona Rep. Morris Udall, and the 1972 Democratic Vice-Presidential nominee, Sargeant Shriver.

No one from this group has stepped forward to lead the Democrat's large liberal faction.

Fred Harris has done well in the Oklahoma and Iowa caucuses, and is the most progressive and colorful of this group. But, he's having trouble getting the "party big wig" and financial support. And both Bayh and Udall are pouring considerable efforts into their New England campaigns.

° The New England primaries and caucuses will probably determine who will champion the liberal's cause in '76.

("The Grapevine Report" first reported on Fred Harris in the PT's March 3, 1975 issue, and he is the candidate this column is leaning to, at this time.)

THE SOUTHERNERS

In 1968 and 1972, the Southerners had George Wallace as their champion. However, Jimmy Carter, the former Georgian governor, did great in the Iowa caucus, and is threatening to make in-roads in traditional Wallace territory.

The Wallace-Carter fight, and it's outcome, will probably hinge on who wins the March 9 Florida primary (where Carter has expended a lot of energy), and the May 4 Georgia primary. (Carter's home state)

THE UNDECLARED

Hubert Humphrey, the undeniable front-runner of the Undeclared candid-

paign is the best financed and best organized of any Democrat, on the national basis.

But his lackluster, mechanical, and generally boring campaign tactics have predictably failed to generate the excitement and popular support he badly needs.

If Jackson gets that popular support in the primaries, however, watch out!

THE REPUBLICANS

On the Republican side, Ronald Reagan poses a unique challenge to Pres. Gerald Ford. In reality, both candidates have very similar views and ideas.

But Reagan's rhetoric and charisma try to convince you otherwise.

Ford came to office by unprecedented means. He's the weakest incumbent U.S. President in very many years.

So, other important dates to watch in the 1976 election year are:

- March 2 - Massachusetts primary
- April 6 - New York and Wisconsin primaries
- April 27 - Pennsylvania primary (Who is Milton Shapp?)
- May 4 - Indiana primary (Bayh's home state)
- June 8 - California, Ohio, and New Jersey primaries

The Bicentennial election year is shaping up to be an exciting one indeed with real fights and power plays occurring in both major parties.

*If you want to have your say in this unique election year, then get out and vote! Everyone gripes and groans about our leaders, and then usually just leave it at that.

Support your choice on March 16, and get off your butt and vote. When you really think about it; you don't have much right to gripe if you don't try and solve the problems you're griping about.

THE PRESSING TIMES

Published bi-weekly by the staff of The Pressing Times, Rend Lake College, Ina, Illinois, 62846.

We have our office on the balcony of the Student Center.

The PT is printed by The Daily American, West Frankfort, Illinois.

The views expressed in this paper do not necessarily reflect those of the faculty, administration, or student body.



- EDITOR: Scott Ellis
- Photo Editor: Larry Lewis
- Copy Editor: Kyle Ingram
- Sports Editor: John Fleri
- Layout Editor: Carol Wilkerson
- Feature Editor: Sherri Hobbs
- Beat Editor: Greta Garbo
- Administration Editor: Becky Randall
- Business Manager: Mark Dyel
- Circulation Manager: Becky Harvey
- Head Typist: Sheila McMahon
- Typist: Jane Page
- Technical Engineer: Rusty Ward
- Student Senate Reporters: Laura Mick & Margaret Skinner
- Administration & Beat Reporter: Lyne Mabry
- Sports Reporter: Ronnie Stanart
- Contributors: Rocket Jack, Nancy Pfaff, Susan Neal, Kara Beth Neal, Cindy Coberly, Jimmy Redman, Jo Ann Thompson, Tom Mick, Steve Joiner, David Dopp, Mary Borque, Peggy Disroe, Elaine Galloway, Karen Kittinger

Adviser: Dr. Evelyn Claxton

Activities

RLC'S Press Day A Success



Photo By Larry Lewis

Dr. Evelyn Claxton, speaking to one of her Feature Writing Workshops, on Press Day.

The first of the annual RLC Press Day, Feb. 6, was considered a success by coordinator Dr. Claxton, "The turn-out was completely beyond my expectations." The Pressing Times, sponsor of the workshop, expected a possible 30 students. But the interest of the district proved quite high with a total of 90 students and advisors attending. Bluford, Sesser, and Mt. Vernon, were among the high schools represented.

Various individual workshops were held throughout the day on areas of concern to the high school publications. Steve Korris, of the Mt. Vernon Register News, led the session on news writing. A workshop in feature writing was directed by Dr. Claxton. Scott Mones, RLC public information officer, formerly of the Christopher Progress, led the groups in photojournalism.

A luncheon in the Student Center was followed by tours of the campus by the Pressing Times Staff. The day's activities were concluded by a wrap up session in the Little Theater. Evaluations taken at this time proved the Press Day a success. The favorable review of the day helps provide a firm foundation for future workshops.

"Kate" Coming To RLC

By Greta Garbo

The RLC Fine Arts Dept. will present their musical "Kiss Me Kate" over two week-ends, March 12-13, and 19-20.

This marks the second musical to be performed in the RLC theater since its completion.

"Kate's" story revolves around the Baltimore opening of a revival of Shakespeare's "The Taming of the Shrew". The cast of this play are gathered together for their final talk before the opening, and we get to see some of the characters and their problems.

Lilli Vanesse, played by Bev Walker of Benton and Beki Mattingly of Mt. Vernon; and her ex-husband Fred Graham, played by Tom Nance; are both starring in the play as Kate and Petruchio and are finding themselves attracted to each other once again.

At the same time Bill Calhoun (Mitch Fulford) has himself stuck with a \$10,000 gambling debt which he can't pay. So he does the next best thing; he signs

Fred's name to the IOU.

He thinks he's very clever until his girl, Lois Lane (Glenda Troutt and Sheri Hobbs) tells him he's got to learn to behave.

As a result of the IOU, Fred gets a visit from two tough-looking gangsters (Tom Winston and Kevin Martin) who won't let anyone leave the theater unless the debt is paid off.

Meanwhile, Lilli has become incensed over some flowers which Fred has sent to Lois, which Lilli got instead. She threatens to leave, but instead makes life miserable for Fred by threatening and screaming at him on stage.

But, like every musical, this has a happy ending. The gangsters find that there has been a change in their mobster-government, and that the IOU is now worthless. Lilli and Fred resolve their differences and the future looks bright for them, and Bill and Lois finally get together.

COLLEGE CAMPUS REPRESENTATIVE

Needed to sell Brand Name Stereo Components to Students at lowest prices. High Commission, NO INVESTMENT REQUIRED. Serious inquiries only! FAD Components, Inc., 20 Passaic Ave., Fairfield, New Jersey 07006.

The New-fashioned Store
with

Old-fashioned Service

Call 242-3244

Mt. Vernon, Ill.

Editorials

LETTERS



Yearbook Photo

Dr. Martin at his desk.

Letters

Dear Students:

I want to tell about a private, non-profit organization which is dedicated to saving the lives of those unfortunate members of our society who are stricken with kidney disease.

This affliction is to be dreaded. It affects individuals in their most productive years. When your kidneys stop functioning, you have to be kept alive by means of a kidney machine. This process, called dialysis, has devastating financial, emotional and physical consequences. The only way relief can be obtained is through a kidney transplant.

Medicare usually pays 80% of dialysis related expenses. However, the CONTINUING cost of dialysis is astronomical, and many are they, who die each year because their financial situation does not permit them the luxury of life.

We help those who need money to face the ongoing struggle against kidney disease.

We help to educate the public on kidney disease. We want all to know the symptoms, the kinds, the causes and the treatment of kidney diseases.

We encourage the donation of kidneys - upon death - for transplantation; so that many may have an opportunity for a better quality of life.

We are the American Kidney Fund.

Help us today by sending us a tax-deductible contribution.

Help us now by signing one of our donor cards and keeping it on your person.

We need the support of everyone. We cannot do it alone.

Good luck and God bless.

Sincerely,
AMERICAN KIDNEY FUND
E.K. Hatch
Executive Director

Dear Editor,

I would like to respond to Mr. Chuck Eckert's letter which appeared in the Feb. 5 issue of The Pressing Times.

It is true that Illinois Eastern Colleges charge less tuition than Rend Lake College (the three colleges mentioned in your letter, Mr. Eckert, are branches of one community college system). In fact, Illinois Eastern charges zero tuition. However, they make up the difference in fees. Other community colleges charging less tuition than Rend Lake College are: Southeastern--\$3.00; Chicago City Colleges--\$4.00; State Community College of East St. Louis--\$3.00. In other words, out of the 39 community college systems in Illinois, four charge less tuition than we do.

I am in favor of keeping tuition down as much as possible, but I must point out that the college's budget must be met somehow. We receive our funding from several sources:

1. Taxes. We are now charging the maximum tax rate allowed by law.
2. Equalization Payments. These are monies from the state paid on a per semester hour generated basis, which we receive because of our low tax base. We come under constant criticism from other community colleges in the state and particularly from the northern legislators for these equalization payments.

3. Appropriations from the State Legislature. Governor Walker has very effectively cut the appropriations we had expected from the state. College enrollments are up. Senior institutions have experienced a slight increase, but community colleges in the state have experienced enrollment increases as high as 40%. The appropriation we receive from the state is also based on a per semester generated figure. Unfortunately, when enrollments go up, the per semester hour figure has to go down because there is only a certain dollar amount available for this purpose.

I would urge you, Mr. Eckert, and your fellow students to write to your

There is additional information on the American Kidney Fund located at the information desk in the library. If you would like to donate money or your kidneys to the fund contact Mark Dyel on campus or write American Kidney Fund P.O. Box 3586, Georgetown Station, Washington D.C. 20007.

state legislators and express your support for Senator Terry Bruce's bill, SB 1519, which is a supplemental appropriation for community colleges. This would add more dollars to be distributed among the community colleges. Some names and addresses of state legislators in our area are:

Senator Terry L. Bruce
232 East Cherry St.
Olney, Ill. 62450

Senator Gene Johns
402 Bainbridge Road
Marion, Ill. 62959

Rep. Bruce Richmond
404 South 20th
Murphysboro, Ill. 62966

Rep. Richard O. Hart
301 West Reed
Benton, Ill. 62812

Rep. William L. O'Daniel
R. R. 1
Wayne City, Ill. 62895

Rep. Ralph Dunn
Box 107, Route 3
DuQuoin, Ill. 60521

4. Tuition. I would like to point out that the average cost of tuition at a community college in Illinois is around \$10 per semester credit hour, and the highest charge at a community college in Illinois is \$18 per semester hour.

At the present time, it appears that the college may experience a deficit for this current fiscal year of from \$100,000 to \$200,000 in the red. We are holding back expenditures as much as is reasonably possible. The money must come from somewhere. The only means the college has at the present time to increase its income is through enrollment increase (which can have a detrimental effect, as described above) and through tuition increases.

Again, let me urge you to support SB 1519. This is the most effective means at your disposal to prevent tuition all over the state from skyrocketing.

I believe that we at Rend Lake College have held back on increasing tuition as much as is possible, and I think everyone will agree that higher education at Rend Lake College is still a bargain.

Very truly yours,
W. Travis Martin, President

Activities

Student Senate News

The Student Senate will be setting up their scholarship awards, made from school vending machines.

A total of \$850 will be given for the scholarship. Some of that money will also be going to the top three students in the graduating class and to anyone else chosen. A committee will select these recipients.

A tuition increase proposal, made by some administrative officials, was discussed by the Student Senate members.

Discussion about the amusement machines was brought up again. Some people have been stuffing the pockets of the pool tables in the Student Center. This was done in order to keep the pool balls from going back into the machine after a successful shot.

The Student Senate has asked the PT to inform all RLC students and personnel that unless this stops, the pool tables will be removed.

GUIDE TO MONEY FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Guide to more than 250,000 Scholarships and Financial Aid Source — items valued at over \$500 million dollars.

Contains the most up-to-date information on:

Scholarships, grants, aids, fellowships, loans, work-study programs, cooperative education programs, and summer job opportunities; for study at colleges, vocational and technical schools, paraprofessional training, community or two-year colleges, graduate schools, and post-graduate study or research; funded on national, regional, and local levels by the federal government, states, cities, foundations, corporations, trade unions, professional associations, fraternal organizations, and minority organizations. Money is available for both average as well as excellent students, both with and without need.

BENNETT PUBLISHING CO.

Dept. 214, 102 Charles Street, Boston, Mass. 02114.

Please rush me _____ copies of GUIDE TO MONEY FOR HIGHER EDUCATION at \$5.95 plus 50c for postage and handling for each copy.

I am enclosing \$_____ (check or money order).

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

© Copyright 1976 Bennett Publishing Co.

Cable Fault Finder Finds RLC

By Becky Harvey

Something new has been added to the ever-expanding mining program.

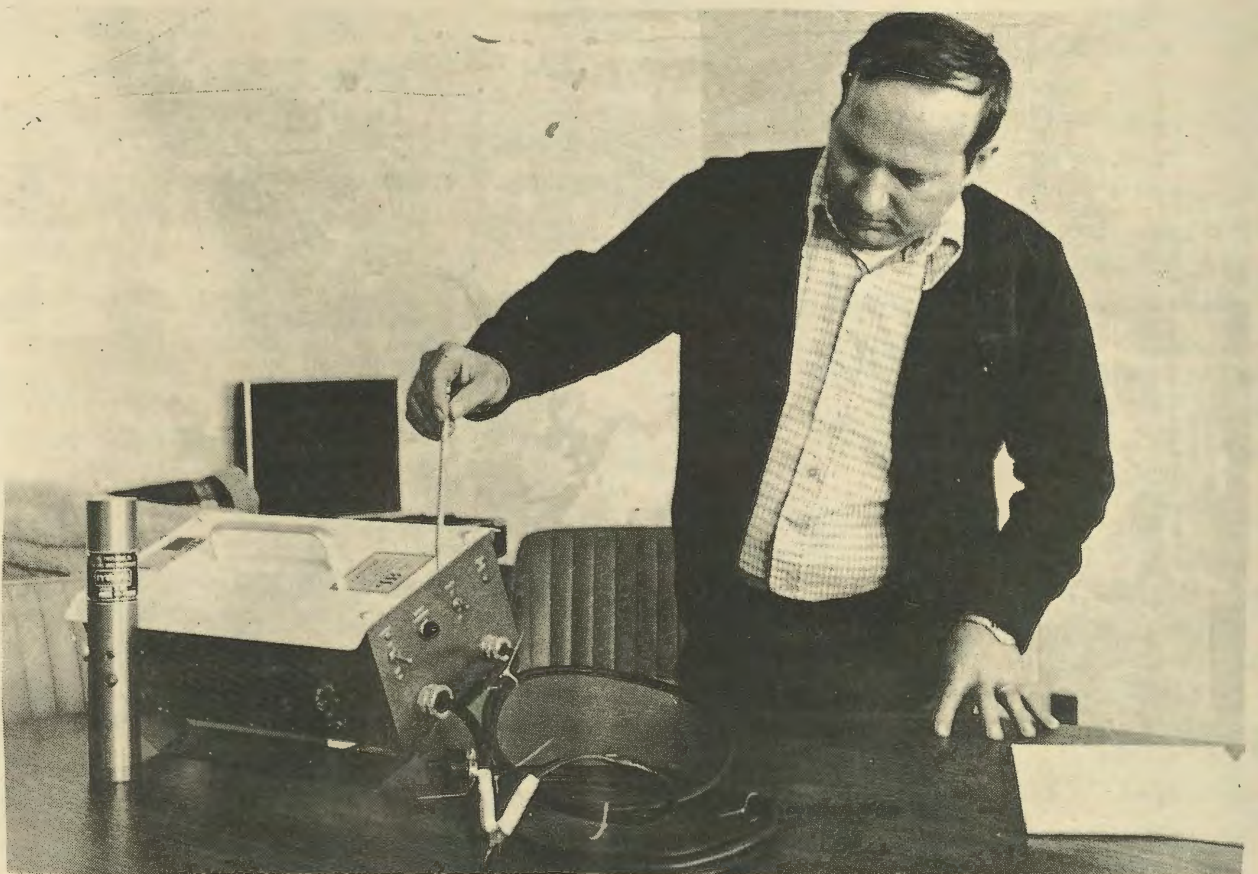
The latest addition is a Cable Finder; a product of Pyott-Boone, Inc. This device is one of the permissible cable fault finders in use today.

The Cable Fault Finder is a square metal box that weighs around ten pounds. It detects faults and failures in line cables, and so cuts down on the time it takes to locate troubles on cables.

The signaling device (the box) is attached to the cable and the receiver (a metal pipe) is attached to the person operating the fault finder.

The fault finder has been used quite successfully in other parts of the country.

Brad Evilsizer, mining program coordinator, plans to use the Cable Fault Finder in the mining classes. He believes that the device will be very helpful to the mining department.



An instructor displaying the new Cable Fault Finder.

RLC Photo

Features

RLC Cyclists Compete

By Becky Harvey

Three automotive students have an interesting off-campus hobby—motocross racing.

Bob Britton, Kevin Poole, (Benton) and Frank Martin (Sesser) are the outgoing men who participate in the dangerous but exciting sport.

Britton, Poole and Martin became interested in motocross racing about five years ago when they attended a race. They started their racing careers about four years ago in various parts of Illinois.

Motocross racing consists of two 15 minute motos (some are run for time, others for laps) with the riders going over ditches, hills and generally rugged terrain. Motocross racers run in any weather: rain or shine.

Motocross racers compete in five different classes: 100CC, 125CC, 175CC, 250CC and open.

All three men race motorcycles from Jim's Yamaha in Harrisburg. Britton's cycle is yellow, a Yamaha 250CC, Poole's, a yellow 125CC and Martin's a yellow 100CC.

Besides racing in the Illinois area, the men have been to Indiana, Missouri, Kentucky and Tennessee to compete. They have brought home over 100 trophies between them, plus cash prizes.

A motocross racer is well-protected while going across the rugged terrain. He wears a helmet, goggles, chest protector, a jersey, leather gloves and boots. Despite all that protection, these three have had their share of injuries. Britton broke his thumb and suffered a concussion, which he wasn't aware of at that time. Poole had a sprained ankle and Martin broke his collarbone twice.

All three believe that a motocross racer should be in good physical condition as well as mental. To keep in shape these men play basketball in their spare time. They also like drag races.

This year motocross racing begins Sun., Mar. 7, and ends sometime in Nov.

Their advice to boys starting out in motocross racing is to begin young.

"It's an advantage to start out young."



Deja' Vu

Orion's Oblivion

Fear not ye seekers of the Universe
for you will never find it
the Universe is eternity; always
moving, changing, existing. . .

Our world is unmeasurable. . .
it is void, black, metaphysical

We too are metaphysical, we are
forever astral, we are Orion's
Stars,

Suns, Meteorites. . .
Yes, we are Creatures of the black
void called

Space. . .
"forever astral" yet confined in a
very physical and human body--
Our Escape from this entombing prison
is Death. . .

the end of our
emotional pulsations!
We greet Death expectantly, illustriously,
we speak in the idiom of
gods--elaborately, prolifically
We greet Death with anticipation. . .
Anticipation for oblivion and Knowledge;
the elements of Time

seven geese

today
seven geese
flew overhead
seven, because
i stopped and
counted them
while walking to
class.
they didn't notice
my
counting. . .
concentration was
on flying
it didn't matter
that i stopped and
counted them
today
even geese
must blink
their eyes
and swallow

--Jimmy Redmon

Features

Students Rejoice At Death Of Profit

By Sherri Hobbs

Did Joyce Taylor, RLC Bookstore manager, renovate the establishment where students expect to buy the tools of learning into a den of mourning?

Mary Black, Bookstore worker, stood before the open grey casket, dressed in a long, black mourning dress. As she adjusted the black scarf, covering her blonde hair, she slowly turned away from



Joyce Taylor in mourning; at left, RLC students rummage through the Bookstore's sale "casket".

Engineering News

On Feb. 19 in room S110 the RLC Engineering Club sponsored a seminar for anyone interested in entering into the fields of engineering.

The engineers present, and their respective fields were Philip Shaeffer, from Givenrod-Lipe, civil engineering; Jim Murray, from Consol mining, civil engineering; Gary Gray, from Old Ben Coal, mining and industrial engineering; Guy Rogers, from General Tire, chemical engineering; and Darrell Tucker, from Illinois Power, electrical engineering.

There were around 70 students present at the seminar and it turned out to be very well presented.

The Engineering Club also wishes to announce that a letter of application to the American Astronomical Society, sent by Prof. Richard Heaton for a noted guest speaker in astronomy has been confirmed; and final notice is expected in early March.

the casket and walked towards the Bookstore cash register. Leaning on the register she spoke in a low tone, "We had to resort to this because students were not coming into the Bookstore except for text books at the first of each semester."

Store workers were in extremely cheerful spirits considering the morbid occasion. One worker, Chuck Eckert flashed an inappropriate grin, "We've had at least several hundred people in today. At noon, we had 75."

If you were one of 75 people who pushed their way towards the casket, Friday, Feb. 13, you found text books, jewelry, straw flowers, jackets, and other assorted Bookstore merchandise laying where the dead usually lie.

The merchandise was sold at cost or below cost.

Photos By Larry Lewis

The casket was supplied by Poulson's Funeral Home in Benton. When asked about the arrangements for the casket Mary said, "They were going to bring it in a hearse, but instead it arrived in a station wagon. It is a real shipping casket. We're going to keep it in the back room, Joyce said if anyone wants to use it they can."

If any customers were curious enough to dig below the stacked merchandise they would've seen the stains on the side on the white casket lining. Store employees claim that the stains are embalming fluid.

Anyone with unique ideas for another sale is encouraged to contact Joyce Taylor or any store employee. With a little ingenuity and hard work we may see the Bookstore transformed into "The Towering Inferno" (candle sale), or a nudist colony (a clothing sale) in the coming months.



Patchwork Jeans Now In

**THE
HAMPER**

22 other pre-washed styles

720 Park Plaza

Open till 9 p.m. Friday

Mt. Vernon

Activities

Board Report

Bulls-Eye For Golden Arrow

Golden Arrow hit the target Feb. 11 when they drew a crowd of around 400 in the Student Center.

The dance took place after the RLC game with East Central, Missouri. Anyone who attended the game got their hand stamped and was admitted to the dance free.

High school students were admitted free to both the dance and game in honor of the Student Senate's "High School Night."

Around 150 high schoolers attended. Mike Avery, RLC student, provided music on acoustic guitar during one of Golden Arrow's breaks. Mike performed three songs, two of which were his own compositions.

The crowd enjoyed the event, and a Student Senate spokesman called it "a great success."

Social Sciences

Mrs. Eleanor Hall's sociology class is involved in a sound - slide project on "Southern Illinois - It's Past Through the Eyes of Those Who Lived It."

Students are currently interviewing persons on history and customs of ethnic groups in early Southern Illinois, gangs and gang activities, occupational history such as mining, and recollections of everyday life.

Photographs of those who were interviewed and old photographs are being collected. Dave Patton, RLC audiovisual director, will help students prepare slides from the photos without harming them.

Anyone who has information about people who could be interviewed for the project, or old photographs should contact Mrs. Hall or her sociology class.

By Becky Randall

The RLC Board of Trustees held their monthly meeting on Feb. 17.

In a communications report, Dr. Martin read a letter from the Illinois Board of Higher Education giving approval to an addition to the Mining Building.

The Exceptions to Tuition and Fee Policy was given a second reading, which makes the policy official. The Board also approved a General Annual Re-training Program with the Old Ben Coal Company. This program in relation to Exceptions to Tuition and Fee

Policy, will include 16 hours of training to Old Ben employees.

The Board adopted a resolution on the election of a student member of the Board of Trustees. Students wishing to run must reside in the district and be full-time students next year. Petitions for elections must be filed during March 8-19, and the elections will take place in the Administration Building on April 1.

Coach Waugh asked the Board to submit for bids on a floor covering for the gym. The cost would be approximately \$1200 for the canvas-type covering.

Dean Ward spoke to the Board on possible changes for the 1976-77 calendar. He stated that the Policy and Procedures Committee wished to begin the same time as SIU, and end the school year the same time as last year. Greta Garbo spoke on student views of the proposed calendar, and presented the Board with polls representing student opinions. The approved change will exclude four days next year, with one instruction day and one exam day being removed from each semester.

A reciprocity agreement, in which RLC and area community colleges would waive charge backs for students in evening instruction, was given approval. This agreement would enable students to attend classes in all member districts, without paying out-of-district fees.

RLC is the first member board to sign the agreement, and it now can be sent to the other districts.

Board Election

By Lyne Mabry

The election day for the RLC Board of Trustee positions has been set for April 10. Any person 18 years of age, a resident of the district, and able to secure 50 signatures on his candidacy petition is able to seek the positions.

Petitions will be accepted Feb. 25 through Mar. 19 in the business office of the RLC Administration building.

Two positions are vacant this year. Dr. Allan Baker of Pinckneyville and David Skorch of Mt. Vernon have completed their three year terms.

Pages Chosen

By Sheri Hobbs

SEA members, Zena Van Horn and Phyllis Carter, were recently chosen to serve as pages at the state-wide Illinois Educators Association Convention in Chicago, Feb. 17, 18, and 19.

The RLC students submitted their names in state-wide competition. They were chosen by Woody Lee, IEA president, on the basis of past participation and dependability.

They stayed at the Conrad Hilton Hotel. Serving as pages, they passed out materials to 300 delegates from all over the state.

RLC Registration Up

Registration figures at RLC show a 44 percent increase in the total student population and an 11 percent increase in the full-time student equivalent registered this semester at RLC.

Jim Yates, Director of Admissions, reported that 2233 students have enrolled for classes compared with the 1555 which enrolled for the fall term.

That total is the largest enrollment ever recorded at RLC since the school began with 156 students back in 1956.

So far, 3788 students have registered for classes at RL this year and according to B. J. Witunski, RLC's Business Manager, the school may reach its goal of generating 36,000 semester hours by the close of the 1976 fiscal year.

Registration figures from last spring show that 1230 students enrolled at the start of the semester.

**Benton
Community
Bank**

"your friend on the other end"

southwest corner of the public square

For the unusual

THE HUB

in Benton

SPORTS

IM Volleyball Begins

By Charles Todd

Today at noon, Rend Lake's inter-mural volleyball play begins.

The league is divided into two divisions; the men's division consisting of the teams "The Buzz" and Barstool Cowboys"; and the women's division, containing the "Super 6", "Scoring Squaws" and the "Bulldogs".

MENS

2/25/76 The Buzz VS Barstool Cowboys
 3/10/76 Barstool Cowboys VS The Buzz
 3/17/76 The Buzz VS Barstool Cowboys

WOMENS

2/25/76 Scoring Squaws VS Bulldogs
 3/10/76 Bulldogs VS Super 6
 3/17/76 Super 6 VS Scoring Squaws

The players participating in the Intramural Volleyball program are:

The Buzz

Bob Moskeff
 Brent Lappin
 Joe Kelly
 Kevin Kuhnke
 Bob Snider

Barstool Cowboys

John Fleri
 Charles Todd
 Tom Mings
 Jeffery Buck
 James Nelson
 Dan Marlow

Super 6

Ceil Hiller
 Carilyn Hargraves
 Marvis Dete
 Cheryl Legg

Scoring Squaws

April Pamer
 April Owens
 Terry Jenkins
 Jane Benoist
 Anita Echols
 Jennifer Lacy
 Jennifer Hoffman

Bulldogs

Elizabeth Thierry
 Lesa Kennedy
 Karen Rapp
 Janet Herzing
 Nolen Bond
 Gerry Maloney



By John Fleri

Photo by John Fleri

If you've ever listened to a Warrior basketball game, broadcasted by radio station WMIX, then you've probably heard Dr. Philip Ward, dean of RLC, assisting WMIX announcer, John Callerman in the broadcasting of the games.

Rather than announcing the play by play action, Dr. Ward adds color to the game. He accomplishes this by adding interesting statistics, and by vividly describing important plays made by the Warriors and their opposition.

Why does Dr. Ward aid in the announcing? Dr. Ward answered this question by going back to "the beginning."

When Dr. Ward arrived on the RLC campus in July of '72, he recognized RLC's need for public exposure. Ward was allotted PSA (Public Service Announcement) time, from WMIX, to promote RLC.

These PSA's lasted about five minutes and were broadcasted Saturday mornings at 8 a.m.

This is one of Ward's many ways of exposing RLC and the PT sports staff believes he's doing a fine job of it.



Photo by John Fleri

Michael Bolton and Coach Jim Waugh during an interview over WMIX immediately following the St. Louis Christian - RL contest.

Schwoeders Food Service

New Features

1. NORTH OASIS FOOD SERVICE
Hours 10:00-1:00 Mon.-Fri.
HOT FOODS
2. VENDING SERVICE SOUTH OASIS
Sandwiches & Milks
3. NEW CAFETERIA ITEMS
Ass't Lunch Meat Plate \$1
"Dieter" Special Plate \$1
Different flavored shakes.

DON'S STEREO & SPEED CENTER

Craig Audiovox Pioneer Motorola J.I.L.

HEADQUARTERS FOR

ROACH T SHIRTS

509 MAIN, MT. VERNON, ILL.
PH. 242-3427

Mrs. Dan Walker
on campus

March 9th

AT 10:30 A.M.

in Student Center

Warriors End Season



Photo by John Fleri

SIDELINE VIEWS

By

What happened to the Warriors this season? The Warriors did have the potential for a winning record at the season's beginning. But several unfortunate events have taken place since then.

But are they worth going over again? NO! Not until next issue anyway.

Mike Bolton broke the individual scoring record for one season, by tallying 561 points. The old record, set in 1962 by Lee Yearwood, was 530 points.

The Warriors took a disappointing 94-91 loss, in the first round of the Section 8 Tourney from Kaskaskia.

Mike Bolton tallied 39 credits in the overtime contest. This scoring spree leaves Mike with an impressive season point total of 600 and a 20.7 point average a game. George Starks was good for 14 points, while Jeff Wilson, Jack Smith, and Ron Stanart each added 12. Roger Smith scored two for the Warriors.

The RL warriors have now wrapped up regular season play with a final log of 11-17.

Playing without the services of the injured Doug Hardacre, an 18 point per game performer, the Warriors dropped a home decision Feb. 3 to Danville Junior College 73-64.

Trailing by as many as 13 points, the Warriors stormed back to tie at 51, but could not maintain the pace.

Mike Bolton led RL scorers with 17. Ron Stanart followed closely with 16, Jack Smith had 12, George Starks 11, Jeff Wilson 7, and David Bigham 1.

Thursday, Feb. 5 the Warriors of Wabash Valley prevailed 78-73. RL held a 39-36 half-time lead.

Bolton once again topped the tallied 19 and Starks had 15. J. Smith registered 8, Stanart 7, and Bigham and Kevin Waldman garnered 2 apiece.

Feb. 7 saw the Warriors complete the week's action with a 94-85 victory over the Rose-Hulman Engineers of Terre Haute, Indiana.

RL led 39-38 at the half, opened up a one time 17 point advantage and coasted to the win.

Bolton took scoring honors with 32. J. Smith, playing in his home town, had 18, Wilson 16, and Starks 13. Hardacre, seeing part time action, played well and joined the double figure brigade with 10. Stanart closed out the RL scoring with 5.

Feb. 10 Southeastern Junior College of Harrisburg showed their SICC superiority in a 105-66 pounding of RL.

Four men hit double digits as Starks paved the way with 11. Bolton, Stanart, and Wilson all had 10. J. Smith followed with 8, Bigham had 7, Waldman and Jody Gaunt 4, and Roger Smith 2.

RL was never really in the contest and once again lost Hardacre to injury indefinitely.

RL returned home the next night only to take it on the chin, 86-64 at the hands of a tall East Central, Mo. squad.

The game was relatively close until a late spurt by the visitors propelled them to a 42-27 lead at the intermission.

Bolton and Stanart spearheaded the Warrior attack with 18 and 12 points respectively. Starks had 8, Wilson and Bigham 7, Waldman and R. Smith 4, and Gaunt and J. Smith 2.

St. Louis Christian, a four-year school, provided the opposition Feb. 17 and the Warriors showed no mercy in dealing them a 104-87 loss.

RL's lead fluctuated from seven to twenty points throughout the contest.

Bolton, while scoring a game-high 37 points, set two RL records. They were most field goals made and most points

made in one season. The old marks were held by Lee Yearwood, set in 1961-62, being 231 and 530. Bolton was awarded the game ball and was replaced in the final seconds of the game to an appreciative ovation.

Another field goal mark was established by the team as they topped the old mark of 977 made during the 1971-72 season.

Rounding out RL's individual output for this encounter were J. Smith with 22, Starks 12, Wilson 11, Gaunt 10, Waldman 6, Stanart 4, and R. Smith 2.

Feb. 19 marked the end of the 1975-76 regular season campaign with an 83-77 loss to Shawnee College at Ullin. The loss left RL at 2-8 in conference play and avenged an earlier defeat for Shawnee who lost at Ina. RL trailed at the half 44-40.

Bolton scored 28, Wilson 19, J. Smith 14, Starks 12, and R. Smith 4.

RL was to play Kaskaskia Feb. 23 in the Section 8 play-offs at Southeastern. If victorious, they played the host team the following night in hopes of redeeming a previous poor showing at the expense of that club. The tournament is a single elimination, do or die event.

Individual statistics of team members will appear in the next issue of the PT.



Photo by John Fleri

NEXT ISSUE: Basketball review, baseball preview, one on one basketball results and an interview with Mike McClure.