



Phi Theta Kappa holds initiation

RLC's Phi Theta Kappa chapter held initiation ceremonies for 15 RLC students on March 21. Attendance at the ceremony was not mandatory and other students became members by paying the \$15.00 membership fee. A student must be invited to join

the organization, and he must attain a 3.5 grade point average to receive an invitation.

Dr. Richard Doherty, Social Science instructor, spoke to the initiates, praising their scholastic achievement. The ceremony

was highlighted by the traditional lighting of candles.

Phi Theta Kappa is the junior college level of the National Honor Society. Founded in 1918, its main objective is to recognize and promote excellence in scholarship in the two year college.

Haberaecker is interim president

"I thrive on challenges and problems." Those are the words of H. J. Haberaecker, RLC's interim president. Haberaecker became acting president of the College after RLC's Board of Trustees terminated the contract of Dr. W. Travis Martin on March 21.

Haberaecker's love of challenges will be sorely tested. RLC has had its lion's share of problems, but if those problems can be solved, Haberaecker is a man with a background to do it. He is now President Emeritus of Belleville Area College, and has been in the administrative field since the age of 21 when he was

appointed a high school principal.

Receiving his bachelor's degree from Wartburg College and his master's degree in administration and supervision from the University of Illinois, Haberaecker has now completed the course work for the earned doctorate at Yale University. He served as Superintendent of Belleville Township High School and Junior College District No. 201 before becoming the first President of Belleville Area College when it was designated a Class I Junior College District under the Junior College Act.

Discharged as a colonel, Haberaecker began his World War II military career as a private. While overseas for 30 months, he flew missions as a bomber pilot in the European and Pacific Theaters. Among his awards are the Air Medal (three times), the Distinguished Flying Cross (twice), the Bronze Star, and the Presidential Unit Citation.

Haberaecker's experience as a top administrator comes from 34 years of service, 14 of this being spent in Higher Education. In those years he has become student oriented. In his own words: "My primary purpose is to serve the student."



H. J. HABERAECKER

Spring break party at Bourbon Barrel

By Don Crider

Did you know that there was an RLC Spring Break Party down at the Bourbon Barrel Bar the Thursday night we got out for Spring Break?

Don't feel too bad, a lot of people didn't know about it. The only information put out at all was word of mouth, and if you didn't happen to hear it you were out of luck. There should have been signs posted, and I don't know why they weren't.

But there were people who did hear about it and there was quite a turn-out. When I got down there I could hardly believe it. The place was full. The parking lot and the road looked like a used car lot. There were cars parked in every conceivable spot and in every possible direction.

The owners of the Bar are to be commended for the fine time it was. They had drawings throughout the night for door prizes and gave away several "OLY" hats, buckets, and cases of beer.

I would like to take this time to say Thank-You to the staff of the Bourbon Barrel and say, "Let's do it again, real soon." Thank you, we appreciate it.



RICHARD HEATON

Heaton attends conference

RLC's own Richard Heaton, science instructor, attended a conference of the National Science Foundation in Kansas City, Missouri. While there, he completed a graduate course seminar taught by Dr. Walter Pitman III, an instructor at New York's Columbia University. Topic for the seminar was Geophysics of Plate Tectonics.

Employed at Rend Lake since 1971, Heaton holds a B.A. degree in Geology from SIU-C; B.A. in Metallurgic Engineering from the University of Alabama; and a Masters Degree in Science from Eastern Michigan University. Currently working toward a Doctorate in Education from SIU-C, Heaton is now among 23 science instructors nation-wide who have completed the course.

Dr. Clyde Funkhouser to leave Rend Lake College Board

By Pam McMahan

Dr. Clyde Funkhouser, pastor of the First United Methodist Church in Mt. Vernon and president of the Board of Trustees at Rend Lake College, recently accepted a new position in the First United Methodist Church of Peoria, Ill.

In his new position, minister of administration, Dr. Funkhouser will be a member of a five person clergy staff and will be working under Ira Galloway, directing pastor. His duties will incorporate the responsibilities of working with the church's finance committee, control of the

\$500,000 annual church budget, management of the \$5 million physical plant, and direction of the lay employee staff.

Funkhouser stated that he will resign from his position as president of the Board of Trustees shortly before he is to assume his responsibilities in Peoria on June 1. Funkhouser regretted he had not been approached with the new job proposal before the candidate entry deadline. The newly elected board will therefore be required to commission someone to fill the vacancy.

Dr. Funkhouser is originally from Millshoals, Il. He served on the governing board of McKendree College prior to coming to Mt. Vernon.

When asked his feelings on leaving Mt. Vernon, his home for the past ten years, he said, "It was a bitter-sweet decision . . ."

Although he had expected to reside in Mt. Vernon until retirement, he decided to serve his remaining tenure in Peoria because of the "great challenge, adventure, and opportunity . . ." He then explained, "These are the kind of things that make you grow." He denied that there had been any bearing on his decision by the recent perplexity of issues surrounding the dismissal of Travis Martin.

"I have great expectations for Rend Lake College," declared Funkhouser. He also said he had been pleased with faculty and staff and the achievements made by the students.

Concerning the recent instability in the administration, he said, "The conflicts are behind us now . . ." and encouraged a concentration on change, development, and progress.



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First Midwest Small Press Conference

The Illinois Arts Council will host the first Midwest Small Press Conference May 5 and 6, 1978 at the Chicago Public Library. Ten midwestern states are expected to attend.

Events included in the conference will be workshops on design, finance, funding, and distribution. The conference will also feature a book fair with exhibits of small press publications and literary magazines.

There is no fee for the conference, however registration will be limited to 125 persons. Deadline for registration is April 21, 1978.

For information, contact Jennifer Moyer, Artists Program Coordinator, Illinois Arts Council, 111 N. Wabash, Chicago, Ill. 60602. Phone (312) 435-6766.

Editorial

The time has come, the time is now. It's about time a student said something about the instructors who like to play God with their attendance policies.

It has been left up to each individual instructor to handle this problem in whatever way he sees fit. I am sure it is frustrating to an instructor when there are students who fail to show up for class. So what? The only person who misses anything when the student misses is that student. What recourse do we have when the instructor fails to show up? Do we drop him? Do we dock his pay? NO! All we can do is show up, wait a "respectful" length of time, and make the long trip back to wherever we came from. This is especially frustrating if that just happened to be the only class you had that day, and the only reason you bothered to get up and make the trip down here in the first place.

There are a lot of students down here that are receiving some form of financial aid in order to go to school at all, and a reduction in hours due to being dropped from some class because they aren't able to attend every meeting could result in decreased funds and make it financially impossible to stay in school.

So, Dear Instructor, the next time you fill out a drop slip for that criminal offender who just won't come to your class, think just a little about what you might be doing.

Letter to the Editor

I would like to thank everyone for their cooperation in the Red Cross Blood Drive. Although we fell one pint short of our 100 pint goal, I appreciate the support we received from the Student Body,

Faculty, and Administration.

Thank you again.
Judy Skelton
Rend Lake College
Daytime Nurse

MEET THE STAFF



Theresa Piper is the present Managing Editor of the Pressing Times. She is currently a Freshman at RLC, majoring in Bio-Engineering, and plans to attend the University of Illinois upon graduation from Rend Lake College. Theresa lives in Benton and graduated from Benton High School in 1977. During her spare time Theresa enjoys such things as poetry, guitar, judo, trumpet, mind games, and chess. Theresa has had her poetry published in "College Poetry Review," "Outdoor Illinois," and the "Shagbark Review." Theresa as Editor of the Pressing Times hopes to inform the students and create a link between students, faculty and administration. The Pressing Times will be a forum for discussion of student problems, desires, and interests.



Gayla Orr is a reporter for the Pressing Times. She graduated from Thompsonville High School and is currently a Freshman at Rend Lake College. Gayla is majoring in Journalism and plans to attend Southern Illinois University upon graduation from RLC. Gayla spends her spare time swimming, sewing, and working on the Rend Lake College newspaper.

RLC board dismisses Pres. Martin

By Don Crider

To top off an otherwise rather dull and uninteresting Board Meeting last night, the RLC Board of Trustees returned from an executive session, which lasted approximately 50 minutes, and adopted two resolutions. One of which officially relieved Pres. Travis Martin of all official duties, effective immediately, and the other naming H. J. Haberaecker as acting Presi-

GED classes available

Classes to help people review for the Illinois High School Equivalent Program, known as GED are based on an open entry - open exit program. People, ages 17 to 60, attend GED classes to find out what to review and to review at their own pace.

GED certificates are sought mainly for personal satisfaction, job requirement, and-or educational requirement. GED is accepted by most employers and schools in lieu of the high school diploma.

In a recent survey, many GED grads have gotten better jobs as a result of the diploma, many have gone on with their education at colleges or trade schools, but most important, the people felt good about themselves - they no longer had to put off what they intended to do.

Persons may start the GED program any time. For more information, contact Mr. Tom Burke, in N.O. No. 140 or by phoning at 437-5321 ex. 65.

Results from primary elections

By Mark Moschino

On Tuesday, March 21, 1978, primary elections were held in Illinois. The election had one of the lowest voter turnouts in years. The Illinois State Board of Elections projected only a 28 percent turnout of registered voters. This is the lowest turnout ever in the state if these figures coincide with the final official count.

Here are some of the local races that will be on the ballots in November: In Franklin County, Ronald K. Summers (Rep.) will be facing incumbent William "Bill" Willis in the race for Sheriff. Republican Walter C. Reed will be facing Democrat Bob Hiller for County Clerk. For County Treasurer Clarence Hogan (Rep.) will be facing Danny Jones (Dem.) and Loren "Larry" Lewis will run for Circuit Judge without GOP opposition.

In Jefferson County Robert "Bob" Pitchford will be facing Murrel Wilson (Rep.) for County Clerk. Frank Wilson (Dem.) will face Everett Jones (Rep.), for County Treasurer. Gaylord Ben Harlan (Dem.) will be facing Charles Watson (Rep.), and Democrat Lehman "Lee" Krause will run against Republican Ed Dull for Circuit Judge.

These are just a few of the local races that will be decided in November. If you aren't registered to vote be sure to do so and exercise one of your most precious rights as a citizen of this state and country.

dent, to serve at the "pleasure of the Board."

When the resolution had been read, Dr. Martin asked about the possibility of discussion of the issue, which was promptly dismissed by Mr. Funkhouser, Chairman of the Board. Dr. Martin asked and was told that "yes, the resolution did in fact mean immediately," at which point he proceeded to gather his belongings and left his position at the Board table.

Dr. Martin was asked on his way from the building for a comment for the P.T. His response was, "Well, the Board has a right to be wrong. The citizens of the community have given them that prerogative."

The text of the resolution follows:

RESOLVED, that it is in the public interest and for the good of this College that President Travis Martin be, and he is hereby, relieved of all duties as President of this College, and placed upon leave of absence until further action by this Board, provided that he shall continue as an employee of this College at the salary and with the insurance and welfare benefits heretofore paid him in accordance with his contract of employment;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that President Martin is requested to remove his personal effects and vacate the office occupied by him for use by his successor, and to return the College automobile used by him, not later than 3-24-78.

Following the reading of the resolution, Dr. Martin said, "That would be Good Friday, seems an appropriate day."

Following the meeting one member of the faculty said, "it was a good step and would be beneficial to the progress of the school and would be to the bene-

fit of all concerned."

Mr. Funkhouser was asked if Dr. Martin was included in the Executive Session and if he had known beforehand what was going to happen. He responded: "Yes he was included," and "there were no surprises sprung on Dr. Martin."

RLC receives CETA grant

Rend Lake College received a Federal CETA Title VI Grant through the Illinois Farmers Union in Zeigler for \$81,538.97. This grant is for the Senior Citizens Outreach Project to provide educational services to senior citizens. Three primary needs of the elderly were determined: to retain feelings of self worth by being productively and constructively occupied, to have a successful retirement by being able to deal with problems that come or grow more intense with aging such as retirement or widowhood, and to remain a socially active, non-isolated member of the community.

Basically, twelve people will run the program. There are nine activity leaders, one project coordinator, one teacher supervisor, and one xlwek.

Courses for the Senior Citizens are not offered in the vocational or academic areas, but in crafts, hobbies, etc. Courses range from wood carving, photography, and money and banking to tracing family history, dancing, and safety. The courses will be taught at Senior Citizens Centers, Community Buildings, and Housing Projects.

The grant is effective from March 8 to September 30, 1978. If the project is successful, RLC will be able to reapply for another.



TRAVIS MARTIN

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Former College Editor heads Washington AP

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By MICHAEL AARON

Pick up tonight's Register-News. Or the Southern Illinoisan or the Benton Evening News. Find a story that begins "WASHINGTON (AP)." It could have been written by any of about 75 reporters in our office, the biggest bureau of the world's largest newsgathering organization. But the story might well have come across my desk to be edited.

I may not have done the detailed editing myself, but chances are that what happened to the copy after coming to me for evaluation and repair deter-

mined how much notice it got from many of the 1,200 newspapers, 3,500 radio and television stations and thousands of overseas outlets with AP printers in their newsrooms.

With the growth of news, not from just Washington but from everywhere, newspaper editors are looking more and more critically at what they'll use. Run-of-the-mill stories aren't making it.

And with more demands on readers' time, odds are an average story that does surface won't be very widely read. People won't waste time on stories that are poorly done or that fail to tell them what they need or want to know.

So, much of what I do five nights a week is spotting problems in copy reporters turn in — bad starts, sloppy wording, unclear writing, missed information and background. Then I or one of the five editors who work with me begin the detailed work that we hope will ensure that the story's reason for being sent on the wire is obvious and its execution above average.

When one of us succeeds, the importance of congressional work on energy legislation is obvious, the impact of federal regulation of interest rates is clear, the value (or lack of it) of

government warnings on saccharin or laetrile is plain.

When we fail, millions of people fail to understand the degree of the government's involvement in their lives. The bureaucracy remains a mystery, feeding on our tax dollars and doing nothing very specific — at least nothing very good — in return.

But the job isn't all as heavy as this may sound. There are moments of excitement, madness and unpredictability that make it constantly challenging and downright fun.

Excitement like the night last summer when New York's lights went out. Our home office, without the power to operate, turned all national and international wires over to us. Throughout the night, in an ad-hoc operation that duplicated in miniature what New York normally does, we collected news from around the world and then transmitted it back. Our competition, United Press International, was out of service for about 18 hours, so much of what the world knew that night — about the blackout, about an American helicopter being shot down in Korea, about scores of other events — was filtered through our bureau.

Throughout the night I was on the phone to bureaus from Lon-

don to Tokyo, ensuring that nothing of significance slipped by and guaranteeing that people knew what was happening in New York.

On the night the Evansville Aces' plane crashed we decided to get one of our top reporters on his way there as quickly as possible, but there are always hitches.

First his babysitter couldn't remember where he was. It turned out to be a party at an ambassador's house and the servant who answered the phone couldn't find the reporter.

Then I was told he was coming to the phone. Wrong, it was his wife, who wondered why the office wanted her. Then she waded back into the party and found her husband, who loves excitement and was only too willing to pack and go.

He loves excitement so much that he apparently hadn't heard where I wanted to send him, only that it was a big story. Half an hour later, I got him in the midst of packing to tell him we'd gotten him a flight. His first question, "Where is it I'm going?"

Or the madness of a night in October when Israel and Egypt announced they were resuming peace talks. We'd been expecting something from the reporter we'd sent to New York for the

talks, but hadn't heard from him for several hours. So I called the hotel where the discussions were going on and dragged him out of a news conference. "I can't talk," he said and put the phone down, the line still open.

We waited what seemed like an hour but was really about 10 minutes. Then he came back and picked it up. "All right," he began as another editor and I waited to take his dictation, "slug it BULLETIN." Then he began dictating, "The Israelis and Egyptians tonight announced they have reached a tentative agreement to reopen peace talks."

We took the story and moved it on the wire in chunks of 200 words at a time until it topped 1,000 words.

And there are nights, late nights, when something pops out of bed to track down a story. Sometimes humor develops.

One of our editors was talking to a government scientist last week when the reporter put the man on hold for a minute. When the reporter picked up the phone again, the scientist said he'd been sleeping nude and hadn't had time until then to put anything on. "My teeth were chattering," he said.

A collection of odds and ends

AN ALCOHOL EDUCATION committee at George Washington U. has asked the food services board to change the rules which now allow students to purchase beer with their meal coupons. Some students, the committee says, save up their meal coupons during the week and use them to finance their weekend beer drinking.

STUDENT-OWNED HOUSING is the goal of a branch of the State U. of New York-Albany Student Association. The group is attempting to purchase some run-down buildings, renovate them, and offer them as off-campus housing for students.

THE BOOKSTORE run by the Associated Students of the U. of California-Los Angeles reported an \$80,000 loss on the sale of new textbooks for the year. A low mark-up, a \$100,000 freight bill, a \$40,000, \$90,000 shoplifting and shrinkage loss, and a large number of books returned for one reason or another, were cited as reasons for the unprofitable operation.

"IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD" is being deleted from undergraduate diplomas at George Washington U. this year. Some groups protested the use of the phrase. The Jewish Activist Front claimed that the phrase insulted the Jewish population at George Washington U.

A RASH OF BOMB THREATS, over 40 since November 1, at the U. of Maryland has prompted a change in the evacuation policy in the dorms there. A special alarm will sound in the event of a bomb scare and students will be able to choose to evacuate or to remain in the dorm. Housing officials said that the fire alarm that had been used previously was increasingly being ignored

by students, which could result in a catastrophe during a real fire.

MOVIE CAREERS OF AN ROTC DRILL TEAM were cut short recently by the Department of the Army. The Oregon State U. drill team was asked to play in "National Lampoon Animal House," a movie satirizing campus life in the 1950's and being filmed on the OSU campus. The team would have been in a scene where someone throws marbles in front of the drill team in a parade, causing them to slip and slide all over. The team could have made \$30 an hour. The Army, however, said it didn't feel the movie exposure would enhance the image of the Army, so it refused to let the team participate.

\$550 FOR POMPOMS? Why not? asked an editorial in the U. of Hawaii student paper, saying, "What's wrong with a little triviality once a year?" Some students disagreed, feeling the purchase of 2,500 of the fluffy objects for the homecoming football game was a waste of money.

"IT SMACKS OF POLICE STATE TACTICS," said Lulla Shermis of the ACLU. She was referring to the surreptitious use of television cameras for crowd surveillance at Purdue U. home football games. "Such surveillance is not illegal," she added, "but its use should be known and publicized, just as signs warn us of camera setups in stores and banks." The Purdue U. Senate, meanwhile, passed a bill calling for an investigation of police crowd-control policies.

AN INVESTIGATION IS UNDERWAY at the U. of North Carolina-Chapel Hill to deter-

mine if the university is violating the state constitution by giving land loans to fraternities to use as security for bank loans. A research group in the state said that by loaning the land to the frats, the university may be violating a section in the constitution prohibiting "special consideration for private interests in state services." The group said that the university has provided land as security for more than \$500,000 in loans.

SIX PLAYBOY BUNNIES were scheduled for a volleyball match against six faculty members at St. John's U. (New York), but the administration rejected the idea, reportedly because it was felt that it might not be in line with the philosophy of a Catholic university.

A MONEY-MAKING IDEA HAS LOST MONEY for the Indiana Student Association. The group hoped to sell cut-rate tickets to an Indiana Pacer professional basketball game. But the group didn't sell enough to qualify for a deal on their own ticket purchases. The loss was estimated at between \$200 and \$300.

STUDENTS FAVOR A LEGAL SERVICES PROGRAM at the U. of Kansas, according to a survey there by the student senate. About 60 per cent of the students who answered the survey said they would support a service that provided both free legal advice and free or low-cost court representation. The students also said they wouldn't mind it if the costs came from an estimated \$3 increase in student activity fees.

A CONTROVERSIAL ART EXHIBIT has been ordered opened for public viewing by the president of Purdue U. The

exhibit, which contains some photographs showing bare female breasts, was closed by student union officials because it was felt the exhibit was "inappropriate for viewing in the union." The president disagreed, saying closing the exhibit constituted censorship and violated the academic freedom of the faculty member who organized it.

TUBERCULOSIS HAS BEEN CONTRACTED by a U. of Wisconsin-Madison grad student and the university health center is making efforts to locate people who might have come in contact with the student during the semester to give them a TB test. The students said he first noticed symptoms last March.

LOOKING FOR A JOB? Students may have a good chance of finding one with the Associated Students at UCLA. In the past three years the number of student employees has risen from 500 to 1200. According to Personnel Director Joan Smith, the Associated Students has a policy of maximum student employment. Personnel decides if a position can be filled better by one full-time employee or by two or three students.

PSYCHEDELIC DRUGS AND BOOZE are used less at concerts when groups like Wings, The Eagles, Fleetwood Mac or the Grateful Dead perform, according to a physician who specializes in treating fans at rock concerts. Dr. Jack Gutman, reporting in Gig magazine, said that older audiences at these concerts result in less peer pressure to use drugs or alcohol. He said his office is the busiest treating bad trips and overdoses when groups like Johnny and

Edgar Winter, Led Zeppelin, The Who, Pink Floyd or Aerosmith perform.

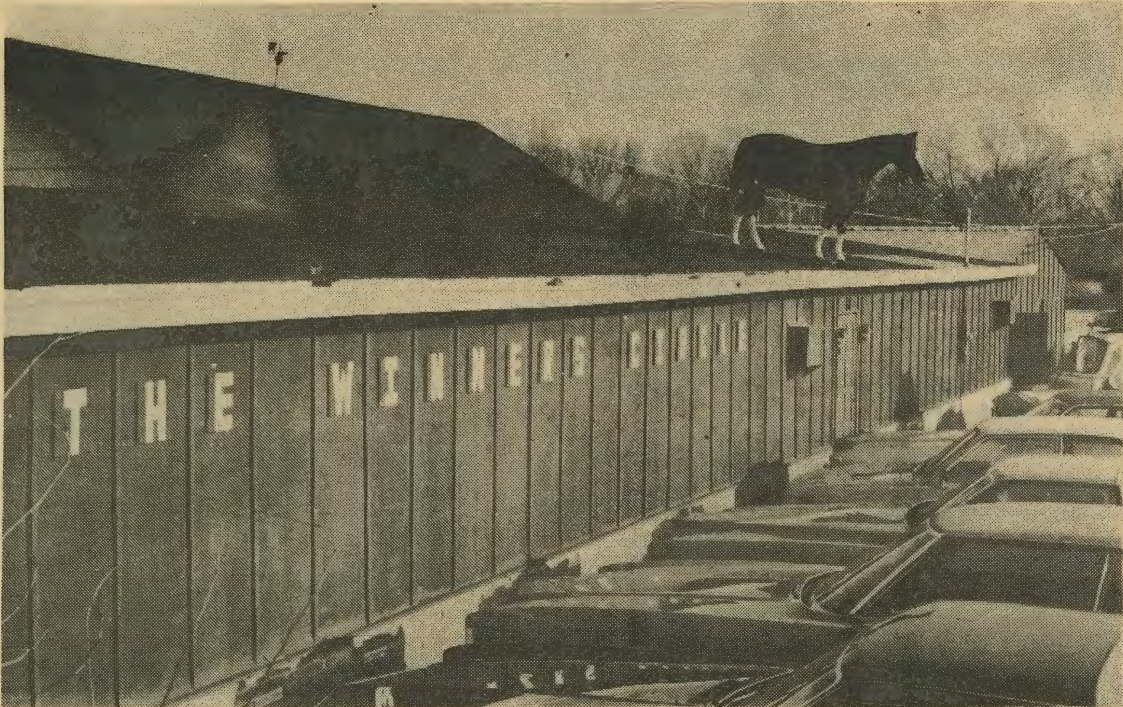
"I NEVER WON ANYTHING in my life," said Debbie Bruner of Georgia's Valdosta State College after finding a \$50 bill in her new copy of the school yearbook. The money had been planted in her book—and in a number of other copies—by the editors themselves, who had become concerned at declining sales. They had been quoted as saying they thought they would have trouble giving the yearbooks away, but as news of the found money spread, demand for the volumes reached an all-time high.

RESHAPING THE CAMPUS POLICE at Bowling Green State U. has become the goal of a number of students, faculty, and administrators there. According to a report by the BGSU trustees, the campus police place excessive stress on law enforcement techniques while too often ignoring the service-oriented aspects of their work. While commending those police officers who display exceptional qualities, the report states there exists "racial prejudice against black police and sexist prejudice against women."

A MANDATORY SUMMER TERM is being considered by Yale as a way of improving the university's financial situation. Students would be required to spend one such term in residence while being permitted an absence during a fall or spring term. The plan has been proposed as a way of maximizing use of existing university facilities. Opponents argue however that it would discourage the better students from entering Yale.

Entertainment

Area nite spots



THE WINNERS CIRCLE: Located about two miles north of Benton on Route No. 37, this is another of the bars that are convenient to the campus. Head for this one from the school, and by the time you've finished your smoke, you're there. This is one

of my favorite bars in the area. They have a really nice restaurant with great food from sandwiches to steaks. They have a fully stocked bar and will fix you up with just about anything you could possibly want to drink. They have a pool table now, with

plans for a complete game room soon. They have a live band every weekend, and through the week there is a giant TV screen for your viewing pleasure. A great place to catch those special sporting events. All in all, it's a real nice place to spend your time.



ROCKY'S BAR: Situated in Nason, this bar offers a little something for every one. There is a good-size dance floor for the nights when a live band is playing, and a good Juke Box when there isn't a band. They offer a good selection at the bar, and the prices are good. There is also a pool table and a fooseball table for those so inclined. A nice bar with friendly people.



BOURBON BARREL BAR: This is a bar that has recently been remodeled and really turned into a nice place. The B.B.B. is remarkably convenient to the campus being located just south on Route No. 37, about three minutes from the Campus. Just time enough to stop in for a cool one between classes.

Story & Photos by Don Crider
 "There's never anything to do around here." I guess I've heard that lament about as often as any other. I think it probably is the most overused complaint made by people of every age group in the area. And I don't think it's quite fair or very accurate. For those of us who are of legal age to get into a bar, the possibilities are almost limitless. And since the state has seen fit to enable nineteen year-olds to buy beer and wine, that includes the majority of Rend Lake students. In this article I intend to give at least a partial sampling of what some of the students of RLC

find to do in their recreation time. The emphasis of this article is going to be on nite-spots and bars of the area, due to the fact that we are just coming out from under the weight of a long, hard winter, and if it hadn't been for these places, there would be nothing left but television. This situation should improve a little with better weather and the beaches at Rend Lake and other area lakes opening up. But regardless, whenever people want to get together for a little drinking and-or dancing, chances are you'll find them at one of the places featured here.

THE WAREHOUSE: Located at Third and Main in Mt. Vernon, the warehouse features a live band every night of the week, except Sunday, and usually has an overflow crowd every weekend. It is one of the better equipped bars in the area with an ample staff so service is not usually a problem. They have an abundant supply of liquor, but only serve draft beer. The prices run just a little higher than average, and there is a cover charge at the door on weekends, but, someone has to pay for the band and the atmosphere. And, it is usually worth it.



ZEPPELIN: A newly remodeled bar under new ownership, located in the heart of downtown DuBois. Basically a beer bar with pitchers and tap constantly flowing. They feature live entertainment and some of the best bands to play the area wind up sooner or later here at Zeppelin. There is a cover charge for the band but I have always found it well worth the price. You can always count on being entertained and having a good time. Nice bar.

Well, I guess that just about wraps up this column for this week. I know I have covered a few of the places in the area, and if I missed your favorite watering hole, let me know, and I'll see what can be done about it. If there is enough response, we could make this a regular feature and cover different spots for each issue of the paper. One thing for sure, I don't mind the research.



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NOTICE OF ELECTION IS HEREBY GIVEN FOR REND LAKE COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES NON-VOTING STUDENT BOARD MEMBER. (+)

Qualifications for student non-voting board member are: (1) must reside within the Rend Lake College District No. 521; and (2) must be a full-time student at Rend Lake College for the 1978-1979 academic year. Petitions and statement of candidacy can be obtained from the business office from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on normal working days.

The day of election will be Wednesday, April 19, 1978, from 8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Days of absentee voting will be between the normal working hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on April 14, 17, and 18, 1978. The first day for filing petitions with the business office in the administration building is Monday, March 27, 1978. The last day to file is Thursday, April 6, 1978, at 4:00 p.m. The last day for withdrawal of a candidate will be Tuesday, April 11, 1978, at 4:00 p.m. Ballots will be ready for inspection at noon, April 13, 1978. The polling place will be the administration building Wednesday, April 19, 1978, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Absentee voting will be in the business office in the administration building between normal working hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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Carleton Apple, Secretary
 Board of Trustees
 Rend Lake College
 D' No. 521

(+) Term is effective July 1, 1978, and until election of his or her successor.



STANDING, left to right: Vicky Capps, Keith Karcher, Becky Leuellen, Donna Warren, Michelle Ragsdale, Chrystie Adams. Seated: Mark Jackson, Charles Frey, Ken Hodorowski, Rita Pressy.

Hamilton County oral history project underway

In the future people with "roots" in Hamilton County will have a helpful and interesting source of information located in the McCoy Memorial Library in McLeansboro.

The Hamilton County Oral History Project, sponsored by the Hamilton County Historical Society, began in February a program of collecting the oral history of the area. Included will be tapes and transcripts of the county's history, biographies and events relevant to Hamilton County.

The project is under the direction of Charles Frey, and is funded by C.E.T.A.

Since its settlement in 1816, most of the history of Hamilton County has been recorded. But much of the rich and colorful oral tradition has remained unrecorded. This includes many of the myths, folklore and customs.

"We're not interested in facts," said Ken Hodorowski, Public Relations for the project, "because that's in the books. But rather we'd like to know what they thought about it."

The senior citizens of the community will be the only direct

link with the past and provide all the valuable information to be recorded on tape. "Right now we're going to elderly people we run across or to the nursing homes," said Hodorowski. "We really try to dig. Some are more talkative than others. You have to hit on the right thing to get them to talk."

The interviewers, all from Hamilton County, work in areas they are interested in. For example, Keith Karcher, who lives in Dahlgren and is into farming, works in those areas. Michelle Ragsdale is interviewing most of the women.

"We're having a little problem," Hodorowski said. "We have to have them (the senior citizens) sign a legal release for processing and they're a little afraid."

The cost of the project? About \$300 for one hour of tape, according to Hodorowski. Most of the cost is for the labor and processing. For each recorded tape, there is the direct copy which is the rough draft. The second copy includes punctuations and corrections. The third copy is corrected by the author, and the

fourth copy goes into the file. For each recorded tape, there is a transcript and file which will be available in the library.

"We're taking photographs and copying old photographs from family albums," said Hodorowski. "They'll be in the file also. And if we have time, we'll put on a presentation in the library."

The C.E.T.A. funds run out in October. In that period of time, approximately 150 tapes are expected to be completed.

The idea for the project came from Charles Frey and is the only one of its kind organized. "This is very vague," said Hodorowski, "but in the future we're thinking of working on surrounding counties."

The project will possibly include a Hamilton County calendar of historical events. Sources for the calendar would be from both records and the memory of the people. Also planned is a map of historical places or points of interest such as the eight-sided house and the Goshen Trail.

One interesting discovery made so far is the history of the Alligator Motel in Dahlgren. This

plush motel with live alligators displayed was a major tourist attraction of its time. Today in its place is a Texaco station.

Included in one of the recordings is a song written by Estill Drew (born in 1907) about his long lost love. The song is included in the Library of Congress.

Selected works of the project are being published in the "Goshen Trail" on a regular basis.

Academic Council holds special meeting

There was a special meeting of RLC's Academic Council on March 21. The meeting was held for the reconsideration of the proposed revision of Chapter III of the Board Policy Manual as presented by the Task Force on Compensation. The proposal was totally rejected by the Council and the Chairman was authorized to speak at the March 21 meeting of the Board of Trustees.

The Council also made the decision to ask the Board of Trustees to have a special election to determine who will represent the faculty regarding salary matters.

Illinois photographers 1978 presented

"Illinois Photographers 1978" is being presented now through April 23 in the Illinois State Museum of Springfield, Ill. The works on display were selected from numerous images submitted by photographers throughout Illinois.

The intention of organizing the exhibit was to examine the scope of artistic photography currently being practiced in Illinois.

The museum is open Monday through Saturday, 8:30 to 5:00 and Sunday, 1:30 to 5:00.

Check on park road conditions

Have you got Spring Fever? Are you finding yourself aching for a place in the sun, a spot in the shade or just a moment's respite beside a clear stream? If you are, be careful of which state park you choose in which to enjoy these delights. The Illinois Department of Conservation advises persons who plan to visit any Illinois state park, conservation area, etc., to call ahead for information on road conditions.

Spring flooding and thawing action have weakened roads and the department's division of Lands and Historic Sites reports that many state recreational areas will be closed to reduce stress on park roads.

So if you're planning a day in the woods, check out the area you have chosen. It could save you time, trouble, and money.

AN EXPERIMENT CO-ED FRATERNITY will no longer allow women to join. The U. of Rochester Sigma Alpha Mu house had pledged several females who were initiated and treated equally with other local members. The national organization, however, never officially recognized the women as members and now says the experiment must end.

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RLC baseball team makes good showing on Florida trip

A successful Florida trip has gotten Rend Lake's baseball Warriors off to a good start this spring. Returning to Southern Illinois the baseball squad brought an impressive 4-3 record. All four wins were against four-year schools.

Playing in Jacksonville Fla., RLC won its opener against Southeastern College, 5-4. Freshman Randy Shively got the win. John Klein had two hits to pace RLC.

Doug Caldwell was the victim of eight errors as he took the loss in the second game 5-4. Caldwell pitched well, giving up only two hits in five innings.

Rend Lake came back to win the third game 5-2 over Denison College. Pitching ace Dave Boldt got the win. Boldt struck out nine while only giving up four hits in seven innings. Dennis Cox, Kent Strothman, Wayne Middleton, Rich Clift, and Kevin Higgins all had hits.

Two transfer pitchers helped

RLC nail down a doubleheader the next day, beating Denison 6-5, and 9-2.

Steve Rice won the first game with a 10-hitter. Rich Clift and Mike O'Rear had two hits each.

Kevin Karcher won the night-cap, tossing a three-hitter. Cox, Kevin Hutson, and Bob Smith all had two hits each.

Flagler College downed RLC in the next game 8-7. Wayne Middleton got the loss. Rich Clift had three RBI's to lead RLC.

Southeastern won the final game of the trip, topping RLC 12-2.

Returning home, Rend took a doubleheader from Carl Sandburg college.

Shively and Karcher were the winning pitchers.



THIS YEAR'S WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL TEAM: First row, Angie Zachman, Deb Mitchell, Jill Hirons, Pam Winder. Second row, Coach Kevin Rose, K. K. Auten, Carol Whipple, Patti Bonenberger, Donna Page, and Coach Kretz.

Softball added to women's sports

Women's sports kicks into high gear again this spring with the new addition of women's softball.

Under the direction of John Kretz, the women opened their season with a doubleheader at Shawnee College.

Many of the women competing have backgrounds in college ath-

letics. K. K. Auten, Pam Winder, and Carol Whipple all played on the basketball and volleyball teams earlier this year.

Auten, from Benton, will split duties in the outfield and second base.

Whipple, one of the top hitters, will handle most of the pitching chores.

Winder, also noted as a top slugger, is very versatile in the field. She can play shortstop, third base, pitch, and catch.

Others who have experience in college athletics are Angi Zachman, Donna Page, Jill Hirons, and Penny Biggerstaff.

Newcomers include Debbie Mitchell, Kelly Stewart, and Patti Boneberger.

Tennis returns to RLC

Inter-Collegiate Tennis returns to Rend Lake College after a two year layoff. John Kretz will coach the netters, and he is optimistic about the upcoming season.

"We have three real good players, and we think we will be able to compete with the rest of the conference," Kretz said.

Kretz's top three are Roy Tanner, Scott Hutchings, and Randy Mitchell.

Also on the squad are Mark Michalic, Elizabeth Beaty, Mary Elliston, J.R. Wilkerson, and H.B. Moore.

The netters faced two tough conference foes this week on the Rend Lake home courts, and will travel to John Logan Monday for their first away match. The netters then return to the RLC courts next Tuesday, April 18 against Olney. Match time is slated for 1:00.

Independent basketball team does well

Everyone knows basketball season is over here at Rend Lake College. Well, that may be true, but some of the players forgot to hang up their sneakers.

Seven players from last year's Rend squad are competing in the annual Tri-State Tourney in Evansville, Indiana.

Five of the seven are playing on a team representing Rend Lake. Chris Benetti, Kevin Rose, Hugh Moore, Chuck Doty, and Jim Bybee all competed in a first round game in the Evansville Classic. The five topped a team from Washington, Ind., 64-54. Rose led all scorers with 19 points. Benetti chipped in for 15, and Doty had 14.

The Rend five return for tourney action next Tuesday at the Armory.

John Braddock and Gary Hutchcraft also competed in the tourney. The two led an entry called the Wayne City All-Stars. With Hutchcraft's 31 points, and Braddock's 12 points the Wayne City team won in overtime, 76-70. The All-Stars return for action next Thursday.

SPORTS

MEET THE STAFF



CHUCK DOTY is the Sports Editor of the Pressing Times. He is a Sophomore. Chuck's major is Secondary Educational English and he plans to attend the University of Evansville upon graduation from RLC. Chuck is from Key Largo, Florida but is presently making his home in Benton. Chuck spends his spare time at home gardening, and he spends his spare time at school playing basketball and working on the Pressing Times.

Meet the Warriors

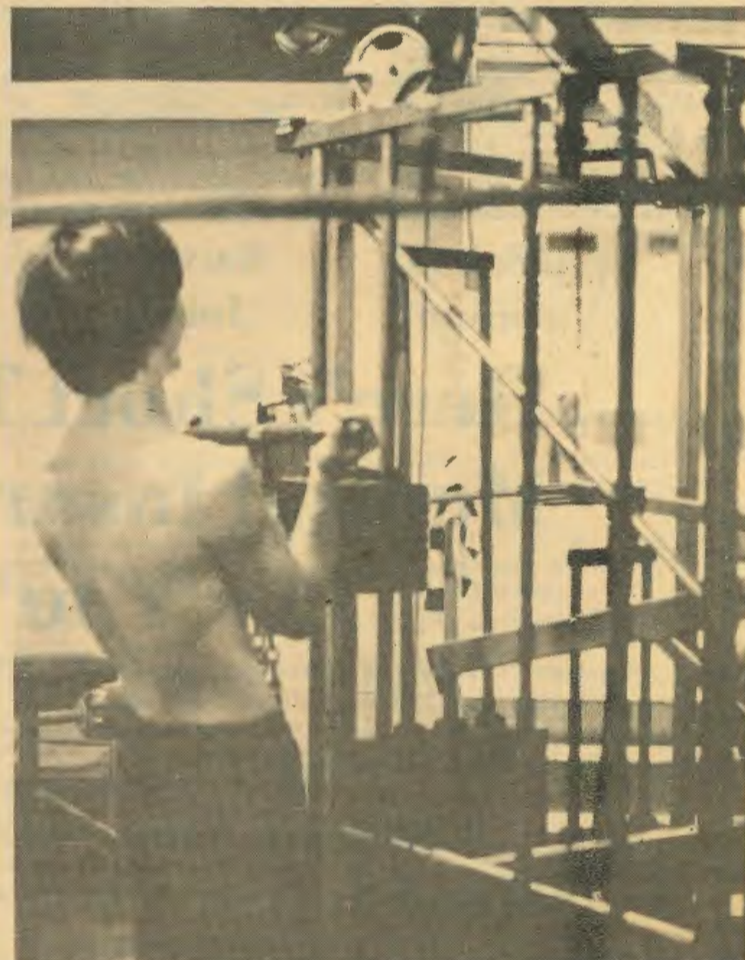


Our feature Warrior this week is Angie Zachman of McLeansboro. Angie is a Freshman here at Rend Lake College, and participates in the women's volleyball and softball programs.

A valuable player on Coach John Kretz's volleyball team, Angie was a starter most of the season. She was noted for her defensive abilities.

On the softball diamond, Zachman will play an outfield position. Kretz says she is also a good defender in softball.

Besides helping the Rend Lake College women sports program with her athletic abilities, Angie also contributed to the men's basketball team by serving as the team statistician.



AUBREY WEBB, a RLC mining student, finds time to work out in the Weight Room.