

NOTICE OF ELECTION

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 1974-75 academic year. Petitions and statements of candidacy can be obtained from the Business Office from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on normal working days. The day of the election will be Thursday, May 16, 1974, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Days of absentee voting will be between the normal working hours of 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 13, 14, and 15, 1974. The first day for filing petitions with the Business Manager in the Business Office of the Administration Building is April 25, 1974. The last day to file is Monday, May 6, 1974 at 4 p.m. The last day for withdrawal of a candidate will be Wednesday, May 8, 1974 at 4 p.m. Ballots will be ready for inspection at Noon, May 9, 1974. The polling place will be in the Administration Building Thursday, May 16, 1974, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.

Marie Simmons, Secretary
Board of Trustees
Rend Lake College District No. 521
Date April 16, 1974

Gulley and Simmons Elected for the People Back to the people

In the election held Saturday, April 13, Albert Gulley and Mrs. Marie Simmons were re-elected to the Rend Lake College Board of Trustees. Mr. Gulley, a counselor at Benton High School, led with 3,451 votes

and Mrs. Simmons, a businesswoman of Benton, came from behind to defeat Everett Bullock with 3,159 votes. Mr. Bullock, Opdyke, is an employee of the Veterans Administration. He received 2,925 votes.

Bloodmobile May 1

RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE
The American Red Cross Blood Program, in cooperation with Rend Lake College, has set May 1 for another visit by the Red Cross Bloodmobile.

Blood donors may register in the Gymnasium at Rend Lake College between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 2:15 p.m.

Any person between the ages of 18 and 65 may give blood provided they meet the

requirements set by the American Red Cross. Questions concerning those requirements may be obtained from Rend Lake College (phone 437-5321) or your local Red Cross representative.

Your donation of blood provides the blood that you and your household may use for one year from the date of donation in any hospital in the United States which will accept the transfer of Red Cross blood.

Give Government Chosen for Who's Who of the people by the people and

6 RLC Students

Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges has selected six RLC students, to receive the award. Those students are John Kretz, Christopher; Karla Owens, McLeansboro; William Cox, Jill Guyton, David Whitney, and Kristie Martin, Mt. Vernon. Nominees for the annual national award were initially selected by faculty members of RLC. Qualifications for nomination included overall grade point average, leadership, participation in campus activities, and community service.

John Kretz graduated from Christopher High School in 1972 and plans to attend a four year institution after graduating from RLC. His major is physical education and he plans to coach in Southern Illinois after he receives his bachelor's degree. Activities and awards at RLC include basketball (Second Team All-Conference), baseball, Lettermen's Club (President), Outstanding Collegiate Athlete of America, and hold's the school record for best free throw percentage.

Karla Owens is a 1972 graduate of McLeansboro High School and will transfer to SIU-C in the fall, with a major in Elementary Education. Campus activities include Student Education Association (President), RLC Couth Club, Phi Theta Kappa, BASIC-Christian Outreach, and the college Work-Study Program.

William Cox plans to attend Millikin University majoring in Music Education. RLC activities include Student Senate (President), Phi Theta Kappa, President's Council, Reader's Theatre, State Band, Concert Band, Choir, Orchestra, and

other performing musical organizations.

Jill Guyton also graduated from Mt. Vernon High School in 1972 with the intention of pursuing a degree in Music Education from SIU-C. Theatrical productions while at RLC include "Our Town," "Boyfriend," "Egad, What a Cad," and "Carnival," while her other activities include Student Senate (Secretary), Collegiate Choir, BASIC, Teacher Evaluation Committee, and Phi Theta Kappa.

David Whitney has been very active over the past two years with the RLC yearbook as Activities Editor in 1973 and Editor-Photographer in 1974. He graduated in 1972 from Mt. Vernon High School and will attend SIU-C as an accounting major in the School of Business. In addition to the yearbook, he has been active in Phi Theta Kappa (Vice President), North Central Self Study Committee (student member), Trap and Skeet Club, and member of the cast in the musical "Carnival."

In the recent musical "Carnival", Kristie Martin displayed her theatrical talent as she has in other RLC productions the past two years. A graduate of Mt. Vernon High School in 1972, she would like to work in the area of Public Relations after attending SIU-C with a major in speech. Her campus activities include Basic (Executive Chairman), Concert Band, Phi Theta Kappa, Collegiate Choir, Student Senate, and student member of the North Central Self Study Committee.

RLC participates with over 1800 other institutions of higher learning in rewarding and recognizing individual academic excellence on a national level.

RLC Students in the News

Claude Wilson, freshman in Agricultural Business at RLC demonstrates the procedure for operating the PH meter during an agricultural conference recently. The conference was sponsored by the Jefferson County Farm Bureau and the agricultural department of RLC.

More than 100 area Future Farmers of America attended the conference which was arranged to show the students the various careers available in the agricultural and related fields.

Guest speaker was Kenneth Baer, Vice President of Field Services - Farm Services, Inc. W. Rex Fouts, Regional Sales Manager for FS Services, Mt. Vernon, served as master of ceremony for the program. Mr. Fouts is also chairman of the Agricultural Advisory Council for Rend Lake College.

The Farm Bureau of Jefferson County concluded the evening with an announcement that they would sponsor a \$200.00 Agricultural Scholarship to Rend Lake College starting next year.

The Journal of Practical Nursing has notified the RLC Practical Nursing School that an article written by one of their students, Vicky Ann Clark, has been accepted for publication. Vicky Clark lives in McLeansboro, and is a 1973 graduate from McLeansboro High School.

The article, entitled "Rodney," came about as a result of an assignment in the nursery of Good Samaritan Hospital, Mt. Vernon. It outlines her feelings while caring for a newborn child. The name for the article was chosen by Ms. Clark because Rodney was the name decided upon by her parents at the time Vicky was born.

Shirley Yeargin, R.N., nursing instructor for the college, submitted the article to the magazine because she felt it should be shared with people in the nursing field.

3 RLC Teachers Named Outstanding Educators

Three educators from RLC have been selected as Outstanding Educators of America. Those receiving the award are Dr. Evelyn Claxton, English instructor; Edward Kownacki, Science and Math department chairman; and James Yates, Director of Admissions and Records—Registrar.

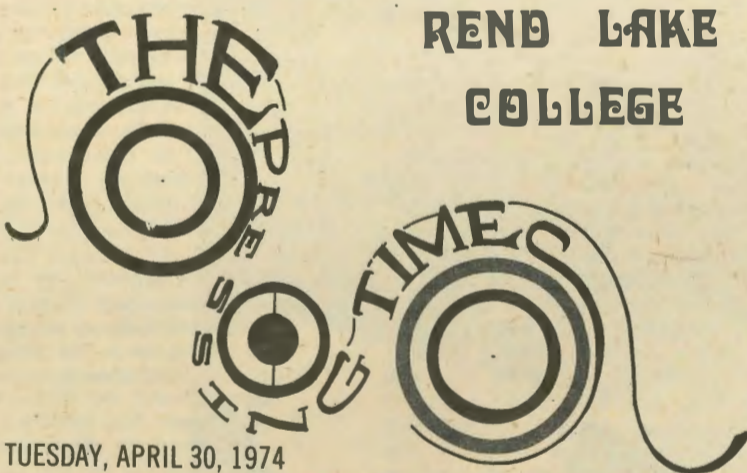
Nominated earlier this year, they were elected for this honor on the basis of their professional and civic achievements.

Outstanding Educators of America is an annual awards program honoring distinguished men and women for their exceptional service, achievements,

and leadership in the field of education.

Each year, those chosen Outstanding Educators are featured in the national volume—OUTSTANDING EDUCATORS OF AMERICA.

Nominations for the program are made by the officials of colleges and universities including presidents, deans, and department heads. Their selection guidelines include an educators talents in the classroom, contributions to research, administrative abilities, civic service, and professional recognition.



REND LAKE
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Letters

In response to some questions that some students have had concerning the money they pay for registration fees, I would like to explain what that money is used for, and give some facts that would interest many of our students.

First of all, the \$10 activity fee, or registration fee, goes directly into the Auxiliary Fund. From here, the approximate amount that is taken in from the fees, is allotted to the Student Senate and Board of Trustees. For the 73-74 year, this amount was \$19,500.

From this \$19,500, the Student Senate of 72-73 budgeted \$2,000 to Drama, \$6,000 to the Athletic Department, \$3,500 to THE PRESSING TIMES, \$5,000 to Tarn, and \$3,000 for use by the Student Senate for campus activities, convocations, etc.

The 73-74 tentative budget is almost the same, with the only changes being \$2,250 going to Drama, and \$250 being budgeted to help pay for the literary supplement, "Ozone."

To reduce or abolish this fund would take the cost of the activities provided by the above departments directly to the student, bringing the cost over \$10. The yearbook alone would cost \$6, so really the activity fee program is sound.

Also recently, with the termination of three teachers, complaints have been made by many students about not having any voice in the decisions that are made at RLC. Rend Lake students, to say the least, have been hesitant to take advantage of the voice in school decisions that the students do have.

For instance, in the Student Senate elections of the Spring of 1973, four positions were open. Only four people applied, and the election was eliminated.

In the election for Student Board member last year, only two students were running for the position. Out of 674 full-time day students, only 75 of them voted in this election.

When the delegates for the Board of Trustees were present on RLC campus last week, about fifteen students attended. The chances for involvement exist, but few take advantage of the chances.

Perhaps the main complaint of any student on campus is about the inefficiency of some instructors. The oasis is always filled with people talking about this teacher or that one. But, when a chance comes up to help the instructor change, some students respond poorly. This is what has happened with the Teacher Evaluation Forms. If all students would be serious and critically write down what they think will improve the instructor, the instructor would improve. That is not to say that the evaluation program has not worked, but it could improve. Instructors do try to be better teachers if they have a better idea of what the student needs.

Rend Lake College has problems like all schools. I believe it is a good school that has the best interest of the students in its philosophy. If the students would take better advantage of the programs RLC offers, the school could be a better one.

Opportunities to learn are not offered only by the courses taught here. There is a lot to learn from participating in student government, in athletics, in drama, in writing for the newspaper, or in producing a yearbook. Working on campus is also another way to learn. Even while participating in these activities, there is still time to play "spades" in the oasis.

Les Johnson



On the ground, Rick Dulaney prepares for the parachute jump he is to make onto the RLC campus.

Dulaney Chutes Senate to RLC Campus News

By Jill Guyton

By Bob Dempsey

On Wednesday, April 17, Rick Dulaney made a parachute jump, number 101 for him, while a large group of RLC students and faculty looked on. The jump was made in the large open area behind the gymnasium.

Rick jumped from a plane driven by another RLC student, Steve Brown. Stan Mayo, Pressing Times photographer, was in the plane to get some overhead shots.

After a long wait, or so it seemed, the plane made a low pass, then a second pass at 2500 feet, and then went to a height of 7200 feet. At this height, Rick threw out the winddrift streamer, a device used to measure the wind draft, enabling the jumper to determine when he should jump to hit the target. For his target, Rick used the tennis courts, which he came close to hitting.

The plane took off from Mt. Vernon and flew to the college. Rick does his jumping at the airport in Sparta. He learned to jump in Benton, but that has since been closed.

The day of his first jump, Rick was trained for the first time. At the end of his first day of training, Rick made his first jump. He said that he was too scared to remember all of the details of that jump.

When asked what goes through one's mind during the process of falling through the air, Rick said

that there are many things to do. The jumper must watch his altimeter so that he can pull the rip cord at the proper time. For the jump he made here, he pulled the cord at 2500 feet, after a freefall of 4700 feet. Rick also said you must concentrate on what you want to do, in the way of maneuvers, such as back loops or figure eights.

In addition to the big chute, Rick, as do all parachuters, had a second chute to use in case that the first does not open. He said that the odds that the second won't open are about 25 million to one. Also the jumper is trained to get the second chute out manually. The second chute is packed by certified people as an extra precaution.

Rick was under the supervision of a jumpmaster during his first jump. Rick's mother said that she didn't know that he would jump that first day and therefore wasn't nervous.

There are several requirements for jumping out of an airplane. The cost is four dollars per jump, and no parachuter can jump within fifty of controlled air space, such as Lambert Field in St. Louis. Also, the jumper must land with a five mile radius of his original target.

Rick said that the Pressing Times sort of got him interested in parachuting after he read an article about the jumpers at Benton.

As the school year ends, Student Senate reports their plans for several activities, as well as elections, for all RLC students.

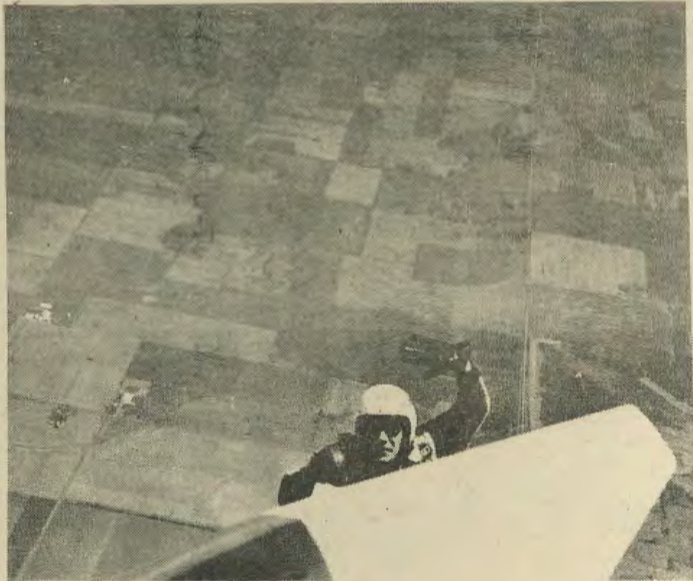
Freshmen may now pick up petitions for a position on next year's Senate at Mrs. Ward's office. All petitions must be turned in to her by Wednesday, April 24. On that same day, at noon, all candidates will be required to give campaign speeches before the student body. The election will be held the following day, Thursday, April 25, in the South Oasis, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Two women and two men will be elected.

Freshmen may also pick up petitions for Student Representative on the Board of Trustees at the Admissions Office. The election will be held Thursday, May 16 in the Administration Building from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Saturday, May 4, is the date for the semi-formal Spring Dance. "L. E. Stones" will provide entertainment from 8-11 p.m. in the North Oasis. Refreshments will be served and all RLC students, faculty, and administration are invited to attend.

Student Senate will again sponsor the annual Honor's Day Convocation at noon, Wednesday, May 15. Special honors and awards will be presented to students and faculty. If any club or organization would like to be recognized or wishes to participate in the program, please contact Bill Cox, Student Senate President, as soon as possible. Everyone is urged to attend.

Since many students have expressed a desire to have another movie before the year ends, Student Senate will present "What's Up Doc?" starring Barbra Streisand and Ryan O'Neal on Friday, May 24, at 8 p.m. in the South Oasis. Bring your own popcorn!



Stan Mayo, PT photographer, catches Rick Dulaney as he jumps from the plane.

New Class Now Meeting

A new class which met for the first session last week was "Human Potential." This class which is directed by Barbara Tomek, guidance counselor, has a seminar on Thursday and one on Friday. This two-hour session is equivalent to one semester hour of credit. The session is being held in the North Oasis, and the class is very informal.

The book Why Am I Afraid To Tell You Who I am is the topic of the discussions. Each meeting will be an encounter session among the students.

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Prisons All Right — to Visit

By Ed Smith

Until about two weeks ago, when I thought of prison, I placed very little distinction between a maximum and a minimum security installation. On Wednesday, April 3, I, along with Mrs. Hall and four other members of our Social Problems class, had the opportunity to tour both types of these institutions, and to become aware of the sharp contrast between the two. We toured the minimum security state prison at Vienna, Illinois, and the maximum security federal prison at Marion, Illinois for a class project.

It became evident in the planning of the trip that the two installations differed a great deal in policy. When Mrs. Hall applied for permission for us to visit, she was informed by the Vienna officials that our group must be accompanied by her, the instructor. In contrast, the Marion prison officials informed her that she could under no circumstances accompany us on the tour because she was a woman.

Upon arriving at the Vienna installation, the first thing we noticed was that there were no walls, wire, or guard towers any where to be seen. As we drove closer, we could see that only one building out of about twelve had bars on the windows. We were informed later by our guide that this was the first building built, and at that time, it was not certain as to what type of installation it was going to be.

We were met at the entrance to the administration building by a neatly dressed young man, who informed us that he was to be our guide on the tour. I thought he was a member of the prison staff, but he informed us that he was a resident doing time at Vienna. Prior to coming to Vienna, he had served nine years at Menard State Prison. He had served about one year at Vienna and he hopes to be paroled this December.

It soon became apparent to all of us, that the overall atmosphere at Vienna was very relaxed and quite different than what we expected in any type of prison. The residents we met all wore civilian clothes and were very friendly towards us. Some of the men had beards and long hair and we were told there were no restrictions on hair lengths, as

long as it was groomed neatly. The residents also had individual rooms, not cells, which they are allowed to decorate to their own tastes.

Probably the most impressive aspect of the correctional center at Vienna is the educational training and rehabilitation programs that they offer the residents. Every resident must be enrolled in some type of training program and must show a reasonable effort to succeed in order to remain in Vienna. Our guide informed us that the environment at Vienna is so much better than at other institutions, that most men need no other incentive to try to improve themselves.

The training programs are all designed to give the resident a skill that is readily marketable on the outside. This enables the man to find a good job soon after he is released, which enables him to make as smooth of a transition back to civilian life as is possible. Some of these training programs are auto mechanics, machinist training, drafting, business machine repair, barber training, and a college course program leading to an A.A. degree, through Shawnee Jr. College. Our guide, Tim Krajcar, was trained in

an emergency ambulance service program that serves surrounding communities.

Upon arriving at the Marion prison, we were immediately made aware of the sharp contrast between it and the Vienna installation. There were walls, barbed wire fences, and several large guard towers very apparent even before we entered the place. When we did enter, our photographer, Dale Filberth, who had been allowed to take many pictures at Vienna, was informed that no photography was allowed at Marion prison.

We were guided through on a tour of the prison by a counselor from the prison staff. Everywhere we went, we passed through electronically controlled doors monitored from a control room by closed circuit cameras. The installation was not exactly the type you might see in an old Humphrey Bogart movie; it was very clean and the inmates seemed to have quite adequate living conditions. Still, there was no doubt in anyone's mind that it was a very, very secure prison.

Inside, we noticed several interesting facts about the prison. The prison officers inside did not carry any weapons, and all of the

different parts of the prison are under one roof joined by several different wings and corridors. There were some training shops where the men could learn trade skills, and a complete factory where metal desks were manufactured for the government.

Our tour of the Marion prison was shorter than that of the Vienna installation. We were not allowed to see the segregation or solitary confinement cells. The inmates of the prison seemed to be, on the average, older than those at Vienna, and most were doing considerably more time.

Thinking back about the two installations, I believe the most impressive fact about Vienna was the educational training and rehabilitation programs. The most impressive point about the Marion prison was the security. In fact, one is so aware of the intensity of this security that I had almost a feeling of relief at being released from my two hour stay at the Marion Federal Penitentiary.

Photos by Dale Filberth



This shot, taken by photographer Dale Filberth, shows the campus-like facilities of the Vienna prison, and the relaxed atmosphere the residents seem to enjoy.



RLC Social Problems class members who toured the prisons are, from left to right, Ed Smith, Mike Riley, L. C. Golluhur, Jim Dodds, Dale Filberth, and Eleanor Hall, instructor.



This 180 degree angle radial "fish eye" lens shot provides an unusual view of the Vienna installation and our tour guide Tim Krajcar in the background.

There have been many complaints around campus about the Pressing Times. Everybody just sits around and gripes about PT, how bad it is and so on, but nobody seems to be doing anything about it. If you don't like something about the PT let us know, instead of telling everybody else. If you do like something about it, let us know that too. Fill out this survey and put it in the box in the South Oasis or in the newspaper office. The results, if possible, will be printed in the next issue.

Do you read Pressing Times?

What would you like to change about the newspaper?

What would you like to see in the newspaper?

Would you like to see more or less advertising?

Would you be willing to submit articles?

Would you like to see more pictures?

What regular feature would you like to see?

Karate Competition



Sharon Flanagan and Duff Cooper are shown in an exhibition of their Karate form.

Sharon Flanagan and Duff Cooper, RLC students, placed in a regional Karate competition held recently at Hannibal, Missouri.

Members of the Rend Lake College Karate Club, Ms. Flanagan and Cooper were accompanied by Andre McWilliams, RLC student and

teacher-sponsor of the RLC Karate Club. McWilliams served as referee and judge for the competition.

Ms. Flanagan placed second in the Kata competition and third in the Kumite competition, women's division. Cooper placed third in the Kata competition, men's division.

Glenn Dare

On April 4, 1974, the faculty and staff of Rend Lake College expressed their sympathy to the family of Glenn L. Dare with a memorial tribute to Mr. Dare by applying a check to the Glenn L. Dare Memorial Fund at the First United Methodist Church, Mt. Vernon, Illinois.

Any member of the faculty and staff who would like to contribute to the memorial tribute may contact Mrs. Betty Ann Ward in Room 115, North Oasis.

Mr. Dare was, before his retirement, chairman of the social science department.

New Club at RLC

A new club organized at Rend Lake College this year is the "RLC Alumni Association". This club originated during the fall semester and is still in existence. There are no regular meetings, however, they try to meet whenever there's an immediate need to tend to.

Officers for this club include: Larry Stonecipher, president; Mrs. Donna Smith, vice-president, publicity chairman; Robert Brown, secretary; and Mrs. Nancy Wilson, treasurer. Besides the above officers, there are also a number of representatives supporting this organization.

The purposes of this club are to aid RLC in recruiting students and public relations. They also notify alumni students for various occurrences or activities.

Many times when students graduate from junior colleges or transfer to a larger university, they never see their classmates again. If more students would get involved in supporting this association, RLC might be able to keep in contact with former students and their endeavors.

Estes Attends Workshop

Dr. Eugene T. Estes has just returned from the International Workshop on Dendroclimatology held in Tucson, Arizona. Scientists from other parts of the United States, as well as from Canada, France, England, Ireland, Belgium, West Germany, Poland, Finland, Sweden, and Israel also attending the Workshop.

Dendroclimatology is the science of interpreting climatic changes in the past as well as the present, and possibly predicting the future, by the variations in the annual ring-widths of tree rings.

Most of the Workshop sessions were informal discussions relating to the techniques and problems of site selection, collection of data, and the preparation of data for statistical analysis. More formal discussions were concerned with the statistical analysis of data and its interpretation for making climatic inferences.

Another major emphasis of the Workshop was the discussion of establishing an international data bank of tree ring information for use in better understanding global patterns of circulation, especially in the upper atmosphere.

EXAM SCHEDULE

Examinations will be given in the room in which the course is normally taught unless indicated otherwise below.

TUESDAY, MAY 28

8:00-10:00 All eight o'clock classes except health.
10:10-12:10 All ten o'clock classes except botany and zoology.
12:50- 2:50
All twelve o'clock classes except health.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29

8:00-10:00 All nine o'clock classes except health, botany, and zoology.
10:10-12:10 All botany classes in Science Room 110.
12:50- 2:50 All one o'clock classes except health.

THURSDAY, MAY 30

8:00-10:00 All zoology classes in Science Room 110.
10:10-12:10 All eleven o'clock classes except health.
12:50- 2:50 All two o'clock classes.

FRIDAY, MAY 31

8:00-10:00 All health classes in Science Rooms 110 and S106.
10:10-12:10 All music appreciation classes in Science Room 110.
12:50- 2:50 All art appreciation classes in Science Room 110.

Note: Three o'clock classes will take examinations under the same instructor at one of the other hours at which that instructor is giving an examination. Please notify the instructor ahead of time at what time you expect to take the examination.

Navy Vet Never Aboard Ship



BILL PEMBERTON

By ED SMITH

Normally, when one thinks of being in the Navy, thoughts of going to sea on a huge ship and visiting all sorts of exotic foreign ports comes to mind. Bill Pemberton, RLC sophomore, had such expectations when he decided to enlist in the Navy in 1966; besides he had already received a draft notice and the Navy sure sounded more appealing than the Army infantry. Unfortunately, things didn't work out quite the way he had expected; in fact the only time he ever even saw a Naval vessel, he paid a dollar to tour the U.S.S. North Carolina in dry docks.

After enlisting in the Navy, Pemberton was trained as a hospital corpsman and after finishing training, was assigned to duty with the Marine Corps. Before he even got over the initial shock of being stuck with the Marines, another stroke of "luck" found him with a set of orders to go to Vietnam. It has been said that "luck" runs in threes and it held true for Pemberton. He was assigned to rifle company of the Third Marine Division right on the Demilitarized Zone, which is just about as close to North Vietnam as you could get.

Most people agree that 1968 was the worst year of the Vietnamese war, and the Tet offensive by the North Vietnamese and Viet Cong that year produced the heaviest American casualties of the war. Pemberton was there for the whole bloody thing, performing one of the most difficult jobs a person could have in combat. The corpsman, a medic as some call them, is the one who performs all the medical tasks necessary in the field. In the case where several men are wounded, he decides who needs his attention most or possibly who he might be wasting his efforts trying to save, when he could be helping another.

Casualties were very heavy in Pemberton's company, and within a short time he had the added responsibility of being the senior corpsman in his company. It was while performing the duties of this job, that he had an accidental experience that quite possibly saved his life.

Pemberton's company had been involved in a fire-fight and had several casualties. There were about fifteen wounded men laid out in the landing zone waiting for the medical evacuation helicopter to arrive. Pemberton and another corpsman were staying with them to make sure that the most seriously wounded got on the chopper first, in case there wasn't room for all of them. When the chopper landed, they immediately started loading the wounded. The chopper pilot was very nervous and in a big hurry to leave because the enemy was all around and a chopper on the ground is a sitting duck. When they had just loaded the last man, Pemberton felt the chopper taking off. He scrambled to the front and yelled for the pilot to sit back down so that they could get off because they had to stay with their company. The pilot told him bluntly that they had been on the ground too long already, and that there was no way in hell they were going back down.

Upon landing at the Med-evac hospital, Pemberton immediately went to the command bunker to explain that he and the other corpsman must get back to their company. The radioman told them that a chopper was out on the pad leaving for the same area right at that moment, and that they could get a lift on it. They ran back out but the chopper was already taking off. Pemberton jumped and grabbed the bottom of the doorway and tried to pull himself aboard. About fifteen feet off the ground he realized the position he was in, decided he wasn't an acrobat, and jumped back to the ground.

For two days all efforts to get

back to their company failed. When they finally did get back they found that their company had encountered a large hostile force and that twenty-one men had been killed. Among the dead were the radioman and the company commander. In a fire-fight it was Pemberton's position as senior corpsman, to be close by the company commander and the radioman. It is impossible to know for sure, but if Pemberton had been there, he could have very easily have been one of those hundreds of men, we heard about every week, that had been killed in action.

For his service of thirteen months in Vietnam, Pemberton received the Vietnamese Campaign ribbon, the Vietnamese Service ribbon, the Combat Action ribbon, the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry, the Meritorious Citation, and the Navy Achievement medal with Combat V. Pemberton also received a five day R-R in Singapore of which he unfortunately has no souvenirs, although he does smile quite a lot when you ask him about it.

Pemberton, after coming back to civilian life in 1970, has proven himself to be quite versatile. He has held various jobs, including television salesman, a crew member of a garbage pick-up, and assistant Veterans Coordinator here at RLC. He is now finishing his fourth semester. He plans to attend the St. Louis School of Pharmacy after leaving RLC, and hopes to some day own his own pharmacy.

Pemberton is currently living in Mt. Vernon with his wife, Judy, who works as a bank clerk at the Bank of Illinois, and their two children, Steve and Jill. He is involved in several activities both here at RLC and elsewhere. He is the treasurer of the RLC Veterans Association, a member of Phi Theta Kappa, and enjoys playing tennis, bicycling, playing chess, and his wife Judy informed me that one of his favorite activities is lying on the couch watching T.V.

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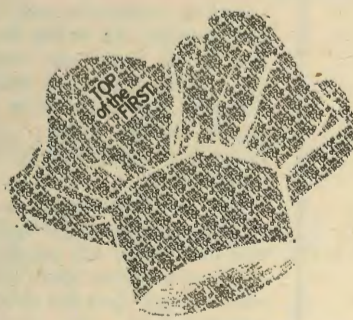
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Opportunities Varied in "Green Machine"

By Royce Shoemaker

Thanks to the recently instituted idea of an all volunteer Army in the United States, there is now much to be gained by joining the "green machine." The opportunities are especially great for a person with an Associate degree. Not only is this person guaranteed his choice of training and base, he (or she) joins as an E-3, Private First Class, which is two jumps in rank and on the pay scale.

All possible recruits must first pass the required test of general knowledge. This not only determines entrance, but helps in finding the jobs they are most qualified for. The same test is used for women, with a slightly higher score required for passing, and, with the exception of combat, all fields are open to women, if qualified of course.

Job training given by the Army is top grade because it must be put to practical use, and experience builds up, experience which is welcomed in civilian jobs. After training, the army life is like any forty hour a week job, with the same chances at free time and weekends. Also, even during the first year, the recruit

gets thirty days a year paid vacation.

Basic training is still a rough part of Army enlistment, and it is, as always, like a spoonful of medicine needed to make things get better. It is eight weeks long and its purpose is to develop, physically and mentally, the new recruits.

A somewhat new program is the Delayed Entry Program, which allows a person to enlist now and report within six months, depending on the training he has chosen.

Starting pay for the P.F.C. is \$377.70 a month. This is subject to raise as time goes on. If there are dependents, more money is added to the total monthly wages to help care for them. In some cases, such as mine, the recruit may live off base, after training, with the dependent, and as mine is a small child, there are Day Care Services provided at most bases, for a nominal fee.

Among the benefits of serving are free medical and dental care, housing, food, shopping privileges (with up to 25 percent savings) at the commissaries, retirement income, paid vacation and continued education.

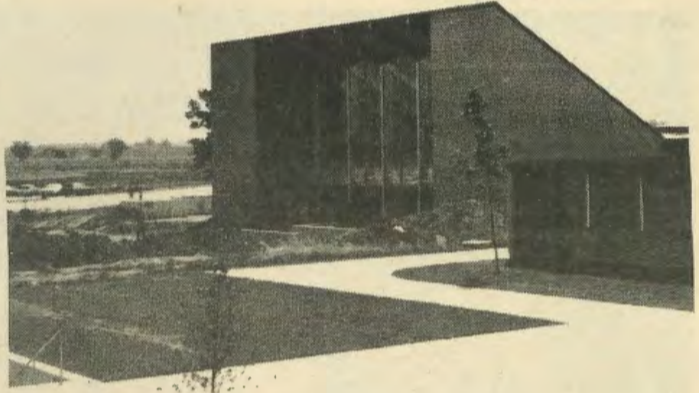
I've often wished I had joined after I graduated from high school, but it is not too late and I can go in with slightly more prestige than I could have earlier.

Despite some of the raised eyebrows my decision has received, I am looking forward to the day I leave. It will not be easy, because I must leave my son behind for awhile, but when we are reunited I'm sure I'll be perfectly happy.

I've not yet taken the physical or committed myself; however, I plan to go in on the D.E.P. and report toward the end of summer.

Several Rend Lake students have made, or are considering similar decisions, including Phyllis Neal, Peggy Anderson and RLC graduate Sue Augustine.

If you are interested or desire further information, contact your local Army Recruiting Station. In the Marion area call 997-1654, in the Mt. Vernon area call 242-2352.



The new Student Center, now under construction, is almost complete. The Center will house, in addition to the cafeteria, the newspaper office, the yearbook office, and several lounges.



THIS WEEK IN BLACK HISTORY

APRIL 26, 1909—Caroline Phelps-Stokes, founder of the Phelps-Stokes Fund for the education of Blacks in the United States and Africa, died in Redlands, Calif., at the age of 55. Her residual estate of \$986,000 formed the original endowment for the education fund.

APRIL 28, 1775—It was revealed that more than 2,000 slaves had joined the "Minute Men" in Massachusetts. The policy of unlimited enlistment was followed until George Washington was appointed commander-in-chief of the American Army at Boston and issued an order barring "Negroes, vagabonds and strollers" from the army.

APRIL 29, 1949—Dr. Alonzo G. Moron was appointed the first Black president of Hampton Institute.

MAY 1, 1950—Gwendolyn Brooks, poet, became the first Black winner of the Pulitzer Prize when her volume of Poetry ANNIE ALLEN won the award for the "Best Book of Poetry" in the United States in 1949.

By Peggy Ann Disroe

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Ten Commandments of Conserving Gas

(Reprinted from the Vernois News of the Mt. Vernon High School)

And lo, it came to pass that an evil drought did strike the land. And as the desert sun doth suck up a shallow pool, it dried and withered the sustenance of the beasts of the fields; and the people did treasure the most their automobiles.

For in those days, a man's wealth was measured by the size and number of his automobiles; and he did cherish them above all other things upon the face of the earth. And, for want to sustenance, the automobiles did sputter and die.

And the people in their suffering did raise up their voices to the heavens. Some cursed those who produced the sustenance; some cursed those who sold it; and some cursed their rulers.

And they went unto soothsayers. Said one: The sustenance shall soon return. Said another: Thou shall not see sufficient sustenance again within all the days of your lives.

And some of the people raised red or yellow or green banners to ward off evil spirits; and all hunted and fought through the

hours of the days for the few precious drops that remained.

And in their suffering, they did raise up one of their number called Simon; and they did make him their Czar.

And Simon did come down from the summit of Capitol Hill and spake unto the people, saying: Keep unto thee this covenant and there shall be sustenance for all; and thy flocks of automobiles shall increase unto the days of thy children's children. And he commanded them, saying:

Thou shalt have no other Czars before me.

Thou shalt not take the name of thy Czar in vain should the pump go dry as thou pullest up.

Thou shalt observe the alternate days of the month; odd for odd, even for even, but the thirty-first day, which shall be known as free-for-all day.

Remember the Sabbath and keep your tanks full.

Honour thy father and thy mother and do not borrow the family car.

Thou shalt not kill, even the

man who bargeth ahead of thee in line.

Thou shalt not commit speeds in excess of fifty-five.

Thou shalt not siphon.

Thou shalt not alter thy gas gauge to bear false witness.

Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's economy car, not his jeep can, nor his license plate, nor any means of sustenance that is thy neighbor's.

And all the people answered with one voice, and said: All the words which the Czar hath said will we do. And there was rejoicing in the land.

But, lo, it came to pass that all the banners and covenant and commandments could not bring forth the sustenance whereof there was no sustenance. And the automobiles did yet sputter and die in the fields.

And the people did turn from their Czar and curse him saying: What good are his Ten Commandments?

A wise man did rise from among them and he spake saying: Well, they worked as good as the first Ten.

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RLC Having a Good Year

SPORTS EDITORIAL:

By Dennis Rice
Sports Editor

According to latest junior college polls, our Rend Lake Warriors are rated fifth in the state of Illinois, as they have so far compiled an excellent 11-1 conference record and a 19-4 mark overall.

It seemed that the Warriors would start off the spring season on the wrong foot on March 21, after dropping an embarrassing 15-1 decision to Dyersburg, Tennessee. But it was learned some weeks later that Dyersburg

had an ineligible player participating in two games which the Warriors dropped. Instead of coming back 3-2, the Warriors eventually would up 5-0 after the Tennessee trip.

Returning home to play on the Woodlawn high school field, Rend Lake took Wabash Valley for a doubleheader on March 28, only to be defeated twice by Lake County College two days later. Rend Lake then suffered their only conference loss thus far as they dropped the second game of

a twin bill on April 8 against Kaskaskia. Randy Lemay won the first game with a 2-0 three-hit performance.

Lemay, who thus far sports a 6-1 record, had the dubious honor of pitching a no-hitter against Kaskaskia on April 20. In that game Lemay allowed no runner past second base. Not only has the pitching been excellent thus far, but the hitting of RLC has likewise proved equal to the task. Even in the opening games Rend Lake displayed power as they

cracked eight home runs in five games at Dyersburg, Tennessee. Probably the top hitting feat so far this season was John Kretz' grand slam home run against Southeastern on April 13.

If everything goes as it has thus far, RLC will certainly lay claim to one of their finest baseball teams ever. The next few weeks should be interesting ones, as the Warriors still have two doubleheaders to play against Shawnee, and a home date with conference rival John A. Logan.

Due to popular demand, it seems necessary now to abandon my baseball quiz and turn to writing on some other topic. Many students have complained that they had no idea what the answers were to the quiz, so I suppose there's not much point in putting it in the column.

However, my topic will still be baseball this time. With the season just opening recently, many avid baseball fans are making their fearless predictions for the season. Though the season has gotten underway already, I would still like to predict what team will be on top come October.

In the AL East, I see the Baltimore Orioles capturing their second straight division title with strong opposition by second place Boston. The much improved Milwaukee Brewers will grab the third spot, followed by Detroit, New York, and Cleveland. The Western Division will have the powerful Oakland A's at the top, with Kansas City, Minnesota, and California as strong challengers in that order. Though the future once looked bright for the Chicago White Sox, they will tumble to last place, getting edged out for fifth place by the improved Texas ball club.

The National League East should be quite a battle this season, but I'll go with the neighboring St. Louis Cardinals to take first. The New York Mets, with their strong pitching, will finish in second with the surprising Montreal Expos in third. Lack of adequate pitching will be the downfall of the once proud Pittsburgh Pirates, as they will fall to the fourth slot. Philadelphia and the hapless Chicago Cubs will round out the division.

1974 presents a good year for the Los Angeles Dodgers in the NL West, but I still like the Cincinnati Reds to take the division, although it will take a great effort to overcome the second place Dodgers. Houston should be able to finish third, with San Francisco, San Diego, and Atlanta rounding out the division.

In the playoffs, Oakland will overcome strong Baltimore in the AL, while Cincinnati will have little trouble taking St. Louis in the NL. Though Cincinnati has tried to win a World Series twice in the last four years, they will fail once again as the Oakland A's capture the crown for the third straight time.



Six returning lettermen form the nucleus for the 1974 RLC baseball team. Reading from left to right: Mike Matyi, Rod Karcher, Randy Lemay, Bob Blackburn, John Kretz, and Mike Guthrie.
Photo by Nevious

Howard Cosell's Gas Gauge

"Hello again everyone, this is Howard Cosell speaking of Sports: I'm here today at Slippery Sam's Shell Service Station to bring you the fight between the inevitable Slippery Sam and the young challenger, John Q. Public.

"Some odds makers have called this fight the "gas fight" of the century.

"John Q., who had now waited in the gas line his allotted four hours, in approaching the left side, let me make it clear, the

left side of the pump, a most prodigious feat for the young challenger.

"He could, by this action, be wanting to intimidate Slippery by making him walk around the car, or could it be because his gas cap is on the right side?

"Now the young contender slowly opens his car door and with resounding grace and skill, steps out onto the blistering pavement.

"He approaches Slippery Sam and will now state the traditional

opening statement. . . "Fill'er up!

"There it is ladies and gentlemen, in a sense the opening blow. You heard as I did and all of ABC's trillions of fans have for the past ten years while covering these gas gouges.

"OH! did you hear that! Slippery Sam has added salt to the wound as he replied, "We are out of gas!"

"The young Public has now taken the oil rack and with precarious skill, flung it through the station window.

"And now, Sam has taken the gas hose and wrapped it around the young rookie's neck and is pulling frantically.

"The Rookie is down, no he's up, No he's down again, yes ladies and gentlemen, he is down. One can now almost preconceive

the outcome of the match.

"But Wait! John Q. has broken the hold. He is now scurrying to his auto for safety. Is he a quitter? Is he giving up?

"It now looks as if he is crawling inside the car, But Wait, He has drawn the ultimate weapon from his car. The basic, but brutal and deadly tire tool.

"He slashes Sam across the forehead. Do I see blood! Yes I do! Blood is spurting out of Sam's head. He staggers toward his station door for safety.

"OH! a crashing blow! John Q., with the skill and agility of a pro, has topped the Coke machine on the bombarded, bloody, bruised body of Slippery.

"Yes, ladies and gentlemen, I can almost, with my great professional knowledge, say that the fight is over.

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	UMPIRES	TIME
March 21 (Thurs)	Dyersburg (Tenn)	There (DH)		1:00
March 22 (Fri)	Dyersburg (Tenn)	There (DH)		1:00
March 23 (Sat)	Dyersburg (Tenn)	There (DH)		10:00
March 28 (Thurs)	*Wabash Valley	Home (DH)	Blondi/Karnes	1:00
March 30 (Sat)	Lake County	Home (DH)	Dietz/Chapman	12:00
April 2 (Tues)	McHenry (Crystal Lake)	Home (DH)	Blondi/Karnes	1:00
April 3 (Wed)	Lincoln Trail (Robinson)	There (DH)		1:00
April 4 (Thurs)	Olney	There (DH)		1:00
April 6 (Mon)	*Kaskaskia	Home (DH)	Adams/Neip	1:00
April 11 (Thurs)	*Logan	There (DH)		1:00
April 13 (Sat)	*Southeastern	There (DH)		12:00
April 16 (Tues)	Danville	Home (DH)	Hobbs/Woodrome	1:00
April 18 (Thurs)	*Southeastern	Home (DH)	Adams/Neip	1:00
April 20 (Sat)	*Kaskaskia	There (DH)		12:00
April 23 (Tues)	*Shawnee	There (DH)		1:00
April 25 (Thurs)	*Logan	Here (DH)	Adams/Neip	1:00
April 27 (Sat)	Lincoln Trail	Home (DH)	Dietz/VanHorn	12:00
April 29-May 1 (Mon-Wed)	Sectionals	There		1:00
May 4 (Sat)	Shawnee	Here	Rogers/Neip	1:00
May 6 (Mon)	Sectional 7 - 8	Home		1:00
May 8 (Wed)	Olney	Home (DH)	Blondi/Neip	1:00
May 10 (Fri)	*Wabash	There (DH)		1:00
May 17 (Fri)	Parkland (Champaign)	Home (DH)	Blondi/Neip	2:00



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