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Spring Formal Closes out April; Debbie Auten Crowned Queen

By RICK NANCE

Miss Debbie Auten, a sophomore from Benton, reigned as Queen of the annual Spring Formal at R. L. C. In festivities held last April 24th, Miss Auten was chosen from a field of six candidates.

Miss Auten is planning to attend Illinois State University and major in mathematics. Debbie was a cheerleader for the Rend Lake Warriors last year, and was also a bat girl for the baseball team.

For the formal part of the dance, music was provided by the "Love Junket" of Carbon-dale. "Love Junket" is a larger rock band, with several semi-singers and about six semi-rock musicians. The band has only been together for a few months, and the Spring Formal was its first paid engagement.

Attendance was scant for the dance, with only eighty attending. However, for the second part, the informal dance, several students began to arrive. Approximately two hundred students had arrived by the time the second dance was to have started.

The second band, "Free Enterprise," was from St. Louis, Missouri and specialized in concert-style rock. Problems with the equipment caused the band to start late. The dance was to have started playing at 1:30 a.m., but because of the difficulties, no music was played until almost 3:00 a.m. The dance was scheduled to end at 3:30, and festivities ceased at that time.

Dance chairman was Diane Clark, a hard working and competent freshman Senate member. Decorations were beautifully done, and the gym was transformed into an almost country club atmosphere. All arrangements were well prepared in advance, and other than unforeseeable events, all went smoothly throughout the evening. Diane deserves praise for the fine job she and her committee did on the dance.

Retiring Queen Janice O'Dell crowned Miss Auten in the coronation ceremonies at 12:30. Melinda Fry was flower girl, escorted by Andrew Stubblefield. The Queen's dance was "We've Only Just Begun," as played by the Band.



The Queen's court at Spring Formal; Miss Debbie Auten reigned as queen.

"Mame" Arrives with a Splash of Old Southern Belle Beauty

That "Bohemian Delilah" hit the Mt. Vernon auditorium last Friday and stayed until Saturday in the form of Angie Garner in "Mame," the Broadway hit about a New York low society dame that helps everyone and knows a little of everything.

From the first note of the overture until the exit music,

Probably runner-up for star next to Mame herself is her friend Vera Charles played by Janet Rainey. Cast as the gushing stage actress who is always just a little this side of roaring drunk, Miss Rainey gave a good performance always in character. One of the highlights of the show came at the return of

rick Dennis at the age of 10; Bob Hobbs for his role as Beau-regard Jackson Pickett Burnside; and to Rick Nance as the older Patrick. All three of these must be considered a winner for their support at speaking parts and also as singers.

Best supporting actress awards considered were Diane Ferreira as Agnes Gooch the poor backwoods girl who really "opened a new window;" Nancy Dilley, the sleek Sally Cato who gushed enough of that good old Southern Hospitality honey to drown Beauregard; and to Sara Dykes in her role as Gloria Upson, the girl of today who only uses the finest quality beer to wash those . . . well, shall we say . . . to wash her hair. Again, all are winners.

The nominations for best song are the title hit "Mame" crooned to Mame Dennis as she is about to become Mrs. Burnside; "My Best Girl" sung to Mame at every turn by her little nephew; and "Open A New Window" done superbly by all and especially by Miss Garner. The winner would have to be "Open A New Window" for its quality in expressing the sentiments of the musical and its great production by the cast.

Many others helped to put the show on the stage. The backstage crew and the light men gave the show smoothness of movement. Great supporters such as the Chinese butler played by Greg Hassakis, the guardian who kept worrying over dear little Patrick played well by Kip Proefrock, the friends of who kept the parties and outside ac-

tivities going such as Terry Gockel and Dale Hamment, Mother Burnside played by Sheryl Guyton, and Patrick's final love, Pegeen Ryan played by Sherry Wilson, kept the show moving until the final reprise of "Open A New Window" sung by now the Great Auntie Mame to Patrick and Pegeen's little boy Peter played well by Mark Laur.

Other supporters were Jesse Bee, Duane Yaeger, Warren Kraft, Diane Clark, George Neal, Janet Waggoner, Jerry Walker, Kathleen Arnold, Joette Davison, Lona Bennett, Susan Fry, Debbie Jones, Karen Book,

Evelyn Dreas, Diane Hill, Bev MacKenzie, Gregg Hall, Tom Scherer, and Jim Filberth.

The music was provided by Brett Gibbs on the piano, Mr. Larry Phifer, bass, and Miss Susan Schnake playing the drums. The director was Miss Cheryl Merkens, with Larry Phifer in charge of music, assisted by Brett Gibbs. The choreography was done by Jim Filberth and Tom Scherer.

Of course, the best play award goes to "Mame" for giving the RLC community two great nights of entertainment and to the cast who made it possible.



Auntie Mame cuts a rug at a college party.



Babcock, half crooked, talks to Mame about Patrick's future.

Miss Garner shined in the part. The characterization of Mame Dennis was carried out superbly in the great style of Garner at RLC. She can sing and she proved to the audience that she can also put herself into a part completely.

Mame to New York when these two old time friends were reunited and gave each other their honest sentiments in the duet "Bosom Buddies."

The nominations for best male participation are going to Bob Bigham for his portrayal as Pat-



"Life is a banquet, and most poor sons of bitches are starving to death."

M A M E !

(All Photos by Anson Myers)



"Me? Not on a bet . . ."



Bob Hobbs — "I don't know what he's asking her, but from the gestures, I think I don't want to know."



I think I know what you're suggesting, and I don't think I can do anything so suggestive . . .



Brett Gibbs sings the cues to Larry Phifer as Phifer plucks out the walking bass accompaniment.



Patrick "Opens a new window" with Auntie Mame.

Health Occupations Program Accelerates Learning Skills

By **SHERYL GUYTON** and **DEBBIE JONES**

"Practical Nursing is a one year career program that is designed to prepare the student to share in the care of the sick. Graduates of the program are involved with the rehabilitation and the prevention of illness under the direction of a licensed physician or a registered professional nurse, in the home, nursing home, or the hospital."

The School of Practical Nursing, located in Mt. Vernon, came into being in 1961. It was approved by the Illinois Department of Registration and Edu-

There are three full time instructors besides Miss Ksycki. They are Mrs. Jane Thompson, Mrs. Shirley McHaney and Mrs. Shirley Yeargin. These instructors must be Registered Nurses and must be approved by the Illinois Department of Registration and Education and the RLC administration. Present part time instructors are Mrs. Barbara Schram and Mrs. Bonnie Baldrige. Miss Linda Czerwinski is the school secretary.

SCHOOL ACCEPTANCE

To be accepted at the School of Nursing a student must be a

Forty-two students enrolled in September and now there are thirty-six in the nursing program.

SEMESTER WORK

The student is trained to be a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) only. The first semester work includes theory or lecture, lab work and clinical experiences. Although most of the lectures are given at the Mt. Vernon Nursing School, some lectures and clinical classes are given at area hospitals. Students are usually rotated among three area hospitals: Good Samaritan in Mt. Vernon, St. Mary's in Centralia and Franklin in Benton. Students are usually placed at hospitals close to their homes to eliminate as much travel as possible.

Early in the first semester, students work at affiliated nursing homes two mornings a week under supervision of the instructors. The participating institutions are Hickory Grove Manor in Mt. Vernon and Fireside House in Centralia. The other three days are spent in lecture and classroom work. Also during the first semester the students begin hospital orientation in one of the three hospitals to become acquainted with the general procedures of the hospital.

During the second semester, students spend Monday through Thursday mornings at the hospital giving general patient care under the supervision of the instructor. Then they rotate among special departments — usually four weeks in pediatrics and four weeks in obstetrics. Fridays are reserved for more classroom work and for conferences.

Third semester is devoted to four hours for four days a week to nursing adults and gaining experience in medical, surgical and other areas including physical therapy and home nursing. Upon completion of the third semester, students are qualified to take the State Board Examination that is administered by the Department of Registration and Education to become a Licensed Practical Nurse.

NEW CLASS INITIATES

A new class initiated last fall was the class in Operating Room Technology which trains the student to become an operating room technician. Mrs. Karen Muench, RN, is the instructor. In this two-semester course the student has theory and lab in class and gains clinical experience in the operation room assisting the doctor. Upon completion of the course the student takes a national exam administered by the American Association of Operation Room Technicians. The School of Practical Nursing has been honored to have had Sister Alma of Good



Classroom instruction is an important prerequisite in nursing training. Students are learning the basis of the nervous system under the instruction of Mrs. Shirley Yeargin. (Photo by Janet Waggoner)



Mrs. Betty Hawthorne is practicing the proper technique of pouring and measuring medication under the supervision of Mrs. Shirley McHaney, R. N., instructor. Students observing are Sue Miers and Gerri Roesch. (Photo by Janet Waggoner)

and the State Department of Vocational Education. Miss Mary Ksycki, the present coordinator, was hired by Mt. Vernon Township High School in the summer of 1961 to set up the nursing program. Prior to the graduation of the first class, the Nursing School became a part of Mt. Vernon Community College, now known as Rend Lake College. Upon completion of construction of Phase II, the School of Practical Nursing plans to move to the Ina campus.

high school graduate or equivalent, must pass pre-entrance testing, must have three personal interviews and three reference letters, must satisfactorily complete physical and dental examinations and must be approved by the Screening Committee of the RLC Practical Nursing School.

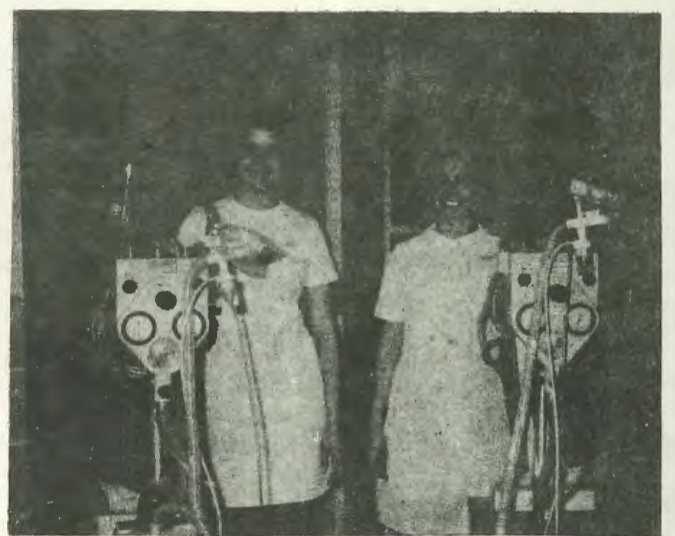
The activity fee for three semesters is \$30.00. Tuition and other fees including text books, uniforms, insurance and graduation fees are approximately \$160.00.



Practicing the technique of closed gloving are Mr. Lyndel Anderson and Mrs. Deanna Baker. Two students observing are, on left, Mrs. Judy Diss and Mrs. Mary Roddy in the Operating Room Technicians Course, instructed by Mrs. Karen Muench, R.N. B.S.



Taking Blood Pressure with a dual stethoscope are Miss Linda Glispie and Mrs. Leah Queen. Seated is Miss Peggy Boyles. (Picture by Jan)



Ann Venters (r) and Carolyn Arnold answer oxygen calls at the Good Samaritan Hospital.

Samaritan administer the national exam this past year.

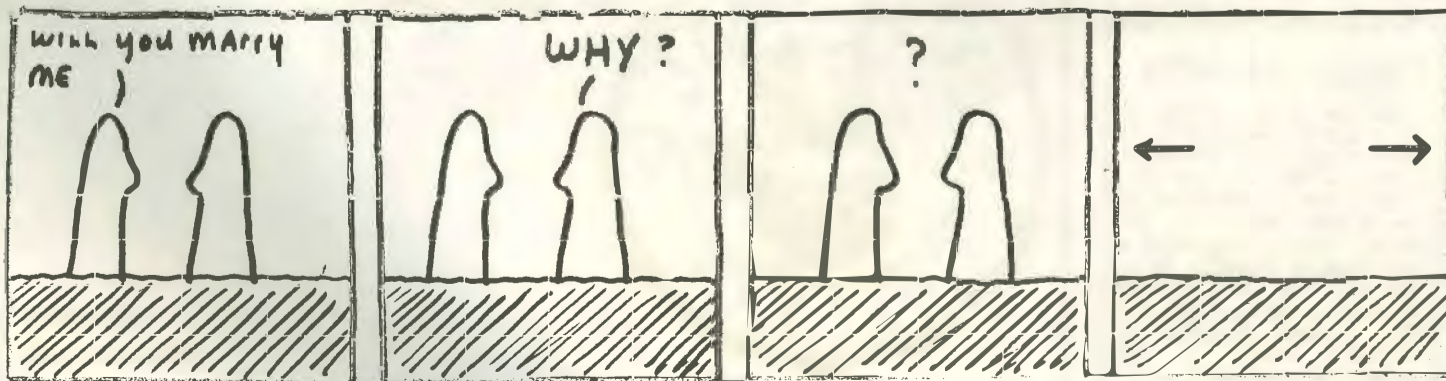
New courses now being discussed are an Inhalation Therapy Aide course and a Physical Therapy Aide course. A night class in Medical Terminology is now offered at RLC. Other night courses are offered at Pinckneyville High School.

Inhalation Therapists Featured

There are dedicated young people who attend Rend Lake College and also work at Good Samaritan Hospital in Mt. Ver-

non. Pictured are Miss Carolyn Arnold and Miss Ann Venters who are presently employed as Inhalation Therapy Technicians. What do they do? Miss Arnold and Miss Venters answer all oxygen calls and put into operation equipment as it is requisitioned such as alcohol aerosol, croupette and oxygen delivered by a variety of methods—catheter, cannula and mask. They administer ultrasonic treatments and give I.P.P.B. treatments to patients and care for those on assisted and/or controlled ventilation. They deliver the Crash Cart and assist in resuscitation of patients and are a part of the Emergency Resuscitation Team. One other student, Miss Sheryl Guyton, is a trainee in the department. (Story from 12th Street Journal.)

Divine Justice . . . Keith Parker



Dear Editor:

The March 19 issue of the Pressing Times contained a letter from Kathleen Kenney

concerning the observance of Memorial Day. I respect Miss Kenney's sincerity, but, since I have the responsibility for planning the calendar, I think it is important that certain facts of which Miss Kenney was unaware be made known.

Miss Kenney's letter seems to raise two questions: one concerned with the legality of holding school on the fourth Monday in May and the other regarding the proper show of respect for our soldier dead.

The first question seems to be answered by the following quotation from Standards and Criteria for the Evaluation and Recognition of Illinois Public Junior Colleges, "Holidays and commemorative days may be established by the local board. The establishment of such days as listed in The School Code of Illinois is not required of the junior colleges."

As for the second question, the 3-year calendar for 1971-72, 1972-73, and 1973-74 approved May 20, 1970 designates May 30—the traditional Memorial Day—as a commemorative day on which there are to be no classes. The 3-year calendar under which we are presently operating was approved June 18, 1968. Because Memorial Day falls on Sunday this year, no day was set aside in the school calendar for its observance.

The holiday bill passed by the U. S. Congress applies only to Federal institutions and Federal employees; however, a bill signed by the Governor of Illinois on May 13, 1969, designates the same Mondays as commemorative days as those included

in the Federal bill. On the basis of the statement quoted above, it apparently applies only to elementary and secondary schools.

Due to these bills we are now in a period of transition. This year there will probably be people who observe the new days and others who cling to the traditional dates. In the future it is likely that general practice will be to observe the new dates.

The reader might be interested in the origin and development of Memorial Day. Originally, some citizens from both the North and the South decorated the graves of slain Civil War soldiers on May 30. In 1868, General Logan ordered that the day be set aside to honor the dead of the North in 1874. Rhode Island, followed by several other Northeastern states, made the date a legal holiday. In general, however, the practice spread without legal provision.

Later, the observance included veterans of other wars and then became a general date for honoring the dead whether they were soldiers or civilians and was observed in all states and territories except Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina, and Texas. Although in most states Memorial Day is observed on May 30, Louisiana, Tennessee, and Arkansas observe a Confederate Memorial Day on June 3—a memorial observed by Alabama, Florida, Georgia, and Mississippi on April 26 and by the two Carolinas on May 10.

Respectfully yours,
HOWARD RAWLINSON

Albert Gulley: Feature New Board Member

Albert Gulley, a veteran Southern Illinois educator won a seat on the Rend Lake College Board of Trustees, basing his campaign primarily on curriculum improvements in both the academic and vocational areas. The Pressing Times interviewed Gulley for his comments and suggestions.

Gulley said he pledges to seek advice from and work with board members, the administration, faculty, students and others to solve both the educational and physical problems which face the Ina-based college.

A resident of 209 N. Maple St., Benton, Gulley and his wife, Helen, have a son Alan 16. Gulley is the Benton Consolidated High School Guidance Sr. counselor and vocational coordinator.

He has an all-grade teaching and supervisory certificate and holds a bachelor of science and master of science degree from SIU. He holds a specialists certificate as a result of graduate work at the Illinois Institute of Technology at Chicago and at SIU. In addition, he has done post graduate work at SIU in combination with Indiana State University.

In discussing curriculum needs, Gulley said he believes it is important that the associate of arts degree be developed to the point it is fully accepted as filling the requirements for the first two years at four-year educational institutions.

If this is done, then a student transferring to a four-year facility will be able to start upon his major field without having to take more general requirements

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thereby extending the time required to get a bachelor's degree.

"In the area of vocational education, I believe that one of the immediate goals should be the addition of more short-term, in-

tensive, trade-type programs.

"For example, there is a need for courses in the retail, recreation, management, health, construction, service and maintenance fields. These training programs would require a year or less and would feature extended periods during the day or evening spent upon studying and gaining skill in the trade."

Marie Simmons, also of Benton, will also share the newly elected board seats, but was not interviewed at this time.

**Senate Sponsors Say:
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Imported German Food, Literature for Students at Becker's Store

"Was mochten Sie, bitte?"

German students had a chance to actually hear German spoken in an everyday situation instead of the cut and dried type presented in a classroom when they visited Becker's Delicatessen and German store in St. Louis, Saturday, March 27.

The clerks at Becker's speak German to their customers who

are primarily Germans who live in South St. Louis and shop at Becker's for food and literature imported from Germany. Becker's imports German bakery goods, candies, canned goods, gourmet items; they have a sausage counter, cheese displays, German beers and wines and newspapers and magazines all in German. Included in the store is a section with little German figurines and dolls.

Becker's also includes in its service a custom almost forgotten as far as customer relations are concerned. If a customer buys candy, he receives a small free piece of candy. The clerks also gave the students free copies of the St. Louis German newspaper, "Die Deutsche Wochenschrift."

Although most of the language was unintelligible to the students, a few words along the line of "Student and college" were understood in interchanges between the regular customers and the clerks in the store.

"Hopefully, we'll go again so we can get the 'feel' of the language that we just can't get when sitting in a class," commented one student.

Student Serves on Team

Dannie Tinsley, Mt. Vernon, was one of the first to be selected for a state evaluation team of area vocational departments. Dannie was the only student among a team of state men who evaluated Centralia's vocational department.

According to Dannie, RLC's vocational director, Ardel Kimmel called Dannie in February to look over and recommend corrections in the Centralia system. Dannie was responsible for interviewing students to see if their counselors were preparing them adequately for the future.

Dannie says one of his recommendations was that a new vocational director be hired. He saw that a real need for direction was evident.

"It was kind of rewarding to talk to a lot of kids that didn't know why they were there. I hope I helped them find a place and a meaning," commented Dannie.

The student is enrolled at the Bonnie campus in agriculture and will graduate from RLC this June. He is now employed at an on-the-job training program at the Irvington Elevator.

Baseball Lineup Chosen

By DAVID JUNKINS

Due to heavy snow during the first week of Warrior baseball, six games were cancelled. All games were away, four with Pulaski, Tennessee, and the other pair with Belleville. The Warriors are scheduled to play two out of town games this week.

In his fifth season as head coach, Jim Waugh has cut his squad to 15 men. Of these, only four have lettered before. Roger Jones was a freshman standout last year, while Bill Block and David Rainey are back after a two year absence. Laird Wisely is a letterman transfer from MacMurray College.

This year's roster will include:

Pitchers:
Kendall Willis (Enfield), Blake Griffen (Mt. Vernon), Roger Jones, (Sesser), Laird Wisely, (Benton).

Catchers:
Curt Endicott (McLeansboro), Bill Block (Tamaroa), Dave Walden (Christopher).

Infielders:
Roger Jones (Mt. Vernon), David Rainey (Mt. Vernon), Dennis Anderton (Christopher), Bruce Owens (McLeansboro).

Outfielders:

Gary Keller (Mt. Vernon), Sam Gunthers (Sesser), Laird Wisely (Benton), Bob Page (Benton), Ed Williams (Enfield).

Managers:

Roger Treece (Benton), James Thomas (Benton).
Coach Jim Waugh.

Assistant Manager Creates System


Skip Witunski, the new Assistant Business Manager, has found himself in charge of getting an inventory system for RLC—a big job. He was hired to take the overload off Mr. Fitch who had been working 14 hours a day in order to take care of the line of business connected with the moving of the school.

In addition to creating an inventory system, Mr. Witunski is in charge of Federal grants. "We are fortunate to get the first grant we applied for," stated Mr. Witunski. The grant was a 50-50 matching fund for the new audio visual equipment in the library.

The assistant manager graduated from SIU and majored in Finance. He is living in West Frankfort, his home town. "One of the hardest adjustments I had to make was that at SIU, when anything needed to be done, we just called and it was done. Here, we all have to do a little of everything."

Mr. Witunski commented that being at a new school with limited funds, improving RLC right now is a problem. Concluding, he said, "Coming to RLC was a great opportunity for me. This is a young school going through its growing stages. I think I can grow as the college grows and we'll both benefit."

May Movies
Because of the success of the last movie, the Senate is considering having two more movies in May. Several suggestions were entertained by the Senate, one from the Bonnie campus suggesting a pool table be installed there, and one from this campus suggesting that the railings in the academic building be varnished before they are permanently damaged.



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