

Essence to be available this summer

The RLC literary magazine, *Essence*, (formerly called *Ozone*) is at the publisher, and will be available for distribution this summer. Plans are it will be distributed along with the College yearbook, *Tarn*, which will also be distributed in mid-summer. Watch your local newspapers for the exact date.

The response for this semester's edition was so great, that many value judgements had to be made as to what would be included.

Judging of the work has been completed, and we would like to list and congratulate those who submitted prize-winners. We also want to thank everyone who

submitted their work and helped to make the magazine as interesting as it is.

A special thank-you goes out at this time to all those who were on the *Essence* staff and did the actual physical labor involved in putting a thing like this together.

The winners in the Art category were: First place, Jayma Dial; second, Deb Mitchell; third, Julie Johnson; first and second honorable mentions went to Tracy Bradley and Donna Austen.

The first place spot in non-fiction went to Bob Johnson for his "Hitting the Smitty"; Floyd Cash picked up second place for "The Wild Man"; Comparison-Contrast" by Andrea Martin was

awarded third place. Chris Austin's "Looking for Double Speak," received first Honorable Mention. Second Honorable Mention went to John Atkinson's "Nothing Is Valuable."

In the fiction category, Sharon Heil took first place honors with "Journey to Illinois." "I'm Calling the Salvation Army Monday," by Linda Hester placed second. Third place went to Rita Mills for "The Kiss." Fourth and fifth went to Margot McAfoos and Cindy Hart for "Air Raid," and "The Spring of The Winter of 1978."

The winners in the Poetry category were: first, Mona Coats for "On the 6:00 News"; second, Terrie Samuels for "Cycle"; third, Wanda Newberry for "Farm Talk"; Honorable Mention to Linda Hester for "September," and Honorable Mention to Theresa Piper for "Anger."

The winners in the Photography Competition were: First place, Jan Willis for "Trees reflected in a pond." Second place went to Donna Austin for her "Reversed Negative," and Third place was taken by Mike Bryant for his picture, "A dead tree in Water."



BILL STEELE

Bill Steele performs in RLC student center

Rend Lake College was treated to an unexpected pleasure Wednesday, April 26 in the Student Center. The Student Senate had arranged for folk-singer Bill Steele to appear at Noon for the listening pleasure of all those who cared to attend.

Steele is a singer-songwriter (a term he personally thinks is too "Hollywood") who performs in the style and tradition of America's great folksingers. People such as Woody Guthrie, Pete Seeger, et al.

There was a good crowd for the event, and Steele's attitude and casual manner soon had us all relaxed and in a very receptive mood. He even had us singing along, believe it or not. And, it was a lot of fun.

In keeping with the "Novelty" or "Topical" type of music that Steele performs is something a little unique that he has incorporated into his act that provides instant rapport between himself and his audience. Steele has a hobby that works very well. At various intervals during his show, Steele reads aloud to his audience news clippings that he has saved from various newspapers. These are clippings that point out the funny side of the news. This gives the audience a chance to laugh and loosen up a little, and makes for a generally good feeling all around.

Steele says, "I don't write the songs people usually write." Steele, as with folk musicians the world over, takes topics that people don't even usually no-

te, and makes music out of them. They're not all protest songs, and they're not at all love songs. It is obvious that you're not listening to John Denver or Barry Manilow.

Steele gave us several of his definitions of folk music. Among which were: "Anything played with the guitar not plugged into the wall" and "Someone you never heard of can be as interesting as someone you have who came out of a box."

Steele has had one hit that has been recorded by at least a dozen other performers, including such notables as Pete Seeger and Tim Cooney. That is Steele's definition of a hit. "When you've written one well enough for someone else to sing and even record."

Steele finished off his set by saying, "Well, I'm gonna' close out with a medley of my hit. When you've only had one hit, you make the best of it." That song was, "Garbage," which is kind of an ecological protest song. He said, "I feel I have to play 'Garbage' here in the cafeteria, it's kind of appropriate." He went on to explain he was referring to all the dirty dishes and trays, not the food.

All in all, it was a real enjoyable time, and the Student Senate is to be commended for arranging it. It is something that should be done more often.

We would also like to thank Mr. Steele for fitting us into his schedule and extend an invitation for him to drop in on us any time he happens to be in the area.

Scott Ellis is named new editor-in-chief of Daily Egyptian

Scott Ellis, former Editor of the *Pressing Times* and graduate of Rend Lake College, was recently named Editor-In-Chief of Southern Illinois University's newspaper, the *Daily Egyptian*, for the summer term.

A Journalism major, Ellis is Assistant Editorial Director for

"Walking Blood Bank" set for RLC personnel

Mr. Dale Mason and Nurse Judy Skelton have set up a service called a "Walking Blood Bank" in which students, faculty, administration, maintenance and anyone directly involved with the college can participate. The purpose is to provide hospitals with available information in reaching blood donors, and to be in contact with persons of a rare or uncommon blood type.

There will be forms for anyone interested in participating, in the Student Center, and the North and South Oasis buildings. The forms are entitled *Walking Blood Bank Data Sheets* and you are to fill them out to the best of your ability and return them to the school nurse, Judy Skelton. She will then put them on file according to blood type. In an emergency situation when blood is needed, the people with that blood type will be contacted and asked to donate. We ask that you participate, by filling out the forms, again available in the Student Center, the North and South Oasis buildings.

the *Daily Egyptian* this semester.

Becky Harvey, also a graduate of RLC and former Circulation Manager of the *Pressing Times*, has been elected to the Publications Board of the *Daily Egyptian*.

Graduation ceremonies to be held in RLC Gymnasium May 14

On Sunday, May 14, Rend Lake College will be holding their Eleventh Annual Graduation Ceremonies in the RLC Gymnasium. RLC acting president, Mr. H. J. Haberaecker, will deliver the Commencement Address to the largest graduating class ever at Rend Lake College.

The admissions office currently reports that 409 students will be receiving their Associate degrees or occupational certificates. This number is expected to rise between now and the end of the semester.

At the present time 134 students have applied for the Associate in Arts degree; 146 for an Associate in Applied Science degree; and 129 for occupational certificates.

Student Senate elections are held April 26


On Wednesday, April 26, the RLC Student Senate held its election of officers for the summer and fall semesters. J.R. Wilkerson and Mark Michalic were nominated for president. Michalic declined nomination leaving Wilkerson unopposed for the position. Theresa Knox and Cinda Chullen were nominated for secretary-treasurer, with Knox being the winner. These officers will be assuming their duties immediately.

Joining Haberaecker on the speakers platform will be Dr. Richard Simpson, chairman of the Rend Lake Board of Trustees, other board members, Monsignor James Burke, of St. Mary's Church in Mt. Vernon who will deliver the Invocation, Dr. Kenneth LaSalle Dean of Instructions, Fran Lent, faculty representative, and Becky Kimmel, president of the Student Senate.

Music will be preformed at the ceremony by the college's music ensembles under the supervision of Courtney Cox, and Collegiate Choir, under the direction of Larry Phifer. RLC faculty member Keith Drayton, and Joann Rauback, will sing "The Star Spangled Banner" at the opening ceremonies. Commencement exercises begin at 3:00 and the public is invited to attend.

RLC graduation party May 14 at Fitzgerald

Sunday, May 14th, there will be a graduation party held at Wayne Fitzgerald State Park. Tickets, which costs two (2) dollars each, entitle you to free beer and will also be used for a "Kick-Off Summer Grand Prize Drawing." The party will be at the south picnic area of Wayne Fitzgerald St. Park. See ya there right after graduation exercises, until the beer runs out!



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RLC's Board of Trustees meets April 18

Rend Lake College's Board of Trustees met April 18, electing a new chairman, vice-chairman, and secretary, and seating two new members along with a re-elected member.

New board members are Richard Herrin, Benton, and Joe Scrivner, Dix. Joe McClure was the re-elected member. Dr. Richard Simpson became board chairman, Joe McClure, vice-chairman, and Everett Thompson, secretary.

Among business conducted by the new Board of Trustees:

—Bob Webb, maintenance, appointed to the President's Council and the Presidential Search Committee.

—received a report from interim President Haberaecker that 96 persons have applied for the position of college president. The first screening will be completed by May 15, and it is hoped that RLC will have its new president by July 1.

—postponed action on a request of recognition by the Rend Lake College Federation of Teachers, AFT Local 3708. The Board felt that the action should wait until the new president is appointed. Other instructors stated they were unsure of being represented by the AFL-CIO. The AFT is a branch of that organization.

—heard from Haberaecker that there could be a cash flow problem without careful budgeting. The site and construction fund, once quite large, is now reduced to about \$167,000. This fund had been utilized when cash flow became a problem. The current balance is too small to remain dependent upon for transfer of money to other accounts.

Editorial

We've come to the end again. The end of many things: the end of the '78 Spring Semester, the end of a hard winter. And for some, the end of their time at RLC. To these we bravely say goodbye, hoping they will find their place in life and let those they meet know they have come from Rend Lake College.

But let's not dwell on such maudlin things. Every ending is also a beginning. For the new staff of the Pressing Times, this semester was our beginning, yet for most it was their ending. Nearly all the present staff members are now concluding their final semester. These people produced three outstanding issues of the Pressing Times.

I want to thump them on their backs and say "Well done!" I want to let them know the pride I have in them. I want to say thank you a million times.

They gave up their own time to work. They've been scolded and cursed. They've missed classes; one was even in an automobile accident. All this in the line of duty.

All that, and I can honestly say only once did I hear them make more than ominous grumbles about quitting. They all stuck to their jobs. Thanks, guys, thanks.

Even with so many leaving, the Pressing Times will live on. We begin anew next fall. You'll be here, and so will we, keeping you informed and entertained. May you all have a summer to remember.

Theresa Piper
Managing Editor

MEET THE STAFF



MELISSA OUTLAND is a reporter for the Pressing Times. She is a Sophomore at RLC majoring in public Relations. After graduation from Rend Lake Melissa plans to attend SIU, Carbondale. Melissa lives in Bluford and graduated from Webber High School. Outside of school she enjoys such as photography, camping, and fishing. Melissa is a Student Worker in the Arts and Communications Office and spends much of her time on campus participating in the Concert Band, Collegiate Choir and working on the Pressing Times.

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DR. B. C. LAHKAR, Ph.D., Principal of Gauhati Commerce College, located in Gauhati, India, recently visited the RLC campus. Dr. Lahkar is visiting the country to research methods used in American colleges and universities. He said Rend Lake was similar in size to his native college and was especially impressed with the facilities and rural setting of the campus. He is shown above with John McGuire, SIU-C graduate student, and B. J. "Skip" Witunski, RLC business manager.

Solar Heat for RLC?

Have you ever noticed that all the slanted roofs at RLC are slanted in such a way that they all face south?

This well-guarded secret was pointed out by Acting President H.J. Haberaecker at the April 18 meeting of the RLC Board of Trustees.

In discussion of possible alternatives to the faulty heating and cooling system of the college, the possibility of converting at least some of the buildings to the use of Solar Power was proposed.

This is an idea which should have come up long ago. The southward slant of the roofs of both the Learning Resources Center and the Student Center appear as though they were designed with solar power in mind, and it could have been incorporated into the buildings at

the time of construction.

The administration and the Board of Trustees are in the process of looking into the matter at the present time. This is a progressive idea whose time has come. With all the discussion about the energy shortage, it would be in keeping with the

progressive outlook and philosophy of the college to be one of the pioneers in this use of an alternative energy source.

Let's hope they can find a way that would make this feasible, then act on it and make it a reality rather than just another pipe dream.

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DOUGLAS GUM is presently the Art Director of the Pressing Times. Doug is currently a Sophomore at Rend Lake majoring in Art. Doug plans to attend Illinois State this fall. His art work has won him awards in the Watseka High School Art Show, Rend Lake College Art Show, and the Town and Country Art Show in Mt. Vernon. Doug currently lives in Mt. Vernon but he graduated from Watseka High School, Watseka, Illinois. He spends his spare time playing ping-pong, pool, war games, and teaching himself to play the guitar.

The Pressing Times is a student publication of Rend Lake College. It is published by students of the College for students and members of the community.

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Book added to collection at RLC library

A recently published book entitled "Self Creation" has been added to the collection of the Rend Lake College Library. The subject dealt with in the book is best explained by its sub-title: "The one key principle that will show you what you are, how you became that way, how you can change."

The book's author Dr. George Weinberg, establishes the theory that personality is shaped by positive and negative reinforcements within an individual's everyday experiences. By applying his theory, unwanted personality traits can be erased, and new, more desirable ones created, he says.

Weinberg, considered to be one of the nation's leading psychotherapists, has a Master's degree from New York University in English Literature, and a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from Columbia University. He is the author of two previous books dealing with personality psychology and has had numerous articles published in magazines and journals.

Subjects included in his latest publication are: how to take criticism; how to overcome shyness; how to beat depression; and how you can build individual confidence.

The book may be checked out at the circulation desk of the RLC Library.

Alaskan Eskimo art display at Illinois State Museum

SURVIVAL: THE LIFE AND ART OF THE ALASKAN ESKIMO will be on exhibition at the Illinois State Museum in Springfield, Ill. between April 30 and June 11.

"SURVIVAL" has been acclaimed as an important presentation of anthropology and art by museum viewers where it has been shown.

The exhibition shows the relationship of the Eskimo to a bitter environment and to the cultural changes forced upon them by an overwhelming, modern society.

Featured in the exhibition are:
—214 traditional and modern artifacts which include ivory carvings, ceremonial masks, sculptures, household items, costumes, tools, and toys;

—samples of natural materials (to be handled by visitors) which include such essential Eskimo items as bleached sealskin, caribou fur, walrus hide baleen, ivory, and sealgut;

—a 12 minutes slide show which depicts the problems of contemporary Alaskan Eskimo life;

—a 96 page catalogue which contains descriptive information, photographs, maps, a chronological chart, and bibliography.

"SURVIVAL" was funded by The National Endowment for the Humanities, an independent agency of the federal government, as a part of its cooperative efforts with museums and other

cultural institutions to bring a large array of humanities programs to the general public.

The tour is being coordinated by the American Federation of Arts in New York.



PICTURED HERE are secretarial students boarding a bus that will take them to St. Louis. Seventeen students, accompanied by three instructors, visited the Word Processing Center at the IBM company, the Gardner Advertising Agency, and a stock brokerage. The students also viewed the Medical Records section of Barnes Hospital. Secretarial instructors Gela Goin, Janet Miller, and Imogene Ansonge accompanied the students.

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Sniper—A band that plays together, stays together

When it comes to Southern Illinois bands, there are country bands, there are disco bands, there are rock bands, and then there is Sniper.

Members of the band, all Mt. Vernonites, are Mike Young, drummer, Gene Hood, guitar, Del Herbert, guitar, and Roger Greenwalt, keyboard. Roger is also master over synthesizers, strings and Hammond C-3.

The group was originally known as Farm, the popular "let-that-boy-boogie" band that played years back not only at RLC in Ina but also with Canned Heat in Springfield. Mike, Del, and Roger are the three of the six that stayed together.

While the sun was shining, Farm made hay and released an album (titled Farm) and played live over KNDA-FM, St. Louis. The album, however good it may seem, was a disappointment to the band themselves. Says Mike, "The good stuff wasn't on the album. The best music we played had a lot of jamming and we couldn't do that in the studio." Whatever their opinions may be, the album was quite an achievement for taking only four hours to cut.

Farm stayed together for two years but then split "because of similar taste." They formed Nebula, which was a more progressive hard rock. Nebula stayed together for about a year, recording in Smoke Signal Studios (south of Carbondale). The band described Nebula as being ahead of their time. "We're still doing the same music now, and it's doing good."

"Farm was totally for the people," said Mike. "Nebula was for ourselves." With Nebula, they played the kind of music they liked best. "But we were starving, so now we've come back to doing commercial." Hence Nebula evolved into Sniper, which is a combination of playing for the people and for themselves and with a lot more variety.

Gene Hood, being 21 and the youngest member of the band, joined with Mike, Del, and Roger to form Sniper. "I heard him playing acoustic guitar and singing and I told him he ought to play bass and sing with us," said Mike. "He called two days later and said he would." Terry Edson became the road-crew manager.

With Sniper, there are a lot more vocals and a lot more keyboard, with a "lot more of everything." They play music like UFO, Camel, Robin Trower, along with their own original numbers.

The band practices in a basement of one of their friends, where this interview took place. "When we're not playing," said Mike, "we're practicing. We're working a bunch on shows, adding more."

"Adding to the show" also includes 6000 watts of new floodlights.

Sniper performs mainly at clubs and schools. Future concerts include this weekend (May 5 and 6) at the Pier 312 in Mt. Carmel and a return to Zeppelin's in Du Bois on May 20.

Sniper has one main goal for the future. According to guitarist, Del, "One thing this band has in mind is definitely staying together, no matter where we go (musically, that is). Farm or Nebula could have made it if we would have stayed together for eight years, no telling where we'd be."

With this theory in mind, Sniper has a strong point in that everybody gets along. They remarked that with all the money they have invested in the band they'd probably kill the person who splits it up.

Their thinking is a little less idealistic than six years ago when PT reporter Don Crider interviewed Farm. The main force in keeping them together was "for the sake of making music." Now Mike says he wants to be a popular band. Roger simply said, "I want to be rich." They expressed a genuine desire to be playing places rather than a basement.

The musical tastes of the masses will probably be the biggest determinant of whether Sniper will make it. They say they're down on disco and are waiting for it to go.

What will take its place, they don't know. But according to Roger, "Farting in a microphone is better than disco."

Richard O. Hart to leave office

"I just want to go back to my private law practice and out of public life." These were the words of Richard O. Hart, retiring State Representative of the 59th district. Hart, a lifelong Benton resident, has decided not to run for re-election in next September. "I said when I announced my first candidacy that I did not intend to make a career of it. The legislature is becoming more and more a full-time occupation." When asked why he decided to run for State Representative, Hart said, "I thought that I could do a better job than the other candidates that were running for the office." Hart's term will end the second Wednesday in January, 1979. He presently is Chairman of the House Committee on Financial Institutions, Chairman of the House Democratic Caucus, and a member of the House Judiciary Committee. The staff of the Pressing Times would like to thank Richard O. Hart for his time, effort, and years of service to Southern Illinois.



NEWLY ELECTED members of the Rend Lake College Board of Trustees, Joe Scrivner, Mt. Vernon; and Richard Herrin, Benton; are shown with Dr. Richard Simpson, RLC board chairman, Benton, and Joe McClure, Mt. Vernon, who was re-elected in the April election. The new board members were seated at the April 18 board meeting. Elected as officers for the next year are Simpson, chairman; McClure, vice-chairman; and Everett Thompson, Sesser; secretary.

RLC Presidential Search Committee is now evaluating applications

Rend Lake College is searching for a new President. Students and members of the RLC community are wondering what is now being done.

Sixteen people were chosen to represent the employees of the college. They are Trustee Chairman Richard Simpson (elected as Trustee Chairman at the last Board Meeting), Trustees Joe McClure and Allen Baker, Mark Kern, Myron Foley, William Hudson, Elanor Hall, Barbara Luchsinger, David Scott, Jim Waugh, Charles Foster, Sue Upchurch, Bob Webb, and students Mark Michalic and Linda Hester.

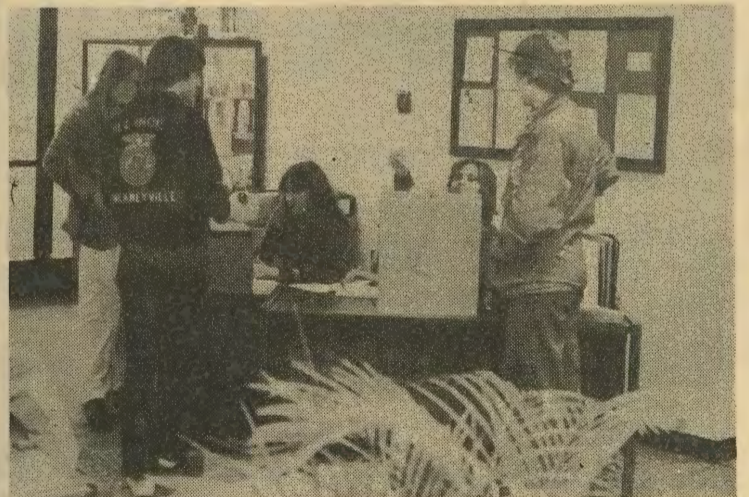
Ninety-four applications from men and women all over the U.S. have been received and are being reviewed by 15 members of the committee. The applications were distributed into 15 packets to be reviewed. The committee is to read one packet daily and evaluate each applicant.

On the evaluation sheets, the following information must be completed by each committee member: Name, address, and place of present employment, position held, family information, degrees, colleges, and areas of study, education administration experience, community college experience, other educational experience, references and observations, overall rating 1-5 (1—Excellent, 2—Good, 3—Average, 4—Mediocre, 5—Poor;

and comments.

"The evaluation sheets involve a large quantity of work and much concentration," said secretary for the committee, Mrs. Upchurch.

By May 9, all the packets will have been read and rated. The applicants will be weeded out by the points they received. The Board of Trustees will be presented with 10-15 applicants to be narrowed down further.



STUDENTS CASTING their votes in the recent Student Senate elections. (Photo by Brian Kimbro)

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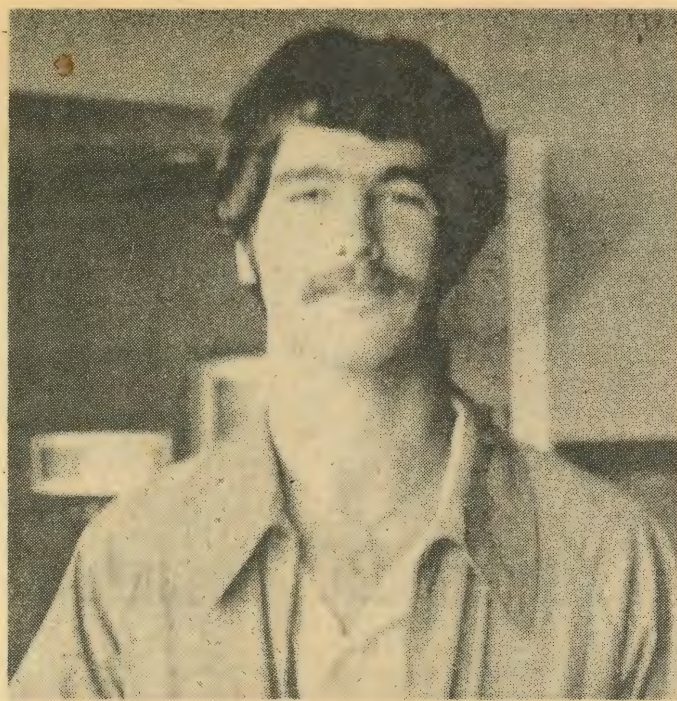
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MARK MOSCHINO is a reporter for the Pressing Times. Mark graduated from Christopher High School and is currently a Freshman at RLC. His plans after Rend Lake College are undecided. Mark spends his spare time playing pool, camping, and playing drums for Palladium, a Rock and Roll band. He currently resides in Coello.



RLC freshman Mark Michalic, West Frankfort, was elected Circle K Lieutenant Governor for the Southern Subdivision of the Illinois and Eastern Iowa district. The subdivision reaches from Effingham to Cairo.

His duties involve being sure the district and international dues are paid, ascertaining that the monthly service activity is performed, the participation in district functions is kept up, and attending seminars and cau-

cuses.

"I enjoy it" Michalic said. "You learn about yourself. You learn from the people you help. It gives you a sense of self-pride knowing you made somebody's day a little brighter."

He emphasized that Circle K is a service organization affiliated with the Kiwanis. RLC's chapter works with the Mt. Vernon group. The club is co-ed and to join simply show interest and be willing to work.



On April 13 Norm Miller and John Mitchell, Mining instructors, presented a stereo to the Trainable Mentally Handicapped (TMH) class at Christopher High School. According to Dale Mason, Mining, the dona-

tion was a team effort within the department.

The department became aware of the need through Norm Miller, whose daughter is a member of the class. Robert Irvin, TMH class instructor, was

noticeably moved by the donation. He stated that the stereo would be used for entertainment and education. When asked if there was anything he would like to say, he simply said "Thank you, thank you."



RLC's Triple A department sponsored a three-day agricultural mechanics contest for area FFA (Future Farmers of America) chapters during the week of April 10.

Twenty-four schools entered a five-member team from each school. The students were tested in agricultural power, carpentry, electricity, surveying, and welding. One team member was entered in only one event. The student was required to take a written test first, then to actually

demonstrate his abilities.

Instructors Bill Hudson, Terry Clark, Rob Franklin, Level Swink, Morris Kirsch, Sam McGowen, Lee Wilson, David Scott, and Doug Leak judged the contestants, and were aided by RLC students Bill Wheately and Ron McKay.

"In Vocational Technology we are teaching people skills" stated Bill Hudson, department head. "In these contests we are giving them the opportunity to apply their skills and win prizes for it."

Faculty unrest on campus is evidenced at Board Meeting

Further evidence of the continuing tension involving faculty vs. faculty, and faculty vs. administration, was exhibited at the April 18 meeting of the RLC board of trustees.

Instructor Rauben Hawkins, president of the Rend Lake College Federation of Teachers, once again brought up the matter of faculty representation by the American Federation of Teachers, and was once again denied discussion of the matter by the board.

This makes six meetings in a row that the board has been faced with this question, and again they have failed to take any action.

The reason given for taking no action at this time was because

the board wants to wait until such time as there is a President on duty at the college. The general feeling seems to be that this is merely a stalling tactic as representation has nothing to do with whether there is a president or not.

The conflict between faculty members seems to be the fact that some of the instructors don't feel they need union representation and some feel they would rather have another agency than the AFT representing them.

All the conflict and dissension on college campuses used to spring from the actions of the students, now all the action seems to be coming from the camp of the faculty. No matter how much things change, the more they stay the same.

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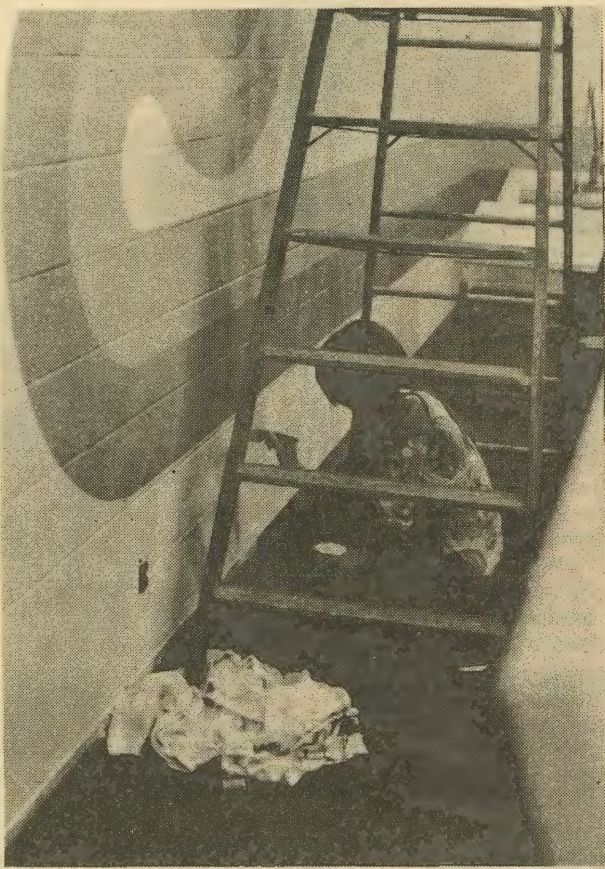
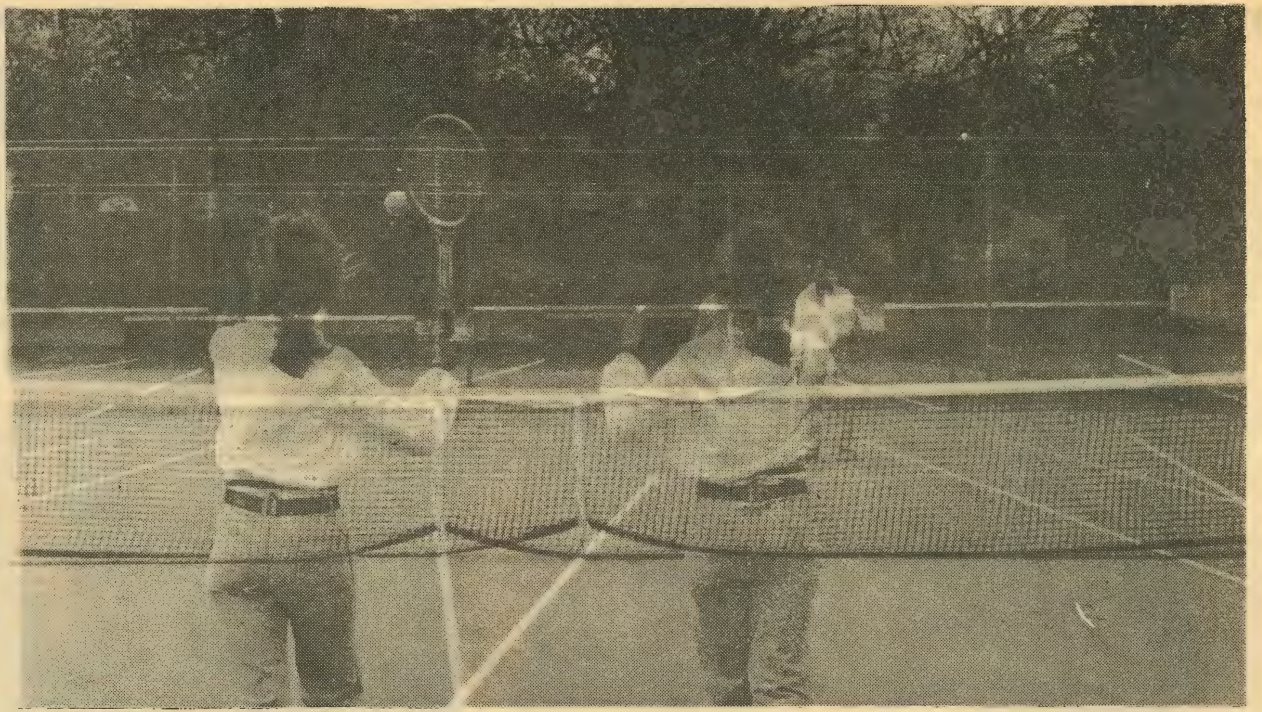
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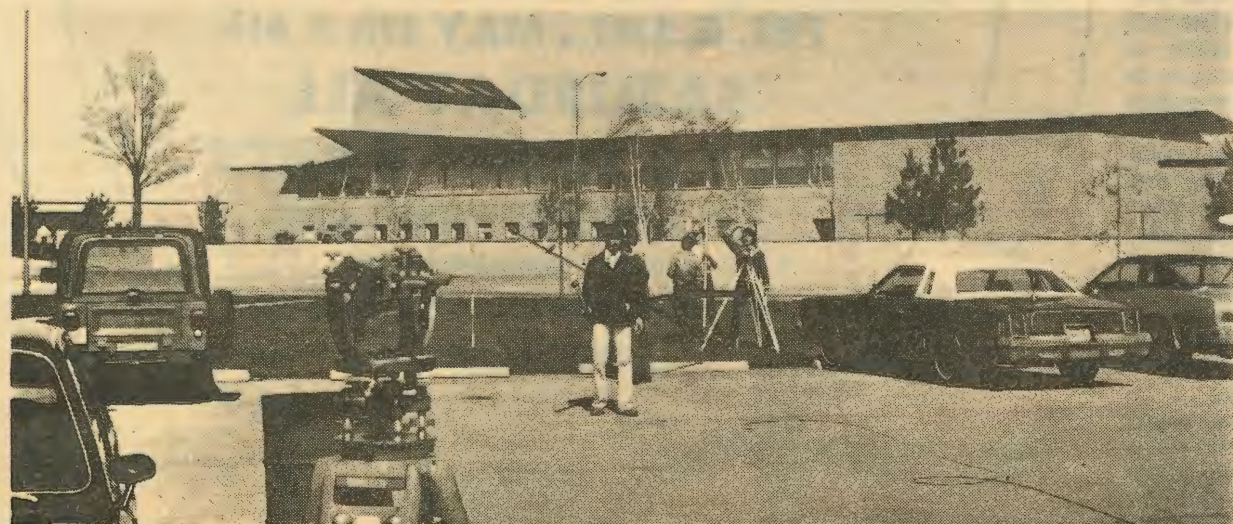
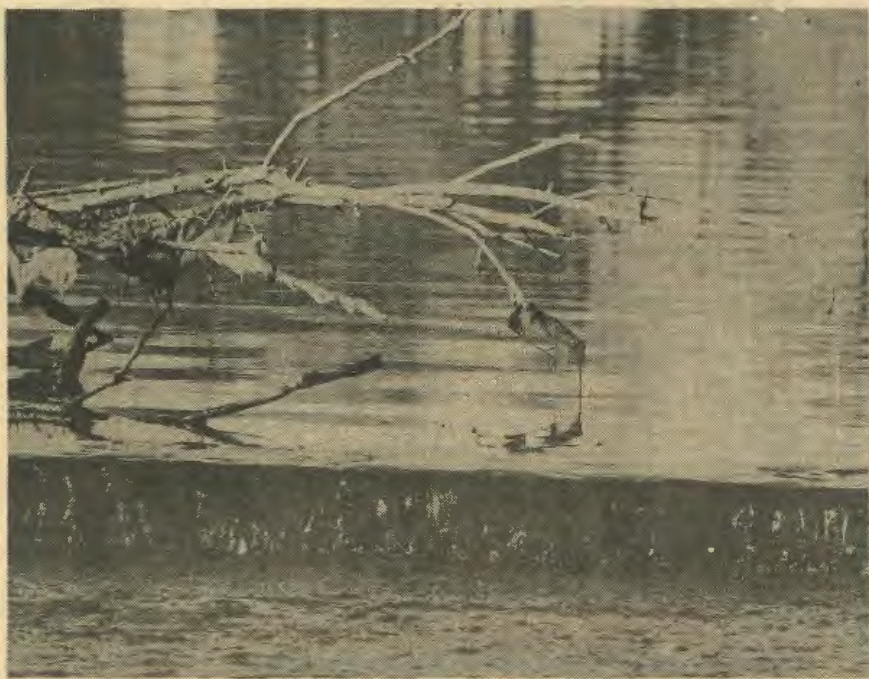
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