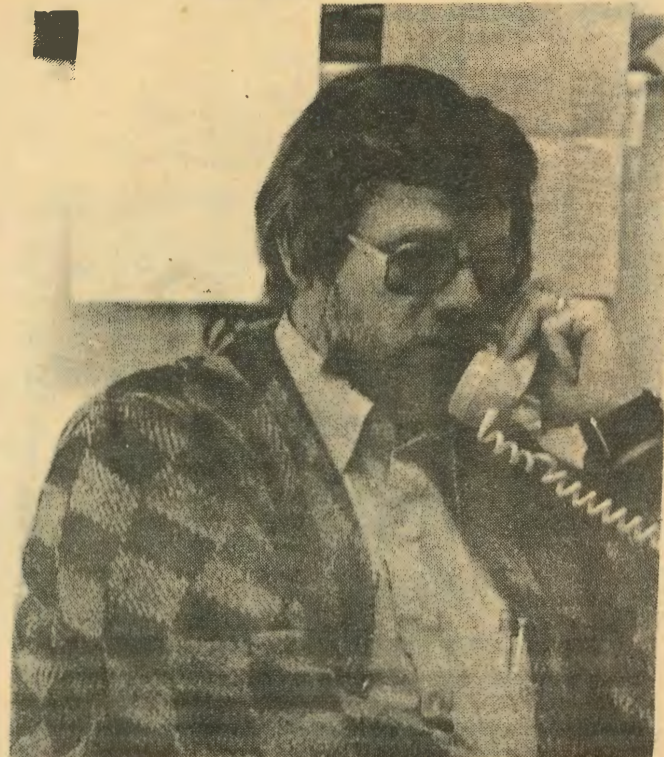




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Phifer submits resignation from Arts and Communications

Mr. Larry D. Phifer, instructor of instrumental, music appreciation, theory, and collegiate choir classes, recently submitted his resignation as chairperson of the Arts and Communications Dept. The resignation will become effective June 30.

Mr. Phifer will relinquish his position to allow adequate time to complete work on his doctorate of music by January, 1979, at the University of Illinois.

Phifer has been an instructor at Rend Lake College for eight years. He was the first chairperson of the Fine Arts Dept., and has been chairperson of the Arts and Communications for the past three years.

The opening has been announced in nationwide placement publications. Hopefully, an applicant will be brought for review to the Board of Trustees by June or July.

Kent State: A Wake is presented to students in RLC's Little Theatre

Kent State. The two simple words mean many things to many people. To four families, they are synonymous with death and grief. To some they mean shame; to others the words are a rallying cry. Kent State may say nothing to you. If you are an American citizen they should strike into the very center of your heart.

Four young college students were killed on the campus of Kent State University on May 4, 1970. The event is engraved in the hearts and minds of most Americans. It has been hashed over hundreds of times. A rock epic was even written on it. The investigation is still going on, and now even RLC has had its chance to know the facts in the form of a reader's theatre production.

Presented by a California group of young actors from Occidental College, Kent State: A Wake is based on facts gathered through interviews, newspapers, and other publications. The performance included a slide show, music, singing, and some excellent acting. The show emphasized the lives of the four students who died: Bill Schroeder, Sandy Scheuer, Jeff Miller, and Allison Krause. The research on their young lives pointed out strongly that these four students were simply young Americans who cared about their country. Is that a reason to die?

A highlight of the show was the performance of the song "Last Chance" by Chris Jenkins. The

young woman sang her song with depth and a voice that literally could ring within RLC's Little Theatre. The slide presentation, though at times difficult to see, did have one interesting effect: a blurring in and out of the slides.

This reminded one of how the actual incident is now in danger of becoming blurred in the minds of Americans. Thanks to these actors, it will be a long time before Kent State is forgotten again by those who saw the performance.



SHOWN ABOVE IS the cast of Kent State: A Wake

Susan Derry performs for Beta Sigma Phi Banquet

Susan Derry, an RLC music major, performed for the Beta Sigma Phi Founder's Day Banquet on April 24.

Susan sang the prize-winning song, "Light Another Torch" for the Banquet. The song was written by a sorority sister from North Carolina. Each year they hold this contest and the winning

song is presented at the Banquets throughout the nation.

The meeting, held at the Elks Club in Mt. Vernon, consisted of the five Mt. Vernon Chapters and the Nashville Chapter.

Kay Wield, an RLC student, and a member of the Xi Gamma Iota chapter, accompanied Susan.

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Student Senate meets April 12

The Student Senate met April 12th to discuss end of the year plans. Among these were last minute details for the Spring Dance held April 14th, upcoming elections, plans for a folk singer to play music in the Student Center, and an outside concert. An

example budget for next year was decided on and appropriations for several field trips were voted on. The meeting adjourned with plans to meet again at the School Board Meeting April 18th and at the voting polls April 19th. Final plans for upcoming end of

the year events and a date for the Student Senate party will be discussed.

The Student Senate has been responsible for: the change machine in the South Oasis, the Foos-ball table and stereo in the Student Center, the Alumni Dance and Disco Dance at Rend Lake College, the Spring Dance at the Holi-Dome, replacement of stolen speakers in the library, appropriations of partial help for departmental field trips, as well as student representation at academic council meetings and School Board meetings. With the Fall and Winter Semesters drawing to a close the Senate will carry out the few last plans for the year and leave future plans and decisions for the incoming Senate.



KIDS OF ALL AGES came to see Uncle Briggs last week. Above a RLC student poses with Briggs.

Karen Rhine takes fifth in Women's Billiards Tournament

BLAP 'EM KAREN

That was the battle cry that dominated the Women's Intercollegiate Pocket Billiards Tournament held in Tallahassee, Florida the weekend of April 7-10.

The Karen they were referring to was Karen K. Rhine, who was representing the University of Evansville. Karen is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Rhine of Benton, Illinois.

This was the second time Karen has played in the National championships, after finishing ninth last year. She was seeded eighth going into this year's match, but upped that and at the end of the tournament was in fifth place.

Karen had advanced to the national finals by handily winning the regional championship which had been held earlier this year in Champaign, Ill. Karen polished that one off by going undefeated and winning five straight matches.

The tournament is an annual event and is open to college

students from across the country, and every year draws entrants from colleges in every state. Karen is graduating from U. of E. this quarter with a degree in Drama. Karen has been very active in the dramatic field, appearing in dozens of productions over the last few years including the production of "NEVER TOO LATE" which was presented at Rend Lake College.

Karen has been shooting pool for about three years and has always taken it very seriously. One of her early mentors was a man whose name is very familiar in the world of pool hustling. That man is Minnesota Fats, whom Karen met while managing a billiard parlor in Carbondale, where she was going to school at the time.

But Fats is into the world of the hustle and Karen is interested in changing the image of the game and lifting it from the backroom bars to its rightful place, out where it can be played and enjoyed by all people.

So, once again, congratulations Karen, and "Keep on Blappin, 'em."

Evansville Courier Photo
by Bill Adkins



UNCLE BRIGGS, famous TV celebrity, took time out from his busy schedule last week to visit the RLC Little Theater. A full house watched Uncle Briggs and his antics; plus there was plenty of the Three Stooges and Bugs Bunny on hand. The show was sponsored by the Beta Sigma Phi. Above, Uncle Briggs chats with one of the "kids" who came to watch.



MEET THE STAFF



CINDY SCOTT, second from left, has been selected as Outstanding Secretarial Student. She is shown here accepting her plaque from Gela Goin, Imogene Ansonge, and Janet Miller, secretarial science instructors.



SCOTT MONES is the Advisor for the Pressing Times. Scott is also the information officer for Rend Lake College. He presently lives in Mt. Vernon. Some of his hobbies are sailing, scuba diving, photography.

Rafael Dominguez: student from Venezuela attends Rend Lake

Rafael Alfonso Dominguez, age twenty-two, is a foreign student currently attending Rend Lake College. Originally from Caracas, Venezuela, Rafael comes from a family of six; one brother and two sisters. His mother is French and his father a native of Venezuela.

Rafael has been residing in the United States for one year and four months. He began his studies at the University of Houston. Aside from English and Spanish, he speaks Italian fluently and some French. Mr. Dominguez is planning a career in dentistry.

During the past year, Rafael, has travelled to New York, California, Texas, and Vermont. He commented that although Vermont was the most beautiful state he had seen thus far, Houston, Texas was his favorite spot.

Rafael is able to pursue his studies in the United States by means of a student visa. Involved in the visa is a contract between the student and the Dept. of Immigration. Among the conditions and stipulations of the agreement are that the student is not allowed to work and must attend school each semester including all summer sessions. Rafael will be eligible for citizenship after two years of residency in the United States.

Rafael enjoys baseball and is an avid tennis player. He is also a professional scuba diver. Also, it has been rumored that he is another Fred Astair! King of the disco! I'll leave the female readers of this article to check the accuracy of my information!



RAFAEL: The Latin Lover.



RITA MILLS is the Business Manager for the Pressing Times. Rita graduated from Benton High School and is currently a Sophomore at RLC majoring in Social Welfare. Upon graduation she plans to attend Eastern Illinois University. Some of her hobbies are swimming and collecting matchbooks. While at school Rita works for the Nursing Department as a student worker.

Summer employment available to students

Arnold and Clarke (a subsidiary of Chromalloy American) is looking for approximately eight part-time geologically oriented persons, preferably students, to work mapping and sampling barite occurrences in Elko County, Nevada.

The pay scale will be from \$4.00 to \$5.00 per hour, working at least eight hours per day. Scheduling will be on a five day on-two day off or ten days on and four days off basis. Workers will be camping out in wall tents and/or trailers. Company vehicles will

be on hand for use of the crew, therefore private transportation will not be necessary to the job site.

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SHARON HEIL is the Feature Editor for the Pressing Times. Sharon graduated from McLeansboro High School in 1976. She is a Sophomore at Rend Lake College majoring in Journalism. Sharon plans to attend Illinois State University this summer and then finish her education at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale in the fall. She was named to Who's Who earlier this year. Sharon enjoys such activities as reading, bike riding, and writing fictional stories. She spends her extra time on campus working for the newspaper.

SPORTS

RLC's women's softball report

Rend Lake's women's softball, in its initial season, has had its ups and downs.

Looking on the bright side, there has been some pretty slick hitting from Penny Biggerstaff (.400), Angie Zachman (.375), Pam Winder (.353), and K. K. Autin (.333). In the field, Patti Bonenberger and Kelly Stewart have made a few slick plays

themselves.

But . . . with only ten players, Rend's diamondettes are having a hard time in winning. Like the women's basketball team this winter, the softball squad doesn't have the depth to be conference contenders.

The lady Warriors were busy last week in the double elimina-

tion sectional tourney. If the Warriors should win the tourney, they will be on their way to the state playoffs. If they lost, their season ended.

No matter, win or lose, one thing is for sure, next year's team will have some experience. The Warriors only lose two Sophomores to graduation.

Basketball recruiting begins

It's recruiting time again for college basketball coaches, so Rend Lake's Hummer Waugh and John Kretz have been more than busy these past two weeks entertaining visiting prospects.

A total of seven high school seniors have already visited the RLC campus, and six more are scheduled for this week

A few familiar names to Southern Ill., sports fans are high on coach Waugh's list. Doug Dunbar, a 6'0" Benton All South-Seven player, is one of these

priority players. Dunbar not only excells on the hardwood, but swings the golf club with expertise.

Another name, Paul Patton, might ring a bell. Patton was a star forward on Nashville's state championship team.

Other area players who are on Waugh's want list are: Jeff Conner, Mt. Vernon; Barry Morris, Nashville; Dan Carie, Teupolis, and Doug Creel, Mt. Vernon.

Players outside the district

who Coach Waugh has talked with include Bob Clindenbeard, a 6'10" giant from Terre Haute Indiana. Clinkenbeard could be the third player for TH North high school to play on the RLC basketball team Formerly Kevin Rose and Jack Smith started for RLC.

Rich Milbourn, a 6'8" standout from Rantoul is another quality player according to Waugh.

Other out of district players are: Deon Mennigal, Rantoul; Brian Martie, Vandalia, and Gary Weir, Jaysonville, Ind.

RLC's baseball team on winning trail

Randy Shivley upped his record to 7-0 as Rend Lake's baseball squad took a 4-1 decision over Kaskaskia College of Centralia, in the first round of the sectional tourney. The win ups RLC's record to 25-5, and runs their winning streak to 19.

Shivley, who is rated one of the top pitchers in the state according to a recent coaches' poll, went the distance while striking out five.

Wayne Middleton, a Henderson, Ky. native, supplied a two

run homer.

Coach Mike McClure, who recently won his 200th game as the RLC head man, predicts a showdown between RLC and Southeastern in the finals of the tourney. Rend Lake has one win and one loss against Southeastern this spring.

One of the main factors in RLC's success this spring, according to McClure, "is the fine pitching of our young staff."

Shivley has had help with the pitching chores as Doug Caldwell

and Dave Boldt have had more than just respectable springs. Caldwell posted a 4-3 record and a low 2.30 E.R.A. Boldt is 4-1.

At the plate Rich Cliff has been the real bright spot as he is slugging at a .357 clip.

But the biggest offensive threat RLC has, is Dennis Cox, who leads the state with 30 stolen bases.

Meet the Warriors



Meet Tom Brown, our Feature Warrior this week. Tom is currently playing on Coach Mike McClure's baseball team.

Brown, a sophomore from Jasper, Indiana, has played a major role on the diamond for the past two years as a utility player.

Besides being a top-notch athlete, Tom ranks high in academic performance. Tom was on the Dean's list last Fall. Majoring in Accounting, Brown intends to go to Purdue or Indiana State next Fall.

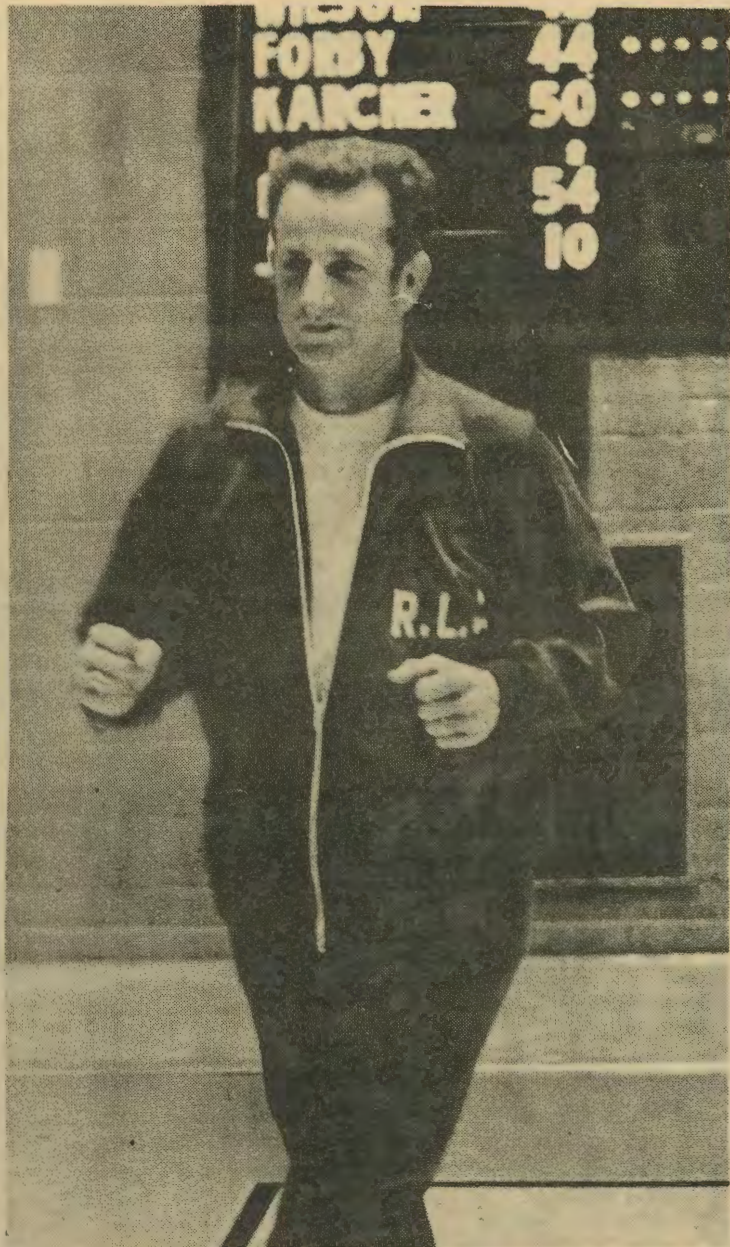
When Tom isn't busy hitting the baseball, or the books, he spends time coaching a Little League baseball team. Tom also is a member of the Phi Theta Kappa honorary society, and is Secretary-Treasurer of the Circle-K Club.



THIRD BASEMAN John Klein is a little late as he tries to tag out an Olney baserunner. RLC won the game 8-1.



A FEW OF REND LAKE'S baseball fans take advantage of the sunny weather during last week's double header against Olney.



A FAMILIAR SIGHT? Above is Wayne Arnold during his daily jog in the Warrior gym.

Warrior Watch

By Chuck Doty

Before leaving my post as sports editor of the Pressing Times, I would like to bring to your attention the progress our athletic program here at RLC has made over the past two years.

The introduction of women's inter-collegiate sports is probably the most significant progress our athletic program has ever made. In the past, our women athletes had to be content with the intra-mural programs. Although these programs were well organized, the level of competition never really met the competitive needs of some of the more talented women. But no longer will these women of high athletic ability be deprived of the opportunity to compete on the more competitive intra-collegiate level.

We have made progress in other areas also.

It seems that today, most people feel that one of the more important factors of a successful athletic program is victory.

Well, we have been doing a lot of winning here over the last two years. Our men's basketball team captured the conference title last year, and won the Lewis and Clark Tourney this season. Also, our baseball team has been winning. The diamond men are now on an 18-game winning streak, a school record. In golf, RLC has been very competitive over the past two years. Scott Ellis, a '77 linksman, shot his way to the state championships last year. Also, our women have won games in all three sports — volleyball, basketball and softball! That's not bad for their first year!

Yeah, RLC athletics sure have made progress over the past couple of years. But you know, it's not too hard to figure out why.

Just look over in the admissions office. See that short guy with the funny mustache. He's probably talking to some gal about her serve.

And look in the gym. See that slim fellow with the army haircut? That's him, setting up the volleyball nets. Now he's giving someone a tip on how to hit a backhand.

Take a walk out to the baseball diamond sometime. Don't be surprised if you see a short fellow with a red cap, helping a bunch of guys rake dirt in the infield.

Then you can always go look inside the door of the coaches' offices. You see that big guy over there in the corner, that's him, the one that is making everyone laugh so hard. Listen close, he's probably telling about last week's hole in one.

They are why RLC athletics are making great progress.

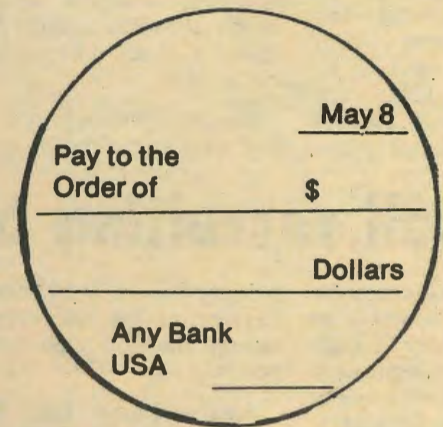
The word has been passed to the Pressing Times that if the abuse of the foos-ball table is not stopped, the table will be removed. The table was put in for the benefit of the students; not as an object in which they could take their frustrations out on. True the table often rips you off, but don't beat on it, talk to any Student Senate member or Skip Witunski and you'll get a refund.

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