

PRESSING TIMES

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Honors Day Awards

By Margaret Skinner and Becky Harvey

The annual Honors Convocation was held Wednesday, May 5 at 12:00. A variety of honors and awards were presented.

Art instructor, Susan Kolejeski, presented cash awards to eight students for their entries in the Student Art Exhibit. The winners and prizes are: 1st, Lesa Rhodes - \$100.00; 2nd, David Gallo - \$50.00, and Brenda Willis - \$50.00; 3rd, Cynthia Gentry, John Roberts and Doug Gum - \$25.00 apiece; Honorable Mention, Perry Morris and Tom Mick - \$10.00.

Those honored from the Literary Magazine Ozone are: Beverly Lawson, Editor; Tom Mick, Assistant Editor; Margaret Skinner, Editorial Assistant and Robert Brock, Typist.

Students whose work won a first, second or third place in the Ozone received a cash award of \$12.00, \$7.00 and \$5.00 respectively. The first place winners are: Kyle Ingram, fiction; Brent Lappin, non-fiction; Lesa Rhodes, art; Lyne Mabry, poetry; & John Roberts.

Second place winners are: Sheri Hobbs, fiction; Jeff Heck, non-fiction; Kay Kearney, art; Mary Bourque, photography and poetry.

Third place winners are Cathy Coats, fiction; Becky Morris, non-fiction; Kay

Kearney, art; John Roberts, photography and Shirley Wielt, poetry.

Those honored from the PT staff are Scott Ellis, Editor; John Fleri; Becky Randall, Administration Editor; Carol Wilkerson, Layout Editor; Becky Harvey, Circulation Manager; Mark Dyel, Business Manager; Phil Watts, Honorary Technical Engineer; Sheila McMahon, Head Typist; Greta Garbo, Special Editor, and Laura Mick, Assistant to Editor, Larry Lewis, Photographer.

Secretarial Science instructor, Gela Goin presented the Outstanding Secretarial Student Award to Kathy O'Neill.

Lonnie Connor is the Social Science Award winner.

The SEA award winners are: Zena VanHorn, president, Phyllis Carter, vice president; Barbara Buck, treasurer; Jean Page, sec. and Lesa Rhodes, publicity chairman.

This year's southern regional vice president is Zena VanHorn. Shirley Clark will take over this post next year.

The SEA Scholarship recipient is Jean Page.

Peter Harris, Phi Theta Kappa President, presented the Distinguished Educator Award to Dr. Richard Doherty, Social Science Department Chairman.

The music awards were not available at press time.

Vincent Cain, yearbook advisor, presented awards to seven members of the TARN Staff. Their names were not available at press time.

All Student Senate members present received a plaque for their services.

Golden Arrow Returns

Golden Arrow will again make RLC its target for the Student Senate's May 7 dance.

The dance will be held in the Student Center. High School students, along with college students, are welcome to attend this free event.

The band will have lots of new sounds lasting from 8 to 12 Friday evening.

The RLC Student Senate hopes that the dance gets a big turn out since it will be the last dance given this Spring Semester.

Student Senate News

By Margaret Skinner

David Dent and Wendy Andros were elected to fill the two vacancies for Freshmen Representatives for the remainder of the school year.

The sophomore Representatives for the 1976-1977 school year were also elected at the April 15th Student Senate elections. They were: David Dent, Kelly Mumbower, Wendy Andros, and Laura Stewart.

The new members all attended the April 24th Student Senate meeting. At this meeting, officers were elected for next year. Laura Stewart is the President - Elect and Kelly Mumbower will be the Secretary - Treasurer.

RLC Photo



The RLC Warrior bids farewell to all the 1976 graduates. GOOD LUCK!!

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Activities

Intrepid Harvey Visits Mine

By Becky Harvey

On Thursday, April 22, the Mining 222 Class took a tour of the Old Ben 21 Preparation Plant in Sesser.

The field trip was arranged by J. L. Musgrave, instructor of the RLC mining class, and the trip also included Dr. Barbara Luchsinger, chairman of the Communication Dept. Musgrave and Dr. Luchsinger are the faculty sponsors for the AIME Chapter at RLC. (AIME is the American Institute of Mining Engineers.)

The Old Ben Coal Mining Corporation opened their #21 mine operations in 1960. Their coal is used for metallurgical purposes, that is, primarily for steel mill purposes.

The mine is 660 feet deep.

The preparation plant is for both large and ultra fine coals. Ultra fine coal uses magnetite for alteration of the specific gravity of solids.

The prop plant machinery consists of crushers, breakers, sizing screens, froth floatation cells, magnetic separations, cyclones, centrifugal dryers, and many conveyors and conveyor belts.

The floatation cells incorporate air into water causing air bubbles to stick to the coal, and causes it to float. The heavier solids sink and are removed as impurities.

Cyclones put coal and impurities such as rocks, into a swirling motion. Due to the heavier specific gravity of the rocks, they are ejected from the



RLC Photo

"Honorary Miners" return from their trip to an Old Ben facility. From left to right, Dr. Barbara Luchsinger, RLC communications dept. chairman; PT reporter Becky Harvey; and Jack Musgrave.

bottom of the cone. The coal goes to a vortex finder and comes out as clean coal.

The centrifugal dryers spin the coal in concentric circles and extracts much of the water from the coal.

Other machinery includes sieve bend screens. These are dewatering devices and take water and very fine particles from the coal.

A thickener is used to extract im-

purities and water from coal, permitting the water to be recycled and put back into the prep plant.

A seven cell jig is a washbox, and takes heavy impurities out of the water and coal mixture.

The mine can stack 50,000 tons of coal when the washer is not operating. The blending bins hold 600 tons of coal.

We also saw and had explained to us the main coal hoist. It is manufactured by Nordburg Company, and is a D.C. powered hoist, having a top speed of about 1500 feet per minute, rope speed.

The cycle time for each ten ton coal skip is about 50 seconds per trip.

Social Sciences

This year's recipient of the Social Science Award is Lonnie Connor.

Connor, a Logan, Illinois resident is a federal mine inspector.

His job is to enforce the Health and Safety act of 1969. He works for the Mine Enforcement and Safety Administration of the U.S. Bureau of the Interior.

He has attended RLC for 33 months and will graduate this spring.

At RLC he has taken over 30 semester hours of social science and has a high grade point average.

He plans to attend SIU after graduation.

RLC Baseball Action

The RLC diamondmen will be competing in Sectional play this week at Southeastern. The Warriors, also were to have battled Southeastern last Wed., April 28.

The Warriors, sporting a 22-8 record at the time of this publication, swept John A. Logan in a twinbill Monday, April 26. The RLC squad won the opening game 5-1 and picked up the second match by a nose, 1-0.

RLC pitcher Jack Smith, 7-2 for the season, earned the win in the first game, giving up 5 hits in 6 innings.

Doyle Miller earned the second game win by giving up seven hits.



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Dept. Chairman Meeting Held

By Becky Randall

An April 22 Dept. Chairman Meeting discussed several issues, including a possible reorganization of the departments.

Under the proposed reorganization, the departments would be reduced from 8 to 4 and chairmen would be given more administrative work.

The present system has only the Dean of the College and the Business Manager reporting to the President. The reorganization would create a four dean system with the Deans of Instruction, Student Services, Community Services, and Business Manager all reporting to the President. This system has had a first reading at the April Board Meeting and will be discussed at the May Board Meeting.

Other issues were discussed at the Dept. Meeting, including the announcement that Senator Terry Bruce will speak at commencement this year. Robert Graham, Dean of Student Services, announced that summer scholarships have been cancelled, but there will be a possible increase in Illinois State Scholarships.

Is English Dying ?

By Sheila McMahon

Beginning at 9 a.m. Friday, May 7 John Daugherty, from Arlington Heights, Ill., will be speaking on "English as a Second Language". Daugherty is from the Illinois Office of Education.

The workshop will be held on the RLC campus in room A108 and will continue through 3 a.m.

Attendants at the workshop will include teachers from Mascoutah, Ill., Cape Girardeau, Mo., Adult Education Center, and the other Adult Basic Education teachers.

Other participants will be people now attending the GED programs including one student from Poland, three from India, one from Thailand, one Vietnamese, and two from India that are in the Basic Education Reading Class.

Ag News

In order to give students a better opportunity to gain practical work experience in the field of agriculture, Rend Lake College has announced plans to establish a farm lab operation on approximately 280 acres located on their campus.

Students will be involved in decision making at all levels of the farm operation from crop selection to marketing the harvest. Present plans call for a member of the instructional staff at the college to serve as the farm manager and technician to operate the farm. Students will recommend crop varieties, planting rates, fertilizer, and tillage practices to be used on the land.

College officials have estimated the cost of the project to be about \$70,000. Of that amount, \$25,000 will be used to operate the farm and the remainder of funds will finance the purchase of equipment.

The complete operation went into effect May 1.

The operation is being conducted on land presently owned by the college in addition to about 150 acres leased from the St. Louis Corp of Engineers on the north side of the campus.

Early plans call for the planting of 126 acres of corn, 126 acres of soybeans and 40 acres of wheat in the fall. Turner said that approximately 90 students are participating in the farm operation.

Mining News

Dr. E. Leon Dunning, professor and department chairman of Technology in Carbondale; and his guest, Dr. Atmesh K. Sinha, manager of Industrial education, visited the Mining 222 class, Thursday, April 15.

They passed out material on what a RLC mining student needs to enter SIU.

Dr. Dunning also answered questions from the class.

Benton Community Bank

"your friend on the other end"

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By Becky Harvey

A seminar for students in Agricultural Business, Production and Mechanics will be held Thursday, May 13, in the Student Center at 7:00 p.m.

Forty-six students will be in attendance.

These students are involved in the eight-week "On-The-Job-Training" program. The students spend their time in either an agricultural business, or a large farm operation.

They receive college credit, wages at least equal to a beginning employee in the business or farm, and of course experience.

Many students use this "On-The-Job-Training" as a stepping stone to a permanent career after college.

The purpose of the seminar is for the students to relate their experiences on the job to the rest of the class.

Each student will give a report on location and backgrounds of the jobs, individual competencies, relation of "On-The-Job-Training" to school and the self-satisfaction they receive while on the job.

Nursing News

The Nursing Group Regional meeting will be held Thursday, May 11 from 2:00 - 4:00 in Science Room 122.

Districts 10, 12, and 14 of the State Nurses Association will meet with the task force. The purpose is to revamp the Illinois Nurses Association and to get ideas from the people in Southern Illinois.

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Board Report

By Becky Randall

On April 20, at the RLC Board of Trustees Meeting, reorganization of the Board took place and new member Clyde Funkhouser joined the Board. New officers elected were the following: Chairman of the Board - Carleton Apple, Vice chairman - Allen Baker, Secretary - Marie Simmons.

A. B. Miffin, University Graphics, SIU-C presented his proposal for signs for the RLC campus. The purpose of these signs will be to direct, regulate and inform the public. Miffin presented three price options on sign construction to the Board. The Board voted that the signage proposal be given to the Fiscal Facilities Committee to develop recommendation for Board consideration.

The Board voted to approve the resignation of Pat Sipes, mining instructor.

Carroll Turner, Ag instructor, presented his proposal for utilization of college land for educational and demonstration purposes. The program would be operated as an instructional tool for students, with paid college employees doing the actual work on the 190 acres.

The Board voted to enter the Ag Land Lab project with funding being provided by the Building and Maintenance fund on a yearly pay-back system. Money with a pay-back of the 46,200 over a five-year period.

Dr. Martin recommended that the Board give permission to hire a law enforcement instructor. RLC's program in Law Enforcement has been approved for next fall and an instructor will be necessary. The Board voted approval of the recommendation.

New Library Assistant

The Learning Resource Center has welcomed Miss Marilee Elliot to the library staff. Miss Elliot is the new library assistant.

Miss Elliot is originally from Mt. Vernon and has graduated from the High School there.

After graduation, Miss Elliot took a 6 months IBM course at St. Louis. From there she obtained a job working for the Illinois State Library at Springfield.

With 5 years of that library job, Miss Elliot attended the Lincoln Land Community College in Springfield. She earned her Associate of Arts degree there and then attended SIU Edwardsville majoring in Special Ed.

When Miss Marilee Elliot isn't busy at work typing or checking books, she enjoys music, reading, playing tennis and working with children.

"The school and people are all very nice," reports Miss Elliot.

New Services Offered For Comp. Clients

Through the cooperation of RLC, an additional service is now available for the clients at the Jefferson County Comprehensive Services, Inc., sheltered workshop, which provides rehabilitative services for the mentally, physically and vocationally handicapped citizens of Jefferson County.

Ms Pam Sharp, RLC teacher in the Adult Education Program, is working with clients four mornings a week to help achieve individual goals in academic skills.

She assists Krista Hollabaugh, work activities coordinator, and Eric Hale, workshop evaluator, with their respective programs by teaching reading, math, and community living skills to the 36 clients presently enrolled at the Rehab Center.

According to individual goals, clients will be taught basic academics and then apply these skills to every day living practices such as telling time, using a telephone and telephone book, counting change, and reading simplified versions of newspapers.

Ms Sharp, who has a master's degree in continuing and secondary education from the University of Illinois, has eight years teaching experience including four years of special education teaching.

Tom Burke, RLC special projects coordinator, was responsible for setting up the program and works with Ms Sharp to ensure that the program meets state and federal guidelines.

Senior Citizens Day To Be at RLC

Senior Citizens' day, for persons 55 and over, will be held Tuesday, May 18 at RLC. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m.

Kitchen band, horseshoe throwing and a whittling contest are being planned. Anyone interested may bring arts, crafts, hand made items and baked goods for display and judging.

Lunch will be served free of charge to those who attend.

FLORIDA BOUND?

Good news for anyone going to Florida over spring break. 8½ out of 10 doctors now practicing in Florida agree that ocean water has a low cholesterol count and does not cause cancer.

Smith Ranks Fifth

Jackie Smith, one of the basketball standouts at Rend Lake College this past season, was recently named, in an official release from the National Junior College Athletic Association, 5th in the nation for his free throw capabilities.

Smith, who played high school basketball for Terre Haute North, Terre Haute, Indiana, attempted 61 free throws in the 29 games he played for Rend Lake Warriors this season. He was a starting guard in all 29 of those contests.

Of those 61 attempts, 55 were good, giving him an impressive 90.2 percentage for the season.

The 5'10" freshman also scored well in other departments, averaging 7.5 assists and 12 points per game.

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Editorials

Are Elections Held Too Late?

By Becky Harvey

Recently, RLC Student Senate member, Terry Winters, raised two questions concerning the lateness of the student board member election.

Winters says, "Who has ever heard of an election at the end of a school year and how will the students know who is elected and what his duties are?"

Many people are not in school during election time (they are in the on-the-job-training program), finals are closely approaching, and people are just plain tired of school.

Winters feels that if elections of this type were held during the first month of school in the fall, more people would get involved in campaigns and better understand the function of the election.

P. T. Editor Scott Ellis believes the same way. "It is held too late in the year," he says. He also points out that sophomores won't be back in the fall and they won't be interested in voting. Also,

sophomores can't run for the student board member post. He thinks that if elections were held in September, the elected student could take office in October and serve for the rest of that school year.

According to RLC Business Manager, B. J. Witunski, three years ago a referendum was passed to please the Illinois State Government. So the student board member will take his office effective July 1 (beginning of the fiscal year). So elections will have to be held at the end of this school year because of this state law.

Witunski also pointed out that the voter turnout is poor at any time of the year at RLC. The most that have voted in any election is an estimated 80 persons.

So until the law is changed, the election for student board member, like it or not, will be held at the end of the school year.

the GRAPEVINE REPORT

By Rocket Jack

*Although it wasn't mentioned in our Honors Day Convo, we feel that the following photo deserves some recognition. So, as a nominee in the RLC "Eye Sore" Arts Dept., we submit this picture.

It was taken early in this semester, near the Vo-Tech building. The sign in the photo was removed shortly after the

picture was taken.

Well folks, now you can say that "The Grapevine Report" always drags out the "dirt" about RLC.

*This column will be back with more dirt in the fall, 1976 semester. But till then, goodbye, good luck, and keep the faith!



Photo By The Bookworm

COUNTER-CONVOCAATION

There will be a counter-convocation, Friday, March 14 on the subject: "Stricter Marijuana Laws, The Salvation of a Country".

Guest speaker is Special Agent Ita Bust of the Federal Narcotics Bureau, Ina Division.

The talk will take place in the Men's Restroom of the North Oasis.

Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

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Features

SYBIL MILLER

By Sarah Jones

And they laughed at me,
 The last remnant of their impoverished
 neighbors.
 And they felt in their social to flaunt,
 degrade, menace, foreclose, and
 starve me
 Until I had nothing left but a rancid dog
 And a gnawing desperation.
 And so, when they were placidly asleep
 with the draught of night,
 I crept upon their gilded fortress and
 struck down its walls with the torch in
 my hand
 And the furnace of my hatred.
 And I watched the ravenous flames lick
 the black molten sky,
 Until all that remained were frigid ashes
 and anguished screams that have
 haunted me
 Even in death.

By Becky Randall

Boredom comes in
 and sits on my headboard.
 I told him to leave,
 told him that if I woke up and saw him
 in the morning he'd be with me all day.
 He's just like a leech,
 Clinging tenaciously to my side.
 I gave him one last warning,
 Told him if I catch him
 on my headboard again
 I was going to beat him to death
 with a flyswatter.
 Boredom grinned slyly at me this
 morning, sitting on my headboard
 waving the flyswatter at my head.

Deja' Vu

NEW ENGLAND TOWN

By Jimmy Redmon

I've been delivered from this life
 In spirit I have roamed through open
 meadows in Whitman's town
 through grass I've searched for beauty
 A place; New England, a town!

COME PLEASE, TO ME

By Jimmy Redmon

Winds across my meadows
 come
 Blow softly through my hair
 Make me laugh and make me sing
 please!
 Erase my fears and cares.
 Fill me with a new desire
 to
 Start my life again.
 And let me dream that I am
 me
 the "me" of all I am.

By Becky Randall

My grandmother calls twice daily
 repeating the same information
 and asking the same questions.
 Eager to know all the news and
 give reports on the weather.
 While I, child of her child, reply--
 impatiently, then guilt-sweetly--
 to another question whose answer
 she'll never see clearly.
 When the last of several goodbyes
 have been said I hang up with relief
 and again with guilt.
 Guilt for her life today.
 Not that life long ago when she flirted
 with a young man who'd been to
 California, lifting her head high
 without a qualm.
 Then marrying that young man and
 raising a family through good times
 and bad
 Her independence then seems impossible
 now.
 Now she waits like a vulture waiting
 for scraps of other people's news,
 safe in a 5-room cocoon that becomes
 a winter prison with only a telephone
 to communicate through.

The phone rings.

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Miss Southern Illinois Competes

By Becky Harvey

Miss Southern Illinois for 1976 is Beverly Lawson of Benton.

She is a student at RLC.

As Miss Southern Illinois, Beverly reigns over the 17 southernmost counties in Illinois.

Bev's sponsor for the pageant was the Bank of Benton.

Bev's chaperones for the year are Mr. and Mrs. Lee Chamness.

This year the Miss Southern Illinois pageant will be held in early August.

This is a scholarship pageant, so any girl wanting to enter must be attending college.

This summer, Bev will be competing with many other girls for the Miss Illinois title. The contest will be held in Aurora.

The Marion Kiwanis Club will sponsor Bev in the Aurora contest.

On Sunday, June 22, the girls will meet for the first time in Aurora. This is called "Super Sunday".

At this time, the girls will display a talent (singing, etc.).

During the week, the girls will be interviewed extensively.

They will be in numerous parades also.

The girls will compete in swimwear and evening dresses.

On Saturday, July 3, the girls will be judged for talent a second time. Bev will sing a medley of songs from "West Side Story".

Talent is a major factor in this contest.

The title of Miss Southern Illinois holds many opportunities for a girl.

Bev has been involved in many activities in the surrounding areas.

She was a hostess at the Hambletonian in DuQuoin and an honored guest at the Apple Festival in Murphysboro.

Bev appeared on the Channel 12 Cerebral Palsy Telethon.

At RLC, she is the Ozone editor, Collegiate Choir member, and the executive secretary for the Engineering and Science Technology Club.

Upon completion of her studies at RLC, Bev plans to attend Florida State University where she will major in meteorology.

Any girl interested in running for Miss Southern Illinois should contact Mrs. Dorothy Chamness, Route 1, Marion, Illinois.

RLC Holds Off Campus Classes

By Sheri Hobbs

RLC is now holding classes in Sesser, Christopher, and Zeigler-Royalton. The reason for this is not overcrowding of classrooms on the Ina campus.

Mark Kern, Dean of Community Services, recently said, "It is the goal of Rend Lake College to make education available to everyone in our district; and we feel that this is best achieved by offering class work in their hometown."

RLC has worked out a coordinator

system in area towns working with RLC. There are 78 students participating from Christopher; 62 from Sesser, and 36 from Zeigler-Royalton.

There are a wide range of classes offered such as welding, painting, sewing, ceramics, accounting, shorthand, typewriting, rehabilitation, and weight training. Cake decorating and gardening in Mt. Vernon, and Tennis has recently been started in McLeansboro. Preparations are being made to begin classes in Benton.

A report was made, March 16, at a

RLC board meeting on growth in RLC community services. It said that RLC has served 1,000 more people this year than it did last year in the same period of time. The progress made is good considering the weaknesses the coordinator system is up against.

There is too much time between when the course is offered and when the state approves it.

Mr. Kern recently made this statement concerning weaknesses in the night class system.

"We need to strengthen and improve the attitude on campus, by realizing that what we have is not a day program and an evening program, but that it is all one program. In other words anything that happens between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. is all part of one Rend Lake College program."

Wayne City Co-Ordinator of RLC extension courses, James Mantoan.



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S. Illinois Jocks Turn Pro

By Ronnie Stanart

Southern Illinois has produced its share of many fine athletes, some of whom are now making a living in the world of professional sports. Those who came to mind from the immediate area are as follows:

Doug Collins - Benton native who averaged over 30 points a game his senior year at Illinois State in Normal. Later claim to fame came in the 1972 Olympics in the United States controversial defeat at the hands of the Russians. Collins recently completed his finest season in the NBA, averaging 20 ppg for the Philadelphia 76ers, of whom he was a first-round draft choice.

Ray Fosse - made his name in the 1971 All-Star game as a member of the then world champ Oakland A's, as Pete Rose barreled into him at home plate to win the game for the NL. Fosse is now catcher for the Cleveland Indians.

Marion is his hometown.

Nate Hawthorne - native of Mt. Vernon who plays for the Phoenix Suns of the NBA. Hawthorne was recently seen on national television in a playoff game with the Seattle SuperSonics. The Suns led the best of seven series three games to two at the time of this writing.

Bobby Joe Mason - a former Centralia Orphan, Mason played his college ball at Bradley University. He is now a member of the internationally famous Harlem Globetrotters.

Carl Mauck - this SIU-C graduate calls McLeansboro his home. Mauck is the starting offensive center for the Houston Oilers of the NFL.

Bob Payne - Mt. Vernon is Payne's hometown. He is currently playing golf on the PGA tour.

Don Stanhouse - from DuQuoin, Stanhouse has been a member of the Oakland A's and Texas Rangers. He is pre-

sently with the Montreal Expos and has a record of 1-1 in this young season.

Jerry Sloan - the last of the original Chicago Bulls, Sloan is also a native of McLeansboro. A ten year veteran of the NBA, Sloan has been named to the all-defensive team five times and participated in all-star contests. He sat out the just completed season with a knee injury but expects to return and play out his current contract. Many people feel after retirement, Sloan will become head coach at his alma mater, the University of Evansville.

Steve Waterburg - Waterburg, of Marion, compiled the best ERA in spring training for the St. Louis Cardinals but has since been relegated to their Triple A farm club in Tulsa. However, looking over the Redbird's pitching corps, I expect Steve to be up in the big time before the season's end.

Changes in the National Pastime

By Keith Smith

Like many modern institutions, baseball is in a period of turmoil and upheaval. According to one old time ballplayer, however, America "can't exist without this national pastime. Without a doubt, while many basic principles have remained intact, baseball has undergone many changes."

One of the few people with the authority to analyze these changes in a former major league player and manager, Ray Blades. Playing ball in the Army during World War I, Blades returned to Mt. Vernon after the war and reassumed his duties at the venerable Car Shops.

Playing on the company team, Blades' "discovery" came when the car shop team "luckily" defeated the St. Louis Cardinals in an exhibition game. Signing a contract with the Cardinals in 1919, Blades made an impressive rise to the major leagues in two and one half years.

Blades, who played for the Cardinals until 1931, garnered three coveted World Series rings - one presented to him by a young colonel named Lindburgh. After his playing days, Blades went on to manage the Cardinals, Cubs, and Reds. His "lucky" career spanned a period of thirty-seven years, truly making him an authority on the subject of baseball.

One of the things Blades marvels at in modern baseball is the improvement in equipment. According to Blades, the improvement is widest in gloves. The small cowhide mits used in his day look more like the fur-lined gloves used

for warmth in winter. One result of this improvement in gloves is a trend toward "hot dog" players. These players do everything in a show manner, whether it is one-handing a screaming liner, or using the famous "basket-catch" in which a player cups his hands at his breadbasket in order to make the catch. According to Blades, these players can be more showy because of the improved equipment.

Another major difference in baseball, today, is the excessive travelling a player is subjected to.

In Blades' day, if a team had to travel to another city, the players had a day off to recuperate from the trip. (This day off would be spent relaxing, or if one were a Babe Ruth or Pepper Martin, drinking and "messing around".)

In modern baseball, however, the situation is much different. If the next game is to be played in another city, the team may not land in that city until four o'clock in the morning. Over the course of a given month schedule, this grueling travel can extract a heavy toll.

The problem of managing ballplayers, perennial task for the best of men, is another area in which there has been a great change since Blades' playing days. Blades' managing philosophy of treating each man equally, regardless of ability has been "thrown out at the plate" by modern managers. These modern managers have little if any choice about coddling and babying these "superstars".

Because of their enormous income, players have more outside interests, and as a result don't adhere to the old adage that playing ball is the players' "only job". The managers, because fans flock to see these superstars, feel obligated to play troublemakers, regardless of their off-the-field antics.

Despite the changes and upheavals in baseball, including improvement in equipment, relentless travel schedules, and breakdowns in manager player-relationships, the game of baseball has endured. The game will continue to survive if for no other reason that the enthusiasm and love generated for the game by its former player and managers.

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