

RLC receives national recognition for work with industry

The beneficial link between RLC and area industry, particularly in the field of mining technology, has received national recognition.

The Ina-based community college was one of three institutions honored recently at the annual American Association of Community and Junior Colleges national convention for their cooperative efforts with business and industry.

Cited at the awards banquet in St. Louis were programs linking RLC with Old Ben Coal Company and Inland Steel Coal Company. Sarah Resnick, president of Media Systems Corporation, the New York publishing firm which sponsored the first-time college-business award, presented checks of \$1,000 to each of the three community colleges with model programs.

Programs represented "exemplify very creative responses" to increased productivity for business and industry needs. Ms Resnick commented. RLC shared the award with Bay De Noc Community College of Michigan and Central Technical Community College of Nebraska. The winners were selected from 28 model programs submitted nationwide.

"Opportunity with Excellence: A College and Community Partnership" was the theme for the 62nd annual AACJA convention, held at Stouffer's Riverfront Towers.

"Through this kind of training," added the presenter, "we are making a tremendous investment in human capital."

Dale Parnell, AACJC president, said the Media Systems Business-College Partnership Awards "enable us to point with pride to outstanding examples of proven partnerships ... colleges, business, industry and labor working together to improve America's economic development and well-being."

Each of the recipients and their partners

were commended for the favorable impact their cooperative programs have had on local economies. These programs, Parnell indicated, illustrate the kinds of services many of the nation's 1,200 community, technical and junior colleges are capable of providing to business and industry.

RLC and the mining industry joined hands for the first time in the spring of 1975. At that time, Old Ben Coal Company revealed plans to have two new mine sites in operation within two years and asked the college to train all of its repairman personnel in electricity, welding, mechanics and hydraulics.

As a result of Old Ben's commitment to "help in any way," a 28-week training program was devised through the joint efforts of both parties. Four additional programs have since been developed—one-day annual electrical training for Mine Health and Safety Administration certification; a 10-day, pre-employment program for all new hires; federally mandated annual retraining for all underground employees, and similar retraining for all surface employees.

Old Ben Coal Company has sent over 10,000 employees to RLC for various classes or programs during that six-year period.

In 1977, Inland Steel Coal Company was prepared to open its second mine site in southern Illinois and discovered a specific training need for mining equipment maintenance mechanics.

College personnel and Inland Steel representatives worked together to create an intensive, nine-month scholarship program in which potential employees receive college credit in addition to a monthly stipend from the company. Eight groups of 18 students each have completed this program to date, with two others

presently attending classes at RLC.

Today, more than one out of every 10 students who completed the scholarship program have been promoted to management-level positions at Inland Steel.

A seven-month training program for employees has been added to the mining curriculum since then. Also in recent months, RLC, Old Ben and McDonnell Douglas Electronics Company, with funding from the U.S. Bureau of Mines, have been responsible for training validation of a computerized continuous miner stimulator, the only one of its kind in the nation. RLC provided the instructional resources and facilities for this training process, with more than 60 machine operators from Inland Steel Coal Company participating.

College enrollment has grown tremendously in recent years, thanks primarily to its involvement with the mining industry. The equivalent of 1,925 full-time students attended RLC classes in 1980-81, compared to 1,032 in 1975-76. A mining staff which began with one full-time instructor six years ago now includes 19 full-time instructors.

Several representatives from the college administrative and instructional staffs, in addition to both coal companies attended the awards banquet. Making the presentation to RLC on behalf of the seven-member AACJC Awards Committee was Joshua L. Smith, president of Borough of Manhattan Community College in New York.

Dr. Harry J. Braun, president, accepted RLC's award on behalf of Vocational-Technical Dean Carroll Turner and Mining Department Chairman Ron Sanderson,

who were responsible for submitting the program for consideration, and the Mining Technology staff.

Diplomas given May 16

Diplomas and certificates will be given out at the RLC graduation ceremony on May 16 at 3:00 p.m. in the gymnasium.

Student Services office announced that 429 diplomas and 94 certificates were ordered for those students fulfilling graduation requirements. Those received diplomas include recipients of the following degrees: Associate in Applied Science (153 students), Associate in Applicate Science—Nursing (121 students) and Associate in Arts (121 students). Certificates include those students completing the following programs: Accounting, Mining, Interior Design, Welding, Secretarial Skills, Automotive, and Beauty Culture.

Approximately 250 graduates plan on attending the ceremony.

The RLC civic symphony will provide music for the processional and pre-graduation entertainment.

Mark Kern, Dean of Instruction, will welcome all attending, followed by the national anthem, the invocation will be offered by Rev. Charles Alt, pastor of the First Christian Church of Benton.

President of the college, Dr. Harry Braun, will make introductions, including—Mr. Harold Hannah, president of the RLC Foundation. Mr. Hannah will present 12 Foundation Scholarships, Dr. Braun will then present a plaque to the recipient of the Outstanding Community Support of RLC award.

Speaker at the graduation will be Dr. David Pierce, executive director of the Illinois Community College Board.

Also participating in the ceremony will be the RLC Collegiate Choir conducted by Larry Phifer. The choir will sing two selections, "Vere Languores Nostros" written by Toma's Luis de Victoria and "Day by Day," from the musical "Godspell," by Stephen Schwartz.

A reception will immediately follow the graduating ceremony in the Student Center. All attending are invited.



Two agricultural students at Rend Lake College were among four recipients recently of scholarships awarded by the Fluid Power Education Foundation. Kevin Brookman (seated at left) and Bryan Sprehe (seated, right) were each presented monetary scholarships to help further their education in fields related to fluid power. Both RLC winners are majoring in Agricultural

Mechanics. Pictured with the recipients are (left to right) RLC Dean of Instruction Mark Kern, ag instructor Doug Leeck, Fluid Power Education Foundation representative Jim Sullivan of the Southern Illinois University-Carbondale Department of Occupational Education, RLC Department Chairman Dave Scott and RLC Dean of Vocational-Technical Carroll Turner.

Woodward elected to Trustee Board

Sophomore-to-be Susie Woodward of Mt. Vernon has been elected by her Rend Lake college classmates as the non-voting student member on the RLC Board of Trustees for the 1982-83 academic year.

Woodward will succeed Benton's Randal Todd Herrin on the eight-member board.

The Mt. Vernon Township High School graduate led the Lady Warrior basketball team to a 19-win season this past winter, earning All-Southern Illinois College Conference honors in the process. She also was a starter on the RLC softball squad which captured a SICC championship and made the Dean's List for the Fall Semester with a grade-point average above 3.5 on a 4.0-point scale.

In high school, Woodward scored a school-record 1,369 points and was named to the Southern Illinoisan All-Star squad after her sophomore, junior and senior seasons. While finding time to make the National Honor Society thanks to her academic achievements, she also played softball and ran cross-country.

Commercials — 30 second insults to intelligence

By Frank Barnfield

I don't watch television for hours on end, but I do catch the morning shows, a few afternoon programs and the late movies. One thing I do view more than anything else is commercials. Commercials are those thirty second long insults to your intelligence.

Some people say that they are provided to give the viewer a chance to grab another beer or relieve his bladder. Others will contend the purpose of commercials is to provide the television viewer with interesting information solicited by a company that wants your money.

I feel that television commercials are insulting and unimaginative. They can turn an enjoyable evening into a nightmare of slogans, mottos and gimmicks. In short, commercials make watching television a pain in the neck.

My most hated television commercials deal with feminine hygiene protection. Why do I have to view these? Why can't these particular commercial be aired only in the afternoons while television viewing is directed towards the female population? I cannot imagine a man stretched out on the couch watching the NBA Game of the Week yelling to his wife in the kitchen, "Hey honey, come look at this new kind of tampon they are making now!" Besides, I really don't care what these companies are trying to get women to purchase for use in the privacy of their own home. If I do have to watch these commercials advertising feminine hygiene products let me demand that the "industry" give the male population equal time. Commercials advertising birth control methods and

devices could increase sales for the company sponsoring the commercial and educate the public at the same time. God only knows how many unwanted pregnancies are linked to ignorance of birth control.

Some commercials tempt you to buy the product. Temptation presented in a subtle way causes the mind to start working. These little temptations can make a person of reasonable intellect think about a product and what the company has just said to him for hours. I personally watch television to relax and enjoy a prone position. I want these commercials that I will undoubtedly have to watch presented to me in direct, straight-forward manner. I don't want any hidden meanings thrown in so I won't spend endless hours wondering, "what in the world are they trying to say to me?"

For example, Harley Davidson Motorcycle says, "It's more than a machine." Some people could let this statement fly right over their pointed heads, but not me. My first thought is, "What is it—if it's more than a machine? It can't be more than a machine because that's what it is. Isn't it? Let's see, it has an engine and a drivetrain so it has to be a machine, no more, no less." Well, I'm sure not going to spend \$7000 to find out if it is more than a machine. End of thought.

Commercials are full of doubletalk. For example the slogan, "This aspirin contains twice as much pain reliever as doctors recommend," can be misleading. If we put doctors in a position where we trust their judgement and adhere to their advice, why

then should a consumer buy a product that contains twice as much pain reliever than doctors recommend?

Lemons, lemons, lemons, and more lemons, does every housewife in this country want her home to smell like a lemon? The only place I want to find lemons is in punchbowls and meringue pie. But, virtually every soap, household cleaner, floor wax, furniture polish and rug cleaner contains lemon. But not just lemon, its one hundred percent lemon. It might as well be that way because

everybody seems to be happy drinking the artificial stuff.

I hope that my point has been made and these thoughts have been taken in good humor. I do want to express the point though, that I do realize that the companies that air these commercials support the networks that show them. Without this support television could not exist as it does today as a "free to the viewer" medium. I complain about commercials, but I would scream even louder if I was paying to watch them.

Opinion

Prince airs potpourri of gripes

By Douglas Prince

Well, this is the last issue you'll be seeing this year and it's the last you'll be hearing from me, so I might as well get all the gripes out, and boy, do I have a lot of gripes! So, let's start small and work our way up.

First, will somebody please fix that pothole on the 57 exit to this place? I heard several people have already been lost to that Black Hole. Just drove in and were never heard from again. It's not that big of a job and could easily be set in a weekend. Heck, give me fifty bucks and I'll do it. Wait, better make that \$200. I've got overhead.

Now, moving away from potholes, let's move to holes-in-the-heads. Remember when I told you about little Robert Parker, the guy accused of embezzling university funds so he could spend some time in Chicago with "lady friends?" Well, it seems the verdict is in. Bobby is guilty! Yay! Remember how he tried to render a plea of not-guilty by reason of insanity? He even had two of his own psychiatrists try to hold the plea for him. But alas, a second court psychiatrist (the first one got tired and went home) examined Bobby and proved that he couldn't have been insane at the time he was giving the money away to the Windy City miracle workers. And, because he was wearing a nicer suit than the other two psychiatrists, the jury believed him. There was no decision given on Robert's "problem."

While we're talking about civil uprisings and such, let's move again on to something bigger and better. The war between Britain and Argentina.

(LONDON)—THE BRITISH DEFENSE DEPARTMENT SAYS ROYAL NAVY WARPLANES ATTACKED THE AIRSTRIP AT PORT STANLEY, CAPITAL OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS EARLY TODAY. A SPOKESMAN SAYS THE ACTION WAS MEANT TO "DENY THE ARGENTINES THE USE OF THE AIR STRIP."

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That is exactly what came over the AP wire when I first learned about Britain casting the first attack on the Falkland Islands. Why did Britain throw the first stone? I thought. Negotiations were almost settled, with some grievances on both sides, but there was no real reason to start shooting. Then it hit me. Only two good reasons were reasonably available. First, there is a sad fact that wars tend to spur a country's economic growth, and there are few other countries around that Britain that need a kick the side. An all-out attack on the Islands would do three things for the U.K. First, it would test the defenses of the Islands. Were they equipped to fight back? Secondly, when they do fight back (there is no "if" here), it would thrust all of Britain

into a huge sense of nationalism and put the whole country behind one goal. Lastly, the resulting fight would spur the country's economy and get it moving from a slow snail to a speeding car. This, all of this, would then shove Britain back into the front lines as a leading power-nation. A desire brought by the English ever since the fifties. A desirable end to an unjustified beginning.

The second reason for the attack was most probably a much needed ego-trip for Britain's Prime Minister, Margaret Thatcher. When Maggie was first elected Prime Minister of England, she was chided by critics and friends for being "just a woman." During her second year, she was hit hard by people making fun of the extraordinary variety and number of hats she wore (I still like the one with orange fur and ostrich feathers.) Last year she was being criticized for not using her power to its full advantage or for not being aggressive enough. So, it only stands to reason this little lady needed something to make herself feel more comfortable in the driver's seat. And she got it. Right along with 58 percent of Britain behind to do it. And she is going to do it big. She's going to relish in this power-trip as long as she can, so it will also be no big surprise if this Falkland thing lasts for quite a while.

But there are a few things this Wonder Woman just hasn't quite figured on. First, she's playing on their turf. Those sheep-heads know where to jump and where to stomp. Next, their planes go a lot faster than hers do. The Sea Harrier fighter planes that bombed the airstrip only go about 100 mph, while Argentina's fighters do from 200 - 300 mph. And that's in first gear. Another thing is that even though it's an island the British are fighting, you have to hit an island mucho, mucho times before it sinks. You only have to hit a destroyer once.

I also wonder if the Prime Minister has remembered that Argentina was a haven for escaping Nazis during WW II and that a new rise of nazism had taken over the country since then. This little plan of hers to stomp those suckers just might backfire and lead some of the "new" Nazi youth into an all-out battle. Remember their swift rise to power back then. This type of clash would give those scum just the type of news coverage that the world doesn't need.

So with all this against her, why does the lady do it?

I don't know about you people, but personally, I'm going to take a little vacation to Switzerland. About ten or twelve years long, I should say. Bye.

'Reds' bores 'common people'

"Reds" captured three Academy Awards in the categories of Cinematography, Best Supporting Actress (Maureen Stapleton) and Best Director (Warren Beatty). Although I have not seen the other nominated films, I do know that "Reds" lacks the qualities to receive the Best Picture Award.

The unnecessary length of the film is perhaps the films weakest quality. Three and a half hours is much too long for a movie which could have been just as good, had it been condensed to two and a half hours.

Secondly, the film did not have as wide of appeal as other films, like "On Golden Pond," displayed.

However, what "Reds" lacks in appeal and tedious length, it makes up for with wonderful acting jobs by Beatty, Diane Keaton, Stapleton and Jack Nicholson.

Beatty portrays John Reed and Keaton plays Louise Bryant. The two are progressives, journalists and radicals of

the early 1900's who become heroes of the unpopular attempt at joining America into a common labor union. The movie is actually a number of sub-plots in which the viewer sees Reed and Bryant fall in and out of love several times.

The movie does provide the audience with a lot of historical information on the Bolshevik revolution. Those history majors who know a great deal about the Bolshevik revolution will find "Reds" interesting. The "common public" was bored.

Although I was very impressed by Beatty and Keaton's work, I was equally impressed by a superb performance by Jack Nicholson as the drunken playwright Eugene O'Neil, a sometimes lover of Louise Bryant.

If you like detailed, three and a half hour movies that are sometimes more tedious and sometimes more mind-boggling than they are suspenseful, then "Reds" is for you.

Letter

To the Editor,

In response to the article entitled, "Should the Public listen to President Reagan," all I have to say is that whoever wrote that article was surely misinformed.

The article starts out by saying that communism is a joke, and making fun of our government officials trying to stop the spread of communism. The author of that article feels that Communism should be able to spread at an unopposed rate, like it will never affect us. COW COOKIES. It will affect us if we do not make an attempt to stop it.

I personally like some of the ideas in the original Marxist form of communism, but I do not like any of the views of Russian Communism today. I guess a blunt way of saying what I am trying to say is I don't believe in the principle Better Red than Dead...

The editorial gets very vague in the

middle so I'll not try to figure out what the writer is trying to say. Something about parties and a swim.

The part of the story that gets me the most is the part about the Falkland Islands. Towards the end of the article he speaks about Falkland's massive heat waves. Good God, the Falklands are close to Antarctica. Swamps? Its a hilly area. Malaria? It takes swamps to have mosquitoes to carry the germ. The good one is the old ex-Nazis. The people on the islands are all English.

Editor, I find it hard to believe that you let all of those blunders slip through your hands. I also find it hard to believe that any third grader could have so many misconceptions about a series of islands in the south Atlantic.

David Martin, sophomore

Set audition dates for two musicals

The Pyramid Players has announced adult audition dates for their summer productions of "Once Upon a Mattress," and the "King and I," as May 18 and 19 at 7 p.m. in the Rend Lake College Theatre. "Once Upon a Mattress" will be presented June 28, 29 and 30, while the "King and I" will be produced on August 2, 3, 4 and 5 in the RLC theatre.

To audition for an adult role, simply prepare one song. "We urge everyone to be as creative as possible by bringing in costumes, props and even dance steps if they desire," said director Allan Kimball. "An accompanist will be provided. Also, come dressed appropriately for a dance audition. The dance will be taught at the audition."

According to Kimball, both shows have 7-10 major roles as well as 2 large choruses and a dance ensemble. "The dance ensemble will perform in the ballet of 'Small House of Uncle Thomas' which is a part of the 'King and I,'" said Kimball.

Special children's auditions will be held June 7 and 8 at 2 p.m. in the college theatre. Children, age 4 and older, will be

taught a song at the auditions and need not prepare one prior to the audition.

Persons interested in performing in the orchestra for the musicals should come to the May 18 and 19 auditions and complete an application.

"Once Upon a Mattress" is the story of the "Princess and the Pea." The musical was written by Mary Rodgers and was first produced on Broadway with Carol

Burnett in the starring role. The "King and I" is the story of Anna and the King of Siam. Famous songs from this musical include "Getting to Know You," "Hello Young Lovers," and "Shall We Dance?"

For more information about the auditions, contact Allan Kimball at 438-0601 or Kathy McCarty at 435-2821. You may also write Kimball care P.O. Box 14, Benton, IL 62812.

RLC to start 'math lab'

By Lori Lowry

Math anxiety is a problem here at RLC.

According to Larry Richmond, students have been enrolled in math classes which were inappropriate for their level of math preparation at the time of enrollment. Often this situation has resulted in lower grades than would have been if an adequate preparation for the course had been obtained.

To ensure a greater probability of successful completion in the course "Math Lab", a math placement test, will be offered in the Learning Resource Center. It's goal is to aid students in successfully selecting their math courses.

Math Lab is primarily geared for those who have not taken the ACT, or those who have taken the ACT but have fallen under the score of 16. Though ACT and previous math courses will be taken into consideration, Math Lab should show where a student falls into the math program here at RLC.

The test is being prepared and will take approximately 90 minutes. It will be computer graded and the results posted the day after completion of the test to speed the registration process.

Students should watch publications for testing dates.

Four RLC students named to cast of touring show

Razzle, dazzle and razzmatazz.

That's one way to describe this season's version of the Franklin County Association for the Advancement of the Arts floor show "Sing Out Sweet Land." This show is similar in nature to last year's multiple era show, but this year's deals singularly with music of the riverboat era. The show is a skirt swishing, banjo playing, can-can dancing vaudville type show like that on showboats during the early 1800s.

RLC students in the show are Jamie Mace, David Martin, Mike Hoffman, and Kathleen Doherty. Mace is the only one who appeared in last year's show also.

The show opens with a medley from the popular musical "Showboat." Then cast members go to sing everything from barbershop to blues songs, that were sung on the riverboats of this time.

"At first you might not think you are familiar with songs from this era but everyone knows songs like "Old Man River" and "Dixie," stated Mt. Vernon member Doherty.

Other songs included in the show are "Bicycle Built for Two," "Swanee," "In the Evening," "Hello My Baby," "Rock-a-Bye My Baby with a Dixie Melody."

"The choreography is what makes the show," stated Benton member Hoffman. According to Hoffman there are very intricate dance steps to be presented during the 90 minutes.

"The girls get thrown everywhere on the floor...into the air. During 'Rock-a-Bye Your Baby' three girls literally get rocked in the guys arms and thrown onto their shoulders," continued Doherty.

"The songs I like the best are the Broadway musical 'Showboat,'" added Benton member Mace.

"The tamborine number is really the hardest. We get into a formation and pass the tamborines around in a pattern to the music. It really looks nice," added Hoffman.

"All this dancing might sound impressive," said Martin, "But you would have to see it to believe it."

Other members include Christie Summers, Steve Jankousky, Rob Bingham, Lyndal Qualls, Lisa Lowry, James Scott, Lea Ann Petty and Pam Johnson. The show is directed by Alan Kimball with music director Brian Summers and light and sound technician Bryon Scott.

The show will premiere June 4 and 5, but plans for the location of the performance have yet to be confirmed.

Plan events for festival

Plans are underway for the Rend Lake Water Festival on May 18-22. Events planned for the festival include the Miss Rend Lake Pageant, Little Mr. and Miss Pageant, TMC Meter Classic, Rend Lake ball, car show and Rend Lake parade.

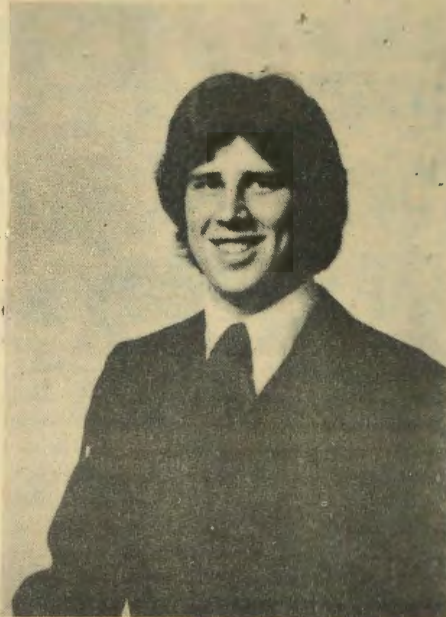
This year's parade marshal will be Rich Herrin of Benton. Herrin will start his twenty-third season next year as the head basketball coach for Benton High School. He has earned recognition for the Benton teams throughout the midwest. His teams have dominated the rugged South Seven Conference over the past seventeen years. His overall winning percentage stands at a stunning .77 percent and he holds the distinction of having won more games and more conference championships than any other coach in South Seven Conference history. Since his arrival the Benton trophy cases have swelled. His teams have

won 48 team championships. His success in the game is well recognized.

The 11th Annual Rend Lake Festival Ball will be held on Saturday night, May 22, at the Benton Country Club. Tickets are \$35 per couple.

The Ball is held annually following the Rend Lake Festival Parade to honor the newly crowned Miss Rend Lake and her court. The first Miss Rend Lake, Ann Lacy of Pinckneyville reigned over the ball held in Mt. Vernon. Last year, Elizabeth Wilkinson, of Christopher, the 10th Miss Rend Lake, was honored guest at the ball held at the Benton Country Club, the site for the past 9 years.

This year the ball is under the direction of Chairman Bill Simpson. The A & M Orchestra will present music for the affair which is the conclusion of the Rend Lake Festival.



John J. Doherty, an RLC sophomore, recently received a chemistry achievement award from the chemical rubber company.

Doherty is awarded

John J. Doherty, a sophomore at RLC, is the recipient of a Chemical Rubber Company Press Chemistry Achievement Award.

The national program annually honors students for high achievement in chemistry, according to RLC Department Chairman Larry Richmond. Doherty was chosen as the top chemistry student at Rend Lake College by faculty members, Richmond added.

Doherty is a graduate of Mt. Vernon Township High School, where he participated in athletics and students government, and has made the President's List at Rend Lake College for having a straight-A average. He has already been admitted to the Engineering School at the University of Illinois for the fall semester.

The award winner is the son of RLC instructor Richard Doherty and is one of four children of Dr. and Mrs. Doherty to attend Rend Lake College.

Schedule of Events

MISTRESS OF CEREMONY — ROBIN FRAILEY MASTER OF CEREMONY — TIM TUCKER
MUSIC — Rita Owens at the Hammond Organ

Plus — Benton High School Madrigals, Benton Jr. High Swing Choir, B.C.H.S. Swing Choir, B.C.H.S. Jazz Band, Jr. High Jazz Band.

TUESDAY	Presentation of Little Mr. and Miss Rend Lake.
7:30 P.M.	Presentation of Pageant Contestants in swimwear. Presentation of Contestants in costume depicting their sponsors.
WEDNESDAY	Reception and Dinner at the Benton Country Club for contestants and judges.
6:30 P.M.	Voting for Miss Congeniality by girls. (Closed to public.)
THURSDAY	Finals and crowning of Little Mr. and Miss Rend Lake.
7:30 P.M.	Presentation of Miss Rend Lake Contestants in formals. Crowning of MISS REND LAKE 1982 and her court.
SATURDAY	
9:00 A.M.	Third Annual TMC 10,000 Meter Classic.
10:02 A.M.	Huge Rend Lake Parade winding thru the streets of Benton with units from throughout the Midwest.
1:30 P.M.	Second Annual Rend Lake Water Festival Car Show (at Benton High School Practice Field).
SATURDAY	
8:00 P.M.	The festive Rend Lake Ball at the rustic Benton Country Club. \$35 per couple.

Team is 'psyched up' for tourney

Editor's note: This story was written before the team played in the games. Journalist Frank Barnfield was correct when he predicted that the baseball Warriors would be tough competition, for they won 3-1 against Kaskaskia College May 11 to become sectional champs. This is the first time a Rend Lake College baseball team has advanced to sectionals. The Warriors play at state region 4 May 15 at SIU-E at 10:00 and 2:00.

By Frank Barnfield

"We are psyched up mentally and physically prepared for this tournament," commented RLC head baseball coach Kirk Champion. Although the squad is riding into sectional tournament play in a "dark horse," they could explode into winning streak any day and bring RLC its first sectional crown.

Warrior spring baseball team has a 15-36 record, but they have played the longest schedule in the state, except for the University of Illinois varsity team. Many of RLC's opponents have been ranked statewide or nationally.

Coach Champion's recruiting has paid off this spring. Transfers Bill Slavens and John Vrenick are leading the team offensively, with Slavens sporting a .347 batting average and Vrenick a .320 mark. Slavens also leads the Warriors in homeruns, RBI's and hits.

Mike McQuality and Terry Howard also have respectable batting averages at .288 and .291.

Mike Mahfood, another recruit from Southwest Missouri, leads the team in extra base hits including four triples. The Warriors have been playing aggressively on the basepaths—swiping 82 of 100 stolen bases. Vrenick also leads that department 17 successful attempts.

Kevin Keister heads the pitching staff with a 2.10 ERA. Keister has a misleading 4-8 record—as RLC batters have failed to support him offensively. In the last 28 innings the 6'3" righthander has pitched in, he has received only one run to support his pitching. Keiser has thrown well all season striking out 64 batters in 70 innings.

Defensively through 51 games, RLC had committed 107 errors, an improvement from last fall's team which averaged four errors per game.

The "heads up" running and bunting style of play will be Rend Lake's most valuable asset going into post season play, along with the long and difficult schedule they have endured, which could pay off in tournament play.

It should be a real battle between the teams in the sectional tournament and all that attend will be guaranteed to see community college baseball at its best. I don't look for any one team to run off and leave the rest, which makes it hard to pick a favorite to win the tournament, but don't be surprised to see the "dark horse" play to win again this weekend.



The RLC baseball Warriors taste sweet victory after defeating Kaskaskia College 6-5 in the Southern Illinois Jr. College Section May 10. The win was even more satisfying to the Warriors for they had lost eight out of eight earlier season games to Kaskaskia.

Warriors capture tennis championship

In what could only be described as a total team effort, the Rend Lake College Warriors captured the Section VI tennis championship Tuesday to advance to the state meet for the fourth year in a row.

Five of the six competitors for RLC claimed titles, either in singles or doubles, while the other player finished runner-up in both.

Coach A.W. Speake's squad began the day trailing Wabash Valley, 16-13, followed by John A. Logan with 9. Wabash Valley had representatives left in all nine levels of play following Monday's action but won championships only at the top two singles positions.

The host Warriors finished with 20 points, compared to 18 for Wabash Valley, 15 for John A. Logan, 5 for defending champion Olney Central and 2 each for Kaskaskia and Southeastern Illinois.

Gary McFarland (Middletown, Ohio), Tim McKinney (Pinckneyville) and Brian Fuller (Mt. Vernon) nabbed singles titles at Nos. 3-5 for the Warriors. All were top-seeded and defeated Wabash Valley players in the finals, with Fuller remaining unbeaten in 12 matches and McFarland improving to 12-5 and McKinney to 12-4.

Second-seeded Rusty Cummings (Christopher) of RLC lost to favored Howard Lawson of Wabash Valley at No. 1 singles.

Doubles play found Yale Reynolds (Effingham) and McFarland pulling a mild upset at No. 2 by coming from behind to beat top-seeded Farley Deffendall, the No. 2 singles champ, and Wabash Valley teammate Mark Noe, 6-2, 3-6, 7-6. The Rend Lakers trailed 5-3 in the third set before rallying for a tie and a 7-4 decision in the tiebreaker.

At No. 3 doubles, favored McKinney and Nick Myers (Mt. Vernon) posted a two-set triumph over John A. Logan's Gordie Showalter, the No. 6 singles winner, and Scott Overstreet.

The Cummings-Fuller duo was upset at No. 1 by second-seeded rivals Kurt Wasmer and Mike Berra of Logan.

Both Rend Lake College, which won the sectional two years ago, and Wabash Valley will advance to the state meet May 7-8 at Lincoln Land College in Springfield, along with Logan's Showalter in singles and Wasmer-Berra in doubles.

"Our doubles teams really came through for us," said Speake. "We purchased an indoor court to practice on during the winter, and we played a lot of doubles. I think the sectional championship proves the investment paid off."

Reynolds and McFarland are now 10-7 as a doubles team, compared to 9-6 for McKinney-Myers and 8-3 for Cummings-Fuller. Cummings is 12-5 in singles, Reynolds 10-7 at No. 2 and Myers 6-8 at No. 6. Section VI tennis results, for matches involving RLC and finals are:

SINGLES

No. 1—Second-seeded Rusty Cummings received a bye; defeated Kurt Wasmer (JAL), 6-1, 6-2; lost to Howard Lawson (WV) in finals, 6-1, 6-2.

No. 2—Unseeded Yale Reynolds defeated Jim Dieson (KC), 6-1, 6-0; lost to Farley Deffendall (WV), 6-4, 4-6, 6-3 in semifinals. Deffendall (WV) defeated Mike Berra (JAL) in finals, 7-6, 5-7, 6-4.

No. 3—Top-seeded Gary McFarland received a bye; defeated Matt Lies (OCC), 6-2, 6-3; defeated Jeff Hayes (WV) in finals, 7-6 (7-2 tie-breaker), 6-3.

No. 4—Top-seeded Tim McKinney received a bye; defeated Scott Overstreet (JAL), 6-1, 6-2; defeated Mark Noe (WV) in finals, 1-6, 6-1, 6-1.

No. 5—Top-seeded Brian Fuller received a bye; defeated Shane Bishop (JAL), 6-1, 6-3; defeated Vince Cole (WV) in finals, 7-5, 6-3.

No. 6—Second-seeded Nick Myers received a bye; lost to Kelley Allen (WV) in semi finals, 6-2, 6-2. Gordie Showalter (JAL) defeated Allen (WV) in finals, 6-3, 0-6, 6-2.

DOUBLES

No. 1—Top-seeded Cummings-Fuller received a bye; defeated Tony Dallmier-Gary Welker (OCC), 6-0, 6-0; lost to Wasmer-Berra (JAL) in finals, 6-3, 4-6, 6-2.

No. 2—Second-seeded McFarland-Reynolds received a bye; defeated Greg Talley-Rob Williams (JAL), 6-2, 6-2; defeated Deffendall-Noe (WV), 6-2, 3-6, 7-6 (7-4 in tie-breaker) in finals.

No. 3—Top-seeded McKinney-Myers received a bye; defeated Mark Smith-Rob Landers (KC), 6-3, 6-3; defeated Showalter-Scott Overstreet (JAL) in finals, 7-6 (8-6 in tie-breaker), 6-4.



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