

THE PRESSING TIMES

New President Named



DR. W. TRAVIS MARTIN, JR.

New Dean At Work

By Larry Lewis

One of the new faces on campus this semester is Robert Graham, new Dean of Students, who comes to us after spending the last nine years in the same capacity at Olney Central College. Graham is a graduate of Eastern Illinois University where he acquired both his Bachelor and Master Degrees. As Dean of Students, Mr. Graham's duties will include counseling with the students on problems of a financial, personal, and academic nature as well as dealing with the problems of transfer students and scheduling difficulties. Graham seemed very optimistic concerning plans for the coming year. One of these plans is starting a placement office in conjunction with the business community for the vocational students. He also spoke of starting a weekly newsletter to help keep the students informed of upcoming events Student Services is sponsoring. Another function of Graham's will be to serve as sponsor and advisor of the Student Senate.

Mr. Graham appears to have a very active home life with three out of four children still at home; two boys who will be attending Woodlawn High School and a girl starting eighth grade. He is also a sports enthusiast who enjoys watching all kinds of sports as well as playing bridge, golf and being on his sailboat. Mrs Graham is also

Dr. W. Travis Martin Jr., 42, of Waterloo, Iowa has accepted the position of president of RLC as of September 1, 1975. Dr. Martin has formerly served as superintendent of the Hawkeye Institute of Technology in Waterloo for nine years as its chief administrator.

A native of Corpus Christi, Texas, reared in North Carolina, Dr. Martin received his B. S. and M. A. in Education from East Carolina University at Durham in 1966 with an Ed. D. in Administration.

Dr. Martin assumed his position as Dean of Instruction at Wayne Community College, Goldsboro, North Carolina, prior to his post in Iowa.

The appointment of Dr. Martin con-

cludes a three month search by a Presidential Search Committee and the Trustees of Rend Lake College to assume the presidency vacated by Dr. James Snyder upon his retirement September 15, 1975. Dr. Snyder served the college since its inception eight years ago.

Dr. Martin, his wife, Yvonne, and three daughters plan to make their home in Mt. Vernon sometime in early fall.

College staff and students will meet Dr. Martin at an informal reception to be held from 2:30 to 4 p.m., in the Student Center, Thursday, Sept. 4.

BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION COMING

By Sheri Hobbs

Dr. Richard Doherty is planning a birthday party with ice cream, cake, and games. The guest list will include all former RLC and Mt. Vernon Community College students, as well as any other interested person.

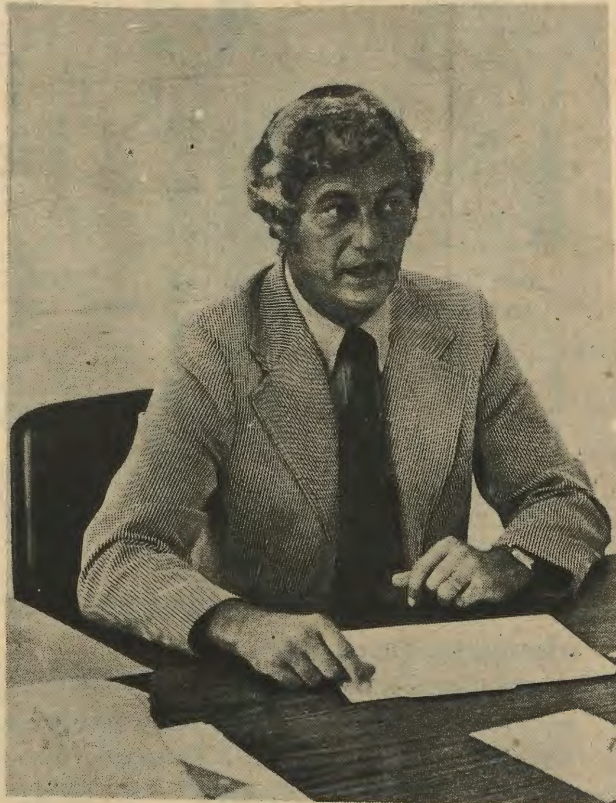
Does this sound like the elaborate workings of someone going through a second childhood?

Actually, Dr. Doherty is planning the Rend Lake College Bicentennial--Homecoming, which will be held Saturday, Sept. 27. Mrs. Diane Kimball, Ina, is working in conjunction with the college.

The activities in Ina will begin Friday evening, Sept. 26. A square dance will be held on the Ina State Bank lot, 8:00. The Ina Homemakers Extension Association will serve refreshments.

Saturday, costumed participants will participate in an antique car display, and rug weaving and horseshoeing demonstrations at Ina from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm. Antiques will be displayed in the Ruritan building.

The college's Bicentennial-Homecoming will begin at 12:00, Saturday, Sept. 27, with a double-header baseball game against Southeastern. A quilt display and a film on American history will be shown in the new theatre. A bicentennial choral concert will conclude the activities at 7:00 pm.



ROBERT GRAHAM

a graduate of Eastern Illinois University, and a state social worker at Mt. Vernon.

Mr. Graham hopes to be a valuable asset in helping students overcome any problems they might encounter and that everyone will take full advantage of the services he is offering.

the GRAPEVINE REPORT

By Rocket Jack

It's time for college again, and that means it's time for the PT. Also, it's time for the return of Rocket Jack and the Grapevine Report. So, to the chagrin of some of the locals at RLC, here we go again.

*The resurfacing of RLC's parking lots is nearly completed. But some students and teachers are still complaining that the parking areas are still flooding after it rains. If you were here last year, then you probably remember how bad the problem of flooded parking lots were (See PT issue of April 15, 1975).

It's going to cost approx. \$54,300 to pay for the work being done right now. We're getting a 1½ inch crown of asphalt, which, according to Skip Witunski (RLC Business Manager), will take care of 65% of the water drainage problem. A 5-inch crown would have been needed to take care of the problem completely, and that would have cost even more than the current high price.

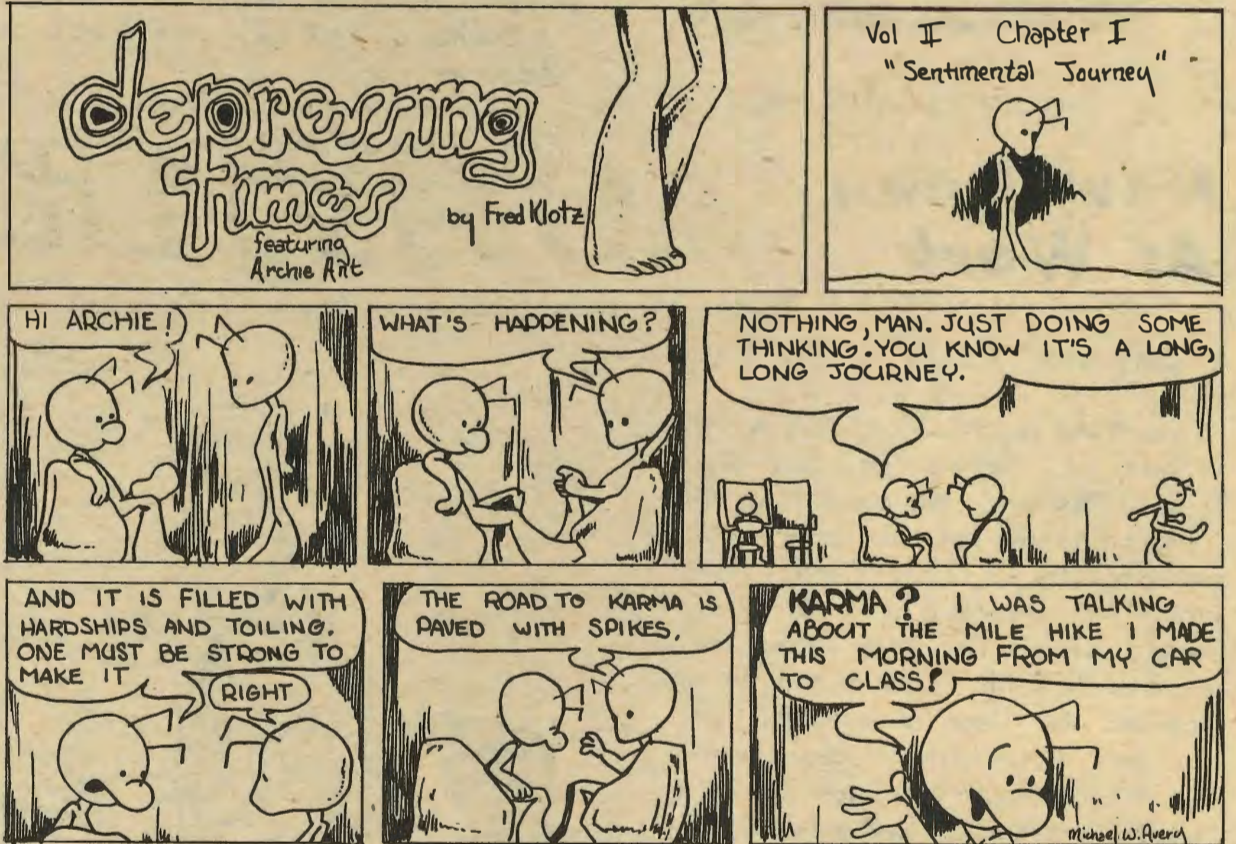
Another problem with parking lot drainage is that RLC's storm-sewer system isn't big enough to handle all the water that would flow into it off of a 5-inch crown parking lot. The streets would flood instead of the lots.

Mr. Witunski said that RLC's own maintenance crews are going to do some work to improve water drainage, but the question is, why wasn't the storm-sewer system built big enough in the first place? Let us hope that we didn't just elevate the parking lot puddles, and didn't throw \$54,000 down the drain.

*And now to end with a choice quote from another one of our upstanding public servants, Ohio governor James Rhodes; "They are the worst type of people we harbour in America... worse than brown shirts and the Communist element." Gov. Rhodes was speaking about the Kent State demonstrators. Tin soldiers in Nixon's army.....



Our New Flood-Proof Parking Lots?



Dear Rocket Jack,

Here is a letter that all should hear. It is about the policy of dropping classes.

On Wed., Aug. 20, 1975, my class was dropped by the Rend Lake College Administration. The reason and cause for droppage of the class was not enough enrollment for the class which would make it highly unethical to offer a class with only five students instead of the minimum required of twelve according to the Dean.

I don't mind paying \$13.50 for tuition or \$12.50 for books, it's the idea of a class being dropped when a person has to have it. Last year there was only 3 people attending an Organic Chem class. Those 3 people needed their

class just as much as we need ours.

I went and talked to Ms. Tomek about my problem, and she asked me to go to Mr. Foley. I asked him if he would be able to handle an individual study class, which would have required more work than the class itself. He told me he couldn't because he was already overworked.

I went to the Administration to sign up for another math course. To have done that I would have to drop another class I had signed up for, which would have gotten me nowhere.

I went back to Ms. Tomek and tried to get a class at a different time. That was impossible also because of my schedule.

The only other time I could get a class was to sign up for a night course which would mean making a 100 mile drive or

a wait of 5 hours.

I always thought that when you sign up for a course, you got it. But instead you get your tuition back and lose the cost of your books because you had already started an assignment.

The Dean said the college might offer the course next semester. Might's are alright but when you need a certain course for a degree, and the class isn't offered, what do you do then?

Maybe, just maybe, if the administration was to earn their pay like the faculty earns theirs, (overworked) we, the students would be able to benefit more. Maybe then we might have courses that would allow a person to receive a degree.

Signed- Tom Miller

SEA

By Laura Mick

It's not too late! SEA is looking for all education majors to join SEA for the experience it can give you. SEA stands for the student education association which has already started working for you by sponsoring all the book sales that take place at school.

On the agenda, plans have been made to visit secondary schools and sit in on a classroom. A trip is also being arranged for the club members to visit the Murry's Children Center in Centralia. These are just some of the things Mrs. Book, sponsor, and Zena Van Horn, president, have prepared for a better year.

Along with these activities, a scholarship is awarded each year to a freshman education major who is a member of SEA.

MUSIC

by Lisa Rhodes

The Music Dept. here at RLC is getting underway with a new and exciting year ahead. Bigger enrollments and a greater range of talent to choose from promises another good or even better year than last. In the choral department, Mr. Larry Phifer, Fine Arts Dept. Chairman and choral director has held auditions for collegiate choir, and last Wednesday, results were posted. Mr. Phifer reports that there are at least two scheduled events so far in the immediate future. Saturday, Sept. 27th, as a part of Rend Lake's Bicentennial Homecoming activities, a choral concert will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the Little Theater. Music from the Bicentennial period will be performed. Monday, Oct. 13th, a choral concert is also scheduled, but definite information is not yet available.

Mr. Drayton, conductor of the Stage Band, Symphony, and Concert Band, informs us that there are no scheduled events for these organizations at the moment.

STUDENT SENATE

By Margaret Skinner

The R L C Student Senate held its first meeting of the semester Wednesday, August 27, at 12:00 in the west conference room in the South Oasis.

The officers and members are: President--Dan Mitchell; Sec-Treasurer--Margarer Skinner; Sophomore Representative--Laura Mick and Tom Mick. The new sponsor is the Dean of Students--Mr. Robert Graham.

Anyone wishing to run for Freshman Representative or Representative-at-large can pick up petitions from Mrs. Roddy in the North Oasis, or from any Student Senate member. Petitions should be turned into Mr. Graham or any Senate member by Tuesday, September 9. Speeches will be given at 12:00 Sept. 10 in room S-110. Elections will be held Thursday, Sept. 11, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Student Center.

The Senate usually meets the first and third Wednesdays of each month, and the meetings are open to anyone.

DRAMA

The Rend Lake College Theatre group is sure to be an active one this year.

On the schedule are: a talent show "Blackouts" to be presented during the school day in September. The production will be open to students, faculty, administrators and staff. Try-outs are Wednesday, Sept. 10 after Student Senate Convo in the Little Theater. All sorts of variety arts are needed; songs, skits, magic acts, stand-up comedians, etc. Mrs. Foley is trying to organize a faculty skit as a high light of the performance. This should be a fun afternoon at Rend Lake College.

A second show scheduled for fall is "Bus Stop". The comedy takes place during a blizzard when a group of travelers are stranded at a small bus stop. Through the several hours, the characters develop insights into themselves and other people. The movie, starring the late Marilyn Monroe is perhaps the best known version of the play.

In April the annual musical will be presented. Several tentative theories include "West Side Story" or "Guys and Dolls." In either case a large cast is necessary. Last year's "Brigadoon" played to three packed houses and we are planning to expand the number of performances.

In response to local schools and community groups a small traveling production is also planned. "Wiley and the Hairy Man" written by Jack Stokes is a possible choice.

ACTIVITIES

ART

Artist Nevins Ware occupies the August exhibit calendar in the Fine Arts Building with a varied assortment of paintings, drawings and wood sculpture. Mr. Ware is a resident of Pinckneyville, Illinois and has been expressing his ideas visually since 1935 when he began by studying art through a correspondence course. He was born in 1916 in Bowling Green, Missouri. He continued his art activity during World War II as well as taking an added interest in the field of sign work. In the last few years he has participated in a number of regional shows and has received a number of awards.

Mr. Ware continues to expand his interests and is now an art instructor in the evening Adult Education program of Southern Illinois University. Last school year he taught painting in the Rend Lake College evening program.

Indeed, we are pleased to exhibit this varied body of work and to recognize the contribution that Nevins Ware has made through his artistic activity in the Southern Illinois area.

MUSIC

By Peter Harris

Music is a major influence on the lives of the majority of students at Rend Lake College. So the Music Moods part of PT, as we have appropriately named it, will be a major part of PT this year.

We will attempt to keep you in the "know" about musical events at Rend Lake College so you will have no excuse to miss them. Reviews of the events by different reviewers will also be printed. The purpose of the reviews will not be to embarrass, but to educate the performers, although embarrassment tends to be a quick teacher sometimes.

Another feature we hope to have will be record reviews. Now you probably won't have your opinion changed in regard to your likes and dislikes, but we hope to open your ears a little wider and extend listening a little farther. You can't experience enough music in regard to moods it can put you in.

For those of you ambitious and rich enough, we hope to keep you tuned to concert news at Southern, Keil, and Evansville.

We will have other special news during the year. The main object of Music Moods, though, is to make these "Pressing Times" a little less pressing.

RLC SPORTS IN ACTION

SIDELINE VIEWS



By John Fleri

As sports editor of the Pressing Times I will attempt to give accurate, non-bias accounts of all R L C sporting events through Sideline Views. Should biased opinions appear in this column, they will be backed by sufficient facts. Letters of comment and opinion are always welcome.

The Warrior's athletic department staff is composed of Jim Waugh, athletic director, head basketball coach and golf team coach, Mike McClure, basketball coach and assistant basketball coach. Wayne Arnold is the sports information director.

Conference golf will be underway September 15. Those interested should contact Jim Waugh. The only information available at the time of this printing was the fall golf schedule as follows:

- 9/9 Kaskaskia T
- 9/11 John A. Logan H
- 9/18 Wabash Valley T
- 9/24 Southeastern H
- 9/25 Shawnee H
- 10/2 conf. meet So. Eastern T
- 10/14 Robinson T
- 10/24-25 reg. four at Joliet

IM SPORTS TO BEGIN

Intramural sport activities will be underway in the next few weeks, so the students and faculty should take a look at the possibilities.

Men's and women's tennis, basketball (1 on 1), and table tennis will be offered first semester. First semester coed sports will include tennis (doubles), a golf tourney and table tennis.

Second semester intramural sports will include men's and women's basketball (3 on 3), a basketball freethrow contest, volleyball, and track and field. A golf tourney is the only coed activity planned for the second semester as of now.



GRIFF MAKES THE TAG.

DIAMONDMEN READY FOR PLAY

By John Fleri

The cut has been made and coach Mike McClure's diamondmen are ready for their first conference game against John A. Logan on Sept. 15, here.

The ball team is composed of eighteen Warriors in the persons of Doug Hardacre (INF-P) Bridgeport, Jody Gaunt (c-of) Mt. Vernon, Scott Griffin (INF) Mt. Vernon, Mark Hefner (INF) Mt. Vernon, and Steve Crane (INF-of) Mt. Vernon. These five are the returning lettermen.

The rest of the Warriors are Steve Davey (INF) Benton, Chris Valentine (INF) Peoria, Frank Romani (INF) Sesser, Dave Scott (INF-P) McLeansboro, Craig Aaron (of) Benton, Rocky Pasquino (of-P) Mt. Vernon, Mark Murphy (c) Peoria, Rick Basso (INF-of) Sesser, Jack Smith (P-of) Terre Haute, Terry Trusty (P-INF) Zeigler, Jim Hammers

(P-of) West Frankfort, Bill Lampley (of) Benton, Rob Rainey (c-of) Mt. Vernon.

As of now, coach McClure is undecided as to who he will start in the opening game, but the five returning lettermen will most likely be at the top of the line up.

Details of up-coming ballgames will be given in the next issue. The 1975 fall conference baseball schedule is as follows:

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| 9/15 | John a. Logan | H | 1:00 |
| 9/20 | Kaskaskia | T | 12:00 |
| 9/23 | Wabash Valley | T | 1:00 |
| 9/27 | Southeastern | H | 12:00 |
| 9/29 | Shawnee | H | 1:00 |
| 10/2 | John A. Logan | T | 1:00 |
| 10/4 | Kaskaskia | H | 12:00 |
| 10/7 | Wabash Valley | H | 1:00 |
| 10/9 | Southeastern | T | 1:00 |
| 10/14 | Shawnee | T | 1:00 |



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