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## Administrators Vote; Six Want Martin Ousted Now!

By Mitch Fulford of the Pressing Times

A recent poll of the administrators of Rend Lake College, conducted by the Pressing Times shows 6 out of thirteen of them is favor of the dismissal of Dr. W. Travis Martin, Jr., President of the College. Five administrators indicated they were willing for Martin to stay, one abstained and one did

oust Martin. The thirteen-member council, representing the College's faculty, presented the results of a March 3 "no confidence" vote.

Carroll Turner, who has since resigned from the faculty but was then the Council's chairman, said at that time the results of the "no con-

The resolution suggested the censure of Dr. Martin by the Board of Trustees and requested his removal as President. It contained 10 "broad and extremely serious accusations of misconduct by Dr. Martin." said a later statement by the board.

The resolution passed by the council said Martin, "has promoted mismanagement of college finances . . . promotes discriminatory hiring and promotional practices . . . has been unsympathetic to minority groups . . . has verbally and mentally abused faculty members . . . has changed board policies . . ."

Turner, in a March interview with reporter Merrill Perlman of the Southern Illinoisan, said, "There have been differences of opinion between the faculty and president for quite some time. We don't feel we've been adequately represented to the board

by the president."

Turner, however, declined to reveal the information before it could be presented to the board.

The information was, by request of the board, to be



Dr. Travis Martin, President documented evidence that Martin had, in fact done the things the Council was accusing him of.

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## Six Want RLC Prexy Out Now, Five Want Him To Stay

not return the polling ballot. The 6-5 vote against Martin calls attention to what is an apparent administrative unrest.

Martin who came to Rend Lake from Hawkeye Institute of Technology in Iowa in 1975, had previously been the subject of a 54-4 vote of censure and dismissal by the Rend faculty.

On March 15, 1977 the Rend Lake College Academic Council asked the Board of Trustees to

confidence" vote showed 54 votes of "no confidence", four votes of confidence and three abstentions.

The result of the vote made public, and distributed to the faculty and press along with a resolution, attracted extensive local, state and area-wide press coverage.

The Council, with its written resolution in hand, signed by ten of its members, went before the Board of Trustees.



**GOODBYE SUMMER.** The days of sleeping late and enjoying those late morning soap operas are now traded for the college life. Some tips: Get to class on time. Smile at the teacher. Laugh at his jokes

even if they aren't funny. Support the teacher's union if your instructor is in the AFT, and always score high on tests. With all those ingredients you can't miss a good grade.

## Departmental Sick Call 'Blue Flu' Marks Start Of '77 Academic Year

By Melissa Outland of the Pressing Times

Sick calls, telegrams, and memos marked a week of deliberation over an alleged "blue flu" in the Triple A department of RLC.

Ten instructors reported in sick to either Bill Hudson, Chairman of Triple A, or to Dean LaSalle prior to 8 a.m. on Monday, August 29, 1977. Only one other instructor was absent that day, and had made arrangements the week before.

Monday afternoon, Hudson contacted Triple A faculty to see if they were able to come in on Tuesday. Some said yes, others maybe if better, and some "he was not able to contact," Hudson said.

On Monday evening, a telegram was received by those instructors absent from the college. It stated: "Your absence on Monday, August 29, 1977 is considered by the college to be concerted activity in violation of your duties as an instructor as well as your professional responsibilities to your students accordingly. You will not be entitled to pay for this absence unless you present a doctor's statement or medical evidence satisfactory to the college to explain your absence. Appropriate disciplinary action will be taken by the college in the event this concerted activity continues."

The telegram was signed by Dr. W. Travis Martin, President of the college. Martin, in an interview Thursday, commented on the issue, but would not be quoted.

The policy adopted by the Board of Trustees, explains sick leave. "Sick leave shall be interpreted to mean personal illness, quarantine at home, or serious illness in the immediate family or household. Husband, wife, son, daughter, mother, father, brother, sister, and in-laws. The college has the right to require a physical examination of an individual who is on sick leave."

On Tuesday, Martin sent a retraction of the telegram to the ten. The memo read: "This is to advise you that the Vice-Chairman of the Board, Dr. Simpson, has indicated that the sick leave that you took on Monday, August 29, 1977, will be honored and no requirement will be made of you to provide a doctor's certificate.

Further, Dr. Funkhouser, Dr. Simpson, and Mr. Carleton Apple have indicated that they would be willing to meet with you sometime this week; but they do not want to call a special meeting of the Board.

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# EDITORIALS

## Examine The Cost Of Change

One of the more innovative ideas to come from the college's administrators in recent times is the proposal of a four day academic week for the spring semester. However, before jumping on the "four-day bandwagon" people will want to find out what price students will have to pay if the innovative change is made.

Students will have to spend the same amount of hours in the classroom, only they will have just for days during which to do it. This may mean a more concentrated class schedule which could have a negative affect on those students with part-time jobs.

One other point worthy of some thought is the reduced accessibility of instructors. If a student needs to find an instructor, or for that matter any member of the college staff, on a Friday, will that person be available or will the college staff be free to enjoy their extended weekends.

Those proponents of the four-day proposal point out such advantages as energy savings, both in the areas of utility costs to the college and gasoline savings to those who commute to campus five days each week.

Hardly anyone would argue with advantages such as those, but care must

be taken so that these savings are not the result of sacrifices made by the student body.

At first the proposal was made during the summer at a meeting of the Board of Trustees. That proposal was to establish an experimental four-day week during the month of July. The idea was dropped due to some conflicts on campus with events which were scheduled for Fridays. At that time board member Dr. Allen Baker, voiced his concern on limiting access to college resources and staff to the taxpayers of the college district.

The proposal being suggested at the present time is not for one month during the summer semester, but will affect the entire spring semester. Some administrators are conducting various studies on the matter, but to this paper's knowledge there has not yet been any mention made of student concerns on the issue.

It is hoped that before the idea is "sprung" on the students of Rend Lake College, that the administration look into the concerns of the student body.

On the surface the proposal has merit, but without knowing the affects on the students attending the college, there may be several underlying problems with the idea that may not appear until too late.

## Where's Our Rep

Students of RLC are without representation on the Board of Trustees, the result of the apparent 'resignation' of student member to the board, Frances Rightnowar.

Miss Rightnowar, elected to her post by a vote of students in May, has transferred her enrollment to University of Illinois. The transfer obviously makes her ineligible to serve the students of this college.

To our knowledge, the business office of the college, in charge of handling such

elections of the board, has not initiated any action to fill the vacancy.

Rightnowar attended the latest meeting in August. But who will represent us in September and months ahead if we have no election?

The Pressing Times feels an immediate election is not only necessary but should be mandatory. Failure of the business office of the college to initiate the election process with the introduction of petitions for filing, is unfair to the students of the college.

## Ripped Ticket

The PT has learned from reliable sources that the college's security force is lacking in its collection of fines for parking violations on campus.

Sources say collections of some fines have been cancelled because of who got the ticket. They say one official, representing a coal company which has donated several hundreds of thousands of dollars in equipment to the college, had his ticket destroyed by college of-

ficials as a "favor."

The concern of the Pressing Times is that such procedures might not be taken in the cases of good students with perfect attendance or good grades.

If you are a student and have some doubt about the circumstances under which you were ticketed, talk to "security" in the Administration Building. Who knows, they might Rip Up your Red Slip.

## Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor:  
Pressing Times

I hope that students and other citizens of Rend Lake College District 521 will support the desire of the Rend Lake College Federation of Teachers for recognition by the Board of Trustees.

We believe that matters are conducted in a manner which creates an atmosphere unhealthy for education at Rend Lake College. If members of the faculty have a grievance, we believe that there is no satisfactory way to settle it in a just manner. Therefore, the faculty must join in a professional organization to seek

protection.

The term "unhealthy for education" was used in the previous paragraph. The situation has deteriorated to the point that there is faculty-administration mistrust, faculty-mistrust, and it is evident that in such climate the student must inevitably suffer.

The RLCFT believes that improvement can be made and welcomes community support to make the college a better place.

Dr. Richard Doherty,  
President  
Rend Lake College  
Federation  
of Teachers



## Costly Time

Time is now costing the college over \$3000. Installation of a new clock system on campus, is said to be under way.

For the last several years, students along with everyone else on campus, have been late for class or other appointments because of clocks that ranged anywhere from 5 minutes to almost an hour off the right time.

Students and classes were forced to rely on KMOX time or some other "universal" factor.

We're glad to see the board, after putting up with a company who "repaired the clocks" several times, has taken steps to improve the situation. We, however, after living the era of bad clocks on campus, will believe it when we see it.

## 5¢ Ice: Ridiculous

Most students can handle, with a few complaints, the high prices in the Student Center, charged by the college's contracted concession agent, American Food Management, Inc. But a 5¢ charge for ice is ridiculous.

That's right, ice in a glass, without anything else, is 5¢. A meal, regard-

less of the price you pay for it, doesn't entitle you to a free glass of ice.

We realize the importance, on the part little "fleings," its not fair to the students, faculty or administrators.

We turn to American Food Management and say: "Your won't give us change, and you won't give us a break in prices, but you could at least give us free ice!"

## Mrs. Marie Simmons Dies

Rend Lake College lost an intricate part with the death of Mrs. Marie Simmons just weeks ago.

Mrs. Simmons, a member of the Board of Trustees of the College since the death of her husband, gave a part

of herself to RLC.

The staff of the Pressing Times, on behalf of the students of Rend Lake College, wishes to express its deepest sympathy to the family of Mrs. Simmons.

The Pressing Times welcomes opinions and comments from its readers in the form of letters.

Letters must be signed. Unsigned letters will not be used. Signatures will be published with letters as used. Writers, however, may request that letters not be published.

We reserve the right to edit letters for length, taste and libel. The writer's intent will not be hampered.

## A New Look

The student newspaper of RLC is designed to totally inform students of the college.

Its primary function is to keep students, faculty members and administrators abreast of events at the college.

We feel that in the past the Pressing Times has seriously failed to totally inform students of things which affect or directly involve them.

For that reason, the staff of the Pressing Times has elected to exercise its rights, and the rights of the people it serves, and begin a total information news magazine.

We are to publish bi-weekly and welcome your comments and suggestions in the form of letters, as outlined in our editorial policy.

Students will now be better informed and will better understand the bureaucracy of the college.

Letters should be addressed to: The Editor, Pressing Times, Rend Lake College, Ina Il 62846. Letters may be delivered to our office on the balcony of the Student Center, or may be placed in our mailbox in the Administration Building.

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# RLC Stu → nt Li ↑ e

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# Marked Up

by Mark Atkins, Columnist

The lights were low. The music was soft. The mood was right. Just when Bernard was getting ready to make a proposal to Gertrude, the inevitable happened. He was leaning over to bestow a kiss upon her cheek when she said:

"Oh no."

"What's the matter, hon?"

"I have to go the the bathroom."

It never fails. Whenever something important is about to happen, the urge to relieve ourselves attacks. It's kind of like an itch. No matter how you try to ignore it, it keeps reminding you that it's there. It's Mother Nature's way of saying, "Pay attention to me -- or else."

I have a theory. All the great leaders in history have had one thing in common. They all could control their kidneys. Just think what life would be like today if that old patriot Patrick Henry had stood up at that emotion-packed moment in history when he made his famous "Give me liberty or

give me death" speech and had said instead, "Excuse me, I have to go wee-wee." Or if Alexander Graham Bell's first words on the telephone had been "Watson, I have to go to the bathroom." Or imagine if Richard M. Nixon had said, "I am not a crook. I was in the 'john' the whole time."

Believe it or not, the fate of the entire world rests upon our leaders' kidneys. If the United States and the USSR were negotiating a nuclear arms agreement, and one side or the other had to go potty, the world might go up in smoke!

As I hope you now see, something must be done about this threat. I don't profess to know all the answers, but I do have a few suggestions. The government could possibly spend 3 billion dollars into a research project studying the various methods of controlling the kidneys, or we could refuse to drink anything (ever), or we could all wear rubber underwear. Who knows?

## Fine Arts Department Offers Three Choirs

Collegiate and Show Choir auditions were held August 22 and 23.

The choir members are: Soprano 1 - Julie Hart, Cynthia Cox, Susan Derry; Soprano II - Melissa Outland, Karen Woodfin, Michele Morgan; Alto 1 - Terrie Samuels, Laura Goodman, Diana Sampson; Alto II - Joan Fisher, Gae Morris, Ellen Morris, Beverly Kondritz; Tenor 1 - Brian Summers, Mike Tepovich; Tenor II - Michael Shreves, Greg Schmitt; Bass 1 - David Knight, Clifford Green; Bass II - Charles Pendell, Mike Fred, and Tony McKenzie.

The Show Choir is composed of eight members. They will be performing more popular types of music than the Collegiate Choir. The choir is made up of Julie Hart, Karen Woodfin, Gae Morris, Ellen Morris, Brian Summers, Mike Tepovich, David Knight, and Charles Pendell

Larry Phifer, choral director, is in the process of ar-

**BICYCLE SAFETY** Bicycle accident fatalities in Illinois decreased 25.8 percent last year.

ranging concert dates. The schedule will be printed in the next edition of the Pressing Times.



KAREN WOODFIN TAKES INSTRUCTIONS from Larry Phifer, director of the college's

## Governor Signs Legislation Illinois May Punish State Scholarship Frauds

Legislation providing punishment for people who lie on applications for state scholarships has been signed by Governor James R. Thompson. Under House Bill 1053, the recipient of a state scholarship who gave fraudulent information on the application could be charged with a Class B misdemeanor and subject to court action to repay any money received.

The legislation, sponsored by Rep. Roman J. Kosinski, Chicago, also provides that anyone who assists another in fraudulently obtaining a scholarship may also be charged

with a Class B misdemeanor.

Those convicted of Class B misdemeanors are subject to sentences of from 30 days to six months in jail.

In a related action, Thompson also has signed House Bill 1077, which authorizes the State Scholarship Commission to deny a state scholarship to any student who has defaulted on a guaranteed loan. In addition, the bill gives the Commission the authority to participate in federal programs to train its staff in financial aid services. The sponsor was Rep. Larry D. Stuffle, Charleston.

### Other Springfield News

**MASSAGE PARLORS** County governments will be allowed to regulate and license massage parlors in unincorporated areas in Illinois under H. B. 1928 signed by Gov. Thompson Aug. 23.

**MINE SAFETY** Emergency medical and communications facilities in Illinois mines will be improved under legislation signed Aug. 23. Gov. Thompson signed Senate Bill 649 during a visit to the Union County Fair in Anna. The new law mandates two-way radio communications inside the mines to outside medical personnel. It also requires the state Department of Public Health to set rules and

regulations for the training and certification of medical personnel. In addition, the new law requires that outside medical personnel must be able to reach a mine entrance within 30 minutes. First aid training must also be provided by mine operators to each new employee within six months. Rep. Gene Johns, of Marion, sponsored the mine safety law which will be administered by the Illinois Department of Mines and Minerals.

**MOPEDS** Motorized pedalcycles or mopeds were legalized in Illinois during a bill-signing ceremony by Governor Thompson in Olney last week.

Collegiate Choir and Show Choir, in a show choir rehearsal. The choirs are planning

many performances in the community as well as their regular concerts on campus.

**We Need Staff Members**  
**The Pressing Times Is Looking For**  
**Ambitious Individuals Now!**  
**CONTACT US.**

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# Security To Ticket Offenders

By Sharon Heil

If you find one of those little red envelopes with the small fine print on your windshield as you leave the campus, it is not a joke. Your have parked illegally and that is a parking ticket.

In order to control the traffic and provide clearings for emergency vehicles, the RLC board found it necessary to adopt a new set of parking regulations.

B.J. "Skip" Witunski, who was appointed supervisor of the security department, and who is the college's business manager and treasurer, explained that the problem had to do with the increase in number of students. Two years ago there was no problem, Witunski explained. But recently it has become quite common to see cars parked illegal-

ly on roadways, driveways, intersections, curbs, on the grass, and closer than 20 feet from fire hydrants.

And perfectly able students have been seen getting out of their cars parked in "For Handicapped Only" spaces, and all-too familiar faces are seen getting out of cars parked in areas "for visitors only."

"We used to just say, 'Would you please move?'" Witunski said. "But that was soon forgotten."

Hence the idea of the almighty parking ticket.

Witunski, along with five maintenance men were appointed to the security department with all the powers of a city cop. This includes power to make arrests or warrants for violations of traffic rules.

Also included in the list of violations are: obstructing passages of traffic, leaving less than 20 feet of width of any roadway for traffic in both directions, parking on RLC property for the purpose of displaying a vehicle for sale or storage and stopping for unloading unless authorized by the college's security department.

Any person who receives a ticket can expect to pay \$10 if it is a first offense that year. A \$20 fine is given for the second, \$30 for the third and \$100 for each additional offense given in that particular twelve month period.

If a student fails to pay the fine, he or she runs the risk of receiving no credits or transcripts of records. If an

employee, faculty or administrator fails to pay, the college may withhold from their salary the amount owed.

Witunski hopes after awhile everyone will comply to the rules and there will no longer be a problem.

"There is a need to control traffic on campus . . . the board felt it had to be done," Witunski said. "Legal action is a desperation attempt."

What if anyone feels they were given a ticket unjustly? "It says on the ticket they can come in and talk to us," Witunski said.

Witunski estimated that 26 to 30 tickets have been issued so far. Seven have been paid.

## Thirteen Freshmen Get \$100 Alumni Scholarship

Thirteen Rend Lake College freshmen have been named as winners of 1977-1978 Rend Lake Alumni Association Scholarships. Students selected for the \$100 awards, were chosen on the basis of academic performance in high schools throughout the Rend Lake College District.

The alumni scholarship fund was started last year and pro-

ceeds were raised through a benefit country-western concert held at the college last spring. A total of \$1300 in scholarship awards is being presented this academic year.

Larry Stonecipher, alumni president, said "the scholarship winners have all demonstrated excellent academic achievement and the alumni group is happy to be reward-

ing them for their performance." "We hope to continue the scholarship plan and help many others continue their education in the future," he added.

In order for students to be eligible for the scholarship they had to place among the top five in their class ranking and made their choice to attend Rend Lake College.

The 13 recipients of the \$100

award are: Charlene Akins, Benton; Bill Dennison, Christopher; Gina Carter, Enfield; David Owen, McLeansboro; Leslie Threatt, Mt. Vernon; Joni Giacomo, Pinckneyville; Judy Reidelberger, Tamaroa; Kerry Ames, Thompsonville; Fliyd Cash, Sesser-Valier; Pamela Pijut, Waltonville; Carl Wegner, Wayne City; Teresa Knox, Woodlawn; and Kevin Knauss, Bluford.

## Martin Must Go: Six Administrators

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The board said it would take the complaints under advisement, and in a resolution said it would give "prompt and future consideration" to the matter but did not indicate its feelings about the complaints.

The resolution, as drawn up by the Council, asked the board to remove Martin before the start of the 1977-78 school year.

After consultation with its counsel, the Board called a special meeting to be held March 22, to receive written details and specifications in support of the changes contained in the Council's resolution.

At that March 22 meeting the board's counsel requested representatives of the Council to present the written specifications. Turner, acting as spokesperson for the Council, declined to produce written specifications and further declined to state publicly the nature of the changes against Dr. Martin.

The council had insisted that the charges be outlined in closed session while Martin wanted them presented in open session.

Martin was not invited to the closed session.

Present in the executive session were members of the board, its counsel, and council members Carroll Turner, Fran Lentz, Barbara Tomek and Max Brandon. Lentz, Tomek and Brandon remain on the College's faculty.

On March 23, Dr. Martin communicated to then Vice Chairman of the board Dr. Allen Y. Baker, Pinckneyville,

a request that he be given the opportunity for a public hearing upon the matters contained in the Council's resolution. On March 24 he withdrew that request.

The board met in special session again on March 29. Retiring to executive session, it heard statements from Dr. Martin regarding the Council's resolution and discussed matters it had heard from representatives of the Council at its last meeting.

Only the board, its counsel and Dr. Martin were present in the executive session.

At the conclusion of that meeting, the board reconvened in open meeting and by resolution adopted a statement which said, "The request to censure and remove Dr. Martin is rejected. The board has not received evidence to support the charges, warranting censure or dismissal, to warrant further investigation by the board or further hearings into these matters."

Other items of the board's resolution, cited the boards "strong disapproval" of "unprofessional" conduct by the Council, its members and members of the faculty supporting the charges. The resolution specifically reprimanded the Council and its ten members who "promulgated and unanimously adopted the resolution and charges, and who publicly circulated the charges."

Martin, in a memo dated March 31, and addressed to "All Students, Faculty, Staff, Administration and Personnel of Rend Lake College," said it was his "earnest and renewed desire not only to estab-

lish and promote harmony and communication throughout the college, but to encourage all personnel and students to join in this commitment."

"Within every one of us, I am sure, exists the desire for a cooperative environment in which we may all function at our best," the memo continued. "Let us therefore resolve together that we have come through a conflict which has given us a new insight for the way in which each of us can work toward the common goals of unity peace, mutual respect and mature professional responsibility."

The board's resolution also said that the "continued lack of professional respect and personal courtesy on the part of any College employee will be seriously regarded, and shall constitute an act of misconduct sufficient to justify dismissal, denial of tenure, or other appropriate action."

Thirteen college administrators voted in a Pressing Times poll conducted Monday, Aug. 29 to oust Martin from his post as President. The opinion poll was taken to sample administrative feelings on the problem.

The vote was completely voluntary. Each administrator had the option of not voting. Two of the thirteen chose that option.

Those polled were: Robert Graham, Dean of Student Services; Ken LaSalle, Dean of Instruction; Mark Kern, Dean of Community Services; Ardell Kimmel, Dean of Vocational Education; B. J. "Skip"

Witunski, Business Manager and Treasurer; Scott Mones,

Information Officer; Dave Patton, Director of Audio Visual Aids Department; Larry Phifer, Chairman of Arts and Communications Department; Bill Hudson, Chairman of Agriculture, Automotive and Architecture Department; Dale Mason, Mining Department Chairman; Ed Kownacki, Health and Science Department Chairman; Myron Foley, Business, Math and Social Science Department Chairman; and Imogene Book, Learning Resource Center Director.

The poll contained a statement which the administrator could approve or disapprove. It was explained in the poll that an unmarked ballot would be considered an abstention.

The polling ballot read: "In my opinion, the Board of Trustees of Rend Lake College should act immediately to terminate the contract of Dr. W. Travis Martin, Jr., President."

"This action is necessary to assure smooth running of the College."

The two choices were given: "I agree with this statement." or "I do not agree with this statement."

Administrators were asked to mark an X beside their choice.

Although the polling process was secret, and conducted in the offices of each of the administrators, the opening of the ballots and results of the poll were tabulated and announced in an open meeting to which those who were polled were invited.

Martin, when contacted, said he knew of the poll, and of the results, but had "no comment."

# Six New Instructors Hired At College

Several new faces have been added to the faculty ranks at Rend Lake College since last semester ended May 15.

Six instructors have joined the faculty, including Martin Heischmidt, Larry Sidwell, Janet Miller, William Dill and Norman Miller. Daniel McCowen was not immediately available for a photograph.

Heischmidt has been hired as a law enforcement instructor. He graduated number one in his class at the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Academy and was a part-time instructor last year in Criminalistics. Heischmidt will complete his

Masters Degree in political science this fall at St. Louis University.

Sidwell has been employed as an instructor of accounting and business. He has a Masters Degree in accounting from SIU and has had professional experience as an auditor for the Illinois Department of Revenue.

Janet Mill has been employed as a secretarial science instructor. She holds a Masters Degree in business education from SIU and has had teaching experience at Centralia High School. She has been a part-time instructor at the college in the past.

Dill has been hired as a mining instructor, qualifying in blueprint reading, basic electricity, machine operations, hydraulics, introduction to mining and mechanics. He brings work experience and several certifications in mining to Rend Lake.

Miller has been employed as a mining instructor. He has taught for 14 years with the United States Air Force and served as a part-time mining instructor last spring.

Dan McCowen, hired as an automotive instructor, attended the SIU School of Technical Careers from 1971-1974, studying aviation and auto-

motive technology. He was previously employed as a general mechanic at Vic Koeing Chevrolet in Carbondale. He served as a part-time instructor last spring. He is instructing classes in international combustion engines, suspension and steering ignitions and electrical systems.

In addition to the staff additions, Courtney Cox was appointed to a full-time faculty position. Cox, who had served in a part-time position with the music department last year, directs the Jazz Band, the Rend Lake Civic Symphony, and other organizations.



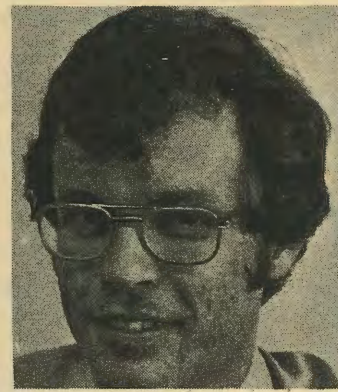
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## RLC's Marketing Curriculum Division Approved

Rend Lake College will be adding a new curriculum division in Marketing to the Business Department. The new curriculum has been approved for the next school year in which the program will be offered in its entirety. Myron Foley is the college official responsible for approval of the new application. Marketing will compliment the Accounting and Business Management classes.

The course is designed for those students who wish to enter the job market after two years. The two-year curriculum in Marketing leads to the Associate in Applied Science degree. The program prepares the individual for a career in marketing and distribution. Graduates qualify for middle-management positions in wholesale and retail business, including department stores, variety stores, special-

ty shops, supermarkets and automotive suppliers. The courses to be offered are: Sales Management - This course focuses on the application of management techniques to the sales operations of companies (3 hrs. credit). Principles of Marketing II - This course is a continuation of Marketing 220 which investigates specialized areas of marketing (3hrs. credit).

Principles of Retailing - This is an introduction to the field of retailing. The various types of retail institutions are covered (3 hrs. credit).

As the program becomes established, Marketing Internship will be offered. A survey of student interest was taken at Rend Lake College recently with results showing much interest in the new Marketing curriculum.

## 'Blue Flu' Epidemic Hits 'Triple A' Department

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They would like to know if there is any particular day that would be convenient for you.

If you would, advise this office and I will communicate that date and time to the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Secretary of the Board."

The apparent problem which set off the mass 'Blue Flu' centered on an approximate \$9,000 raise granted, cumulatively, to the three instructors in the RLC mining technology program. Those three instructors, Charles Foster, John Mitchell, and Allen Silkwood were given raises following an executive session of the board on a regular meeting on August 16.

Dale Mason, Department Chairman of the Mining Technology Division, who was with the board in executive session, explained the board's action.

The reimbursement that the state gave RLC last year was \$900,000 according to Mason. Mining was responsible for \$400,000 of that total, he said.

Mason said his instructors were, prior to the Board's action, "doing 2 1/2 times the work" at a salary that did not correspond with instructors already on the salary schedule at a point where the

miners thought they should be.

Mason presented figures to the Board that showed mining technology instructors worked from 1.2-2.56 instructor loads.

The Board action taken Aug. 16 actually is justifiable, according to Mason. He said although previous salary figures correspond with the majority of the rest of the faculty, the men in the mining department work from 44-48 weeks per year. Most college instructors have a 36 week contract. Further, Mason said mining instructors work "at least 40 hours a week."

The mining instructors were assigned points on the salary schedule by the board. Assignments were made through comparisons with degree work and industrial training, according to Mason.

The board minutes state that the mining instructors will be "on campus 40 hours per week and from now on they will accept the same increase comparable to someone on that same level of the salary schedule."

Foster, one of the three, will be paid at the overload rate for over 44 weeks, his contract period. Mitchell and Silkwood have 48 week contracts.

The \$9,000 cumulative raise

has stirred much campus controversy among members of the faculty and administration alike. Observers feel the board action may trigger a walkout by the faculty. The Monday sick call indicates those speculations may be true.

Two days after the board meeting, Martin met with the Triple A department at the direction of Dr. Clyde Funkhouser, Chairman of the Board. At that meeting, one of the Triple A instructors indicated that the men in that department want "equal pay for equal work because the miners are getting paid at a different rate."

Another indicated he brought seven years teaching experience to the college and it was difficult for him to accept the placement of Foster at a position of D-9 on the salary schedule. He asked Martin, "How could you do that?"

In the meeting, an instructor indicated that they were not upset with the three individuals or the mining department and the board's decision on their salaries. He indicated they did not want off the salary schedule, they just wanted the same equated base or treatment that the mining instructors had been given.

One instructor said he felt that the college has a "double standard" that "allows people who have no experience or degrees to get more money." One thought a \$2000 increase per instructor in Triple A might be in line.

"We want to be reasonable," one instructor said. "If there are reasons that experience and education are important factors, we want to know why. It is hard to take."

One instructor in the department said Thursday, "The school definitely has some problems."

The board met with members of the AAA Department Friday. At the writing of this article, no settlement of the dispute had been reached.

## BEOG Checks Have Arrived

The financial aids office has received some of the Basic Grants checks. You may come by the Financial Aids office, in the Administration Bldg. to receive your check. All of the checks are not in, but will be soon.

# Hummin'

By Scott Mones

Could this be the year of the Warrior? Some people think so and some aren't so sure. Many things have been added to the RLC Athletic Department and this year has the makings of a truly great one for our athletes, coaches and fans.

First of all Coach Mike McClure enters his seventh season about 40 pounds lighter than last year. McClure, who suffered a broken jaw on his way home to Mt. Vernon after visiting Curtis Whistle, one of the 16 newcomers on this fall's baseball squad, is looking forward to a "good year". One of the questions to be answered early in the season is PITCHING! With a strong staff, the Warriors could earn a title in the SICC, a goal which McClure's troops have come close to but have not been able to achieve.

Another brand new look (and really kinda' nice) is the girl's athletic teams. About the only prediction one can make at this point in time is that the spectators will get a chance to see what a female Warrior looks like. Coach Kretz and his players will surely be competitive and exciting. When the volleyball season opens Sept. 20, a new era will have begun in Rend Lake College sports. Some of our star athletes will have names

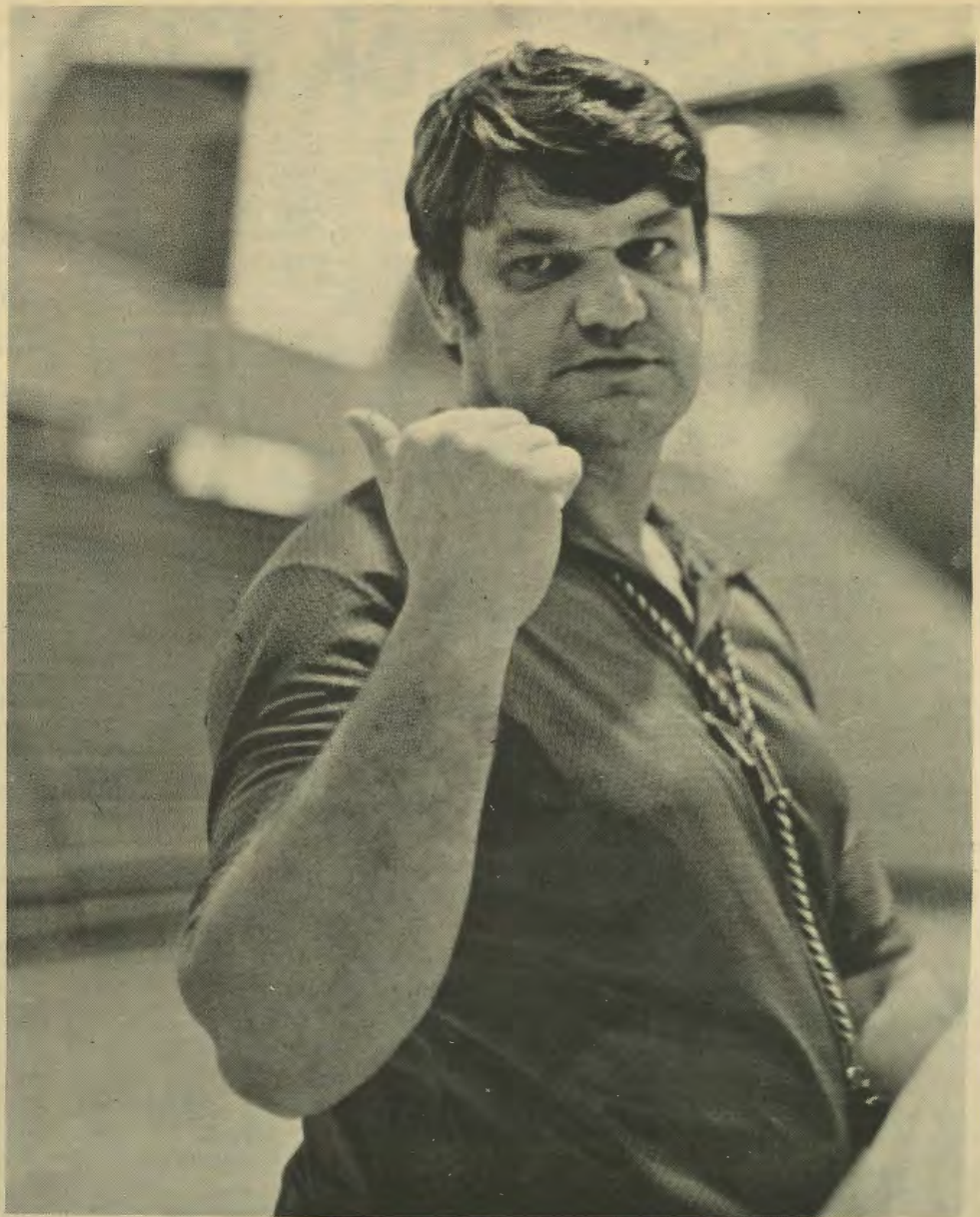
such as "K.K.", Thalia, Teresa, Terrie, and Judy. Go Girls! Go!

A touch of class has been added to the fall golf season with the announcement that the golf squad will play their home matches on the Rend Lake Golf Course, possibly the finest golf facility within 100 miles of the college. One advantage the golf squad has by playing at Rend Lake is that their coach Jim "Hummer" Waugh knows where the trouble spots are at.

Speaking of "The Hummer", great things are already being said about this year's basketball squad. Last season the Warriors finished strong to post a .500 record and showed great spirit during the SICC tournament, some of the most exciting competition of the season.

Last year's conference co-champs face a 27-game season and most observers feel it will be one of the Warriors' finest. The conference race should be a fight to the finish between the Rend Lake squad and the Falcons of Southeastern College.

Is this the year of the Warrior? Quite possibly. One thing for sure is that many hours of hard work are being spent to make the RLC sports scene "THE FINEST GAME IN-TOWN!"



"The Hummer", Basketball Coach Jim Waugh giving instructions during a Warrior basketball practice.

## Imogene Book Delegated

Mrs. Imogene Book, Director of the Learning Resources Center, was recently named vice chair-person elect of the College and Research Libraries Section of the National Library Association. She is planning and will preside over Section at Dallas, Texas in June 1979.

Mrs. Book attends annual

## Encounter Group In Mt. Vernon Open

RLC is offering a human potential seminar, in the form of an encounter group this fall in Mt. Vernon. Betty Dunham of Mt. Vernon, will teach the 14-week course, during which she says "students will be encouraged to relate to each other empathetically and in-depth, as they form a unified, productive small community."

She also says the course is designed as an enjoyable way for participants to gain a better understanding of their strengths and aspirations.

## Learn To Stain Glass

RLC is offering a hobby course in the art of stained glass decoration as part of their fall on-campus evening program. The stained glass course will meet each Tuesday, beginning Sept. 6, in room 103 of the RLC Learning Resource Center, from 6:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m.

Nancy Herbert of Carbondale, will instruct the ten-week class, designed to teach students various techniques used

meetings of the American Library Association and is involved in committed work including appointment of a nominating committee. One of the important activities of the Planning and Procedures Com-

The American College and Research Libraries are working on organizing guidelines for two college learning resources programs.

Ms. Dunham has been leading groups for several years and has had extensive experience in group leadership training programs throughout the country.

The course will meet each Monday, beginning September 12, from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. in Building G, room 124 at the Mt. Vernon High School. Cost for the one-credit hour course is \$8.50. Early enrollment is suggested due to the limited enrollment for the class.

For further information per-

sons may phone Ms. Dunham at 242-3181, or the College Community Services Office at 437-5321, ext. 33.

in working with stained glass. Students will have an opportunity to design and construct a stained glass window and learn other methods of using glass for design. Fees for the course will be determined at the first class session. Persons may register in the college administration building or at the first course session. For further information persons may phone the RLC Community Services Office at 437-5321, ext. 32.

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## Cheerleaders Try Out

Rend Lake College will be having cheerleading tryouts for the 1977-78 season Thursday, September 15, at 3:00 p.m. in the gymnasium. A small committee of about 10 people will

be voting for the cheerleaders. The committee will consist of some members of the faculty, administration, a few students, and some members of the various clubs. According to Coach Jim Waugh, the cheerleaders will have a few responsibilities other than just cheering at the basketball games. They will sponsor a cheerleading camp for younger girls, and they will also serve as hostesses at the Jr. High tournament.

## Adviser Mones Dubs Newspaper Staff

The staff of the "Pressing Times" has been selected for the 1977-78 school year, by Scott Mones, is serving as this year's newspaper adviser.

The paper which is scheduled to be published every two weeks while school is in session, is a valuable learning tool for those interested in journalism and also serves as a form of student, faculty, and administrative viewpoints on college related matters.

Serving as editor of the paper is Mitch Fulford of Mt. Vernon. Fulford has returned as an RLC student after serving as sports editor of the Marion Daily Republican. He served on the staff last year during the spring semester.

The remainder of the staff chosen are: Sharon Heil, Piopolis, feature editor; Chuck Doty, Benton, sports editor; Mark Atkins, Benton, columnist; Gayla Johnson, Thompsonville, ad sales and reporting; Gerald Mayo, Mt. Vernon, photographer; Laura Jameson, McLeansboro, reporter; Melissa Outland, Blufford, reporter; and Teresa Knox, Woodlawn, circulation manager.

There are still several openings available to persons interested in working on the newspaper staff. Those interested should contact Scott Mones in the Administration Building, or Mitch Fulford in the newspaper office, located in the Student Center.

# Chances Look Good: Coach McClure

RLC baseball opened its 1977 fall schedule Wednesday with two wins over Olney here on Warrior turf.

Head coach Mike McClure has 27 players representing RLC and, especially after yesterday's performance, feels optimistic about improving last fall's 13-7 mark. Of the 27, nine are returning sophomores.

Pitchers Doug Caldwell, Dave Boldt, and Wayne Middleton return for mound duty. Caldwell, a native of Carterville, returns the most impressive stats. The 5'10" righthander worked 49 innings while posting 6-1 record, and had a low 2.02 ERA. Boldt, a 6'2" southpaw from Woodlawn, recorded a 4-2 mark, and had a 5.86 ERA. Middleton, a native of Henderson, Ky., racked up a 3-1 record and had a respectable 3.03 ERA.

McClure's infield will be partly intact as shortstop John Klein and second baseman Kevin Higgins return for action. Klein, from Henderson, Ky., brings back a .261 batting average. Higgins, from Taure Haute, Ind., returns with a .277 average.

Outfielders Dennis Cox and Kevin Hutson also return as regulars. Cox is a speedy native of Sullivan, Ind., and led last year's club in four categories. He batted 182 times, had 55 hits, scored 53 runs, and stole 53 bases. Cox also is a "sound defensive catcher" according to coach McClure.

Hutson batted at a .253 clip while leading the club in triples, with 5, last year. Hutson is also a "fine fielder" as he committed only three errors in the entire '77 campaign.

Phil Tompson, Terre Haute, Ind., and Tom Brown, Jasper, Ind., also return. The two were used in a utility role last year, but are working hard to crack

the starting lineup this fall.

Freshmen listed on the roster are: Curtis Whistle, Evansville Ind.; Randall Shively, Whitesville, Ky.; Rich Cliff, Terra Haute, Ind.; Tom Masterson, Rockport, Ind.; Kirk Fuller, Peoria; Brent Mattingly, Washington, Ind.; Lee

Huther, Jasper, Ind.; Mike -o'Rear, Coulterville; Kevin skaggs, Louisville, Ky.; Don Monday, Terra Haute, Ind.; Jeff

Campbell, Mt. Vernon; Tom Reese, Peoria; Kent Strothman, Mt. Vernon; Bob Smith, Terra Haute, Ind.; Greg Westbrook, Hillsboro; and Don Verhines of Mt. Vernon.



Wayne Middleton, Doug Caldwell, and Dave Boldt, getting

ready for pitching chores. The three are all returning Sophomores.

## Women Get Varsity Programs

Girls Athletics at RLC will be under conference sanctions for the first time ever this year. Varsity programs will be offered in Volleyball, Basketball, and Softball.

Volleyball, under the direction of John Kretz hold try-outs today at 3:00 in the gymnasium. Basketball gets under way in October, while Softball will be opening in the Spring Semester.

"the future of Girls Athletics at RLC depends on the attitudes of this year's girls. If we don't have the enthusiasm needed, or the numbers to participate, the program

could go defunct," Kretz said.

Prospects noted by Coach Kretz include, K.K. Auten, Benton; Carol Whipple, Belle Rive; Angela Zachman, Dahlgren; Thalia Jelley, Zeigler; Lois Woodard, Benton; Pam Winder, Woodlawn; Pam McKinzie, Woodlawn; Jan Maloney, Dahlgren; Stephanie Wine-miller, Dahlgren; Judy Smith, Mt. Vernon; Terrie Samuels, Sesser; Teresa McClellan, Sesser; Brenda Crocker, Sesser; Sally Stotlar, Benton; Wendy Barnfield, Benton; Jill hiron, Mt. Vernon; and Ellen Morris, McLeansboro.

# SPORTS

By Chuck Doty, Sports Editor



Dennis Cox left, takes instructions from Coach Mike

McClure, right.

## Simmons And Redden Lead RLC Linksmen

Doug Simmons and Don Redden head the 1977 edition of the Rend Lake Golf team into action today as they travel to Shawnee for a 1:00 match. All six teams, Rend Lake, Shawnee Logan, Southeastern, Wabash valley, and Kasaskia will compete.

"Simmons will be our top man this year," said Rend Lake Coach Jim Waugh. "Simmons played at number two and three last year, and placed fourth in the conference."

Don Redden who played at the number four spot last year,

is expected to benumber two this year according to Waugh.

Sept. 26, Waugh's linksmen travel to Lincoln Trail for the midseason classic. "More than 150 golfers will be competing, and some of the top teams in the nation will attend," said Waugh.

RLC opens it's home schedule Thurs. Sep. 22 in a conference clash. Oct. 12 Olney invades Warrior territory and Oct. 13 Shawnee visits the RLC course.

Home matches will be played at the Rend Lake Golf Course.