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RLC Students Elect Representatives

The election to fill vacancies on Student Senate was held September 14, in the Student Center.

The vacancies to be filled were three Representatives-at-Large and four freshmen representatives. Competing for

office of Rep-at-Large were Julie Hart, a Music major from Mt. Vernon; Jeanette Patrick Centralia, who is majoring in Architectural Technology; Jeff Rister, a Liberal Arts major from Broughton; and Mary Conner, a Law Enforcement major

from Benton.

The winners of Rep-at-Large were Hart with 72 votes, Patrick with 77 votes, and Rister with 60 votes.

Four freshmen were listed on the ballot for the four va-

cancies. They were Amy Hundman and Jennie Lipps, both of Mt. Vernon; Mark Michalic of West Frankfort; and Junior Wilkerson of Dahlgren. These four filled the vacancies.

A total of 121 students cast ballots.



MEMBERS OF THE ILLINOIS BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION are shown discussing a proposal for a statewide educational television (ETV) system at their monthly meeting held in the Rend Lake College Theatre last week. The ETV proposal okayed by the IBHE call for the opening of four new educational television sta-

tions. The stations will be established in Edwardsville, Moline, Bluffs and Chicago, giving the state full ETV coverage.

In other action, the IBHE directed its staff to begin studies on the possibility of providing financial aid to students for costs other than tuition and fees. (RLC Photo)

President's Council Discusses Parking Woes

Faculty concerns over the seriousness of the parking regulations of the college were expressed by Fran Lentz, to members of the President's Council and the college president at the council's Thursday meeting.

Lentz, a faculty representative to the council and chairman of the Academic Council, said many instructors "look on the parking lot situation as some kind of a monster."

Lentz said there was no "safeguard in the policy to keep non-tenured faculty members from losing their jobs."

"The way the policy reads, an instructor who uses his car for demonstrations in the automotive department, has to take his car back to the lot as soon as he is finished, leaving his class in the building unattended," Lentz said.

Lentz cited other problems in the parking lot situation adding that 3-4 days out of the week the lot are full. "But if people park outside the lot area, it is grounds for immediate dismissal," Lentz said. He said instructors might spend twenty minutes of their time looking for parking places in the crowded lots.

President Martin responded that he "was not aware the campus had grown so large

that it would take 20 minutes to cruise the parking lots."

Martin said he thought the regulations could be lived by "with slight modification as time goes by."

Lentz said the items he had presented were "examples of the problems." Martin countered, "Let's get specific so we can deal with them."

A study of the entire parking problem and of the existing regulations was recommended by Lentz.

In other action, the council learned that the North

Thompson Names RLC Trustee To Committee

Governor James Thompson has appointed Dr. Allen Y. Baker of Pinckneyville, to



Dr. Allen Y. Baker

Faculty Union Seeks Board Recognition

By Mitch Fulford of the Pressing Times

A faculty-administrative split was realized more than ever before on Tuesday night as the faculty union of the college sought recognition from the College's Board of Trustees at their regular monthly meeting.

Instructor Dave Scott presented a 10-item draft from the faculty union, the Rend Lake College Federation of Teachers, a part of the AFL-CIO, expressing concerns of members of the union.

Scott pointed out that over 70% of the permanent faculty desire recognition for the RLCFT. He said these figures were based on a petition that was signed by several instructors and issued to board members earlier.

Instructor Barbara Luchsing raised questions on the 70% figure as to who the instructors who belonged to the union were and in what areas they taught. Scott explained that all the members of the union were teachers and that they were well distributed throughout the campus.

Scott said the 70% represents those faculty members who would let the union bargain for them at the contract negotiation table.

The ten-item document presented to the board included several reasons why the members thought the board should recognize the union. It said that recognition could "end the situation of periodic crisis that exists at the college and allow instructors to concentrate on teaching."

Faculty members again stated that a grievance procedure is needed at the college.

Fran Lentz, Chairman of the Academic Council, later told the board the grievance procedure the college has now is for classified personnel, such as secretaries, only.

Board Chairman Dr. Clyde Funkhouser asked Scott if the present grievance procedure was inadequate. Scott replied that it was non-existent.

The board received the document and the faculty request and "took the information under advisement."

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Central Evaluating Team will be on campus November 2, 3 and 4. Dr. Richard Brown is the chairman of the visiting team. The college's accreditation is based partly on this visit. Accreditation allows college credits to be transferred to other accredited colleges. ---heard various administrative reports concerning enrollment, labor, and state reports.

The council meets each Thursday with the President of the College.

serve on an advisory committee which will work with a local governing board being established to govern an "experimental" community college in East St. Louis.

Baker, a member of the Rend Lake Board of Trustees since 1966, and former president of the Illinois Community College Trustees Association, will serve on the advisory committee along with four others who have been appointed by the Governor.

The seven member board comprised of East St. Louis residents under the guidance of the advisory panel, will have the responsibility of making

To Committee

the transition from a state-controlled college to a community controlled college, Thompson said.

The Governor is expected to appoint the members of the local board by October 22. He said "I am placing my trust and confidence in the leaders of the East St. Louis community to show they can make the transition . . ."

Considered as an expert on community college affairs throughout the state, Baker is also serving on the Illinois Community College Advisory Committee on Community College Finance and has served as an advisor to the Illinois Board of Higher Education.

EDITORIALS

Invite Presidential Forum

In a letter on this editorial page written by Barbara B. Luchsinger, Ph.D., Instructor of Communications, 1957-60; 1965-77, referring to an article which appeared in the September 8 edition of the Pressing Times concerning an administrative poll to terminate the contract of Dr. W. Travis Martin, Jr., President of the College, Dr. Luchsinger suggests that an open forum be scheduled "so that Dr. Martin may answer questions, give facts and views, and present his views for the future of RLC."

The Pressing Times supports such an idea for a forum for discussion and presentation. We welcome Dr. Martin's comments, just as we have in the past.

Any thought, however, that the Pressing Times might have denied Dr. Martin the right to comment on issues presented in the past edition of this newspaper is indeed a misconception. We have contacted Dr. Martin on numerous occasions. Each time our reporters interview him they are denied the right

to quote him or use anything he says in their story.

If Dr. Martin wishes to participate in such an open forum, we of the Times would be more than happy to schedule and moderate such a meeting. All parties must understand that such a meeting would be open to students, the Board of Trustees, the administrators, faculty members, the public and the press.

Elsewhere in Dr. Luchsinger's letter, it is pointed out that college growth since Dr. Martin's administration began here has increased rapidly. We find it necessary to point out that the administration of the college as a whole and the instructors of this institution are all responsible for the tremendous growth the college has realized in recent years. Board of Trustees action regarding expansion of existing programs, such as the mining program, have also helped the college to realize this growth.

To say that one man is responsible for this growth is misleading. The association has waited for the ap-

Dr. Martin has already distributed a statement in that direction March 31, 1977.

Quote: Within every one of us, I am sure, exists the desire for a cooperative environment in which we may all function to do our best. . . 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."

Get a copy of the full statement. Read it for yourself. Better still, have a conference with Dr. Martin.

Thank you.

Barbara B. Luchsinger, Ph.D.
Instructor of Communications, 1957-60;
1965-77.

Dear Editor:

I would like to ask the following question concerning your article on your recent poll of administrators. Do you have any idea of how many readers, after reading the subheadline actually bothered to read the rest of the article on page 3 where it is stated that the Board rejected the charges against Dr. Martin because it had received no evidence to support them? Respectfully,
Julian J. Levesque

EDITOR'S NOTE

(The board's judgement of the charges made against the President by the Academic Council had no effect on the results of the poll mentioned in the headlines. However, that information was included in the story so that an accurate account of the events could be presented to the readers.)

Dear Editor:

PRESSING TIMES

A few individuals at Rend Lake College repeatedly rant and rave (literally) about mistrust and mismanagement at the college. They publish private press releases about mistrust and administrative mismanagement. They make phone calls across state lines to spread the word. They stand up in meetings of their peers and yell their fool heads off until some of those peers begin to believe them.

They persecute the president of the college with false and exaggerated charges--charges which are too vague to enlighten anyone as to their specific complaints. When asked (by the Board of Trustees of the college) to bring forth specific charges in a public meeting, they absolutely refuse. The reason for the refusal is obvious: specific charges can be readily disproven.

Such actions are at the extreme pinnacle of irresponsible conduct in a so-called professional educator. It is irresponsible to damage the reputation of a man--without a shred of proof of his misconduct--to the extent that his entire career is in jeopardy. It is irresponsible to poison the minds of college personnel and citizens of the college district against the administration of the college. It is certainly not responsible for educators who are expected to deal in truth to twist the truth and to lie.

It is certainly not responsible behavior when the attempt by a small group of people to destroy one man begins to destroy the trust of the public in their college.

Let us have dissent at Rend Lake College! It is a healthy and necessary thing. It brings forth new ideas and it forces us all to clarify our own thinking--to re-evaluate our opinions. But let the dissent be responsible dissent.

Dissent is responsible when those individuals involved "do their homework"--when the dissenters seek out the facts and bring them forward in the open--with documented evidence. It is responsible when the accusers are willing to face the accused and the public with specific charges.

It is about time we took dissent out of the dark shadows of emotion and exposed it to the clear, cold light of truth and logic.

May the good Lord help us all to weigh carefully what we see and hear and to decide for ourselves--intelligently--what is right; rather than allowing ourselves to be swayed by every childish, emotional outburst that happens to be reported in the public press.

Signed,

William Younghusband
Instructor, Rend Lake College

Dear Mr. Fulford:

I would like to add flame to the fire that is progressing in Rend Lake College. I am not an employee and don't intend to even be an employee of Rend Lake College.

But my wife was! She was a secretary there for several years and the demands that was placed on her was terrible. I have been an employee and also an employer. I would not have treated my dogs or my horse to perform as she was forced to put out work. I finally made her or rather forced her resignation. She enjoyed her work and enjoyed the teachers she worked for and most of all enjoyed helping the students.

It seems to me the classified help there are nothing but second class citizens that are required to carry the load.

If I was an employee (classified employee) I would get a union in there so fast it would make some (I started to call them gentlemen) but I can't put on paper what I would like to call them. It would make their heads swim.

If my wife knew I was writing this letter she would use a gun or butter knife on me, but they need a leader in that place in the worst way. They run off a good leader in Dr. Ward (he and I didn't see eye to eye) but he at least knew what was going on! Signed,

A Concerned Citizen and Taxpayer of
this Community College
Leo Roddy, Christopher

Dear Editor:

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I recently bought a Luden's candy bar out of the vending machine in the North Oasis. When I opened the wrapper, I nearly passed out to find little white worms and big black bugs crawling around my candy.

I told one of the secretaries in the North Oasis, and she got a hold of someone else who in turn called the vending company. However, when I left school around 5:30 that afternoon, no one had shown up to check on the machine. This is not the first time this is known to have happened in the same machine.

I feel that these worms could have entered other wrappers, and they may be hiding in other candy in the machine. I was lucky to have noticed these creatures in my candy bar, but there may be others who were not so lucky.

I hope people become aware of the fact that they should inspect their food before they eat it.

Sincerely,
Julie Hart

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Letters To The Editor

Dear Mr. Fulford:

Thank you for presenting the opportunity for Letters to the Editor. My comments derive from two selections from the Sept. 8 issue of THE PRESSING TIMES: The article reporting the administrative poll re. the President of the College and the letter from Dr. Richard Doherty, president, RLC Federation of Teachers.

I'd like people to read my letter, certainly; but regarding events of any sort, I would like for readers to draw their own conclusions. I would like for taxpayers and students and students who are taxpayers to consider a variety of points of view.

Informed people take the time to become familiar with a variety of views. Informed people make an earnest and honest effort to question people of opposing views. Then informed people decide for themselves where their support will go. Or they decide whether anyone has the right to enlist their support, and if so, to what extent.

For myself, I find much to believe from an article on Collective Bargaining. Space does not allow me to quote the entire article, but it is from the ACCT Trustee Quarterly (Summer, 1977). The publication is available to School Board members, Administrators, libraries; to anyone who cares to subscribe or buy a single copy. The author is James R. Tormey, Jr., President of the Board of Trustees, San Mateo Comm. Coll. Dist., San Mateo, Calif.

Just read and consider. Then make up your own minds.

Collective bargaining has as its objective "to destroy board and administrators' public credibility."

Basic tactics: To use the "superintendent as a shield and if he is discredited, the rest of the board suddenly feels naked, and they are often eager to take an escape route which the association was waited for the appropriate moment to offer."

To "place the board in a defensive position that split(s) the board on crucial issues, contacts with individual board members, or misrepresentation of the issue to the public through press releases...."

Read the article for yourself.

In his letter, Dr. Doherty "hopes" 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."

Dr. Doherty feels that teachers "must join in a professional organization to seek protection" that a situation "unhealthy for education" has "deteriorated." Read the letter for yourself.

Rather than talk of deterioration, let's look at another side. Total enrollments, 1973-77 (Dr. Martin began his administration in the fall of 1975.)
1973-74--1, 279.
1974-75--1, 317.
1975-76--1, 555.
1976-77--2, 475.

Percentage of gain over previous year
1973-74--16%
1974-75-- 3%
1975-76--18%
1976-77--60%

New programs introduced 1975-77

Interior Design

Accounting

Business Management

Industrial Service

One program, Mechanical Technology, was dropped.

Teacher's Salaries

Increase in Base from 9,800 in 1975 to 10,500 in 1977. An example of what this means is that salary increase for 9 months could exceed \$1,400.

Addition to college facilities

Two buildings completed; 24,000 sq. ft. of space added.

For other facts, check administrative offices. Be sure to include the Business Manager and the Registrar. Let us remember, facts and ideas can be presented in a variety of ways.

Polls are one method of fact finding although one might raise serious question with a poll of 13 administrators resulting in a 6-5 verdict of striking opposition. Does this kind of result command credibility from a selected group of administrators?

How can the sponsors of such a poll guarantee that presidential removal would in fact "assure the smooth running of the college?" Is this indeed where the true irritation lies? Rather than relying up on Luchsinger, Doherty, or a divided 15-minute poll conducted by a student editor, why not consider another course of action?

Why not schedule forums so that Dr. Martin may answer questions, give facts and views, and present his views for the future of RLC? As recorded in the Sept. 8 issue of THE PRESSING TIMES,

Faculty Spokesman Charges Unfair Hiring Practices

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Scott asked when the faculty could expect some kind of board action. Funkhouser said it would be within a reasonable amount of time. He said, however, he was not willing to say what the board would consider a reasonable amount of time. Board member Dr. Richard Simpson said the board would start working on the subject immediately.

The matter was turned over to a faculty-administration and board committee and will ultimately be referred to the board's standing Personnel Committee for future consideration.

Faculty input at the Tuesday night session was not only directed at union recognition. The board also heard faculty concerns on the hiring procedure of mining instructor Bob Mooneyham.

Mooneyham, of Freeman Spur, was recommended for hiring by college president W. Travis Martin. Martin recommended Mooneyham at a salary of \$19,600 for his first year at Rend Lake College. Martin said Mooneyham brought 29 years of mining experience to the Rend Lake program. His former employer was Old Ben Coal

Illinois Withholds Fund

Attorney General William J. Scott, in a legal opinion, has advised Fred L. Wellman, Executive Director of the Illinois Community College Board, that each community college district in the State is entitled to receive minimum credit hour grants averaging \$17.61 per semester hour for fiscal year 1977.

Scott further advised that

PAROLE HEARINGS Annual parole hearings for criminals like mass murderers will no longer be required under legislation signed last week by Gov. Thompson. The Pardon and Parole Board may now hold parole hearings every three years. Thompson said, "Some persons have no chance for parole in the foreseeable future. It's a waste of time to bring them before the Board.

Company.

Mining Technology Department Chairman Dale Mason said Mooneyham would be teaching Health, Safety, and Practical mining course. He said Mooneyham had already earned several required certificates that the college requires for mining instruction.

Fran Lentz, acting as chairman of the faculty, made a statement to the board: "As Chairman of the Faculty, I want to go on record as opposing Mr. Mooneyham's proposed salary," Lentz said.

"I want to make perfectly

Joe McClure moved that Mooneyham be employed at the proposal salary. Trustee B.B. Connaway seconded the motion. Trustees Everett Thompson and Richard Simpson voted against the hiring. Connaway, McClure and Funkhouser voted to hire and Mooneyham was employed by the college. The action puts Mooneyham on the salary schedule at D-8, equalling other instructors with a master's degree and 8 years of teaching experience.

The Trustees heard a report from President Martin indicating the college may have

Student Board Member Resigns

clear that we are in no way opposed to Mr. Mooneyham as an individual or to his qualifications as a mining instructor," he said.

"However, until this administration has a fair, equitable, established, and approved hiring and promotional criteria that applies to the total existing faculty and any new faculty that we might hire, we are opposed to his being hired or anyone else being hired without criteria that applies to all," Lentz said in his remarks.

After the discussion and the statement by Lentz, Trustee

to pay back \$30,000 in Basic Educational Opportunity Grants that were given to ineligible students at the Richland Academy in Mt. Vernon.

Martin explained that the federal government requires accreditation from the Cosmetology Accreditation Commission, a national organization, in order for students at a particular institution to receive the grant monies.

College officials assumed that even though Richland was a private institution, since the college has a contractual agreement with the school to provide instruction, Richland would fall under the college's accreditation.

The \$30,000 which would be paid from the college's education fund, would be paid back to BEOG. Six of the thirty present students in the program would be affected. Of the six, Dean of Student Services Robert Graham said no one would be forced to leave the program and would not be moved to Benton to the college's own cosmetology school there.

Graham said the Richland Academy was state accredited and was a good institution. He said the same courses were being taught by instructors in both schools.

The board's attorney, Don Musick, said that official word would come later on whether or not the college would have to pay.

Following a mid-meeting 90 minute executive session, attorney Musick addressed the board and the public.

Musick said that what he and the board had discussed in executive session was litigation involving the college in a sex discrimination suit.

Musick said the U.S. Department of Labor Wage and Hour Division had brought the equal work/equal pay questions against the college.

"We believe the charges are improperly founded and the college has done no wrong," Musick said.

The charges, reported to be 11 counts of labor law violations against the college, may cost the college \$80,000 in back pay, according to informed sources.

The resignation of Frances Rightnowar as non-voting student member to the board of trustees was read.

Rightnowar has enrolled in the University of Illinois. Board Chairman Clyde Funkhouser said it was the desire of the board to thank Frances for her service to the college. A letter is to be drafted to that effect.

B. J. Witunski, the college's business manager and treasurer, said the board had 90 days in which to pick a successor to the board. After the 90 days, an election would have to be held. No action was taken.

In other action the board: --awarded a \$4386 contract to M & W Lumber of West Frankfort for building materials. The cost was \$600 higher than the previous low bidder in earlier bidding, but the board waited too long to act and the price of materials increased. The materials include parts for a partition in one of the rooms in the automotive shop. The materials were requisitioned last spring.

--employed Debra Malone as receptionist. Her salary is to be \$425 per month. A question was raised by Chairman Funkhouser as to the salary of the person who recently left this position and how that figure compared to this one. B.J. Witunski stated that this figure was approximately \$25 lower than that of the previous employee. However, a quick check of the budget indicates that the receptionist received the same salary offered and given to Malone.

Norm Miller: From Heckler To Umpire

Norm Miller admits that at one time it was enjoyable for him to heckle umpires while he was a spectator at baseball games. As a matter of fact that's how he got his start as one of those infamous "men in blue."

One day after being on the receiving end of some pretty rigorous heckling an umpire turned to Miller and suggested he try umpiring if he thought he could do a better job. He tried it, he liked it; and for the past 21 years, Miller has been umpiring baseball games from Little League to Triple A, in most of the 50 states, The Far East and Europe.

He recently returned from working about 60 games in an Alaskan Baseball League, comprised of teams based in the cities of Anchorage, Fairbanks, Keni and Palmer.

Players participating in the league are selected each year by team managers. Most are juniors and seniors from colleges representing some of the finest baseball talent in the country, Miller said.

Tom Seaver, Dave Kingman, Bob Boone and Dave Guisti are some of the more popular players that have appeared on the rosters of the Alaskan teams prior to their major league careers.

Miller was not only impressed by the quality of the baseball played in "The Land of The Midnight Sun"; but also speaks highly of the tremendous enthusiasm and interest of the Alaskan fans.

"The crowd reaction was great," he said. "For most of the spectators the league is the closest they will ever

come to watching professional athletes and they become closely attached to each of the ball clubs." The league to them is what the major leagues are to people in the other 49 states, he adds.

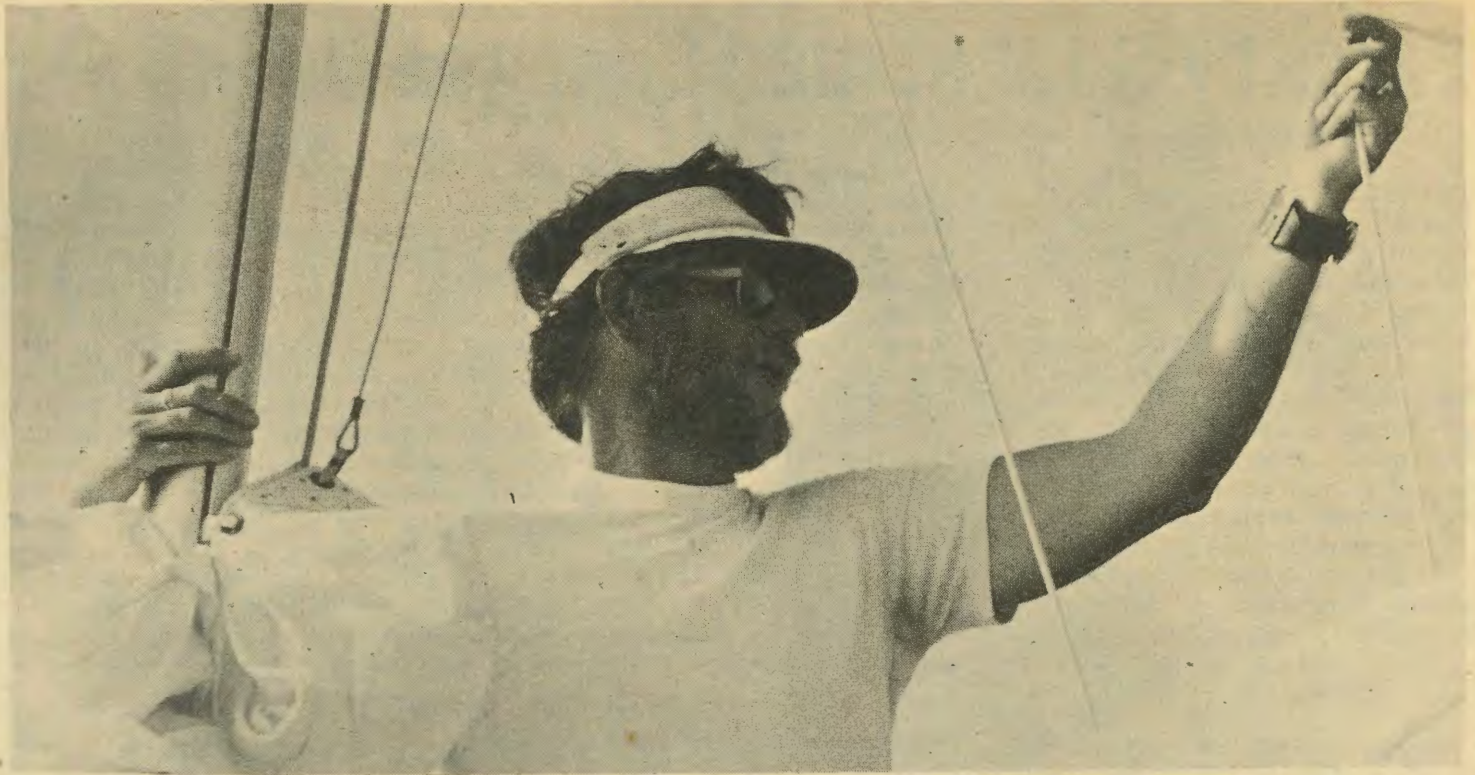
"There are several established rivalries and the fans display a lot of team loyalty. There have been cases in the past up there when umpires' cars have been blown up and umps told very emphatically to leave the state within 24 hours," he said.

Luckily for Miller, a native of Massachusetts, that doesn't happen very often. However, fans complaining about calls are part of the job and Miller doesn't mind that at all. He says that when a crowd gets on him it tends to make him bear down and concentrate harder.

"When I'm working behind the plate and the crowd continually disagrees with calls on balls and strikes it sometimes makes me wonder if I'm really missing the calls," he adds. Covering the plate you tend to get in a lot of arguments, every pitch is critical and calls at the plate mean runs, he said. "Unfortunately, for many the emphasis is not on sportsmanship; but on winning. If you're not a winner there's only one thing left-you're a loser."

Every umpire has blown a call at one time or another. While in Alaska Miller found himself in one of those situations. "I blew the hell out of one play at the plate by looking in the wrong direction." The call was reversed

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Sailing: Water Flight

These photographs were taken from the sailing vessel "Intermission," owned and skippered by Larry Phifer, Chairman, Department of Arts and Communications, Rend Lake College.

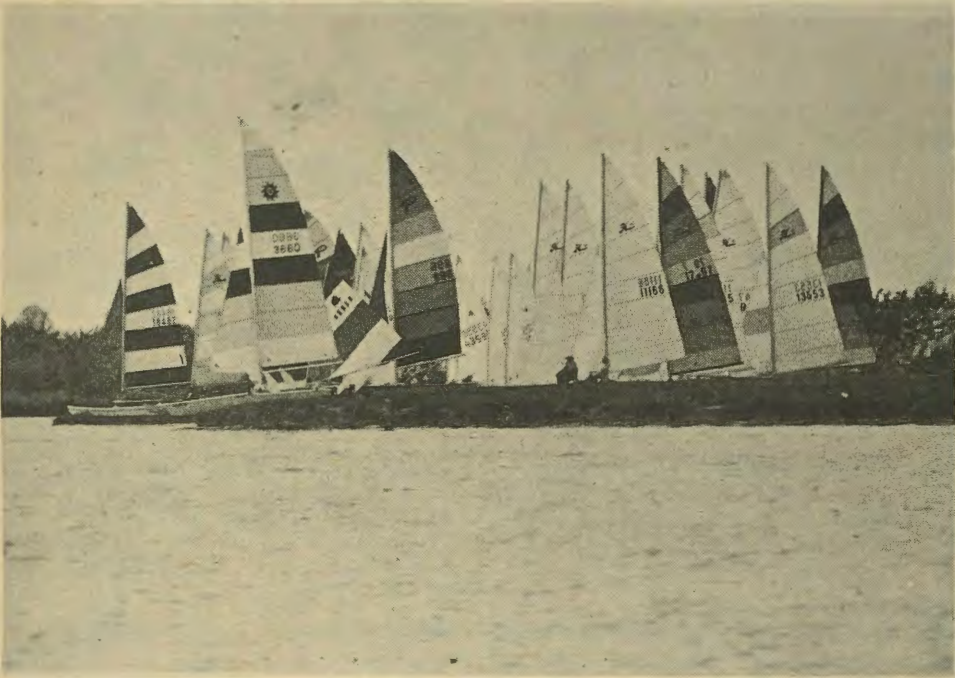
Carlyle Lake was the sight,

Saturday, of the Whale of A Sail.

The giant Regatta featured sailing rigs of all kinds.

Enjoy this picture feature of one of America's fastest growing sports.

Photography: Scott Mones



Blackouts' Annual Talent Extravaganza Slated

Excitement is being generated around campus as the third "First Annual Blackouts" show at Rend Lake College is again going into production.

"Black-Outs" is one of the talent highlights of the year under the direction of Cheryl Foley. For all those who possess creativity and are ready for some fun and excitement-get in a act together and contact Cheryl Foley in the North Campus or call extension sixty-three.

"Black-Outs" has in the past promoted enthusiasm and interest in performances by students and college personnel in front of a sure-to-be large audience.

"The purpose of the show is not only to have fun but also to raise money for a worthwhile cause," said Director Foley. The money will be used for scholarships which will be presented to two de-

serving RLC students next spring.

"Black-Outs" will be held in the Rend Lake Theatre.

"Any talent from gold-fish swallowing to opera arias is welcome," Foley said. Within the last two years various unique acts and talents have been presented, such as an Abbot and Costello comedy routine, belly dancing, a trombone medley and any number of songs and ensembles.

In the past-college President Dr. Martin sang "Feelings" along with selected Irish tunes while Julian Levesque added to the production with his song entitled "Autumn Leaves."

Other highlights included a country and western band and several humorous skits.

Wednesday September 28, at noon and Saturday, October 1 at 8:15 p.m. Performances will be held in the college theatre. Tickets are \$1.50 for adults and fifty-cents for students.



Students elected their Representatives to the Student Senate last week. A total of 121 students voted in an election of Freshman Representatives and

Representatives-at-Large. Becky Kimmel serves as election judge in this photo.

(RLC Photo)

LIFE SAVING LEGISLATION
Governor Thompson last week approved legislation to require the posting of choke-saving methods in all food service

establishments. Thompson said, "This is a bill to help people. The method takes only a few minutes to learn, but it is a life-saver."

Miller: Fans Are Wild In Land Of The Midnight Sun

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and eventually everything got straightened out. "It happens once in a while," says Miller.

One of the most essential things to good umpiring is positioning and knowledge of the sport. The most difficult call in baseball, according to Miller is the checked swing. Another hard call is a ball trapped by an outfielder. Nine out of ten times an umpire is not in good position to see if the ball was caught and almost always the coaches seem to see things differently. However, someone has to make the calls and sometimes the outcome can turn game around.

What would it take for Miller to eject a player or coach from a game? Well by his observation Miller thinks he has established a reputation of being a pretty tough umpire. However, that reputation includes being fair and not partial to any home team. "As soon as a player argues, he is out of the game-

no exceptions at all, Miller says.

"Most players know that I won't tolerate any abusive or derogatory remarks on the ball field." Miller is known for his loud and echoing calls on balls and strikes. "I often hear fans mimick the way I make calls and they usually remember me from one game to the next. You'd be surprised how well fans remember," he adds with a smile. "Good umpires need to be hams and actors," he says.

These things are all part of what makes an umpire's work exciting and enjoyable. All home town fans are expected to be loyal. Parents are often the strongest critics of an umpire, Miller said. They seem to feel that their son or daughter can do no wrong on the ball field and that an umpire is purposely "picking on their child."

"When they agree with the

Marked Up

by Mark Atkins, Columnist

Few things in this world are totally American. We are all familiar with "baseball, hot dogs, apple pie and Chevrolet," but another item should be added to the list. This is known commonly as the "rummage sale."

Rummage sales are held under the pretense of getting rid of all items which are no longer of any use to the persons holding the sale. This is a good excuse, but it is not the real reason.

The purpose of the garage sale is really to give the average, everyday person the chance to practice the rules governing big business transactions.

For example, a neighborhood housewife is holding a garage sale. Her next-door neighbor and life-long friend stops by to browse. She sees a 1947 brown and orange cuckoo clock

with a broken mainspring and a dead bird that she thinks would go nicely in her bathroom. The conversation that follows goes something like this:

"Hi, Mabel. How much for this clock?"

"Hello Marge. For you, I'll let it go for 3 dollars."

"I think 3 dollars is a bit much. I'll give you \$2.75 for it."

"Look, I said 3 bucks and I meant 3 bucks."

"I don't care what you said. It is not worth half that much. You can take your dumb clock and --"

"Hold on! I didn't ask you to come here. You can leave anytime you want, and keep your rotten brats out of my yard, too!"

And so it goes.

SIU Hosts Ringling Bros.

Circus Returns To Arena

The public's response to the upcoming Oct. 11 and 12 engagement of the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus has been fantastic, according to Kathie Pratt, promotion manager for the SIU Arena.

"People started lining up for tickets Sept. 6, the day tickets went on sale," Ms. Pratt said. "We still have plenty of good seats available, but we advise patrons to order their tickets early to avoid long lines at the ticket counters."

The 106th Edition of the Greatest Show on Earth will appear in four performances at the SIU Arena: 3:30 and 8 p.m. Oct. 11 and 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. Oct. 12. Ticket prices are \$4, \$5 and \$6. A special \$1 discount is available for children under 12 for the matinees and group discounts are also offered.

When the metal door of the giant steel cage in Ring Two snaps shut behind Charly Baumann and he's face to face with 15 sleek, lethal Siberian and Royal Bengal Tigers, a tremor of anticipation runs through the audience. And justly so. For the breathtaking beauty of the enormous velvety cats rivets every eye in the crowd as they perform both beautiful and bold tricks from a five tiger roll-over to a leap through fire.

Charly Baumann handles his four-pawed performers with a naturalness and confidence that belie the extreme danger and difficulty of his accomplishments. Although he cares deeply for his beautiful felines, rising at dawn each day to personally supervise the preparation of their food, he never forgets just how dangerous they are.

"A wild animal is always wild," Baumann said.

calls you know it. When they don't you know that too. It happens both ways."

Miller says that at one time he was the worst "umpire baiter" in the state of Montana. Now that he sees things from the other side umpiring means much more to him than bad calls or good calls.

Although the money made over the course of a season by a working umpire can add up to pretty worthy income, Miller feels that money takes a back seat to strictly enjoying his work.

"I've met a lot of great people though sports and although umpiring might sometimes involve eight hours of a day including travelling time on the actual game, I can't call it work. It is strictly pleasure," he adds.

Certified by the State of Illinois for officiating baseball, Miller is also a certified

softball official and member of the International Association of Approved Basketball Officials, the largest international officiating association in the world.

Along with those credentials, Miller prides himself on his knowledge of baseball and other sports.

His summer work in Alaska was one of his many enjoyable experiences associated with sports and one which he will long remember for several reasons. The caliber of competition was excellent; enthusiasm was high; food was expensive (pizza ranges from \$6.95 to \$16.95); and the sun was always shining-even at 2 a.m.

Miller, a familiar face at Rend Lake College is a full-time mining instructor and is presently teaching an evening class in baseball and softball officiating.

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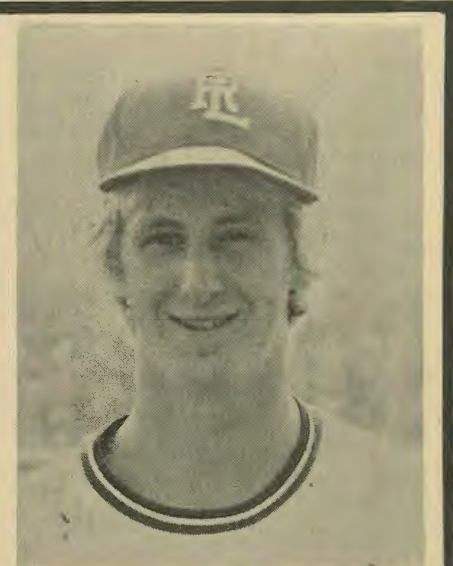
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Cheerleaders Are Picked For 77

Tryouts were held Thursday and six girls were chosen Warrior Cheerleaders for the coming year. A selection committee which included students, administrators and faculty members took part in the judging of the event.

Three girls return from last year's squad, they are Terri Samuels, Sesser; Sally Stotlar, Benton and Teresa McClellan, Sesser. Three new freshmen join: Ellen Morris, McLeansboro, and Judy Smith and Amie Hundman, both of Mt. Vernon.



Meet the Warriors is a new column designed to introduce the athletes of RLC to the students, faculty, administration, and area sport fans.

This week Sophomore Phil Tompson of Terre Haute Ind. is being featured. Phil is a 5'11", 155 lb. infielder for coach Mike McClures baseball Warriors. As a Freshman, Phil was used in a utility role as he stroked 10 hits, had nine RBI's, and stole five bases. This year Phil is working extra hard and is figured in Coach McClures game plans.

Besides baseball, Phil participated in track, cross-country, and basketball in high school. Along with sports, Phil sights art as one of his major interests.

Phil is majoring in law enforcement, and plans to be a probation officer.

"This is my last year at RLC, and I'm glad I came here. I'll really miss it."



RLC 77 Womans Volleyball team. Standing left to right; Sally Stotlar, Michelle Young, Carol Whipple, Ellen Morris,

Wendy Barnfield, Pam McKinze, Angela Zachman, Brenda Crocker, Thalia Jelly,

Judy Smith, K.K. Auten, Lois Woodard, Pam Winder, Jill Hiron, and Coach John Kretz.

Play Here Tonight

Women Get Ready

Women's Volleyball tips off its home schedule Thursday at 7:00 p.m. as the Squirrels of Olney travel to the RLC gymnasium.

"Some people seem to think the womens volleyball program will be like an intramural program," Coach John Kretz said. "This is not so. We are playing intercollegiate ball, and our main goal is to win."

Kretz, somewhat unsure of his team's potential, says "I don't really know what to expect. I haven't seen the competition and I don't know how we will react in a game situation."

Kretz pointed out his team was ready for action. "These

girls have great motivation and they compete hard. I'm really proud of them for sticking with it. It just goes to prove that not anyone can be an athlete," said Kretz.

Coach Kretz with a squad of 15, is not yet sure of his six starters, but he has narrowed down nine players who will get plenty of starting time.

Michelle Young from McLeansboro is noted as "the most aggressive player on the squad."

Pam Winder of Woodlawn is a "hard nosed competitor."

Jill Hiron Mt. Vernon "a good player, and has a great attitude."

Stephanie Winemiller from

Dahlgren, "could have lots of talent, if she works hard, and puts it together."

Angela Zachman Dahlgren, "is a hard worker."

Judy Smith of Mt. Vernon, "is fundamentally sound."

Carol Whipple, Belle Rive, "good server and competitor."

Ellen Morris McLeansboro, "is a very steady performer."

K.K. Auten Benton, "has leadership qualities."

Kretz notes he will have a strong bench with Sally Stotlar, Benton; Wendy Barnfield, Benton; Pam McKinze, Woodlawn; Thalia Jelly, Ziegler; Brenda Crocker, Sesser and Lois Woodard, Benton.

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RLC Warriors Scalp Shawnee; 12-7, 10-4

Coach Mike McClure had visions of a long afternoon when Shawnee College scored four runs in the top of the first inning in last Saturday afternoons doubleheader.

But RLC came back to take advantage of poor Shawnee pitching as the Warriors plastered the visitors 12-7.

The four scores came off RLC starter Randall Shively. Shively, a 6'1" righthander from Whitesville Ky., surrendered two hits while walking five in two-thirds of an inning.

Dave Boldt, a 6'1" flame-thrower from Woodlawn came in relief, and got the third out of the initial inning.

From there on in it was easy sailing for RLC, as Boldt tamed the Shawnee bats with his baffling curveball. Boldt finished the game with a two-hitter, striking out four and walking five. His season record now stands at 1-0.

After coming back with three runs in the first inning from starters Dennis Cox, Kevin Higgins, and Mike O'Rear, RLC put some icing on the cake in the second, with six more runs.

The big second inning, which saw RLC bat through their entire lineup, started when designated hitter Tom Brown doubled down the leftfield line. Cox drew a base on balls and O'Rear followed suit with another walk. Then, with the bases crammed, clean-up hitter Kevin Hutson stroked a single into rightfield, scoring Cox and Higgins.

After Kent Strothman popped out, third-baseman John Klein drew a free pass, loading the

bases again. That set the stage for Bob Smith, (brother, to former RLC star Jack Smith). Smith who is carrying the hottest bat for RLC, produced again, this time with a Texas league single that scored two runs.

After a Shawnee pitching change, RLC completed their scoring terror with a two run double off the bat of Richie Cliff.

RLC scored two more in the fifth, and added another run in the sixth.

In the second game RLC scored nine runs in the first inning and coasted to a 10-4 win.

Starter Wayne Middleton got the win. The 6'3" sophomore pitched four innings, allowing only two hits and striking out five. Kirk Fuller got the save.

Tom Masterson tossed a four hitter to help RLC salvage the second game of a doubleheader played at Wabash Valley. After losing the first game 9-8 in 12 innings, RLC breezed to a 6-2 win in the nightcap.

Masterson, a 6'0" Freshman from Rockport, Ind., struck out five while walking three as he went the distance.

Dennis Cox and Kent Strothman scored two runs each while Kevin Higgins had two hits.

In the opener, RLC fell victim to defensive errors. The usually steady RLC defense committed six errors and gave up 12 walks.

Bob Smith paced RLC with four hits, including a double and a homer.



Warrior Brent Mattingly stands aside as a Shawnee hurler throws a wild pitch into the dirt. Kent Strothmann is set to score from third. Rend

Lake went on to sweep Shawnee in a conference doubleheader 12-7, 10-4. Coach Mike McClure said Rend Lake "played well." "It was a great



Shawnee's dugout admits defeat as Rend Lake scores as Bob Smith slugs a Texas League single, scoring two runs. Smith, brother of

1975-77 RLC star Jackie Smith has the most impressive stats of any other Warrior batter. (Staff Photo By Gerald Mayo)

SPORTS

By Chuck Doty, Sports Editor

Golf Season Starts Slow; Disqualified In First Meet

RLC golf, got off to a slow start last week as the linksmen placed fifth in one match, and were disqualified in another.

Coach Jim Waugh's team opened the season at Shawnee College and was disqualified for signing a score card incorrectly.

Wednesday, Sept. 14, RLC visited John A. Logan in a conference clash. The Warriors placed fifth in a six team field. Doug Simmons was low for RLC with an 86. John Hoyt shot 102, and Randy Mite 105.

"Shawnee, Kaskaskia, and Logan are definitely the best

in the league," Waugh said. "But as the season progresses, I think we will be able to compete with them."

If the RLC linksmen are to make a good showing this year, they will have to do it without the services of Don Redden. Redden was expected to play as the number two man this fall, but was found ineligible because of semester attendance.

"It's tough to lose a player like Don, but I think we still have some good shooters," Waugh added.

Wednesday, Sept. 28, RLC travels to Wabash Valley for another conference match.

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Good Luck and good pickin' September 30: Paris at Benton Mt. Vernon at Harrisburg Zegler-Royalton at Sesser, Centralia at Herrin, West Frankfort at Marion.

October 1: Illinois at Syracuse, Michigan at Texas A & M, Lamar at SIU.

October 2: St. Louis at Washington, Houston at Miami.