

Financial aid is still available

The Financial Aids office at RLC can help students find ways to meet the expenses which are a part of a college education. The following are the most frequently asked financial aid questions and their respective answers. If students have any further questions, they should not hesitate to come to the Financial Aid Office in room 140 of the South Oasis.

What types of financial aid are available?

The three basic types of financial aid are grants and scholarships, loans, and work study. The three largest scholarship and grant programs are the Illinois State Scholarship (ISSC), the Basic Educational Opportunity Grant (BEOG), and the Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG). All three of these programs are based on a family having demonstrated need. To qualify for the SEOG a student must have a demonstrated need greater than half the total cost of college. The actual SEOG depends on the actual amount of demonstrated need and the availability of funds. The ISSC will award up to \$416 a year for tuition costs. The Basic Grant can range from \$162 to \$416 a year, and this award can be used for any educational expense.

In addition to the three major programs there are many local scholarships that are given very year by factories, clubs, and civic organizations. The Financial Aid Office encourages all students to explore these sources. Particular groups of people are able to qualify for special programs. Some of these programs are Displaced Homemakers Program, CETA and Vocational Rehabilitation Program.

RLC participates in the College Work Study program. Work Study is a federally funded program where jobs are provided on campus for students who have demonstrated a need. The amount a student can earn is determined by the amount of need and the availability of funds.

Illinois participates in the Guaranteed Loan Program. Students may borrow up to \$2,500 per academic year. The loans carry a seven percent interest rate, with the state paying the interest while the student is in school. After graduating or quitting

school the student has a nine month grace period before he must start repaying the loan. The amount the student may borrow is determined by the bank, RLC and the state.

Why should apply?

Anyone whose parent's (independent students consider just their income) income falls in the middle or lower income brackets. Many different factors are considered in determining eligibility; for example the number of dependents and people in one household in college. It is not unusual for a family with an income of \$30,000 to be qualified for aid.

How does one apply?

Rend Lake College uses the ACT Needs Analysis Form as its application form for financial aid. By filling out this form the student will automatically be considered for BEOG, SEOG, and Work Study. Students can obtain the ACT form at the Financial Aid Office, room 140 South Oasis, or at local high schools. Also available at the Financial Aid Office and local high schools are forms for the ISSC. If a student wants to apply for only the BEOG program, the application can be obtained at the Financial Aid Office. However, any student who wishes to be considered for all financial aid programs should fill out the ACT form.

Can application still be made for 1980-81?

Yes! A student can still apply for both the BEOG and the ISSC. Don't hesitate! Come to the Financial Aid Office today to apply for these programs. It is not too late to apply for these programs. It is not too late to apply for the SEOG for this year; however, most of the SEOG funds have been allocated. A student can still apply for the Work Study program. However, jobs are assigned on a first come first serve basis and funds are limited.

What about 1981-82?

A student must reapply for aid each year. Financial aid forms will be available in February. To be given full consideration for programs, especially SEOG and Work Study, ACT forms need to be completed and in the Financial Aid Office by the first week in July.



John Wooters (left) of the Print Shop and Bob Buffington of the Media Graphics department are two new staff members in the Audio-Visual Department in the LRC.

New graphics and audio visual dept. provide help to students

By Linda Summers

The Media Graphics Department and the Audio Visual Department work hand in hand to supply teachers on campus with the educational and visual needs required to help teach the students. Bob Buffington Media Graphics Technician, has been in charge of the Media Graphics Department since it came into existence on Oct. 1, 1980. It is located in the LRC room 36 and 37.

Illustrations for posters that are seen on campus, brochures for department heads needing instructional aids for their classes are Buffington's forte. A minimum of two weeks is required for completion of average jobs. Buffington is able to create any kind of 35 mm. slide or color transparency. Photography may also be made into overhead material and sketched onto pamphlets.

On campus signs of upcoming events are printed in this department, as well as class schedule signs. Reel to reel, cassette to reel and video tapes are also available. Any

awards that are handed out at award ceremonies can be printed up here in the Media Graphics Department.

Buffington urges all teachers to take advantage of this Department and hopes to meet his goal which is to help instructors teach students. Buffington plans to distribute a booklet about graphic arts.

The Audio Visual Department is run by John Wooters. This department provides copy printing services. A lot of the pamphlets that are made up in the Media Graphics Department are then passed on to the Audio Visual Department. Buffington and Wooters work together on almost all projects. The Audio Visual Department and Graphics Department are distributing a calendar created by Buffington and bound by Wooters to all department heads so they will be aware of material supplied. Wooters also does small jobs for individuals.

Theilen art exhibit on display in celebration of Arts Week

By Chris Angus Smith

In celebration of Illinois Arts Week, Rend Lake College is presenting an exhibition of non-traditional sculptures by William Theilen.

Theilen attended an opening reception Oct. 6, to greet the public and answer questions concerning his work. The sculptures will remain on display for two weeks in the RLC Theatre gallery and in the LRC.

Theilen, who has a Masters in Fine Arts degree from SIU-C, has had his work appear in numerous one-man and group exhibits during the past five years.

According to Rend Lake College art instructor Kathy Nicholson, Theilen uses a non-traditional approach to sculpture. "His pieces are three-dimensional and large wall relief. Working primarily with raw canvas, he cuts, folds, paints, dyes and molds the canvas to creat such work. He achieves a unique blend of the rigid and flexible by using both wood and steel to support and accentuate each piece. It is the varying combination of canvas, wax and Wood, along with striking colors, which creates an impressive depth to

each piece," Nicholson said.

"Rather than simply observing the work, the viewer is drawn into it and reacts to the piece of art, much like the active spectator at a sporting event," she said. William Theilen himself had this to say: "I want my work to confront the viewer; I don't want the viewer just confronting the work. I want the viewer to be challenged by it, to have to think...to really have to think about the piece. Not only the shapes and forms and space it occupies..."

Theilen also said, "I don't want someone to walk away from my work unmoved, or with no feeling, whether they like it or dislike it. I want some kind of initial reaction—whether it be positive or negative. I don't care if it's negative, just so that there is a reaction. I want some kind of response."

The Theilen Fiber Sculpture exhibit is open to the public, and there is no admission charge. Exhibit hours are 8 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Fridays.

Braun adds student to committee on Equal Op.

Barbara Doherty, a sophomore from Mt. Vernon, was recently appointed to a one-year term on the Commission on Equal Opportunity by president of the college Harry J. Braun.

Other members of the campus community just appointed by Braun are Jim Dare, instructor for the Mining Department; Jim Peebles from the Maintenance Staff and Pam Sneed from the Classified Staff. Other members of the Commission are Cheryl Foley, Dean of Community Services; Georgine Hawley, instructor of English; Ed Heischmidt, instructor of law enforcement; Shirley McHaney, coordinator of Nursing; and Leavell Swink, instructor of agriculture.

The Commission was originally organized in 1977 as part of the college's Affirmative Action Program. The purpose of the commission is to advise the president of the college, on a continuing basis, in all matters relating to the provisions of the college's Affirmative Action Plan and to equal opportunity in the institution generally. Problems or questions concerning discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed or religion, sex, national origin, age, or physical or mental handicap may be directed to members of the Commission or to the College's Affirmative Action Officer, Barbara Liles. Liles' office is located in the administration building and is generally on campus from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Mon. and Tues.

Homecoming for RLC students; possible solution to boredom

By Gina Mitchell

RLC students are entering their seventh week of classes on the Ina campus and as one teacher put it at the first of the semester, "In about five or six weeks you'll get settled into your schedule, the newness will wear off and a bit of boredom may set in." Many students will have to agree with this teacher's statement.

Maybe if students had some sort of important occasion on campus to look forward to and start planning for, the boredom would be eliminated. The answer could very well be a homecoming celebration.

RLC has never had a homecoming celebration but it is something that has the potential of continuing once it is originated. The festivities could take the place of the Christmas dance that is sponsored each year by the Student Senate. The Senate could then plan an Easter dance for March or April which is another time when RLC students begin to get bored. The Christmas dance has suffered from lack of participation in the past and especially last year.

To many students of the area, homecoming is usually a fall occasion associated with football. Since RLC has no

football program, why not have the festivities center around basketball? A game would be played against any area college, there could be a parade, a homecoming basketball queen and court and the festivities could end with a dance. This is basically the format of most area high school homecomings but this is a college and the students here can have their homecoming be as "bizarre" or unique as they want.

Many people will argue the fact that since this is a community college not many alumni will return for the festivities. As in everything today, the people who genuinely want to participate will. There are many people in the area that are alumni of RLC and with an adequate amount of publicity, those who can will return for the festivities.

A few people can not organize such a celebration, it will take a substantial part of the RLC students to cooperate and participate in such a celebration. The first step that should be made is by the presidents of campus organizations, who should get together and start planning. 1980 could well be the year a homecoming for RLC began. Wouldn't you like to have a part in the "tradition"?

Rebuttal

Student doesn't agree with humorous editorial

By Christi Mathis

Rend Lake is, I will concede, "rural". However, that doesn't make us all a bunch of hillbillies. We're just as good as people from anywhere else.

In a recent editorial in the 'RLC Times' Doug Prince voiced his opinions. Now it's my turn.

Most of us around here happen to like where we live. I like being able to walk down the hall at school or drive down the

street in my town and be assured of seeing someone I know. That's not so easy in a big school or city.

I know I can walk over to the Student Center and come back to the Oasis and find my books just as I left them.

This is my third semester here and I've yet to have anything stolen. For that matter, I know of no one who has. (I'm not saying it hasn't occurred—but it's rare). I dare say most colleges couldn't make that claim.

Opinion

Nicholson is experienced artist; work is foremost

By Chris Angus Smith

Kathleen Nicholson is the new art instructor at RLC. She currently lives in Ina and has experience in many different areas of art, including painting, drawing, print-making and textile design.

Nicholson was born in 1954 in Milford, Mass. and was educated at Southeastern Massachusetts University in North Dartmouth, Mass., and SIU-C where she earned, respectively, her B.F.A. degree (Bachelor of Fine Arts) and her M.F.A. degree (Master of Fine Arts).

Nicholson has past teaching experience as well as an extensive history of work in invitational, competitive and one-person exhibitions.

"I like this school," Nicholson said, "I like the quality of the students. They are real; they are open."

Although she is an RLC art instructor this year, there is really no telling where Nicholson's art will end up taking her. Her artwork is still first and foremost in her life.

"My work comes first. Keeping time for my work, showing my work, improving my work...I like teaching, though," said Nicholson.

"I was told to come here in the midwest because they don't have a lot of art museums, but still there is a lot of things you can involve yourself in that is not available on the east coast," she continued, "for instance, the national competitions. They don't publicize them on the east coast like they do here. I really enjoy that."

Counselors from the following high schools will be on-campus Fri., Oct. 17 (12-1 pm) in the Student Center Cafeteria:

- Benton Consolidated High School
- Christopher High School
- Enfield High School
- McLeansboro High School
- Mt. Vernon Township High School
- Pinckneyville Community High School
- Sesser High School
- Tamaroa High School
- Thompsonville High School
- Waltonville High School
- Wayne City High School
- Webber High School
- Woodlawn High School
- Zeigler-Royalton High School

Campus Briefs

Charles Swedlund will give a lecture on the history of photography at 1:00 on Oct. 15 in room 211 in the Academic Building. This event is open to the public and anyone who is interested can bring in old photographs (tintypes, etc.) for appraisal.

Norma Jean Luckey, RLC part-time music instructor will be directing a Handbell workshop tomorrow in the LRC. The workshop is open to the public and will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The registration deadline is 4:00 today. Lunch will be included in the \$15 registration fee.

The beginning enrollment of the 1980 fall semester at RLC is 3,114. The Full Time Equivalent (F.T.E.) is 1,490. The F.T.E. is the total number of students divided by 15, according to Sue Upchurch, registrar of the Admissions and Records office.

Transfer students planning to live in on-campus housing at Eastern Illinois University need to apply for housing immediately according to counselor Tom Burke. During the 1979-80 school year housing there began filling up in November of 1979. Many specialty programs at other universities also require early application. This is especially true in commercial graphics, dental hygiene, physical therapy, and the area of health.

The 'RLC TIMES' will still welcome any student interested in writing for the paper, photographers and cartoonists are also needed.

The RLC Board of Trustees holds its meetings on the third Tuesday of each month in the Student Center. Each meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. and is open to the public and students of RLC.

The Board approves both old and new business, appoints personnel, and reviews the financial standing of the school.

The next Board meeting will be Oct. 21.

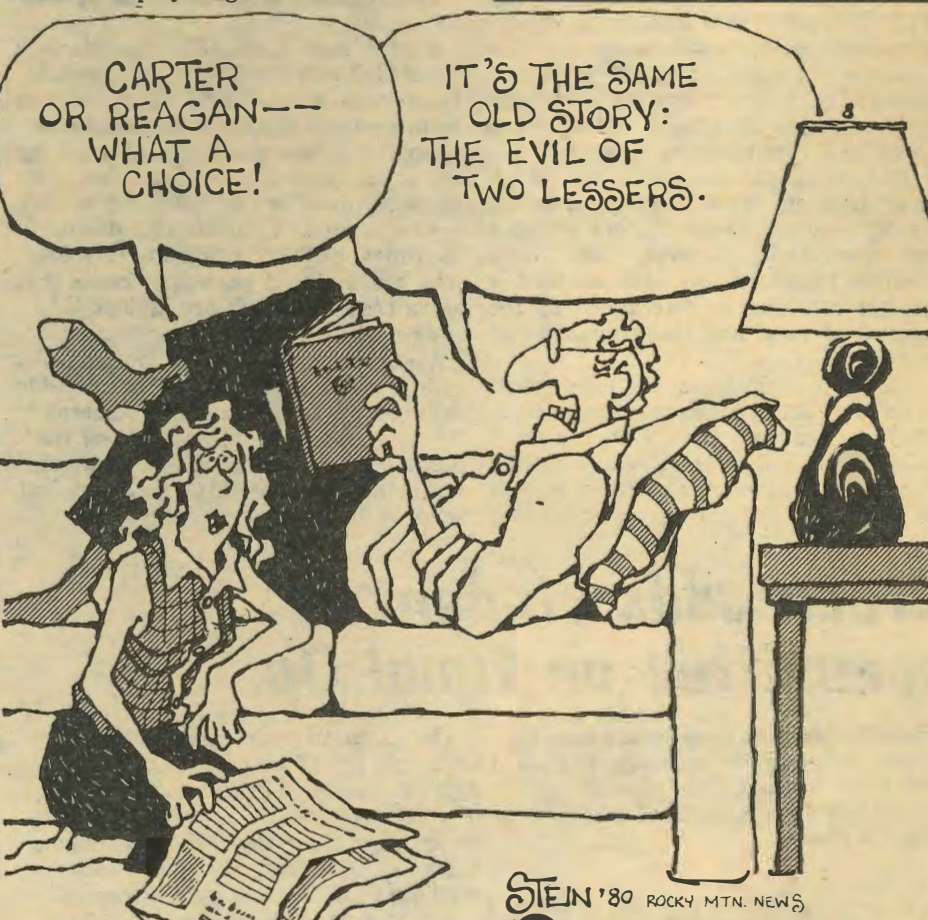
The first rehearsal for the annual "Blackouts" production will be on Oct. 24 from 2-5:00 p.m. in the RLC Theatre. Persons who can not attend the first rehearsal should audition Oct. 27-30. The first performance will be at noon on Oct. 31 while the second performance will be Nov. 1 at 8:00 p.m. in the Theatre.

Information concerning computerized career information, job forecasts, financial aids, four year colleges, vocational-technical schools and local manpower may be obtained from the Counseling Center in the South Oasis. The Vocational Information System service is provided through Region 13 and 15 Career Guidance Center and the Belleville Area College. The new program at RLC will be available at no charge with the cost being absorbed by the student services. Response will determine whether or not there will be a charge after this semester.

The Counseling Center is going to have extended office hours. The center will have a counselor available Mondays through Thursdays from 3:00-7:30 p.m. in addition to the regular hours.

Small classes are pretty nice, too. It's a lot easier to ask a question in front of 25 people than in front of a couple of hundred. It's also easier to get personal help. The instructors know your name and you're not just a number. You know most of the students in your classes, too.

I'm no women's libber. I happen to like getting a little special treatment because I'm female. But, I sure would've never dated a guy who thought of girls as "toys". Women are just as human as men. We're more than playthings.



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The "Luckey Four" jazz combo had a concert last night in the theatre. RLC instructor Bob Luckey and wife Norma Jean formed the group in 1978. Other members include Gus Pappelis and Brian Reynolds.

Campus group honors top scholars

By Christi Mathis

Phi Theta Kappa, the Junior College equivalent of Phi Beta Kappa, will hold its initiation ceremony on Oct. 15 in A103. Membership certificates will be handed out.

The club held an organizational meeting at noon on Wed., Sept. 3. Officers were elected and a chairman was appointed for the steering committee.

Sophomore Barb Doherty will serve as president for 1980, vice-president is sophomore Maria Franscavith and Andrea Beaty, sophomore will chair the steering committee. A secretary-treasurer will be elected at a future date.

Twenty-six members were present for the first meeting. They discussed ideas for

possible projects. These include: a bake sale, a raffle and a rent-a-pie-thrower service. No definite plans were made for any of these things.

Phi Theta Kappa will meet every other Wed. in A103 at noon with Oct. 22 the next meeting. Those with a 3.5 grade point may participate in the club's activities but may not actually join until next semester.

"The officers of PTK are excited about forming a club which will be busy because we feel there is a need for more activities

out here," Doherty said. "We have a very diverse group and would like to bring unity between different segments of the campus."

Luttmers added as counselor

By Christi Mathis

Pam Luttmers has been hired to serve in the Counseling Center at RLC. Her responsibilities include academic advisement, career and personal counseling, and coordinating high school relations.

Luttmers is originally from Marshall, Minnesota. She majored in speech and student personnel services at Moorhead State University in Moorhead. She completed her graduate work in higher education-college student personnel with an emphasis on guidance-educational psychology at SIU-C.

Luttmers is compiling career tapes that students will be able to use in the future. She is interviewing faculty members so a student will be able to find out about jobs they might be interested in. These will be available some time in the future.

Christmas craft classes offered

Area crafters, decorators and cooks will lend their talents to a "Christmas Smorgasbord of Ideas," featuring holiday-oriented classes and workshops during the next couple of months, the first of its kind hosted by RLC.

Persons interested in signing up for any of these upcoming workshops and classes are encouraged to attend the Open House-Registration to be held tomorrow between 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. in the Rolland Lewis Community Building at the Mt. Vernon City Park.

Prospective students may register for any or all of the sessions at that time, according to RLC Mt. Vernon Community Coordinator Cyndy Mitchell. Planned are such projects as wheat weaving, macrame, chocolate candy making, ornaments, yeast breads and flower arranging.

Those who are interested but cannot attend the registration session should contact Cheryl Foley, Dean of Community Services in the Administration Building.

RLC welcomes handicapped students to Ina campus

Did you know that students with handicaps are welcome at RLC? Besides having ramps and elevators to allow access into buildings, the college will go a long way to assist a handicapped student to further his or her education. If there is a way for a handicapped student to complete a course or program, RLC will consult with the handicapped student to find a way. Classes will be rescheduled for students with mobility impairments if they are scheduled for inaccessible classrooms. Academic degree of course requirements may be modified in certain instances to ensure full participation by handicapped students. When necessary, alternate methods of testing and evaluation will be

made available in courses for students with requirements for such methods. Auxiliary aids may be made available for students with impaired sensory, manual or speaking skills. Campus rules and regulations may be waived if they limit the participation of handicapped students.

If you are handicapped, or know of someone who is who would like to attend RLC, contact Tom Burke in the South Oasis for further information.

If you are handicapped and are presently attending RLC, persons to contact when problems develop are Burke, or Barb Liles, Affirmative Action Officer. Liles office is located in the administration building.



The new marquee, provided by the Student Senate and Board of Trustees was installed last week. Senate representatives are shown making use of the new marquee.

McKendree offers scholarships

By Christi Mathis

Two scholarships are being offered at McKendree College through the Division of Humanities. These academic scholarships will go to outstanding students who plan to attend McKendree majoring in any of the following areas: art, English, history, music, philosophy, religious studies, and speech-theatre. The awards are for the spring semester of 1981 and will be worth up to \$500.

Selections will be made on a competitive basis with primary attention paid to the applicants' previous academic records in college and to their performance in personal interviews conducted by the humanities faculty on the McKendree campus.

Letters of application for the scholarship should be sent to Dr. Lee Starr; Chairman, The Division of Humanities; McKendree College; 701 College Road; Lebanon, Illinois 62254.

Blood Mobile on campus Oct. 15

By Estella Towers

The American Red Cross Blood Mobile Unit will be at RLC on Wed. Oct. 15 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The mobile unit brings its own staff but there will also be four other registered nurses on duty to assist.

No one can be sure that he or she will never need a blood transfusion. In order to be prepared for such situations, the Red Cross maintains a running blood bank.

The blood mobile unit that serves the RLC district covers 68 counties in Southern Illinois and Missouri.

One hundred ten units of blood is the goal for the RLC district. To guarantee this amount it is necessary to have approximately 140 donors.

Each participant will have a temperature, pulse, respiration and blood pressure check plus a hemoglobin and hematocrit count done prior to his donation.

Snacks will be provided and donor cards with donor's blood type will be mailed to each person donating a pint of blood.

Prospective donors who are 17 years of age must have parental consent. Ages 18 to 65 may give personal consent.

Breakfast is a must before donating in the a.m. If a person plans to donate in the afternoon lunch should be eaten prior to his donation.

Anyone having had surgery in the last six months or has had teeth extracted in the last three days may not donate.

Any other treatments or medications being used will be evaluated by the staff.

Athletes who will be participating in games on that day should not donate.



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