

Who Will Be Dean ?

The search of an RLC Dean of Instruction continues.

A committee involving faculty, department chairmen, deans and students formed criteria list that was accepted by the Board at the regular monthly meeting Tuesday, Sept. 19.

Dr. Travis Martin, president of RLC, stated the categories considered in the criteria are education, experience and personal qualities.

An advertisement announcing the opening of the position was placed in the Chronicle of Higher Education, a weekly national newspaper. As of Oct. 18, 216 applications had been submitted. Closing date for acceptance of all applications is Oct. 30.

At the time, the screening committee consisting of consultants Dr. Gerald Smith and Dr. G. Giesecke, both of Springfield, will review individual applications using the adopted criteria. The student representatives are Mike McHaney and Mike Shreves, both from Mt. Vernon.

The committee will narrow the candidates down and present the names of approximately eight individuals to the Board to be reviewed at a special meeting Nov. 9.

"One way or the other, we will narrow the candidates to four or approximately four," said Dr. Martin. "Immediately appointments will be made so these people will spend time on the campus."



By Sharon Heil

During the candidates' visit, they will be given the opportunity to confer with administration, faculty and students.

After all candidates are interviewed, a final selection will be made. Dr. Martin hopes this last step will be completed by the end of November.

Areas reporting to the Dean of Instruction are the following: 1) arts and communications, 2) mining technology, 3) auto-ag mechanics, 4) health, science, P. E., 5) business, math and social science, 6) audio/visual and 7) learning resource center. The Dean of Instruction will direct all instructional activity and curricula offering.

"If anything would happen to the president or if the president is absent, this man would serve in his place," Dr. Martin pointed out.

The position of Dean of Instruction was left vacant when Phillip G. Ward left RLC to become president of Oakton Junior College, Michigan.

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Biologist Directs "Anne Frank"

"I consider myself a biologist." Fred Vallowe said that and it seems strange that he should, since he is directing RLC's fall play "The Diary of Anne Frank."

Vallowe, a former RLC student, returned to direct the play at the invitation of instructors Larry Phifer and Cheryl Foley.

Although he has a degree in zoology, Vallowe is no stranger to the stage. During his two years at RLC he played the villain in "Love Rides the Rails of Will the Mail Train Run Tonight," a beagle in "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown," a drunk in "Our Town," and a "sweet, young innocent" in "The Boyfriend."

In 1973 he graduated from RLC

with an Associate of Arts, and then went on to SIU-C. His career in zoology was spiced up a bit when he played the leading role in an Experimental Theatre production of "The Stud."

Last summer he was employed by the State Department of Conservation to play a priest in a production initiated by the Fort Chartres Rendezvous, annual festival celebrating the building of Fort Chartres by French explorers.

Phifer, Mrs. Foley and Vallowe all believe he has the practical experience to aid Vallowe in his directing. But he also feels that producing "Diary" will be a learning experience for all those involved.



Fred Vallowe

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BUTZ RESIGNS

Earl L. Butz resigned in hopes of removing "appearance of racism in the Ford campaign."

But what effect does the telling of an off-color joke (no pun intended) have on the American farmers who referred to Butz as "the most popular secretary of agriculture in the nation's history?"

Even if the farmers would think of Butz as a racist, apparently it wouldn't really matter. What does matter is that Butz was a man who did his job and did it well.

Only a few Illinois farmers were glad to hear of Butz's resignation. Regrets and criticism were vehemently expressed when he made the announcement. The American Farm Bureau Federation went as far as to urge Ford to retain Butz. Although the extent of widespread support is unknown, the White House indicated that many individual and influential farmers made personal phone calls to the White House giving strong support of Butz.

Although Butz and Ford both said it was Butz's decision to resign, vice-presidential candidate Senator Robert Dole and many other leading Republicans had severely criticized Butz for his statement. Their reaction alone may have pressured Butz's decision. The Republicans' lack of support for the secretary seemed to cause some resentment from the farmers for all Republican candidates.

Thus Butz's resignation may have actually caused President Ford to lose votes, especially in the Midwest where he needed and could have gotten the farmer's votes with Butz's influence.

Ford will find it almost im-

possible to find a secretary of agriculture who can be as popular with the farmers as Butz had been. Acting Secretary of Agriculture John Knebel tends to be viewed more as a lawyer than a farm expert. And he will certainly have a difficult time matching the rapport Butz had with the farmers.

Because of Watergate, sex scandals and the discovery of fraudulent agencies, the public opinion of government officials is down very low. In this period of pessimism, it seems unfair to everyone for a public official who was trusted and liked by many to resign all because of what he said to John Dean and Pat Boone in a private conversation.

By Sharon Heil

VOTER REGISTRATION

Two out of three Americans abdicated their privilege or government in the 1974 elections. Less than 4 million young adults, less than 30% of those eligible to vote, voted.

Registration of prospective voters was held at RLC Friday Oct. 8 for residents of Jefferson County.

County government officials hoped to register a larger percentage than the poor turnout recorded in the 1972 presidential elections.

Dismal figures from the last two elections have caused government and political party officials to mount massive voter registration programs to colleges across the nation.

American's reluctance to go



This picture was taken at a recent Alumni Association meeting. From left to right are Betty Ann Ward, alumni adviser; Donna Smith, alumni vice-president; Dr. Travis Martin, RLC president; Robert Brown, alumni secretary; Robert Graham, dean of student services; and Nancy Hays, alumni treasurer.

LRC Adds Service

Imogene Book, director of library, announced LRC's recent purchase of a unique research service.

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TV Artist Donates Make - Up

By Theresa Piper

"Live television was the fun. In live television you had no second chance--you better be good. Everything was new, fresh, and exciting."

Those words were spoken by Benton resident Ann Sternick, retired television make-up artist, who recently donated several make-up kits to the RLC theater department. When asked why, she said it was just one of her many ways of "cutting the cord" with her past life in television.

It's probably difficult for a Southern Illinois resident to understand why Mrs. Sternick wanted to leave her work as a make-up artist. For this reporter it was. She's worked with some of television greats. For example:

"I remember when I was working on the "Honeymooners" with Jackie Gleason." According to Mrs. Sternick, Gleason ran the whole show and "if there was something he didn't like, we'd all go home."

Gleason also had an unique way of setting the stage lighting for the show: he would toss a ball on to the stage and wherever it would land he would point and say "Hit the light there."

Mrs. Sternick hasn't always been in show business. She was born Anna Marie Grens in the hills of West Virginia. At the age of two or three, she's not quite sure of the exact age, her father, John Grens, moved his family to West City, Illinois, to set up a business of his own in a general store on West Main Street in Benton.

"This was all before '57," Mrs. Sternick said with a smile as she recounted the memories of her life in Benton. One of her favorite memories is that of the county Court House, situated in the center of the Public Square in Benton: "I'm so glad they didn't tear it down."



Mrs. Sternick points out friends from Sesame Street cast.

Photo by Danny Tennant

Mrs. Sternick lived in Benton until she was about 15 and then she went off to Beauty College and from there moved to working for a coast-to-coast chain of beauty salons. She learned the art of make-up and then decided to teach.

Mrs. Sternick moved to New York and in doing so made friends with a girl that was selling Avon. The friend took her advice and applied for a job at NBC. She got the job and it was through this connection that Mrs. Sternick began her long years as a television make-up artist.

After the "Honeymooners", her first experience with live television, Mrs. Sternick freelanced for a while. "Freelance means you only got paid when you worked--but I worked a lot."

She did work a lot. She took the professional name Phyllis Grens Sternick and started powdering the noses of people most of us only dream about meeting: Richard Nixon, Spiro Agnew, Gerald Ford, Richard Burton, Jackie Gleason, Sid Caesar, Milton Berle, Nelson Rockefeller, Adlai Stevenson I, Faye Dunaway, Mureen O'Hara, John Wayne, Sherry Lewis, Robert Montgomery, Ted Mack... the list goes on and on.

Just a few of the many shows she's worked on are The Honeymooners, Hit Parade, Amateur Hour, Johnny Carson's Tonight

Show, Person to Person, The Howdy-Doody Show...and then there's Sesame Street.

For eight years before her retirement, Mrs. Sternick was the make up artist for Sesame Street, a PBS television show intended for children but which has caught the eye of practically every age group. She told a secret on Big Bird, one of the major Sesame Street muppets. "Big Bird's head is actually the arm of the man inside the costume." So everyone can relax,

there isn't a seven-foot tall man inside the costume, it's just one of Jim Henson's muppeteers with his arm in the air.

Television is a long way off now and Mrs. Sternick just wants to rest, to go fishing, and to work in her garden, growing flowers and "funny little tomatoes." Pointing to a vase of yellow and gold flowers, Mrs. Sternick smiled and said "They're not much, but they're mine."

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Basketball Coach Jim Waugh shows the ropes to his new assistant, John Kretz.

Two Players Named to Conf. Team

Rend Lake players Jackie Smith, a native of Terra Haute, and Chris Valentine of Peoria, were named to the Southern Illinois College Conference Team, chosen by coaches, of the six conference teams, last week.

Smith, who led the Warrior pitching staff this fall with five wins, maintained an earned run average of 3.10, while working 42 and two-thirds innings. He also batted .256 and placed second on the squad with 13 stolen bases.

Valentine, a 6'2" first baseman, supplied plenty of power to the Rend Lake lineup this season with a .380 batting mark and a them high of 13 runs batted in. Valentine, a graduate of Peoria Central High School, has helped the squad a lot with his bat as well as being a good fielding first baseman, said Coach McClure. "I'm glad to see these players named to the conference squad they certainly played a major part in our 13-7 record this fall," he said.

RLC Alum to Coach

John Kretz of Christopher, a graduate of Rend Lake College, has taken over the assistant coaching duties and is preparing along with head coach Jim Waugh for the upcoming Rend Lake basketball season.

Kretz, a senior at SIU-C, majoring in education, says he is happy about returning to the Rend Lake campus and looking forward to working with the teams.

Many will remember Kretz as a player on the Warrior squads which won the SICC title in 1972 and then placed second in the conference in 1973. Averaging 12 points a game from his guard position he was known as a "spark-plug" for the team which won 34 games and lost 18 while he was a player.

"This is really quite an opportunity for me, it's kind of like coming home," Kretz said. "I know a lot of people here and have tried to follow RLC sports as closely as possible."

The basketball squad begins their official practice sessions with the coaches this week, but for several weeks many of the players have been conducted their own workouts trying to get in shape.

Although Coach Waugh has not yet spent a lot of time working with the players, he is sure that the added size is going to improve the squads defense and provide some more scoring opportunities.

When asked about what characteristics Kertz would like to see on the Warrior team, Kretz responded with the term, "intensity!"

"We hope to have players that are good competitors, but are also intense during their games," he said. "What I mean by that is a team that plays hard and does it while concentrating on all phases of the game." In order to be winners the squad has to focus in on the game and think about what they're doing on the court," he added.

RLC Hosts Clinic

RLC has offered two cheerleading clinics to all fifth thru eighth grade girls in the four state area. The clinics are instructed by Wayne Arnold, Sports Director. The 5-6 grade clinic was held on Oct. 23. The 7-8 grade clinic is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 30.

Kandie Allen, Karen Davenport, Cindy Hill, Jennifer Hoffman, Teresa McClellan, Terrie Samuels and Sally Stotlar are the RLC Cheerleaders who provided instruction in gymnastic spotting

techniques. They also taught new routines, chants and songs.

Jane Wilson, cheerleader sponsor at Beaver Creek Grade School in Hamilton County, was the guest speaker at the clinic. Ms. Wilson has served as a cheerleader sponsor for four years. She has attended several clinics and attended the NCA camp for the past two years.

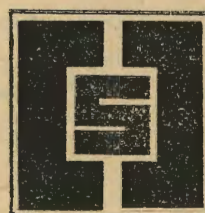
The cheerleaders were video taped and judged in competition. Trophies were awarded to deserving squads.

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Marlene Webb and Award winning painting in RLC Gallery.

Art Treasures Displayed

Marlene Webb, Ewing, is exhibiting her watercolors, acrylic paintings and punched rugs in the RLC Gallery for the month of October.

Mrs. Webb is well known throughout Southern Illinois and has won several awards for her outstanding achievements and versatility as an artist.

One of the acrylic paintings, "Cy", a portrait of her husband won first place at the DuQuoin State Fair. She received first place in the Illinois Ozark Craft Show at SIU-C for a unique rug design. One of her most recent exhibits was at the Mitchell Museum in the Southern Illinois Open Show.

Mrs. Webb has been taking her painting seriously for ten years. "I don't like the word

'career,'" she said describing her work. "It's something I do and have done all my life." She said she would rather use the term "semi-profession."

Mrs. Webb had taken a series of design and drawing classes and workshops at RLC, SIU-C, and U of I. She has also taken lessons from James Scott of St. Louis. However, her particular style is her own. She admits the workshops were more or less stimulation to create.

"As long as I can remember, I have drawn," Mrs. Webb replied. "Anything blank I saw, I wanted to fill in with design."

The RLC Art Gallery is located in the theatre lobby of the LRC building. Mrs. Webb's exhibit will be on display till Oct. 30.

Young Demos Hustle Votes

The RLC Democrats have been rallying support for Democratic candidates, including presidential candidate Jimmy Carter.

This fall the group has sponsored several activities on campus as well as off.

They had a voter registration drive in order to get more students registered to vote in time for the upcoming election.

On Oct. 8, they held a business meeting which was attended by a Carter co-ordinator from Carbondale.

The RLC Democrats also opened a Jimmy Carter headquarters in Mt. Vernon. Mike McHaney commented that there had been great interest in it.

They put up a booth which

contained literature about the Democratic candidates. They also conducted a telephone canvass for Carter and Howlett.

A spokesman for the group said that they were in unanimous support of Carter, Howlett, and all five state candidates.

Richard Brummer, candidate for state representative from the 54th District, presented them with their official charter at the Mt. Vernon Register News on Oct. 18.

On Oct. 20, Mrs. Mondale, wife of Senator Mondale who is the Democratic Vice Presidential candidate, visited the Carter headquarters in Mt. Vernon. She cut the ribbon at the ceremony which officially opened the headquarters.

Mining Students "Dig" Eads

Mining 120, Section 4, experienced first hand an introduction to strip mining at the Eads Mine, Belle Rive, Illinois.

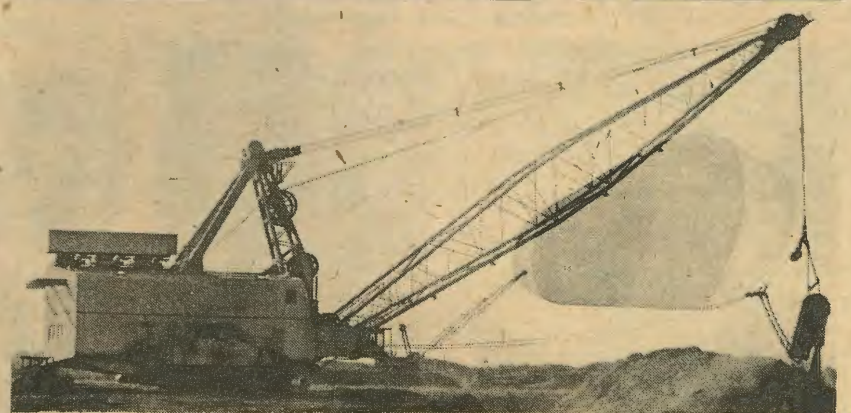
The field trip was arranged by J. L. Musgrave, instructor, who also accompanied both groups on their trips. This type of field trip is primarily designed to give mining students an exposure to the method of extraction of coal from the ground by means other than underground mining.

At the Eads mine, students were escorted into the open pits where they could examine the

seam of coal to be mined, and they were then taken aboard the drag line used to remove the overburden from the coal.

This machine is powered by D. C. electric power, having a combined total horse power of 15,000. The weight of the machine is 4,600,000 pounds, and the drag bucket can excavate 62 cubic yards with each bite.

Also on this trip the mining students were shown the 120 ton capacity haulage trucks, the preparation plant, repair and maintenance shops, and chemistry lab.



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Rolling across the central plains of Ill., the "Honest Abe" brought President Gerald Ford's whistle-stop campaign to Lincoln, Ill. Oct. 16. Accompanying Ford on the campaign trip were from left, Ill. Senator Charles Percy, Betty Ford, wife of the President, and Jim Thompson, Republican candidate for Governor.



President Gerald Ford greets some of the crowd at a March 1976 rally in Marion, Ill.



An eager crowd of supporters press around President Ford at Lincoln, Ill. Oct. 16.

Presidential Election

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Georgia Governor Jimmy Carter brought his presidential campaign to Marion, Ill., during the March primary, to speak to a crowd of supporters at the Marion Cultural and Civic Center. A peanut farmer, nuclear physicist, businessman, and politician, Carter rose from virtually unknown in the past year, to the Democratic nominee for president.



Joan Mondale, wife of the Democratic candidate for vice-president, greeted a crowd of supporters at the Jefferson County Courthouse Oct. 20. Congressman Paul Simon is pictured to the right of Mrs. Mondale.



Jimmy Carter speaking in Marion, Ill.

Library Adds New Staff Member

By Bob George

Ruth Asper is the newest addition to the RLC library staff, responsible for the display cases and the periodicals upstairs.

Mrs. Asper went to Waldorf Junior College in Forest City, Iowa, and also to Augsburg College in Minnesota. She majored in English and minored in library science. After she graduated, a year ago, she started working at the resource center in the Department of language arts, at a high school in Minnesota.

She is married and her husband is an accountant at the Pillsbury plant, Wayne City. Mrs. Asper and her husband have lived in Mt. Vernon for two months.

Being in charge of the display cases in LRC, she has decided to send out a notice to all instructors asking anyone with ideas on Christmas gifts or crafts which they would like to have displayed in the LRC to bring them to the LRC by the first of October.



Mrs. Asper also hopes that students will not think of her as a stranger. She said, "I'd be glad to help and student with reports and term papers, if they'd only ask."

Mondale's Wife Talks Senate Gives Gift For Art

Pressing Times staff members, Becky Harvey and Danny Tennant, heard Mrs. Mondale speak at the Court House Wed., Oct. 20, in Mt. Vernon.

Mrs. Mondale spoke to a crowd of local citizens and members of the press. She spoke highly of her husband's running mate, Jimmy Carter. She stated that Jimmy Carter "doesn't use people for his own personal gain."

She also stated that Jimmy Carter and Walter Mondale don't have all the answers, but that they want to return to the old values.

The citizens of Mt. Vernon applauded her (wildly) after her speech.

She met with members of the press after the speech. Local newsmen and photographers were present as well as Post-Dispatch staff members and a man from the Associated Press.

RLC will soon be displaying art pieces including a hooked rug, a batik, photo on fabric, a modern quilt, and drawings and paintings, thanks to the Student Senate.

Art Instructor Susan Kolojeski has been notified by Robert Graham that the Senate would donate \$250 for art supplies.

Mrs. Kolojeski proposed that the Senate pay for art supplies so art students could work together on several wall pieces to display on campus. These will be displayed in the Student Center, N and S Oasis, and LRC.

"The gift of \$250 from the Senate to the school will be permanent; as far as I know, this is the first time it has been done, and it will be exciting to see the results," said Mrs. Kolojeski.

Class members are submitting designs, and the work will begin shortly.



RLC Collegiate Choir is pictured at the first concert of the season Tuesday, Oct. 12. Left to right, bottom row: Beki Mattingly, Sarah Jones, Julie Hart, Melissa Outland, Teresa Davis, Jane Henschen, Rhoda Rhodes and Patty Eater. Back row: Keith Otterson, Mike Shreves, Mitch Fulford, Charlie Pendell, Brent Lappin, Gary Arnold, Alvin Wilson, Mike Avery, and Kevin Martin.

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