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Once upon a Tyme

there was a small college in Southerne Illinois, herewith to be knowne as

Ye Olde Rend Lake College

This college had a Student Senate, which for purposes of student government held an election in the Oasis of the college campus.

The honourable Senate, with the aide of the counsellors,



Mrs.
Honourable
Advisor,



allowed ballots to be cast, and these other representatives were duly elected to office.

DIANE CLARK

Diane Clark, Mt. Vernon, is new to the Senate system. She plans to teach after finishing college as an elementary major. The 18 year old freshman enjoys music, sewing, and cooking.

JESSE LOUIS BEE, Jr.

Jesse Louis Bee, Jr., Mt. Vernon, is an old hand at the Senate game. His future plans include going either into the field of medicine or music.



NATHAN McCLINTOCK

Nathan McClintock, Mt. Vernon, completes the trio of representatives - at - large. Majoring in music, he would like to some day direct a large professional choir. He is a two-year veteran of the high school Senate system.

BOB FRICK

Bob Frick, Waltonville, is a novice in the Senate. He plays bass guitar for the stage band, Cassidy. He would like to major in pre-engineering at U. of I. next year.

JEANNE BETH DODDS

Jeanne Beth Dodds of Mt. Vernon is, "very excited about this year in the Senate." At 18, she plans a career in sociology or marriage. She is a newcomer to the Senate organization.

BRETT GIBBS

Brett Gibbs, Mt. Vernon, is also new to the Senate. His major in music is a result of his love for singing and playing piano and guitar. He plans to transfer to Indiana University after graduating from Rend Lake.

DIANE EDMISON

Diane Edmison, Opdyke, has had two years experience as a high school representative. She plans to major in sociology at Southern. As a representative-at-large, she was elected treasurer of the Senate.



Mrs. Betty Ann Ward, Senate sponsor, shows with pride Rend Lake's new student handbook to Bill Moore, Senate President. Since the move to the new campus, the Administration and Student Senate have worked ceaselessly to build our modern college image.

RENDERINGS

By RICK NANCE

This last week, the TARN, Rend Lake's Yearbook, took pictures for this year's yearbook. Over two hundred students showed up for the photo session. Why?

Who wants to pay \$3.50 to have their picture in the yearbook?

Apparently, only about two hundred people.

Mr. Brammeier, faculty sponsor of TARN, has expressed the dissatisfaction of the yearbook staff with the present arrangement of photography, and suggests the following two options.

OPTION 1. One pose per student, two prints, one for the yearbook, and one for the student—cost \$1.50. This option would not help matters much,

because students will still have to pay for yearbook pictures.

OPTION 2. Include the cost of the pictures in the activity fee at the beginning of the year. This way everyone can have his picture taken "free," and perhaps more of the student body will be included in the TARN.

Personally, I would suggest the second alternative. Although the Board might not want to raise the activity fee, the yearbook staff deserves the chance to publish a truly representative book. Why couldn't pictures be taken of the night students also? That way, no complaints about the raised activity fee being unfair to night students would be valid.

The picture taking set-up is a bummer now. Next year, let's try through Senate action to have a raised activity fee with the extra to go to the TARN for pictures.

Infinity...

By DEBBIE ALDRIDGE

Oh, the woes of a student eating a vending machine lunch. What RLC student hasn't been the victim of multiple wounds when trying, often in vain, to eke out a simple existence from those demon machines located in the lounge. Sure, we boycotted the drink machines long enough to get the companies to lower the price a nickel, but what did they do?

It would seem that most of the machines now are designed to extort the profit the company lost when the prices went down. If I added up the money I've lost in those blasted machines since the nickel deduction, I'm sure I'm almost breaking even with what I spent before. One company even took the little door off the coin return so that when a coin falls, it often rolls out and under the machine so that the poor unfortunate student loses his change. If I had had a ruler with me at times, I'm sure I could almost retire on what I could scrape out from under the machine.

Let's look at a typical lunch hour here at RLC. The rush begins at approximately 11:00 a.m. By 11:09, most of the little red signs over the candy bars read, "Please make another selection." The only ones left are simulated copies of famous candy bars which lack only one ingredient of the famous candy bars they are copies of: taste.

Of course, we must have some liquid refreshment so we turn to the soft drink machines which are enough to make you turn to hard drink. If the machine is hungriy enough to accept your

inferior money, the little light comes on. This is the signal for you to push a button and stand back. If you are under your zodiac sign that day, the cup will come down. But if it is your particular hour, the cup will come down straight. Otherwise, it comes down crooked and you lose half of your refreshing beverage. Also, at this time, you may experience one of the more frustrating moments of your life: that of watching your soda pour down the excess drain because the supply man forgot to check the cup supply.

If you are one of those people who bring their sandwich but relies on the machine to provide you with a cruchy confection, you may have found out many of the variances of those tricky machines on the south side of the Oasis. Have you ever noticed those people lurking in the shadows around the potato chips? These people are very smart. They have learned the secret of next come, first served. The first person puts in his dime, right? He pulls the little lever, and presto!! Nothing happens. Then the shadow lurker comes out and puts in his dime, pulls the lever and is thereby rewarded with not only his selection but that of the poor soul who quit with one dime. But sometimes, even these people are fooled. For you may pull potato chips and get corn chips or onion rings. It all depends on what the automated dealer is pushing this week. If the sales on corn chips has been low the machine may decide for you that this delicacy will com-

Draftitis PTK Plans Initiation; Rho Xi Chapter

By RON HALL

Are you a 19 year old male? If so, then you are suffering a very common disease, draftitis. What is draftitis? Draftitis is knowing that Uncle Sam is breathing down your back, and that one day you may have the privilege of fighting for our country right or wrong.

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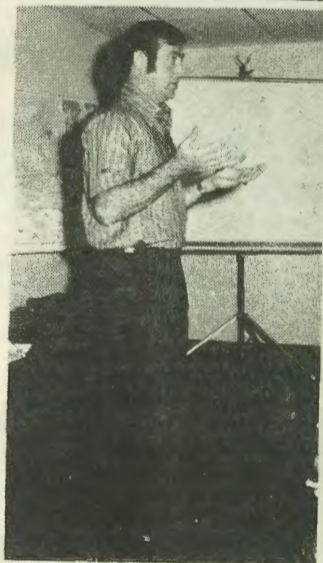
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Has anyone ever tried this method of approach before? The answer is yet. As of now, there are about 1600 known cases in which deferments have been granted. In fact, a good friend of mine, applied for his deferment. After he received his instant minister card, he applied for his 'divinity deferment' and he received it two months later.

The minister card not only helps you to avoid the draft, but also if you are clever enough, you may use it to obtain privileges, granted to most ministers, such as income tax privileges, discount prices on some everyday commodities, and a discount rate on transportation costs, if you travel by public bus or plane. If you feel that this whole article is one big gimmick, you're very much in the wrong. The six cents you invest in that postcard may be the best investment you'll ever make. Try it and find out. I did, and I am very happy.



Father Joseph Trapp, rector of St. Johns Catholic Church in Dahlgren, visited Western Civ. classes last Thursday to present the Catholic viewpoint of the Protestant Reformation and to answer questions about the Roman Catholic faith in general. After an earlier visit to one of Mr. Jones' classes by Father Clyde Grogan of Herrin, Father Trapp was invited to address the other classes.

pliment your lunch today. Whatever the market has been down on lately is what you get. So what if you break out in big red blotches when you eat corn? The result of all this confusion is a return to nature. That is—if you don't grow it, cook it, or make it, don't eat it.

By JANET WAGGONER

Phi Theta Kappa, an honors fraternity for junior colleges, holds a formal initiation once each semester. The invitation this year will be held November sixth at the Illinois Power Building for these students who made the Dean's List last spring semester.

Sherry Wilson is President, and she along with the other officers, Debby Aldridge, Vice-President, Tonya Ford, Secretary, and Randy Depoister, Treasurer, will plan the ceremony.

Membership in the PTK is open to those that make a 3.5 or above grade point average for the semester before initiation. Students must maintain a 3.2 average the following sem-

esters to remain in the club.

Rho Xi is the name of the Rend Lake Chapter. It was chartered in 1968 to recognize and encourage scholarship among junior college students. Mr. Myron Folley is the sponsor.

The PTK has helped sponsor dances, including "The American Breed" and "the New Colony Six" in the past. They have also sold concessions at the Rend Lake basketball games.

President Wilson says, "Following our business meeting which is coming up soon, the PTK will have more definite plans as to its activities this year. I do know we will serve the college in any way we can and hope to make worthwhile contributions."

Senate Noose

We, as editors of The Pressing Times, feel that the Student Senate has been negligent in its duties pertaining to the latest Senate election, held Thursday, October 15. The Senate has an issue that has an important bearing on the activities of this school year.

On election day, polls, according to tradition were to be open from eight in the morning until four in the afternoon. However, school closed at noon because of a broken water main, and the polls for voting were consequently closed. The next day, election results were promptly posted, and the new Senate members were officially accepted into office.

What happens to the people who had planned to vote in the afternoon, and then had classes cancelled?

What happens to the potential voters who had only afternoon classes, and therefore had no classes or polls to go to?

What happens to the candidate who lost by six votes?

What happens to the five hundred unrecorded votes?

They all get the Royal Shaft.

"Since school was officially closed at noon, and since no time for the opening of the polls was officially announced, and since we stayed open for an extra fifteen minutes after the official closing of school, our election results will stand as they are," said Senate President Bill Moore.

Moore's statement was made at a Senate meeting where the meeting was quickly adjourned after this statement. No Senate vote was taken, no other opinion was expressed, and President Moore assumed that his state-

ment would apply for the Senate as a whole.

THE PRESSING TIMES would respectfully suggest that perhaps the Senate should take a second look at the election proceedings, and reevaluate the results. Either a new election should be held, or the results should stand as they are backed BY AN OFFICIAL SENATE VOTE, WITH EACH MEMBER'S VOTE RECORDED IN THE MINUTES. Opening the polls for another afternoon to pertain to the present election would not be fair, because the vote would be affected by the results already announced. We also suggest that definite times and voting regulations to be stipulated in the Senate's proposed new constitution, so a misunderstanding of this type will not arise again.

Surprisingly enough, few students have protested the curtailed election. It would appear that a losing candidate, or any dissatisfied student, could present a good case for demanding a recall election of Senate members. Close races deserve close adherence to rules if they exist.

So far, the Senate has encountered little criticism of its latest election. No petition, no challenges. We hope the absence of protest does not indicate to Senate members that a hasty presidential statement can solve the whole problem and that shoving questions about a questionable election into a dark closet is all that is necessary.

We should be fair to all candidates those who have been announced as elected, and those who did not, as yet, receive enough votes.

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GRIDIRON TIME

UNCLE DAVE JUNKINS

For those who don't realize it, FOOTBALL season is here! For young men, this means many hours of television enjoyment, reliving old football memories, and expectations of female servitude during the games. This story will be devoted to those poor unfortunate football slaves — the female race.

It all begins early Saturday morning. At this time, football highlights of last week, season, and sometimes decade games are shown. (At this time, slaves, you really can't gripe. The only other shows on are some stupid cartoons or 13-year olds who gyrate to the latest "stars" mouthing their latest million seller.) But at noon your trouble begins.

You've probably spent the better part of the a. m. slaving over a hot stove, preparing a masterpiece of art for your beau whom you haven't seen for weeks. After setting the table with your mother's best china (and breaking some of it in the process), you hasten to call your loved one to the table. But before you can, he yells, "Hon, I want two pastrami sandwiches and a beer. The games startin'."

Now, prepare for three hours of rockem-sockem football action against two teams you've probably never heard of. Watch patiently as your boyfriend yells, screams, and gives you passionate punches in the arm as his team scores. Observe his ecstasy as his team wins. (Really, girls, count your blessings here. If his team should lose, you will spend the evening with a poor, mumbling, cow-eyed being who periodically sighs, "If only they had . . .")

Next day, your trouble starts all over again. Why? Because on Sunday morning, they show the highlights of Saturday's games. If possible, ladies, stop your boyfriend from watching these if his team lost. They show slow motion pictures which means he will see his team make all the stupid mistakes over again.

After more sandwiches and other related goodies, you settle down to watch more football doubleheaders, tripleheaders, and anything else the TV network thinks will poison your companion's mind. Even halftimes are non-existent. The stations have banded together to begin football games so that when one halftime begins, another station is just finishing theirs. (The commies are everywhere).

As if games aren't long enough already, TV has developed two devices to lengthen it. One is the official time-out. An official time-out is nothing more than a commercial slot. Of course, the commercial consists of the players selling shaving cream and razor blades.)

The other, an instant replay, is a fiendish plot to drive women crazy. Football is complicated enough without showing the play over again from 19 different angles. They show the end zone camera, the 50 yard camera, the section 11 seat 32 camera, and any other camera that works. Instant replays are nice, but they are reaching the point that even the Star Spangled Banner is replayed.

Well, weekend football is over, but not for long. Because one network is showing Monday night football, which means you have only 4 days until it begins all over again.



Dignitaries from all over the State of Illinois attended the dedication of Rend Lake last Saturday. Included on the speaker's platform were Dr. James Snyder, College President, and Dr. Allen Baker, President of the College Board. (Photo by Mt. Vernon Register News)

Dewitt Attends Soc-Sci Conference

Mr. Judson DeWitt, professor of Psychology at RLC, recently attended the Third Annual University-Community College Social Science Articulation Conference held at William Rainey Harper College located northwest of Chicago. For the past three years a member of the social science department at RLC has attended this conference.

This year's main theme was the correlation between the junior college and the senior college. Among the many interesting and informative speakers

was Dr. Lowell Fisher a University coordinator for the University of Illinois. A panel of four junior college transfer students provided an interesting discussion insight into the junior college system and its advantages and disadvantages. All four students agreed that they were glad they had attended a junior college because there are much better relations between students and instructors. Criticisms included that a two year college did not offer enough possible courses and not a wide enough variety. The social adjustment of the transfer junior college student was mentioned also with the idea that most juniors and seniors in college are already well established in their desired clubs and organizations and the Junior college student must start all over again when he transfers.

Rend Lake College should be proud in the fact that we are the only college in Southern Illinois to send a member of our Social Science Department to this convention.

road. It kind of shuffles back and forth in the lane doing a little weave.

A VW van is probably the most personalized of all vehicles. They all have something done to them to make them different from each other. One has motorcycle decals another has pinstriping, and quite a few have carpeting installed. One VW camper even has headers and wheel trim rings. Real class.

New VW Views


By JOHN KRAFT

If any of you should have the opportunity to drive a VW Van, by all means do so. If you are of the female sex, be sure to wear slacks, as there is no graceful way to enter a van wearing a dress. Try to drive one that has windows all around it, otherwise you will have much trouble trying to change lanes as you cannot see through the metal walls, and the mirrors leave a lot of blind spots. You will immediately notice that you sit over the wheels. This causes your point of reference to be moved forward. To turn a corner you must drive the bus into the intersection before turning. If you do not you will jump many curbs, scrape telephone poles, knock over trash cans and scare the hell out of people standing on the corner waiting to cross the street.

After you have mastered the art of turning you are then ready for highway driving. In theory a VW van would be perfect for the highway. It has good visibility, you sit up high and can see over most other traffic, and it has fairly good brakes. But, as usual, theory and practice don't work out. Here you are tooling down the road going 50 with a top speed of 68. Have you ever tried passing a car going 50 when it takes an eternity to get from 50 to 60? I must warn you, the VW trucks hate headwinds and especially crosswinds. Whenever a crosswind hits the mini-bus it does a little dance right in the



The Rend Lake Community Band, under the direction of Mr. William Hazelbauer, played for the ceremonies with a background of heavy machinery. (Photo by Mt. Vernon Register News)



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TARN (Yearbook) Plans for New Year; Hopes to keep format intact

Although Rend Lake College has a new look, the 1970-1971 staff of the yearbook Tarn plans to keep along the same lines of last year's book, with a few minor changes. Headed by Editor Jean Derges, sophomore, the staff consists mainly of freshmen members with good journalistic backgrounds. Besides the well qualified members, Jean points out some more advantages over last year's staff.

"The facilities, though smaller than those on the old campus, are much nicer and are available to the staff daily from 8 a. m. until 4 p.m. The central location makes it easier to get in touch with our faculty advisor, Mr. William Brammeier, who resides in Benton.

Another advantage is that there are two photographers, Dale Filberth, sophomore, and James Dobbs, freshman, com-

pared to last year's one. Working with Photo-Art Editor Dianne Hill, freshman, these two are becoming familiar sights around snapping pictures of students and faculty.

Dianne's job is to approve page lay-outs and photo work orders made by the other editors: sophomore Warren J. Kraft, Departments freshmen Jackie Kennedy, Activities; Janet Waggoner, Organizations; Linda Mays, Classes; and Don J. DeWitt, Advertisements. These six work close together trying to meet deadlines for each section.

Copy Editor and Business Manager, Sherry Sigwerth, Sophomore, is kept busy taking care of the financial work with the budget, and approving copy written by the editors and their assistants.

Trying to stay close to the school colors, Jean has chosen gold and black as the colors for the cover. All in all, the 1971 Tarn should prove to be interesting to the administration, faculty, and students.



Richard Petrea, National FFA top awards winner, is a freshman at Rend Lake College.

Yates is Named Coordinator of Recognition Program

James F. Yates has been named coordinator of the second annual Student Achievement Recognition Program at Rend Lake College.

He will supervise the soliciting and gathering of entries, judging, and publicity activities of the second annual competition, to be held this year at 46 Illinois public junior colleges.

Two outstanding Junior College students, a man and woman, who best demonstrate noteworthy achievement toward desirable career goals will be selected next February by locally chosen judges from the community. The winners will receive \$100 prizes each.

Linda Atchison, and William Moore were the winners of the first Rend Lake College competition last year.

Rend Lake winners compete in one of six district competitions throughout the state next March. The 12 district winners (a man and woman from each district) will receive \$250 each. The top two state winners will receive \$1,000 each and a trophy at a junior college awards luncheon in Chicago next April.

Last year's top two junior college students were Mrs. Vida Lentz of Kankakee and Renard Jackson of Chicago.

Joint sponsors of the project are the Illinois Association of Community and Junior Colleges and Continental Bank, Chicago, which is providing \$14,200 in award money and assisting in administration of the program.

Both vocational and academic students in the state's public junior colleges are eligible for awards. Judging will be based on a student's progress toward his chosen goals and his leadership and participation in campus

and community activities. Candidates must be students in good standing and have completed at least nine semester hours or 12 quarter hours.

The program's purpose is to focus more public attention on the expanding Illinois junior college system and to recognize individual students in order to encourage educational excellence and school spirit.

Math Dept. Has a New Class

Next semester the math department will sponsor a new three-credit course which will interact in areas of Sociology, Psychology, Economics and math. Mr. Daniel Perrichone will be the instructor for the Elementary Statistics, or Math 117 course.

"The purpose of a course in applied statistics is to assist the individual to perform and to understand scientific investigations." The class will begin next semester and will use the book, "Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences," which is actually a study of human behavior.

Although the course might sound mathematically difficult, it consists of more arithmetic than algebra.

Statistics is a must for those going into education. It would be a tremendous advantage for those who have to do any kind of research, any kind of thesis or any kind of graduate work.

The subject heavily interacts with psychology is that it is helpful in measuring and studying test results. Since a test is merely a sample of one's behavior, statistics is needed to understand these results; man must use a system of statistics. Again in psychology, one whole section is devoted to the system. The Statistics course is highly recommended as a prerequisite to psychology, sociology majors and minors, economics majors and minors, or to anyone who plans to work toward a master's degree.



"Once Upon A Mattress," last year's musical, presented a comical farce that was thoroughly enjoyed by all audiences.

Speech and Drama Plans for Year

"Anyone who professes an interest in speech or drama activities is invited to join the Speech and Drama Club," stated Miss Cheryl Merkens, club advisor. The first regular meeting of the Speech and Drama Club was to have been on Wednesday, October 21. Previously, students met to discuss ideas for future club activities.

For one of the activities, Miss Merkens hopes for the Speech and Drama Club to do convocations of Readers Theatre presentations—the first one being planned for this fall. Readers Theatre groups use almost any kind of material such as poems, plays or essays. The ten people in each production read the material as they sit on stools. No other props or settings are used. Miss Merkens

said that she would like to eventually get to the point where students would write and direct their own scripts for the Readers' Theatre productions.

Another activity already planned is the college play to be presented on December 3 and 4 in the Mt. Vernon Township High School auditorium. The play will be the "Ballad of the Sad Cafe," an adaptation by Edward Albee of a Carson McCuller novella (short story). Tryouts were to have been on October 26 and 27.

Suggestions are now being made for a spring musical to be presented by the drama department with some assistance from the music department. Some production considerations so far are "Carnival," "110 in the Shade" and "Mame."

RLC Has Top FFA Member

Richard Petrea, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Petrea of Iuka, won all national FFA awards. Over 13,000 FFA finalists met at Kansas City, Missouri on October 15, 1970, to observe this occasion.

Petrea was one of four outstanding regional winners to compete for National honors. The four finalists had previously won chapter, sectional, district, state, and regional awards. Petrea not only represented 16,000 agriculture occupations stu-

dents from Illinois, but FFA members from 12 other states in his region.

Richard is a freshman at RLC, attending the Bonnie campus. Mr. Kimmel, vocational director, stated, "I am very pleased to have a boy in our agriculture department with this background and success in FFA organizations."

Richard got his start in the dairy business at the age of 9 when his father gave him a heifer calf for a 4-H project. By helping with chores, Richard paid for the feed until his animal had a calf and started producing milk.

Richard attended four years at Salem High School where he not only participated in agriculture but also was a member of the student council and lettered in cross country and basketball.

When asked what helped him to achieve this national FFA honor, Petrea said, "I had to set a goal and work hard to achieve it. I had to keep records and figures for four years in high school to show assets and productions."

This is not only a great personal honor for Richard, but an honor for RLC to have the top FFA member in the entire United States as a part of our student body.

We are sorry to announce the death of two Rend Lake College students,

STEWART WAGGONER

and

JOSEPH BARKER

the Pressing Times extends our sympathy to their family and classmates.

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But a U-Haul truck?

Divine Justice . . . by Keith Parker

