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SPEAKING to leaders of the various campus organizations is Tom Freeman, Vice Chairman of the Student Division of the Illinois Association of Community and Junior Colleges. With Mr. Freeman is RLC Student Senate President Larry White.

Enrollment Up

Dean of Student Personnel Services, James Yates, has announced the enrollment figures for this year. As of October 8, Rend Lake College had a total enrollment of 872 students, 738 of whom are full time, up from last year's 765 and 718.

RLC has 133 students from parts of the state outside District No. 521 as compared to 166 out-of-district-in-state students last year. In addition, there are students from Kansas and Indiana, and foreign students from Bangkok, Thailand; Caldos, Colombia, and Iran.

PBL Sponsors Dance Nov. 19

"Ford Gibson and The Sounds" will be featured at a dance on Tuesday, November 19, in the Girls' Large Gym. The dancing will be from 9-12 p.m.

The event is sponsored by the business club, Phi Beta Lambda, and advance tickets may be purchased from the PBL members for \$7.75 or at the door for \$1.

"Ford Gibson and The Sounds" is a band of rare quality from Southern Illinois University. They will play for Southern's Homecoming this year.

On Halloween Eve the business club also sponsored a hayride at Kent's Farm. The event was sponsored by Miss Cheryl Merckens, William Farmer, and the club's advisor William Young-husband.

Full-time men —	
Fresh.	295
Sophs.	171
Full-time women —	
Fresh.	184
Sophs.	71
Part-time men —	
Fresh.	12
Sophs.	12
Part-time women —	
Fresh.	22
Sophs.	6
Men (evenings only) —	
Fresh.	27
Sophs.	18
Women (evenings only) —	
Fresh.	45
Sophs.	9

Summary Of Fall Enrollment

October 8, 1968

Total full-time students .. 721

Total part-time students .. 52

Total evening students .. 99

TOTAL .. 872

Students representing high school districts within Rend Lake College District No. 521

	Fall 1968	Fall 1967
Benton	77	45
Bluford (Webber)	18	10
Christopher	20	7
Dahlgren	24	15
Enfield	6	4
McLeansboro	57	38
Mt. Vernon	392	368
Pinckneyville	14	7
Sesser	29	36
Tamaroa	7	5
Thompsonville	7	4
Waltonville	22	19
Wayne City	38	25
Zeigler-Royalton	23	16
TOTAL	734	599

Towns outside the district which contribute several students include:

Administrators at Conferences; Arnold Rep. Faculty; White, SS

By LARRY DAVIS

Last week-end was a busy one for several from Rend Lake College. Dean Howard Rawlinson; President James Synder, Wayne Arnold, physical fitness teacher, and Larry White, President of the Student Senate, represented RLC at the annual Illinois Junior College Conference.

ROCKFORD

The conference was held at Rockford, on October 24, 25, and 26. This year the conference was sponsored by the Illinois Junior College Board and the Illinois Association of Commu-

ity and Junior Colleges.

The IACJA consists of three divisions: Student, Faculty, and Administration. The IACJA represents the fifty-one public and private junior colleges in the state of Illinois.

ADMINISTRATORS

As administrators, Dr. Rawlinson and Dr. Synder, along with Mr. Arnold, who represented the faculty, attended such sessions as those on community services in junior colleges, admission policies and practices in junior colleges and "The Junior College and the Socio-Economically Deprived."

As a member of the student division, Larry White took part in such seminar sessions as that on "Student Government on the Junior College Campus."

ISSUES

Some of the issues, recommendations, and resolutions that appeared before the Student Division Business session included the establishment of a student exchange program, under which students of member junior colleges will live and learn with students of fellow member colleges.

Another consideration was the formation of a program in which

the junior college student's ID card would be recognized by fellow member junior colleges with respect to attendance at such activities of that junior college as basketball games and dances.

FOR ALL

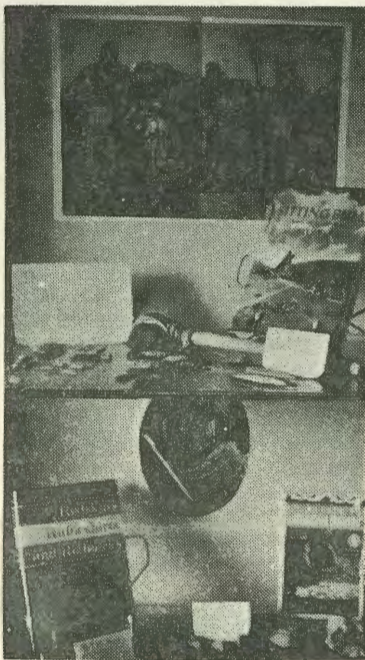
The resolutions which were presented before the General Assembly of the conference included recommendations for the adoption of courses in Negro history by the member colleges and a recommendation for the adoption of the "Joint Statement of Rights and Freedoms of Students" by the colleges.

KERNER

A special award was presented at the conference to Judge Otto Kerner, Federal Appellate Court Justice and former Governor of Illinois. The award was made for his participation in the Illinois Junior College movement.

YATES TOO

Also doing legwork for RLC last week-end was James Yates, Dean of Admissions. Dean Yates attended the Illinois Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers. This meeting was held on Thursday and Friday of last week. The sight for the meeting was Champaign.



ON DISPLAY in the library are some of the Indian artifacts used in the study of culture by Mrs. Eleanor Hall's sociology classes. Some of the stone implements found in Illinois were probably made before the time of Christ. Contributing to the display were Mrs. Hall, Edward Kownacki, Albert Lange, Robert Mihall, and Rodney Legg.

	1968
Carbondale	5
Centralia	5
Fairfield	12
Johnston City	7
Marion	8
Mt. Zion	4
Nashville	4
West Frankfort	39
Woodlawn	14

Kern Attends Ag Workshop

Mark Kern, member of the Agricultural Business Department of Rend Lake College, participated in a two day Intensive Workshop on soils.

The workshop was held on Urbana Campus of the University of Illinois on October 14 and 15 with the University of Illinois Agronomy staff and Darrell A. Miller as Coordinator. There were 13 Illinois Community Colleges represented with 16 Community College teachers present.

The purpose of the workshop was to assist the Community College teachers by holding seminars on current research as related to the applied crops and soils practices in actual use. The seminar sessions included basic soils concepts that are needed for the rapidly changing agriculture industry as viewed by the soil scientists.

Due to the general interest shown in this type of workshop the Agronomy Department of the University of Illinois con-

templates future workshops in other significant areas. The participants in this workshop and the University of Illinois Agronomy staff had an opportunity to discuss the immediate problems facing agriculture and the impending changes that will result.

Nursing Class Elects Officers

The eighth class of the School of Practical Nursing has elected class officers for the coming year. Those elected include: Doris Brickey, president; Roy Hopkins, vice president; Juanita Hunt, secretary; Dianne Kapp, treasurer; Nona Warren, social committee; Jeanne Keller, historian; Virginia Zgol, card and flower committee.

This class, which consists of 30 students, will be in session from September, 1968 until August, 1969.

The ninth class of the school will begin in February. This will be the first time that the school will attempt to graduate two classes in the same year. Although, in the past there has been a two week overlap of the two classes.

Gray, Powell: Only Dems to Win Straw Vote

() REPUBLICAN

(154) Richard M. Nixon
President & Vice
Spiro T. Agnew

U.S. Senator:
(214) Everett M. Dirksen

Governor:
(184) Richard B. Ogilvie

Lieutenant Governor:
(127) Robert A. Dwyer

Secretary of State:
(116) Donald D. Carpentier

Auditor of Public Accounts:
(138) William C. Harris

Attorney General:
(167) William J. Scott

Supreme Court Clerk:
(168) Justin Taft

U.S. Congress Representative:
(122) Val Oshel

() DEMOCRATIC

(72) Hubert H. Humphrey
President & Vice
Edmund S. Muskie

U. S. Senator:
(67) William G. Clark

Governor:
(81) Samuel H. Shapiro

Lieutenant Governor:
(116) Paul Simon

Secretary of State:
(140) Paul Powell

Auditor of Public Accounts:
(105) Michael J. Howlett

Attorney General:
(91) Francis S. Lorenz

Supreme Court Clerk:
(86) Fannie G. Jones

U.S. Congress Representative:
(134) Kenneth J. Gray

() INDEPENDENT

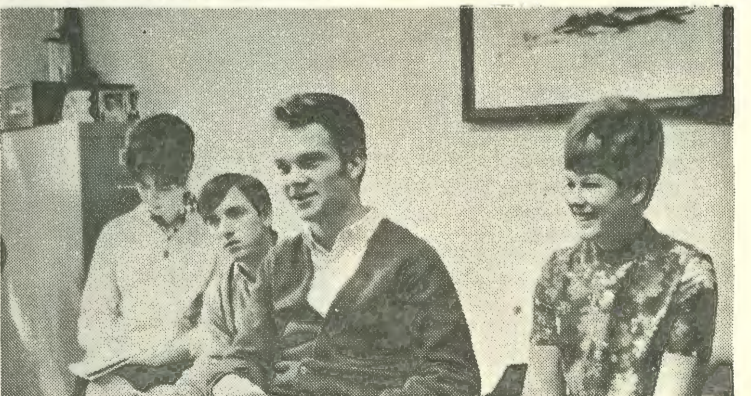
President & Vice
(69) George C. Wallace
Marvin Griffin
(°Curtis LeMay)

On Tuesday, October 15, and Wednesday, October 16, THE PRESSING TIMES, sponsored a mock election. About a third of the students and faculty voted, with not even one vote going to the Socialist Labor Party.

Election booths were set up in the lobby of B, and the students were permitted to vote during their free hours and in between classes. The ballots of the faculty were marked so that they could be distinguished from the students' ballots. The main difference was that the faculty was more evenly divided among the two major parties so that George Wallace did not enjoy great popularity.

The mid-term date has been set for the fall semester as November 7. "WD" cards will not be accepted after Thursday, Nov. 14.

Mid-term grades will be mailed to freshmen near the end of the month.



LISTENING and reacting to one of the proposals that was made during an SS meeting are Senators Sheila Dodson, John Anderson, Rick Heaney, and Connie Childress. The Senate representatives of the campus organizations to attend the extended meeting of the SS. Representatives from seven organizations attended.

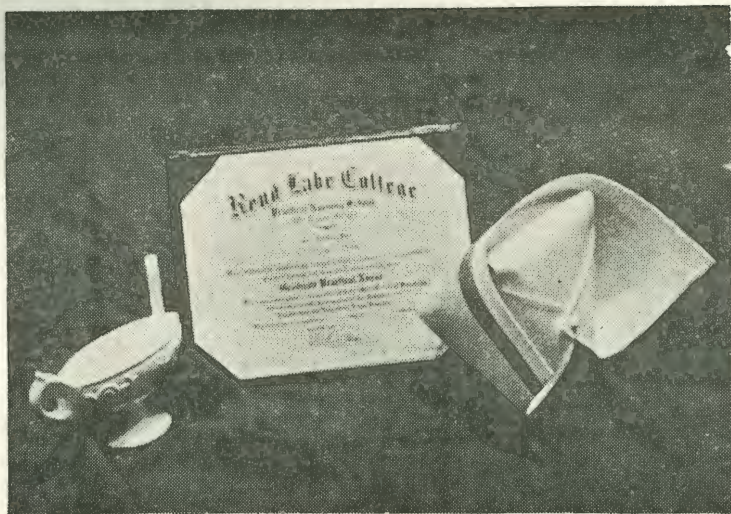
The great need for practical nurses was seen during World War II. The medical experts found that there was a shortage of nurses and that training enough registered nurses to care for the wounded would take three to four years, almost the duration of the war.

The answer to the problem was the practical nurse. The practical nurse had been around for some time, yet her great value was yet to be seen. It took a war and great dedication on the parts of those first practical nurses who served in the hospitals to show the value of the practical nurse. Today she is a part of the hospital and nursing staffs.



LUCILLE McCLELLAND

The School of Practical Nursing



The symbols of a nurse, an LPN.



AFTER THE GRADUATION CEREMONY, a reception was held in the L Lounge. Refreshing themselves on punch are Miss Mary Ksycki, coordinator; Dean McClelland, speaker; graduates Pat Garren, Ruth Clark, and Mary Kelly; instructors Mrs. Sandra Davis and Mrs. June Thompson; and future grad Juanita Hunt.

Graduation is that time when the known world of the classroom is left behind and the future and a new role in society await. It is that moment when the future and the past touch. That moment came to the School of Practical Nursing on Sunday afternoon, October 13. At 2 p.m. in the high school auditorium, the 24 about-to-be graduates marched in. They wore not the familiar black robes of traditional graduations; but, instead, they wore the white uniform of nurses. And on their heads, in place of the mortarboards and tassels, were the stiff, white caps with the gray bands.

They had spent over a year training for this moment. This moment when they would become graduate practical nurses, eligible to take the state board exam that would enable them to use the words "Licensed Practical Nurses."

Their training would enable them to serve their communities and themselves. Their training was so good that it would virtually assure them of passing the state exam, for RLC Practical Nursing classes rank high. Last year's class ranked among the upper third of nursing schools in the state.

And this was that moment. Each would receive a diploma, a nurse's pin, and a lamp, the symbol of learning and serving. This was their moment. They would take the pledge and then they would be nurses.

But this moment was at the

end of a long road. They had studied through the summer. And their classroom was sometimes the hospital bedside. They had discussed the problems in theory classes, but there is nothing quite as exciting as being able to help a patient — to make that patient more comfortable, to ease his pain, to spark a smile. This was their moment at the end of a past and on the brink of a future.



WALKING ACROSS THE STAGE to get that diploma is an exciting moment. For Sharon McKenzie, the diploma and the handshake with Curtis Parker, Chairman of Board of Rend Lake College, bring a smile.



IT'S OVER! and the procession from the stage begins. The new graduate nurses are Ida Mae Jackson, Evelyn Harrell, Margery Clerk, Audrey Rogers, Doris Barnard, Shirley Bushong and Brenda Wutzler.

Coordinator

Mary E. Ksycki

Instructors

- June Thompson
- Shirley McHaney
- Sandra Davis
- Sandra VanCleve
- Celia Allman
- Lavina Bogdan

Photos by L. R. DeWitt



THE PINNING and the receiving of the lamp are an important part to a nurses' graduation. While Instructors Celia Allman, Sandra Davis, and Sandra VanCleve prepare to present the lamp, Coordinator Mary Ksycki calls the graduate's name and Instructor Shirley McHaney pins Mary Ann Erndt.

Graduation



THE GRADUATION CLASS:

- First Row:
 Sharon McKenzie
 Virginia Pickens
 Doris Simmons
 Mary Kelly
 Shirley Taylor
 Ida Mae Jackson
 Audrey Rogers
 Leilla Elliott
 Charlene Bain
 Donna Jackson
 Patricia Connaway
 Mary Ann Erndt
- Second Row:
 Evelyn Harrell
 Margery Clark
 Doris Barnard
 Shirley Bushong
 Brenda Wutzler
 Beverly Robertson
 Virginia Racine
 Vauda Kimble
 Mattie McNair
 Betty Smith
 Pat Garren
 Patsy Youngblood

International Club Formed

By DEBBIE PULLIS

On Wednesday, October 23, approximately 35 French and German students met at 7 p.m. in room 304-B to form the International Club of Rend Lake College, with meeting on alternate Wednesdays. The purpose of the club is to promote better understanding of foreign countries and their peoples.

The election of officers was first on the agenda. Those chosen were Larry Davis, president; Greg Gibbs, vice-president; Miss Connie Childress, secretary; Morris Arnold, Bob Donoho, Miss Debbie Pullis, and Bruce Reeves, treasurers; Miss Rita Hoyt and Ted Mannen, publicity chairmen; and Randy Martin, social chairman. The advisors are Mrs. Carol Ann DeSelms, French teacher, and Heinz Boeckman, German teacher.

The main project of the club is for members to spend the summer studying their languages in Europe—the French students in France and the German students in Germany. As yet, no definite tour plans have been made by either Mrs. DeSelms or Mr. Boeckman.

Meanwhile, the students are going to earn as much money as possible in order to cut down on individual costs of the planned trip. One bake sale has already been held at the Park Plaza shopping center last Saturday. More of the same are planned, along with rummage sales, and dances. The students are also offering their services on Saturdays to persons wishing odd jobs to be done. All of the money earned will go to the club.

In charge of the odd-job program will be Miss Rita Hoyt and Miss Beverly Book.



In the meatroom of Petroff Packing Company, these RLCers learn to identify the different cuts of meat. These students from the Ag Business class are Bill Scott, David Schultze, Manager Jim Hamilton, Charles Wood and Marshall Mills.

On Thursday, October 10, the Agriculture Business Class of Rend Lake College visited the Petroff Packing Company of Benton, Illinois. The Petroff Packing Company distributes Country Girl meats to retail stores in this area.

The class was guided through the plant by its owner and manager Jim Hamilton, who showed the class the different cuts of wholesale and retail meats. He also explained the different classes of meats and how to identify them.

The class also saw the room where animals were slaughtered and cut up. Mr. Hamilton showed the class where meat was cured and bologna and weiners made.

Experiences of this type help supplement classroom discussion. Another field trip, on October 24, took the class to Earl Purdue's Farm where the students learned some of the skills needed in selecting swine.

Stiff Heads Revitalized Science

The newly reorganized Science Club met and elected officers at its first meeting. Steve Stiff was elected President; Randy Carney, Vice President; Jim Brown, Secretary-Treasurer; and Mike Sanders, Program Publicity.

The Science Club is under the sponsorship of Gene Estes, botany instructor. The meetings are held on the first Wednesday

of every month at 3:40. The club meets in 221G, the botany-zoology laboratory.

The aim of the Science Club is to increase the research and study into science and to give the students an opportunity to explore various subjects beyond the classroom work. Also, the club offers its members an occasion to ask questions and to get additional help.

Several activities are being planned for this year such as a field trip through Southern Illinois with emphasis on botany. And a trip to the new college site is envisioned.

When Mr. Estes was asked what the prime consideration should be on joining the club, he said, "Interest." The student wishing to join the Science Club should have a sincere interest in science because it isn't a social club. The key word is interest.

THE PRESSING TIMES would like to extend its sympathy to Mr. Wayne Arnold, who heads the Physical Education Department, in the recent death of his father, James Arnold.

Apathically,

Education: Why Now?

We're all aware of the general apathy of our nation and blame it many times on the older generation. But there is an apathy today here in Rend Lake College by some of the students. It's not toward the idea of parties, activities, or dances; it's toward education itself.

So many students forget that this is it—after college people don't learn half as many things in their everyday life. The old mind gets rusty and they forget how to think and so many have only these few years to grow up.

Many students think that going away to school is the ultimate need in receiving a good education. If I thought my education was inferior at Rend Lake, I wouldn't be here — because it's education I want, now.

Subconsciously, and consciously, students want to be a part of the Utopia of a campus life (and in the summer they return to Rend Lake College to take the history courses over that

they flunked at the Big School). The temptation of all that free time especially the freshman year, is just too much for the never - done - anything student.

In many ways RLC is superior to the Big School. The classes often are smaller, the teachers know the students' name, and what their personalities are like. The teachers are dedicated educators, some of them to the extent that they have received their doctorate. The emphasis is on the importance of the individual. There are many activities the students can enter. The competition is much less severe and there is a greater chance for a person to find himself.

Although RLC is growing rapidly, it is still small—only 850 students. There are few cliques: people find real friends here. In a large school friends might be difficult to find without joining fraternity or sorority. The students at RLC can actually become close to many people who can't be forgotten for a long time.

Winging It

Jon Mc Clurken



Instead of writing my usual serious article, I'm going to really be daring and expose the truth—that no one really knows or remembers this forgotten thing, this unsung hero, this mysterious influence. Just what am I talking about? It is so important that the world could fall down if it weren't for this thing. If you haven't decided what I'm talking about by now it's suspenders.

That's right, just plain, ole, ordinary suspenders. Suspenders are very important, I mean, without them we could all be caught with our pants down. Suspenders play an important role in gratifying the egos of people. Also suspenders enable honest car dealers to stick their thumbs someplace so that they can strut their integrity.

Slingshots

Also slingshots can be made out of suspenders. If the present laws continue going the same oppressing way you may have to register your suspenders; they are terrible, vicious weapons.

You would have to be 90 years old before you would be mature enough to own and wear your suspenders in public.

By now you may be saying so-what; if they played such a big part in history, why would they be illegal to use in public? I will give you just one example of their importance.

When Balboa discovered the what's-its-name ocean, he climbed a tree to see if he could locate water. He couldn't, so as he was leaning out of his tree for a better look, he slipped and fell. Luckily it was a hot day and he had removed his coat. His suspenders caught and tossed him to new heights of discovery. He found the what's-its-name ocean.

Walk Away

This is why, if you should see someone wearing suspenders, just nod your head respectfully and go silently about your unsuspended way. It takes a real man to wear a pair of suspenders. Today, if you see a man wearing suspenders, just do as I do and walk away Rene.

Now is the time . . .

B. C.
Brenda Culli

Now is the time is talk of Halloween.

What is it? Why do we have a "holiday" called Halloween every year? Did you ever stop to think about Halloween? Or did you just accept the fact that October 31 of every year is known as Halloween? Well, until now I had done just that. Then I decided more persons than I might not understand why Halloween is Halloween. So I dug around a little and came up with something.

Halloween or Allhallows Eve is the name applied to the evening of October 31, preceding the Christian feast of *Hallowmas*, *Allhallows*, or All Saints' Day. The observances connected with Halloween are believed to have originated among the ancient Druids, who believed that on that evening Saman, the lord of the dead, called forth hosts of evil spirits. The Druids customarily lit great fires on Halloween, apparently to ward off these spirits.

Among the ancient Celts, Halloween was the last evening of the year, and it was regarded as a propitious time for examining the portents of the future. (From its supernatural association, Halloween has always been connected with foretelling the future.) The Celts also believed that the spirits of the dead revisited their earthly homes on that evening.

After their conquest of Britain the Romans added to the Halloween traditions features of the Roman festival held on November 1 in honor of Pomona, goddess of the fruits of trees. The Celtic traditions of light-

ing fires on Halloween survived until modern time in Scotland and Wales, and in the concept of ghosts and witches still common to all Halloween observances. Traces of the Roman harvest festival survive in the custom, prevalent in both the United States and England, of playing games involving fruit, such as ducking for apples in a tub of water, and in the decorative use of pumpkins which are hallowed out, carved to resemble grotesque faces, and illuminated by candles placed inside.

The story of Halloween is an old one, but it seems to have a fascination for people, for there is usually someone like me to tell the story of Halloween and to wish you "Happy Halloween!"

Now is the time for the variety show crew to rest. Any production is hard work, and Showtime '68 involved a lot of hard work on the parts of many people. That backdrop was marvelous! And the stage crew and the cast put in lots of hours too. One person who especially put in lots of work on the show was Miss Cheryl Merkens. Although she was very active in productions as a student, this was her first time out as a teacher directing a production.

Showtime '68 was also the first opportunity for RLC to watch another one of its new teachers. The RLC Band made its debut on Friday night, October 18, under the direction of musical director William Hazelbauer. Closing the first act of Showtime '68, the band had a sound that promises to make the college concerts worth attending.



Oh, look, look! Johnny can write! See what Johnny has written. Isn't it good? Very good, Johnny! Johnny got a new can of spray paint. Johnny likes spray paint. Spray paint, so good Johnny uses spray paint to write. Johnny writes good. Johnny likes to write. See Johnny write. Write, Johnny write! Write, write, Johnny! Oh, see Johnny write!

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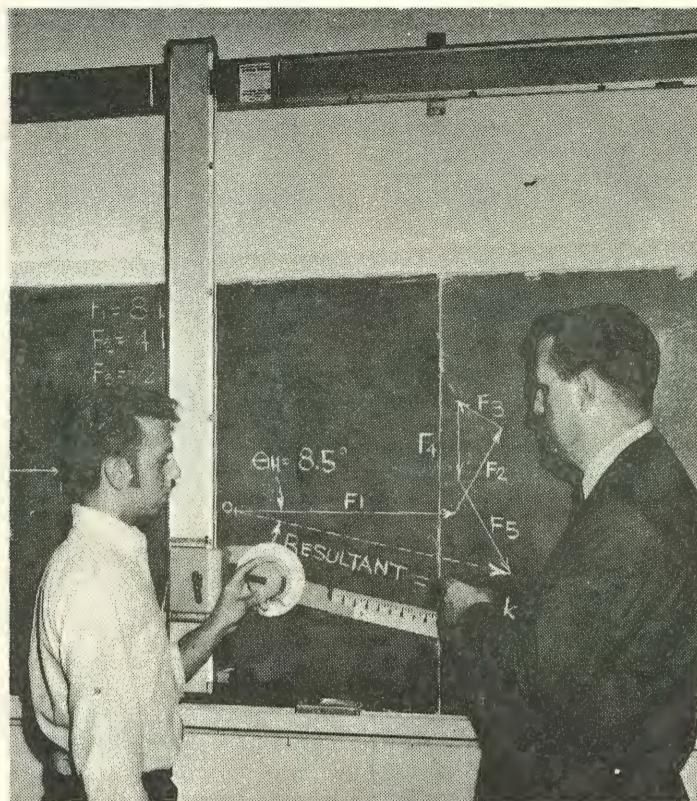
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Skill in design comes through learning the fundamentals. Here Roger Hayes uses one of the basic instruments, his compass. On his desk are some of the other tools that he uses: the electric eraser, a brush, plus a mechanical pencil set and sharpener. Operating the white print machine to make copy of a design is David Eurgil, while Wendell Hayes relies on his slide rule to solve a tough problem.



The chalkboard drafting machine enables the teacher to place problems on the blackboard during lectures. Here Stanley Lindhorst finds the answer to his problem as Mechanical Technology instructor Melvin Partridge points out an overlooked detail of trigonometry.

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Conferring about the design of a part, Jim Miller and Robert Albright try to recall their knowledge of physics and math.

Three new courses of study in Vocational-Technical Education are being offered for the first time this year. These three new 2-year programs are taught on the Bonnie campus, which is 8 miles from the main campus of Rend Lake College.

All three of these fields—Agricultural Mechanics, Agricultural Business, and Mechanical Technology—have three major objectives: to prepare the individual students for immediate employment, to provide the students with a foundation that is broad enough that the graduates can continue their studies, and to give the students a broad educational background.

In the field of Ag Mechanics, the students are studying such specialized courses as the internal combustion engine, ignition and electrical systems, and the

physics of hydraulics. These courses are designed to provide the students with the knowledge and skills necessary in the use of modern tools and testing equipment. The students also develop the appreciation of safety that is necessary for servicemen, mechanics, parts managers, and salesmen.

In Ag Business, the students are trained to operate the machines and equipment that are found in commerce and agricultural businesses. In preparing for such jobs as technicians, salesmen, and midmanagement personnel, the students take a variety of courses. Some of the courses taught include animal science, agricultural economics, feeds and feeding, soils and fertilizers, plus agricultural chemicals and crop production.



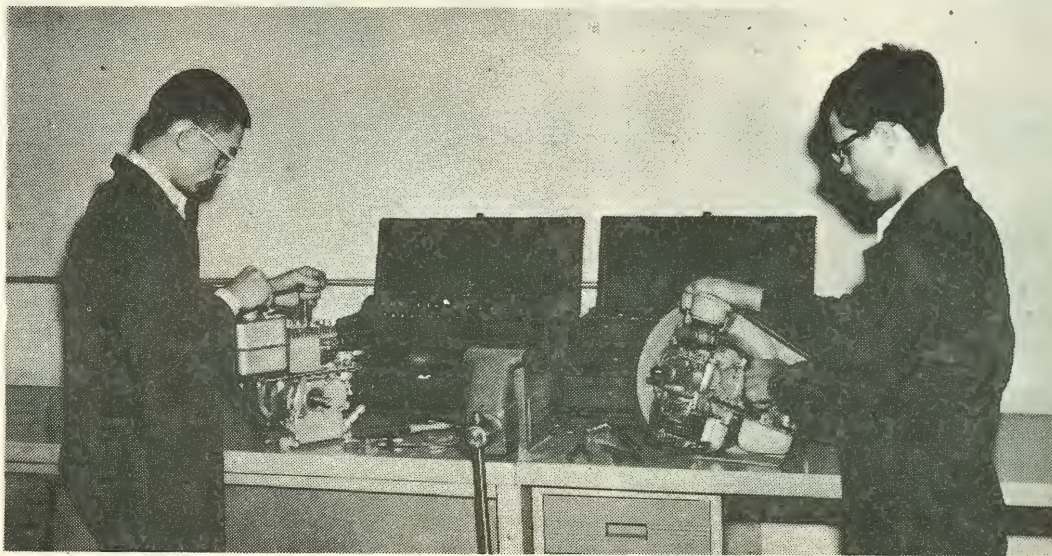
Arc and acetylene welding is one of the courses taught in Agricultural Mechanics. Before beginning their welding, Roesch, and Dennis Kaufman study the joint to be made.



TESTING THE HORSEPOWER of a tractor requires a bit of manpower. As Agricultural Coordinator Ardell Kimmel gives instructions, David Meyers prepares to read the results. Gary Simmons is turning down the valve on the dynameter. In the background are Larry Bealty and Charles Allen as they check the engine of one of the other tractors.



SOIL TESTING is a major concern of the students in Agricultural Business. Here Bill Scott uses a pH meter while Marshall Mills operates the flame photometer. In the foreground is the colorimeter, which is often used in conjunction with the flame photometer.



ONE OF THE SKILLS that is required for any mechanic is the ability to diagnosis engine trouble. Here Ronald Stubblefield and Bill Mezo tear down small motors. Reassembling the motors so that they are operational is a bit more difficult.

Bonnie Campus

The program of Mechanical Technology includes course work in technical math, physics, and drafting; manufacturing materials and processes; strength of materials; plus mechanisms and manufacturing processes. To help with the homework, each student is given a kit of drafting supplies that he is permitted to use outside the school. In the kit are the familiar T-square, mechanical pencil sets, slide rule, and the other tools of the draftsman. After finishing this program, many of the graduates will become engineering assistants, designers, design draftsmen, and laboratory technicians.

The students from the three programs have two classes together, which are taught by instructors from the main campus. Thomas Burke makes the trip to Bonnie to teach English, as

does Julian Levesque for math. Another time that the students have together is the lunch period, which is taken in the lounge. The lounge is equipped with sandwich, candy, and soda vending machines.

The building itself was formerly the Bonnie Grade School. In preparing for the three new programs, Rend Lake College spent \$10,000 to bring the physical building up to standards that would make it a classroom and lab building that would be both pleasant and conducive to learning. In addition, the college spent another \$50,000 for furnishing and equipping the building, especially the laboratories. Federal funds will pay half the cost of the project. All the furniture was selected so that it could easily be moved to the new campus in a few years.

Photography by
Louis C. Pavledes



DEMONSTRATING THE USE of a cash register, Ag Business instructor Mark Kern teaches Charles Wood the art of dealing with customers. In the background are some of the supplies that are commonly used by farmers. How well the students know the supplies and trade journals will soon be tested as on-the-job supervised training begins.



GRAIN TESTING involves weighing a sample and then testing the moisture content. Here David Schultze prepares to test for moisture as Bill Scott weighs a sample of corn.



THE ELECTRONIC diagnosis engine machine is one of the many keys to finding the problems of an engine. As David Grant connects the cables to the engine and John Simpson prepares to record the results, Ag Mechanics instructor Carroll Turner gives some pointers on the meaning on the data.

... BACK AT GUNPOINT ...



Last year, 'way back when this paper was known as THE PYRAMID TIMES, there was a literary section in the last issue. The name of that lit section just happened to be "From Gunpoint Creek . . . to the Muddy Bottoms." Since this is a new year, the name of the lit section has been changed, but not much. Now we are ". . . Back at Gunpoint."

Anyway, the name does have some significance, other than the fact that it is the name of a literary section. As our ole somber colonel (commander of the 434th artillery group, U. S. Army Reserves) James McGhee pointed out when he suggested the name of "Gunpoint" for our new college: Gunpoint Creek runs through the Rend Lake area so why not name the college "Gun-

point?" Then the students can say that they went to college at Gunpoint. For some unknown reason, this suggested name never won the full support of the naming committee.

But what about the part ". . . to the Muddy Bottoms"? Well, remember our sole somber colonel? Credit this part to him too. The wives of the faculty decided to form an organization and so they needed a name for their new venture.

Our ever helpful and somber colonel suggested the name "Muddy Bottoms." Just what he meant by this name we are not sure. Anyway, the land where the new college is to be built has been muddy and the bottom of the soon to be built Rend Lake will be muddy. Other things will be muddy too.

Marginal Life

Bountiful and reaping full the vastness of a life;
the massiveness of life . . .

One intends laughter, but rather receives in its stead, tears.

Yet he is passive and does not rise up to argue this with God,
because . . . because life is optional, and tears merely
imaginary.

Planting seeds where there is no soil, one is only rational
When suddenly the noises are subdued and rationality
returns . . .

Yet

he is laughing.

Grotesque images whirl and turn about his face
And colors fill his eyes with laughter,
And laughter reverberates without him; within him . . .

And laughter is growing from seeds planted where there is no soil;
planted where there is no hope;
where there can be no

life . . .

And yet he is passive . . .
ever planting,
ever reaping full the vastness of a life mirrored in teakwood and
sandstone.

—CAROLE NICKENS



Goldenrod

Life has
many hurts.
The greatest of which
is

faith broken
betrayal
frustration,
bitterness.

Someone trusted
forgets,
overlooks,
a little thing.

Then,
uneasiness,
distrust,
suspicion.

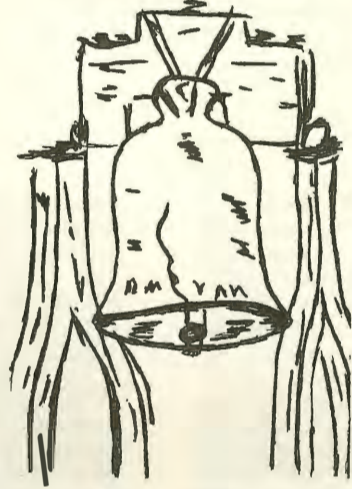
Because,
a little thing.

—OLLIE KAREN DOWLER

Literature

If the soul of a culture is expressed in its literature, then that literature is only as alive as the soul. Each time a man speaks, each time a man writes, there is a potential for greatness. Greatness can come in the way that words are intertwined, in the way that thoughts are unraveled. Greatness can come from the smallest source and escape the largest man.

—OLLIE KAREN DOWLER



My Tree

Near the end of a straight,
white lane,
Upon a gentle rise of ground,
A neat, white house stands firm
and square
And tall, green trees grow all
around.

But, in the front, and to the side,
One drooping tree stands all
alone.

The tree was stunted in its
growth.
What made it small is still
unknown.

This tree to me became a friend,
A place of solace, comfort,
peace.
Its inspiration always there,
Our close communion never
ceased.

I left it there, alone and still,
Whispering a message Nature
knows.
And though I feel its presence
close,
I long to be there where it
grows.

Tell me how my willow fares.
Does it still weep?

Do you think it weeps for me?

—TAMAROA

Maybe

I'm sorry—
I wish you could mean
more to me than you do—
but you don't—
not now—

it's too soon—
too soon after . . .
Maybe someday I'll see the
truth—

Maybe I'll accept you
the way you are
and not magnify your petty
faults

your funny ways
measuring your many against
his few

Maybe I'll find you're
right for me
and he isn't—

Maybe I'll melt in your arms
to your touch

at your sound
as I have to his—
Maybe I'll see life as it really is
and not through

a fantasy dream—
And maybe I'll come running
back to you
and find you—
gone . . .

—KATHIE ESTES

I Don't

Almost a month has passed
since I was made
to stop building my world
around you.

I've even stopped thinking
about you—
I'm remembering
what fun it is to flirt!

While talking with people—
your name no longer
is constantly uttered
from my lips—

I even realize that it was right
for us to stop loving
and laughing
and sharing—

I'm fine!
I don't miss you—
until . . .

without a warning—
I hear a song—
or see someone tall—
and a wonderful moment

—every detail of it—
comes flashing through my
mind—

weakening my wall
my shell
my protection
against you

and
before . . .
Then, again, I'm fine!
I smile—

not consciously remembering
the tenderness—
the perfectness
relived in that instant—

I continue
laughing and enjoying
my new friends

and yet
feeling unexplainably
empty
and

alone
inside . . .

—KATHIE ESTES

Rainy Day

A rainy day—
a day that sad
moody
heart-broken
lonely
people
write about—
Today is that kind of day
and I am a part of that
kind

of people—
Sad because of a failure
to do right
to conquer

to succeed—
Moody because of not knowing
what one wants
where one is going
who one is—

Heart-broken because of things
hidden
remembered
yearned for—

Lonely because of a world of
friends
and no one
to talk to
to share with
to be oneself with—
whoever I am—

—KATHIE ESTES



Crimson Petals

The pathway is covered with crimson petals, left there overnight;
And there are no flowers growing beneath the decaying bridge,
in the decaying road outside the town.

Along the hillside remains a scent of the past, a hope for the future,
An expression for the present . . .

Along the hillside remains one withering goldenrod
withering
wasting
carrying in its stalk a word no one has time to speak;
whispering, ever, a message no one has time to hear.

One goldenrod along the hillside, drowning in a sea of greenest
grass,
alone . . .
and withering.

One walks the pathway covered with crimson petals,
And butterflies along the way beckon him to walk quickly;
For time wastes.

One searches beneath the decaying bridge, but he finds nothing.
He walks down the road.
Still he finds nothing.

Growing tired he stops and comes to rest in the cool grasses of a
hillside . . . Long and longer are the hours he keeps there;
silver grows the sky.

Wonder of many dreams evades all else and sensual to a prayer of
being,
He stands and turns.

Descending the hillside is a girl.
She walks slowly in uneven strides and on unsteady legs, and
stops, hesitantly, at his side . . .

Knowingly they sit together and gaze toward the decaying town.
One bright goldenrod is clutched tightly in his hand . . .

Waving softly in the wind it whispers gently, a message he will
always hear.

—CAROLE NICKENS





WHILE THE STAGE CREW continued working on the scenic riverboat backdrop, assistant director Bill Farmer gave this command: "Alright, you guys! Either shape up or SHIP out."



WITH THE RIVERBOAT setting as a backdrop, the members of the Showtime '68 cast all join in to sing the opening number.

RLC Showtime '68

Director:
Cheryl
Merkens

Assistant:
Bill Farmer



HERE MISS RITA HOYT and Miss Debbie Herbert—both "feeling groovy"—dance to the tune of the "59th Street Bridge Song."

The Rend Lake College Showtime '68, held on October 18 and 19, was truly a "variety" show. From the opening number to the final strum of "The Second Tuesday of Next Week" electric guitars, Showtime '68 successfully entertained its audience. The production was accented by solos, dance routines, a pantomime, a comedy routine, a folk quartet, bands, a classical guitar, and a great team of MCs.

Showtime '68 will long be remembered by many people. Some will remember it and think of the hours of hard work that were put in on the stage settings, lights, and the over-all production. Some will remember the thrill of Showtime '68 when they sang or danced or acted. Still others will feel relief and accomplishment that Showtime '68 is now in the past. Those who merely sat, watched, dreamed, and enjoyed the first production of the 1968-69 RLC school year will remember and think of the hour of relaxation. No matter who they are, all will remember Showtime '68 as a success.

ON STAGE CAST

MC Larry White, assisted by Debbie DeWitt, Allyson Clark, and Jacque Gaunt; dancers: Linda Atchison, Vickie LaLomondier, Sarah Carlyle, Debbie Pullis, Rita Hoyt, Kathy Ford; vocalists: Connie Kinison, Becky Browning, Judy Sneed, and Roberta Basham, plus Ken Burzynski, Steve Speake, Debbie Herbert, Dave Etheridge, and Bill Bullard and Randy Martin with "The Second Tuesday of Next Week;" and in the musical portion were Tom Anderson and the Rend Lake College Band.

OFF STAGE CREW

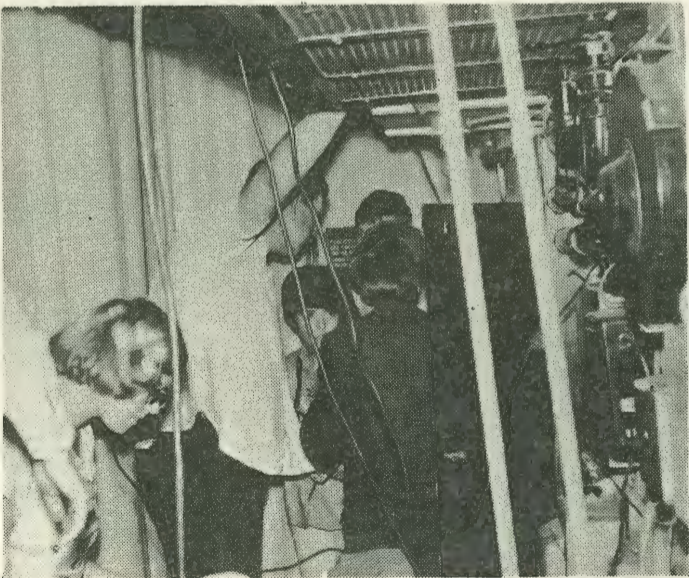
Heading the technical end was stage manager Alberta Langa; painting crew: Tim Murphy and Shirley Witches; light crew: Charles Wilson, Bruce Reeves, Mike Jones, and Ann Benoist; plus the backstage crew: Sandy Talbert, Paula Hayse, Sandra Beasley, Linda Flaughter, Jim Cox, Karen Prasuhn, and Gaynel Shear.



Friday,
Oct. 18

Saturday,
Oct. 19

.. HI! This is a demitasse and I'm Demitasse Debbie!"



INTENTLY DISCUSSING some sort of "stage-talk are just a few of the behind-the-scenes, unsung heroes—the stage crew.



... Miss Roberta Basham, Miss Judy Sneed, Miss Connie Kinison, and Miss Becky Browning, the bonnie belles from Benton, sang their way into the hearts of the audience.

WHILE THE STAGE crew continued preparing for the Friday and Saturday night performances, Miss Becky Fields and Ken Burzynski (on the piano bench) discussed one of the many pre-show problems with Miss Cheryl Merkens, director, and Larry White, MC.



THE LOVELY ASSISTANT MCs, Miss Jacque Gaunt, Miss Allyson Clark, and Miss Debbie DeWitt, nonchalantly take their places with bashful, self-conscious Larry White.

Writing and Layouts,
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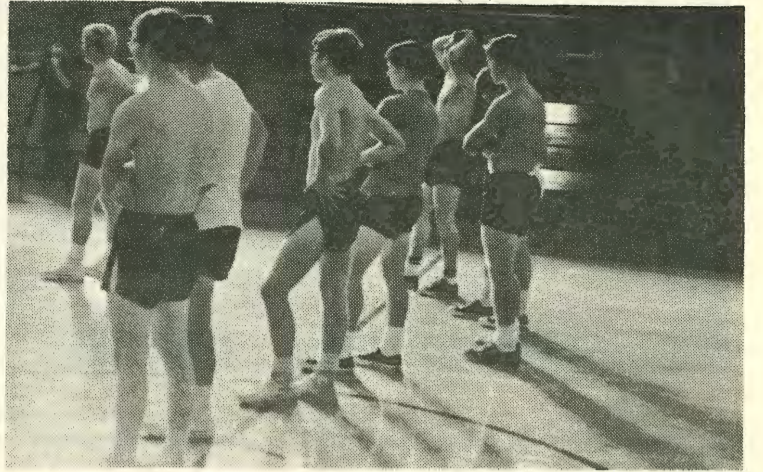


ON DEFENSE is Gary King as he keeps a sharp eye on forward Phil Bowling. Also on guard are Tim Lee and Mike Weatherly. The man with the ball is Larry Tutt.

Warriors '69 Debut Nov. 19

The Rend Lake College Warriors are set for the 1968-69 basketball season. The final 13 players have been picked and are working toward the season opener against the college alumni. Coach Waugh and the Warriors have been working in the armory the past three weeks. The Warriors play their opening game at home against the former players of the Mt. Vernon Community College on November 19.

On the Warrior team are Larry Tutt, Bob Little, Phil Bowling, Mike Badgett, Bob Donoho, Bob Windhorst, Randy Siuda, Ed Johnson, Jim Birker, Tom Taylor, Larry Storecipher, Merle Upchurch, and Tim Lee.



AWAITING THEIR TURN to try out are these eight hopefuls; Ron Henson, George Morgan, Ed Johnson, Gene Pursell, Mike Weatherly, Bob Donoho, Mike Badgett, and Tim Lee.

Farley

Notes:



Last issue I predicted high school and college football games for the first time. I'm happy to say that none of my blood was lost and the results were far better than I expected. Results from my predictions

were 23-7-1 for a percentage of .767.

I hope that I live to see this week's results! Here are my predictions for the weekend of November 1 and 2.

COLLEGE PREDICTS

- Air Force 21, North Carolina 10
 - Alabama 24, Miss State 7
 - Arkansas 33, Texas A&M 21
 - Penn State 28, Army 14
 - Auburn 26, Florida 21
 - Baylor 14, TCU 28
 - California 31, Washington 14
 - Clemson 20, N. Carolina State 13
 - Kansas 46, Colorado 20
 - Georgia Tech 20, Duke 7
 - Florida State 30, Virginia Tech 13
 - Georgia 16, Houston 14
 - Purdue 44, Illinois 13
 - Indiana 27, Wisconsin 6
 - Minnesota 20, Iowa 17
 - Oklahoma 31, Kansas State 23
 - LSU 15, Mississippi 13
 - Miami 44, Pittsburgh 12
 - Ohio State 19, Michigan State 14
 - Michigan 27, Northwestern 17
 - Missouri 20, Oklahoma State 13
 - Notre Dame 54, Navy 7
 - Nebraska 20, Iowa State 10
 - Stanford 27, Oregon State 20
 - Southern Cal 27, Oregon 6
 - Texas Tech 24, Rice 10
 - SIU 20, Youngston 19
 - SMU 28, Texas 19
 - Syracuse 38, Holy Cross 10
 - Tennessee 23, UCLA 13
 - Arizona 20, Washington St. 17
 - Wyoming 13, Colorado State 10
 - Yale 34, Dartmouth 14
- #### HIGH SCHOOL PREDICTS
- Centralia 20, Mt. Vernon 13
 - Carbondale 40, Benton 0
 - Harrisburg 26, W. Frankfort 19
 - Marion 27, Eldorado 7
 - Johnston City 26, Herrin 13

SEA Plans, Installs

By KIRK KIMMEL

At the latest business meeting of the Student Education Association, plans for future events were discussed. In addition,

the constitution was read and a committee was set up to see if any revisions needed to be made. Also nominations for the various posts in the association were made.

Yankee Hurler Reid at RLC

By BOB FARLEY

For an undisclosed bonus, rumored to be well into the five figure set, Rend Lake College has its first professional ever in Dave Reid. Reid is a former baseball and basketball star from Sesser.

Reid was approached last summer by Yankee scout Lou Maguala and was sent to pitch Class A ball for Johnson City, Tenn., of the Appalachian League.

A fastball artist, he posted a fine 7-2 won-lost record to go with a 3.21 earned run average. With these credits, Dave helped his club finish only 1/2 game behind the pennant winning Marion Mets.

Next summer Reid is slated to pitch for either Fort Lauderdale of the Florida State League or Oneonta of the New York-Pennsylvania League. There are a lot of top young pitchers in the majors this year, I imagine the Yankees could use one more. Will Dave Reid be one of them?

THE PRESSING TIMES will again this year be sending Christmas cards to servicemen. We would like to have the names of those men who have attended either Rend Lake College or Mt. Vernon Community College and also the names of those who live in the Junior College District No. 521.

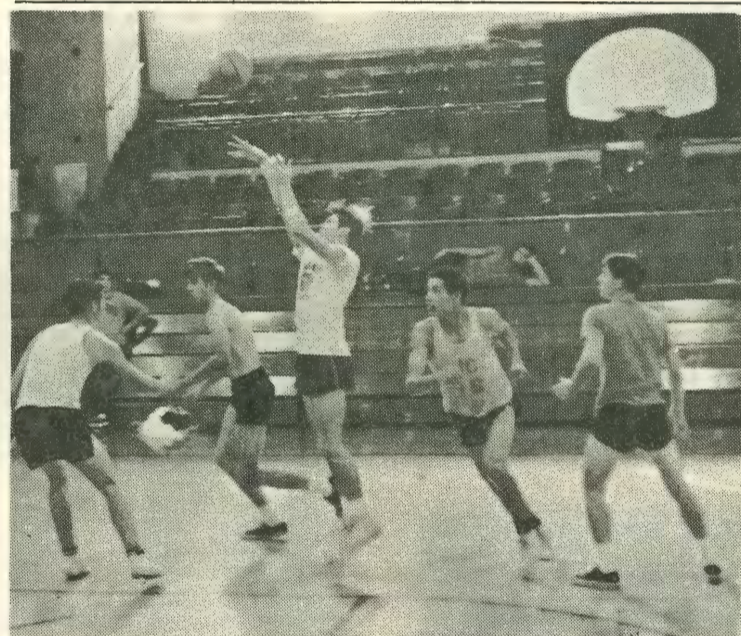
MISS PRASUHN, Co-Editor

Miss Karen Prasuhn will co-edit the TARN. The TARN, the yearbook of RLC, is published annually under the direction of John Traver. In announcing the addition to the editorship, editor Albert Jungers cited Miss Prasuhn's ability as the reason for her moving up into the position that is usually held by just one person.

Three of the top offices were filled in an election last year. Those three included President Kathy Herzing, Vice-President James Aydt, and Treasurer Joan Karcher. Those officers who received their offices this year were James Aydt as Program Chairman, assisted by Joyce Thomas and Jean Odum and Tex Gilligan; Diana Watts as Membership Chairman, assisted by Kay Royster; David Riley as Student Aid Chairman, backed up by Jean Odum and Joyce Thomas; Albert Jungers as Publicity Chairman, assisted by Georgia Shanks; plus Joan Karcher as Budget Chairman, assisted by Bruce Wolfe. The Secretary is Leslie Page.

The SEA officers were installed on October 24. The installment of the officers was a simple, but formal, ceremony. After the speeches, a reception was held in the honor of the new officers.

The hayride sponsored by the Student Education Association was, in the words of one who went, "a smashing success." The riders organized at the school and piled into cars before they shot out into the country. At the farm the students leaped into the wagons; although their supervisors, Mrs. Imogene



RUSHING FORWARD to get the rebound, but blocked by Phil Boldyun is Rubenacker. While Jim Birker finishes the shot, Larry Tutt and Mike Weatherly head for the rebound.

Book and Wayne Arnold, used a little less speed.

As spurts of rain drifted down upon the unsuspecting students, the riders buried themselves in the hay. The only other hindrance was a student photographer for the yearbook who had the knack of taking pictures of everyone at the wrong moment.



UNDER THE BASKET are Merle Upchurch, Randy Siuda, and Gary King. Leaping high to make the shot is Larry Tutt.



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