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Phi Theta Kappa Installs New Members

All RLC students who made a 3.5 or above average spring semester 1972 were honored at a formal initiation given by Rho Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Fraternity.

Almost seventy students were invited to join the club. The initiation was held 3 p.m., Sunday, October 15, in the Oasis.

Officers for the 1972-1973 year are the following: Gayla Harrelson, president; Mary Lynn Bertocchi, secretary; and Joni Toigo, treasurer. Myron Foley is the sponsor.

Those joining PTK are the following: Kurt Strothmann, Teresa Ramey, Meindy Crain, John Maurer, Maurice Kirsch, Mike Miller, Fred Vallowe,

Jan Hutson, Diana Tuttle, Renee Dunbar, Susan Joiner, Carol Kellerman, Gary Nelson, Debbie Tennant, Margaret Dykes, Bonnie Hicks, Connie Dudley, Carol Coatney, Pam Stewart, Dotty Hogue, Cathy Hicks, Mark Lee, Sonny Wyatt, and Gary Peacock.

Many activities are being planned for the year.

Veterans Get G. I. Bill Raise

President Nixon signed into law a 27% increase in the G. I. Bill entitlement last October 24. This increase being retroactive to September 1, 1972.

Also with the pay raise comes other changes in the Bill.

Effective immediately is the VA Early Payment Plan whereby the veteran-student will receive the month's entitlement in advance rather than at the end of that month.

For the female veteran there is more good news — up until the enactment of the pay increase a married female veteran-student could claim her husband as a dependent only if he were disabled and relied on her income. Now she may claim him regardless of the amount of his income or the excellence of his health. In fact, it was pointed out by Veterans Assistance Officer, Tom Lefferts of the Chicago Re-

gional Office, that two vets, being married (hopefully one male and one female), can claim each other entitling both to \$261 per month.

Vets who have not received a check at this time should check with Bob Fowler or Jim Dycus, veterans outreach counselors, to see their entitlement's progress on the bi-weekly status list.

Mr. Lefferts further pointed out that vets who have not re-

ceived their checks at this time but have met all necessary requirements could expect September's payment, October's payment, and November's payment in advance, all in one lump sum, at the rate of the new pay scale. This lump sum payment, according to Mr. Lefferts, should arrive at the student's mailbox during the first ten days of November.

Those who have already received the first month's bene-

fit can expect October's and November's payment during the first ten days of November and a check for the retroactive portion near the end of November.

Mr. Lefferts also said that to avoid confusion in dissemination of the new VA info students should contact the Veterans Assistance Regional Office in Chicago directly by the use of the toll free number 1-800-972-9140.

Student Senate Activities

"Committees! Committees! Will there ever be an end?"

This cry may be heard from student senate members at 1 p. m. on Wednesdays following a tedious senate meeting. Various members of the senate have been appointed to serve on or head committees for orientation and graduation, student achievement award, athletic recreation, fine arts and numerous other activities at RLC.

Senate has taken responsibility for the bulletin boards in the Oasis. These boards are used for student use and all material must be approved by Kurt Strothmann, Tom Denton, or Jim Finole. The bulletin boards by the faculty offices are for faculty use, and the boards in the academic building are for official use only.

Senate has approved a new club named the Couth Club. This club is a service club on campus and its main kickbacks are "get in good with faculty and lots of parties" stated Susan Stiff, president of the club.

The Senate has made possible for an outside bulletin board which will be paid for by the Board of Trustees.

Business Department Displays Equipment

An exhibit of the latest in office equipment was held by the business department of RLC, in cooperation with several leading business machines companies.

The exhibit was displayed on the second floor of the academic building from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. Tuesday, October 31.

Parents, businessmen, teachers, students, secretaries and other interested persons were able to see the latest in printing calculators, electronic calculators, rotary calculators, ten-key adding machines, full-key adding machines, duplicating equipment, transcribing equipment, etc.

High schools represented at the display were Mt. Vernon, Benton, Christopher, Tamaroa, Dahlgren, Zeigler - Royalton, and Pinckneyville.

Ms. Gela Goin, secretarial science department head, reports that "student response was much better this year than in the past."



Board of Trustees Discuss Current Issues



The meeting of RLC board of trustees was held Tuesday, October 10. There were many items of discussion that are of special interest to RLC students.

The automotive department was the recipient of a brand new Vega station wagon. The car was donated by Brehm-Hanna Chevrolet of Mt. Vernon, and is to be for demonstration and instruction purposes only.

There will be two new cars

that will be used on campus though. The board voted to purchase two new Chevy Impalas from Bert Baker, Benton, Illinois, who submitted the low bid.

Other items acted on include:

1. Accept bids for a fence around the baseball diamond to cost between \$2100 and \$2300.

2. Accept bids for telescoping scaffolding for replacing

lights in the gym, to cost around \$2500.

3. Voted to accept two graduate students from SIU to work as interns in the RLC agriculture department. These interns are provided by the university and come to the school for on the job training, and come at no cost to RLC.

These board meetings are open to the public, and students are encouraged to attend, as most of the decisions concerning you and your time at RLC are made here.

Rebuilding North Access Road

It looks as if the students using the north entrance to RLC will not have to use boats after all.

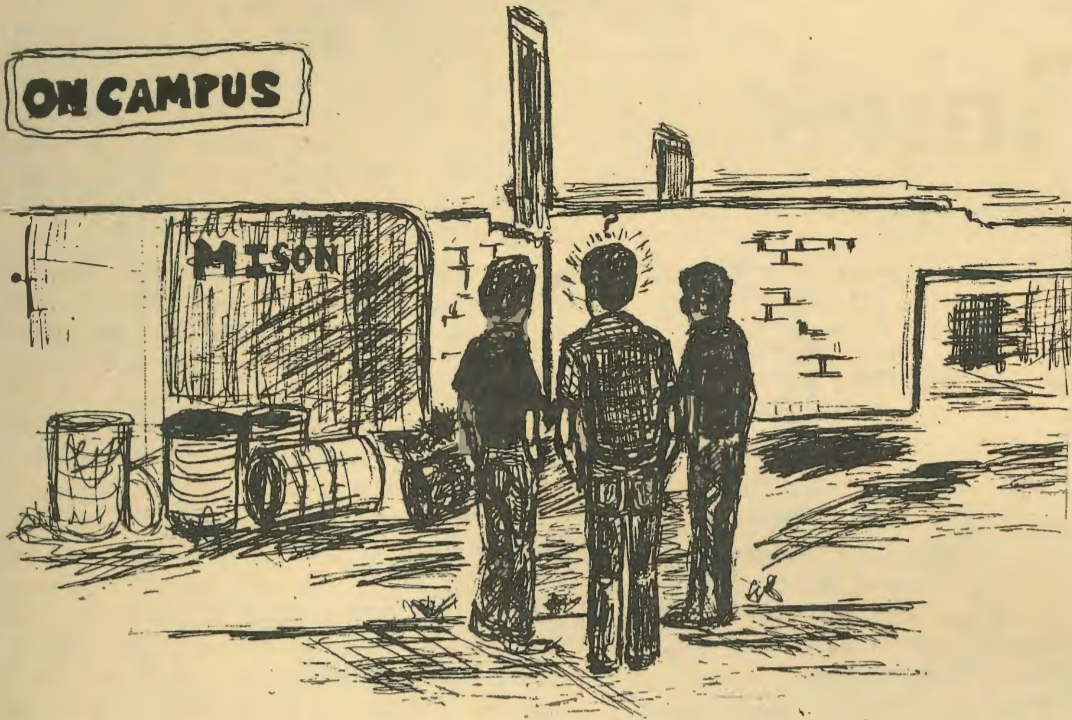
Located just off the Ina exit from highway 57, the road was found closed Monday, Sept. 18. This temporary inconvenience is very necessary. The road was planned to be closed for about three weeks, be re-opened as a gravel road and to be later blacktopped. However, it has been delayed by inclement weather.

Mr. Webb explained that the road would have been under water in several places when Rend Lake is completely filled. There are two low line areas with a creek bed going across the road. The planned remedy for this is two "box culverts" to level it out and raise it about five or six feet.

The road may be widened a little and be made somewhat straighter. Any other changes are uncertain, but Mr. Webb seemed to believe the sharp narrow turn off might be corrected also.

The work is to be done by the Southern Asphalt Company of Mt. Vernon and is financed by the Army Corps of Engineers, the school, and the county. The portion of the road next to the campus is financed by RLC and the county, since RLC owns that part. The rest of the road is owned by the Army Corps of Engineers, and they have agreed to have the road fixed. This will be done at no immediate profit to them, but access roads to the lake may later branch off from the entrance road.

ON CAMPUS



"WELL WHAT DO YOU THINK" OF THE STUDENT CENTER? BY KDD

"Parlez-vous Francais"

"Comment allez-vous?" "Tres bien merci, et-vous?" This is only the simplest part of the French conversation that takes place every Thursday at 12 p. m. in the Oasis. The participants consist of Ms. Carolann DeSelms, RLC French instructor, Julian Levesque, RLC mathematics instructor, and Ms. Jim Lacy, a native of Paris, France.

In case you're wondering why these people speak French so well, Ms. DeSelms has simply studied French until she has become a very good speaker of the language. And as a current French student I can certainly vouch for that. Mr. Levesque grew up in a community in Massachusetts in which French was spoken, so naturally he was able to learn the language without much difficulty.

So if you have some time to kill before your next class, drop by and sit in on the French hour because its a great way to build your French vocabulary.

The DeWitts Travel to Germany

Mr. and Ms. Judd DeWitt spent five weeks in Europe from July 17 through August 23.

Mr. and Ms. DeWitt lived in Germany for eight years previous to Mr. DeWitt's coming to Rend Lake College. Mr. and Ms. Lennant Person of Sweden were the friends the DeWitts spent most of their time with. The families didn't meet because they were neighbors but because of Mr. Person's good samaritanism to Ms. DeWitt. Ms. DeWitt accompanied a group of RLC students to Germany on a train. While in another compartment of the train, the last cars of the train jumped the tracks. As a result, Ms. DeWitt lost her luggage and her money. Mr. Person assisted her in getting her belongings back so she could return safely to Germany. Ever since this occasion the families have been the best of friends.

If one would ask Mr. DeWitt about Germany his general comments would be that Germany is a beautiful, clean country with very compact cities. It is a land of great var-

by Mary Gerber



ety as is the U. S. including mountains, plains, and forests. The weather is extremely comfortable usually ranging between 65 degrees and 75 degrees in the summer.

The fact that at least one clerk in every store speaks English proves that it is spoken by many people. German people overall are energetic and hard working. As you probably have read, the Munich section inhabitants are fun-loving and traditional. The people on the whole are friendly to tourists.

In comparison to the U. S., German young people are not as apathetic as our citizens. They are very curious and interested in governmental affairs. Hitch-hiking is legal and frequently occurs.

Returning to Mr. and Ms. DeWitt we find them at the highlight of their trip, their visit to the Olympic grounds in Munich. They observed swimmers practicing for the great festivity. It took them a day to tour it and they only covered about one-half of the grounds.

Graduation Poll Shows Mixed Student Views

Last year there was some discussion as to whether attendance at graduation should be required as it is now to receive a diploma. Howard Rawlinson, dean of Rend Lake College, conducted a survey of the students to find out their opinions. The following is a report of the outcome of this survey:

The questions are listed below on the left-hand side with the columns at the right showing the number and percentage of responses to each question. Percentages were calculated on the basis of the responses to each question rather than on the total number of responses.

| | Responses | | Percentages | |
|--|-----------|----|-------------|----|
| | YES | NO | YES | NO |
| 1. Do you think Rend Lake College should eliminate the practice of holding graduation exercises? | 43 | 54 | 44 | 56 |
| 2. Would your parents be disappointed if they did not have an opportunity to see you receive your diploma? Please ask their opinion. | 46 | 51 | 47 | 53 |
| 3. Attendance at graduation exercises is now a requirement for graduation. Do you think attendance should be made optional? | 68 | 28 | 71 | 29 |
| 4. If attendance at graduation exercises were optional, would you attend these exercises? | 59 | 36 | 62 | 38 |
| 5. If we continue to have graduation exercises, would you favor abolishing the wearing of academic regalia? | 45 | 52 | 46 | 54 |
| 6. If we no longer wear robes and hoods, would you also favor eliminating the academic procession? | 54 | 43 | 56 | 44 |

Conclusions:

It seems to the writer that the opinion of students regarding the retention of graduation exercises seems to be remarkably well divided, with 56% favoring retention of the practice and only 47% feeling that their parents would be disappointed if the ceremonies were discontinued.

The most significant answers seemed to be to Questions No. 3 and 4, with 71% indicating that attendance at the graduation ceremony should be optional; however, 62% indicated that they would attend even though attendance were not required.

The panoply of graduation appeals 54% of the students who favor the wearing of academic regalia while 56% would favor doing away with the academic procession if the wearing of robes were discontinued.

Several of the students took the time to make individual comment. Although these varied considerably, they seemed to indicate that students felt graduation exercises ought to be retained — especially for those who would terminate their formal schooling with junior college but that attendance should be optional. They questioned whether the money saved by abandoning the wearing of academic regalia would make a significant difference in the educational program. It appears that making attendance at graduation ceremonies optional rather than a requirement for graduation would meet with the approval of most students and would still provide a ceremony which would receive good attendance and would give an opportunity for recognition to those desiring it.

Results of the opinionnaire and the last paragraph of Dr. Rawlinson's conclusions show the majority of students feel that graduation should be optional. In June 1969 the cost of graduation to RLC was \$1158.53; in June 1970 the cost was \$1599.69; in June 1971 the cost was \$2503.74; and, in June 1972 the cost was \$2548.76. Each year, with an increase in students, the cost of graduation rises. By making graduation optional, the cost would be lower since there would be students who would not attend. Money spent on the student who wanted to attend graduation would be worthwhile; the student who did not want to attend would save his own time and money and also that of the college.

Both the college and students of RLC will benefit if graduation is optional. The student who will graduate at the end of fall semester and does not want to attend exercises in June, the student who does not want to spend his money on graduation, or the student who simply feels that graduation is not important to him should make his views known by writing a letter to the editor, starting or signing a petition, or expressing his views to any Student Senate member.

Faculty Profile: W. T. Brammeier

by Mary Gerber

William T. Brammeier was born and raised on a farm in Washington County, Ill. He was graduated from a one-room school called Luney Elementary which had its desks bolted to the floor and pot-bellied stove in the corner. From there he was graduated from Nashville High School.

At the age of 18 he joined the U. S. Navy. His travels were mostly in the U. S. except a brief six weeks period spent in Iceland. In the navy, he was classified as a navy hospital corpsman, a rank just below a nurse. On one occasion, with a fellow corpsman, Mr. Brammeier drew blood from some 5,000 marines at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

Mr. Brammeier's dream was

to become a farmer-rancher, but because of insufficient funds to buy land, he was unable to do this. As Mr. Brammeier termed it "The Man upstairs pointed His finger towards teaching." So as a second choice Mr. Brammeier started teaching English at Taylorville High School in 1962. For six years he taught at Taylorville and then he came to Rend Lake in 1969.

With a split major in English and Journalism, Mr. Brammeier received his B. A. from McKendree College. He obtained his M. A. from the University of Illinois in literature and is doing post-masters work at S.I.U.

Mr. Brammeier teaches English 101, freshman Rhetoric and Composition 111, 112 and Classical Literature 211. As

sponsor of our yearbook, TARN, he advises the staff members on matters that they are uncertain about.

As many of our RLC teachers do, Mr. Brammeier sometimes uses a system called a modified Socratic method in teaching. With this method,

he asks students questions continuously until they arrive at the logical conclusions. Another method he uses is primarily concerned with letting the students find out exactly what they need to know and then helping them learn it.



MR. WILLIAM T. BRAMMEIER takes time out from a busy day to pose for an RLC Pressing Times photographer.

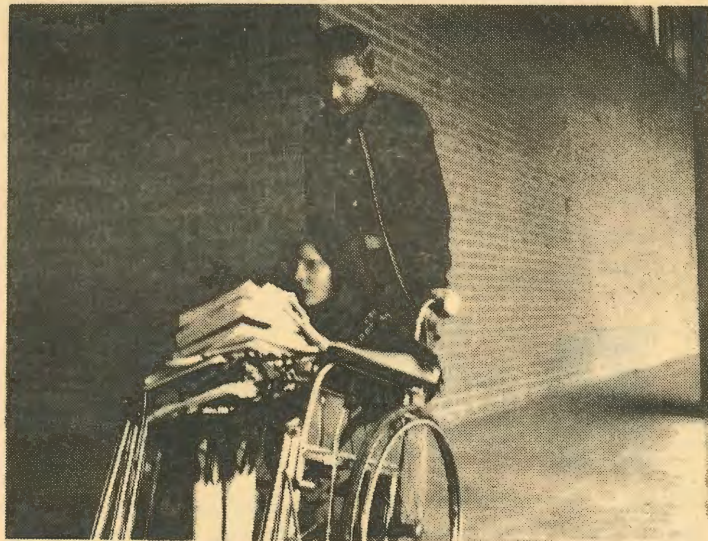
Juke Box Dispute Settled

Tuesday, October 25, Kurt Strothmann, Student Senate president, informed Vets Club President Jim Dobbs that a formal written complaint against the juke box had been filed with Dr. Ward, dean of the college. Dobbs was made aware that his presence was requested at a conference with Dr. Ward at 1 p. m., Wednesday, October 26.

Turning up the volume of the juke box by an anonymous villian was the body of the complaint. After discussing the problem, it was agreed to cover the volume control to prevent tampering.

It was also revealed that the Vets Club is in the process of purchasing additional speakers to be placed in the west wing of the Oasis in an effort to create more even sound distribution. If this plan is successful, and if the students are in favor, it is also planned to place additional speakers in the east wing.

Present at the meeting were Dr. Ward, Dr. Estes, Kurt Strothmann, Jim Dobbs, Brad Davis, Mike O'Keefe, and Robert Webb, head of the maintenance department.



On Being Handicapped and a Full-Time Student at RLC

BY JOYCE RICHARDS

I wait patiently and a bit nervously in the front seat of the car while Terry, at the rear, pulls and tugs the cold metal and wheels from the trunk of the car. It's five minutes before class starts and part of the day's task is already over. As Terry opens the door, I can feel the crisp Autumn air rush inside the car, him lifting me gently from the seat to "my chair," and the awareness that it's just another day in my life.

On September 6, 1972, I made my debut as the first wheelchair student ever to attend Rend Lake College. Now this can be quite a privilege, but at the same time it can also be very scary. I know I made it through high school alright on wheels, and I intend to make it through college. I'm ready for college. The question is: is college ready for me?

I look around me at some of the public institutions and you'd think in this land of democracy with its stairs, curbs, and revolving doors, that an education was meant for everyone but the physically handicapped. Is that true?

Despite the few good facilities RLC has for the handicapped, I find in some cases the college is totally unprepared: big, heavy, one-way doors that even the able bodies students has trouble opening: sidewalks that make my wheelchair go "bump" when getting off and on: not enough ramps, and too small bathrooms. I hate to be a complainer, but problems like these do make it difficult, and, I'm afraid, will discourage wheelchair students and students with related physical handicaps from attending RLC.

I know I can hack it if the College can — (with a little help from my friends) despite the bumps, the doors, and small bathrooms, but wouldn't it be nice to engage in equality for all? — the blacks, the whites, the rich, the poor, and yes, even the handicapped!?!

Kenneth Clark's film series "Civilization" is being made available to RLC. These films are shown in S110 on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. The schedule remaining is as follows:

- Grandeur and Obedience — Nov. 14, 2:00-Nov. 15, 11:00
- The Light of Experience — Nov. 21, 2:00-Nov. 22, 11:00
- The Pursuit of Happiness — Nov. 28, 2:00-Nov. 29, 11:00
- The Smile of Reason — Dec. 5, 2:00-Dec. 6, 11:00
- The Worship of Nature — Dec. 12, 2:00-Dec. 13, 11:00
- The Fallacies of Hope — Dec. 19, 8:00-Dec. 20, 8:00
- Heroic Materialism — Dec. 19, 2:00-Dec. 20, 11:00

Poetic Faculty

One should never cease to marvel at the creativity of the RLC faculty. This fact is illustrated by two poems created by two faculty members in regard to the flower fund.

Ms. Betty Ann Ward, counselor, created this first poem as a reminder to the faculty to pay their contribution to the fund.

Hence:

Less than 50% have paid their "dues"

This may not strike you as earth shaking news

Please pay your \$5.00 to BAWard

Hoping you will not need a reward

Of flowers from the flower fund;

But if you do, it will be done.

This notice was responded by another creative faculty member who wrote:

At some things I'm good — at others I'm not.

I remember some things I should have forgot —

The things I forgot I often regret

As does the person who gets his feet wet.

So in order to keep our flower fund alive

Here is my long awaited, overdue five.

Gene Estes

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Students Share Group Session

By MARY LYNN BERTOCCHI

Jan Hutson, Kurt Strothmann, and I attended two sessions on student evaluation and grading at the American Association of Higher Education conference. The following is a summary of the session.

Have you ever heard teachers argue with each other instead of students? Our first session contained many heated discussions about whether or not grading should be abolished.

The first plan introduced was "the bankruptcy plan." It allows all failing marks and courses to be removed from a student's transcript. This plan aroused little discussion.

The second plan introduced was the Goddard plan which is a critique or written record of evaluation describing how well a student excels in a course. It is used as a transcript.

Only two instructors in our group were completely for using the Goddard plan. An art instructor from Webster College uses the plan. He stated, "An F mark on a transcript is a blemish. Grades should be done away with. I hope that we can start educating teachers and parents away from the grading system."

The above opinion aroused much opposition from other instructors, especially those from junior colleges. An instructor from Forest Park Community College said that if no grades are given on a transcript with the credit hours (a junior college transcript), a senior college will automatically assume that the student earned C's. He felt this would be penalizing the A or B student.

The contract learning plan adopted at New College at the University of Alabama was also discussed. The student agrees to do a piece of work within a term. The student and his faculty sponsor determine the student's program and then together evaluate the student's completed work. After the terms of the contract are completed, the credit for the course is granted.

Although these plans are being introduced and tried, it seems that grades are still the best method of recording a student's progress.

DID YOU KNOW—

... To meet graduation requirements it isn't necessary to take Art 111 or Music 110 if you have had two hours or more in music or art?

That the name Tarn, RLC year book means small lake, steep-banked mountain lake or pool?

Saint Louis University



Left to right: Jan Hutson, Mary Lynn Bertocchi, Kurt Strothmann, and Vincent Cain arrive . . .

Eight Attend higher education meeting

by Jean Bondi

New approaches to undergraduate education was the theme of the regional meeting of the American Association for Higher Education held in St. Louis on October 12.

The information-sharing conference was held in the Busch Memorial Center at St. Louis University.

Teachers and students from RLC were accompanied to the meeting by Dr. Phillip Ward, dean of the college.

Those participating in the group information-sharing sessions, and their comments, are as follows:

James Waugh, in a group discussion of faculty competency and evaluation; "It was very beneficial to me. They looked at it from several angles — peers, faculty, students, administration and specifics, more use of audio-visuals in developing evaluation forms and competency."

Jan Hutson; "I thought it was very interesting and learned quite a bit from it from the point of view of an instructor. I never realized before it is so hard to rate a student."

Robert Jones; "The discussion groups were enlightening, informative, and re-inforced some ideas about innovation in teaching."

Mary Lynn Bertocchi: "Because I plan to go into the teaching profession; I was glad to attend a higher education conference. It gave me some insights on the problems a teacher faces when grading students.

Although no feasible alternative for grades was given, the session did help me to realize that evaluating students is probably one of the most difficult parts of teaching."

Kurt Strothmann: "It was one of the most interesting exposures I have had to education."

Vincent Cain: "I think it was a good experience for students, who will be future educators, to meet other teachers, educators."

Jean Bondi: "In the information sharing session, 'Individual Programs of Study,' 19 institutions were represented. This session mostly helped to see the variety of schools and what was valued most by the individual schools."

Brandon on Faculty Advisory Committee

Max E. Brandon, RLC political science instructor, attended a meeting of the faculty advisory committee to the Illinois State Board of Higher Education on Oct. 20 at the La Salle Hotel in Chicago.

During the meeting many aspects of the proposed Lincoln State University, college without walls, was considered.

The discussion brought out the following points:

1. What will be the cost of establishing such a university and will it actually save money;
2. more spadework needs to be done in order to explore the ap-

RLC

The session on 'Non-Traditional Studies,' was interesting with a discussion of the non-traditional institutions including Empire State College. This university without walls is a non-residential college of the University of New York system. It has four learning centers in the New York area and one in London. A learning contract is made between the faculty advisor and the student. This provides for action, reflection, study, evaluation in an area of student interest and opportunities of extensive field service.

3. will the development of this university interfere with the further development of junior colleges;
4. recommendation of a study to determine the numbers and kinds of clientele who will have a need for this kind of educational institution.

The faculty advisory committee reacted negatively to the proposal until further consideration is given to all aspects of the proposed university.

DeWitt Goes To Belleville

A score of people interested in the well-being of their communities gathered at St. Augustine's restaurant in Belleville October 19 and 20. Among them was Mr. DeWitt, psychology instructor at RLC.

Mr. DeWitt arrived at St. Augustine's at 11:45 a. m. October 19 and stayed until the sessions were completed that evening.

Later Mr. DeWitt participated in an informal discussion "Treatment alternatives to institutionalization for seriously emotionally disturbed children and adolescents." Michael Stern, Ph.D., director of Children's Center for Behavioral Development at Cahokia, Illinois, and Fred Golden, Ph.D., community supervisor of the Center lead the discussion. Daytime treatment programs, community-based programs, consultation, and training of a variety of caregivers and parents were some of the topics discussed.

Mr. DeWitt summed up the events of the day by saying that the atmosphere was filled with interested people who had a definite purpose for being at the meeting.

In some institutions credit is being given for previous experience, knowledge, and past job experience such as the Peace Corps. Most participants in these programs shared with others in the group session that they found it difficult to evaluate the student.

Participants of the meeting visited the Idea Market Place. Tables of literature were available as were representatives of many of the institutions in the Illinois-Missouri area to share some of the new methods or ideas of teaching.

Mr. Brandon said he had reservations about the need for establishing Lincoln University. He said, "Seems this is the real purpose of junior colleges, to meet the educational needs of the people in communities where they reside. Now we come back and maybe we are not doing that if this university without walls is to be established."

Another concern of the faculty advisory committee is if there will be an acceptance by the traditional institutions of the credits or degrees awarded by the proposed Lincoln University.

RLC Represented at Press Day

The fifth annual Jr. College Press Day was held at the Student Center at S.I.U. the weekend of 19-20 October.

The activities this year included: a dinner with guest speaker Oliver Caldwell, a for-

mer triple agent in China who presently lives in Murphysboro, Ill.; a panel discussion on organizing the staff with representatives from various area colleges; a tour of the School of Journalism and photo facili-

ties of the "Daily Egyptian;" and lectures by area journalism instructors.

RLC was represented by three staff members of "The Pressing Times," and Dr. Claxton. "Brammeier's Bunch" was in attendance for that part of the conference concerning year-books. All who attended the Press Day dinner agreed that Mr. Caldwell's speech was the high point of the conference.

Mr. Caldwell is the author of "Secret War—America in China." It is his personal chronicle of events that he was witness to and is very informative. Most people in Southern Illinois are not even aware that a person of Mr. Caldwell's qualifications is living among them. He has had the opportunity to be exposed to a lot more than the average person, and many of his views reflect this.

Counselors Conference



Left to right: Albert Gulley, Benton High School guidance counselor; Barbara Tomek, RLC counselor; Marsha Marvel, Waltonville; Lucille Craddock, guidance director, Benton; and Ed Miller, Benton, at Counselors' Conference.

The fifth annual RLC Counselor Conference was held October 27 at the Holiday Inn in Benton.

The counselors and administration of the 14 high schools of the RLC district were invited. About 30 participants were

welcomed by Dr. James Snyder, president of RLC. Dean Phillip Ward told of his educational background.

on the Move

Hall Tells Upstaters Where She's From

Eleanor Hall, sociology and anthropology instructor at RLC, attended the Illinois Sociological Association Meeting on October 19 and 20 at the University of Illinois Chicago Circle Campus.

Ms. Hall attended sessions on the teaching of minority group studies and women's studies; new approaches to traditional curriculum; and on studies of drug use and abuse. Comparing notes on the program was the research team that did the drug survey in the Greater Egypt area several years ago, and another research team from Chicago who had done a similar drug survey in a Chicago suburb. During the discussion by the two research teams, Southern Illinois was referred to as the "backward area" of downstate Illinois. We have a champion supporter in Ms. Hall as she rose to the occasion and defended our area of the state!

While on the Chicago campus Ms. Hall enjoyed an unexpected opportunity to hear Jane Fonda speak. She listened

for a few minutes as Ms. Fonda spoke about Vietnam and her early remembrances of her father and the cowboys and Indians of the movies. Ms. Hall found her to be an interesting speaker.

The first session of the sociological meeting was called, "The Self Paced Tutorial Method in Introductory Sociology — An Evaluation." A panel from the University of Wisconsin at Whitewater reported on an independent learning system.

Another session was, "Student Values and Learning Opportunities," an approach to introductory sociology used at Illinois State University where students are given three options — they may elect to take a traditional lecture, exam type course; they may choose group study; or they may choose independent study.

The fact that many students tend to seek the traditional approaches was brought out in

several of the discussion sessions.

Ms. Hall found it interesting to observe a large urban university in action. Chicago Circle Campus rises in a former slum area. Jane Addams' famous Hull House social center is located on the east edge of the campus.

Highlighting in the meeting was a banquet held Thursday night. There was no speaker. It was held in a Greek restaurant in an ethnic neighborhood of South Chicago. Ms. Hall said, "The meal, which lasted two hours, was served in traditional Greek style with about seven courses of native foods. To me, this was one of the best learning experiences of the entire convention because it consisted of direct participation in a social situation I had never encountered before. More and more I believe that is really where education is, and more and more I desire to get my students into real life situations as well as into books and papers."

Doherty and Burke Travel to Conference

Dr. Richard Doherty, chairman of the social science department of RLC, and Tom Burke, instructor in social science and communications, attended the fifth annual History and Social Science conference on October 6 and 7 at Triton College at River Grove.

Dr. Joseph Morton, history professor at Northeastern Illinois State University, spoke on "The View from the Classroom and the Boardroom." He spoke of a faculty view of themselves as overworked and underpaid; an administrative view of the faculty as overpaid, underworked, and complaining; a faculty view of the trustees as a necessary evil, meddlers in educational affairs who are overly concerned with running the school like a business rather than seeking educational quality; and a trustee self-view as that of unselfish public-servant.

Dr. Robert Waller, assistant dean and instructor of history at the University of Illinois, spoke for a common program of general education to benefit all types of students as consumers in having a role in innovations to meet their needs.

Faculty members from Moraine Valley Community College presented a panel on "Innovation and Experimentation in the Social Sciences;" they are using team teaching, simulation games, individualized instruction, and interdisciplinary studies.

Oscar Shabat, chancellor of the City Colleges of Chicago, spoke of the variety of problems of his school. He felt there should be a better linkage between the knowledge teachers think they have and the problems of their communities.

"Current Perspectives in Psychology" was the topic of

Dr. Frank Costin of the University of Illinois. With twenty-two teaching assistants, he teaches a course in which the basic ingredient is presented on thirty minute tapes.

Dr. John Dahl, of the U. of I., conducted a session about cooperation between community colleges and universities.

Dr. G. Robert Dames, Illinois Junior College Board, stressed the importance of the general studies development course.

The most controversial presentation may have been that made by David Tompkins, of Northeastern Illinois State University. Professor Tompkins attacked the traditional teaching of foreign policy and decision making. He claimed that teachers taught as if they could give answers to questions of foreign policy when no answers were possible.

Instead of giving answers, Mr. Tompkins proposed that teachers should involve students in asking relevant questions and should confront students with the realities of the hidden government, increasing secrecy, and increasingly unchecked presidential power. If teachers don't confront the student with the realities, we become part of his disillusionment so that he doubts education as well as government.

Gerald A. Danzer, U. of I. at Chicago Circle, encouraged the study of local history by community colleges (as a means of better history instruction, improved public relations, and personal enrichment for students and members of the community.)

Dr. Doherty said, "This was an interesting meeting. I haven't been in a conference that emphasized change as much as this one."



Cain Visits Idea Market Place

Rend Lake Gives So. Ill. A Chance at Progress

BY BRAD SIMPSON

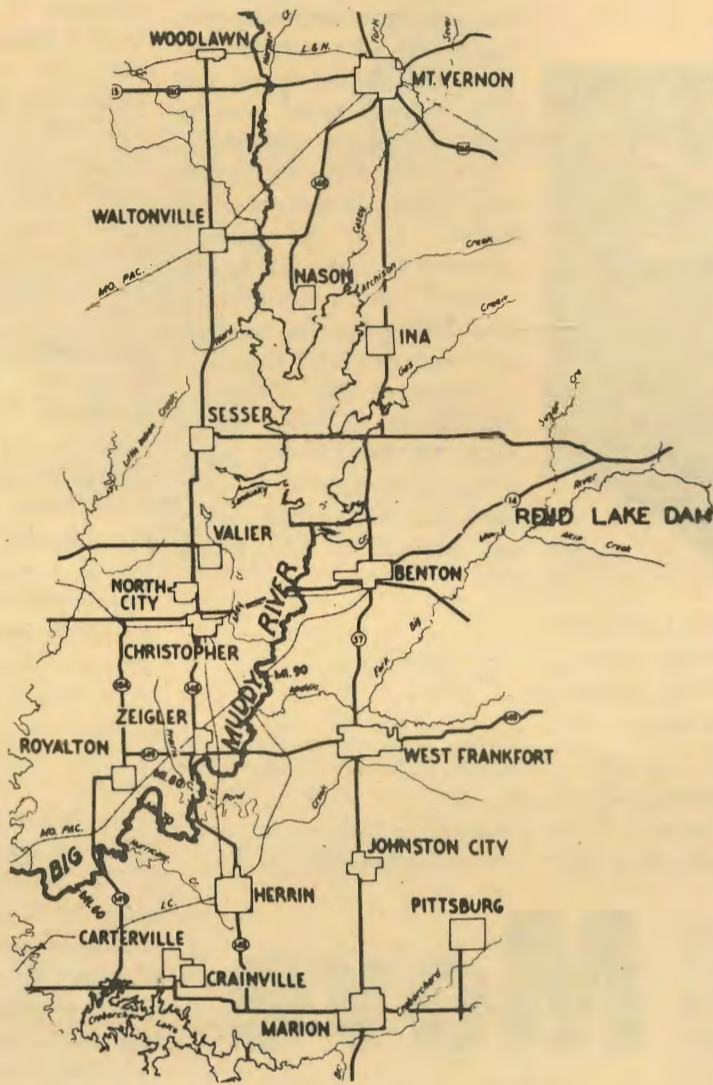
Rend Lake, a dream come true for Southern Illinois, is a new lake established in Franklin and Jefferson counties. The product of a dam constructed by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers on the Big Muddy River about three miles northwest of Benton, Ill., it is a giant compared to Crab Orchard Lake which was once thought of as Southern Illinois' answer to economic problems.

Rend Lake is unique in the fact that there are three organizations concerned with this 39,500 acre giant: the Corps of Engineers, the State of Illinois, and the Rend Lake Conservancy District. Long range plans include a 2700 acre park west of RLC, and a 27 hole golf course which will be used in conjunction with the golf class offered at RLC.

Rend Lake is opening many economic opportunities to Southern Illinois with by-products we have long needed: recreation and a tourist attraction. With camping on the boom, this is the perfect place to relax for a couple of days away from "the grind," featuring activities for the young and young-at-heart.

FISHING is a primary sport at Rend Lake, with an abundance of native fish and some species not so native to Southern Illinois, such as the Northern Pike. A conservative estimate finds that 35,000 fishermen fished at Rend Lake from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

CAMPING is another major recreational activity at the lake; 200 campsites are available in the Sandusky Creek area with more planned. Asphalt roads and pads are furnished to park camping vehicles on. Clean restrooms and drinking water are available at central locations. Showers and electricity will soon be available for a \$2.00 a night fee on one half the camping area. A one mile hiking trail with nature interpretation is being constructed in the Sandusky area.



PICNICKING at the lake may be enjoyed, with ample individual tables available. There are five picnic shelters available with room for 40 to 50 people; these may be reserved for parties by contacting the Corps of Engineers office.

BOATING is still a little hazardous because of floating debris, which is typical of a new lake, but this problem should be minimal by the summer of '73. Cement boat ramps are located at various points around the lake for easy loading and unloading. In the near future a boat marina is planned for construction to make boating even more pleasurable.

A BEACH is something that Southern Illinoisans have long desired, and Rend Lake has furnished us with a large sandy beach located in the Sandusky area. A three month tally showed an estimated 9,500 people took advantage of the swimming opportunities available. When the north road entrance to the college is finished, the lake will be allowed to rise another three feet, making swimming and boating less hazardous and more enjoyable.

Several plans are in progress for HUNTING at Rend Lake; the Atchinson and Gun Creek areas should provide excellent hunting this fall; a 5,000 acre refuge planted with grain crops is an effort to harbor winter geese. More information on hunting may be obtained at the Corps of Engineers office.

Information for this story was obtained from Phil Jenkins, assistant manager of the Rend Lake project, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers. Mr. Jenkins is a native of the German town of Altamont, Ill., a very active young man with a tough job to do. The Corps of Engineers is responsible for 7,000 acres at Rend Lake in addition to the main dam. With a minimal task force of 18 men during the fall and winter months, including the rangers who patrol 16 hours a day, the park is kept in a good state of repair.

It is this reporter's opinion that the people of Southern Illinois owe Ken Gray, the 87th Congress, the Corps of Engineers and the thousands of other people who contributed to the development of this project a thank you and a tip of the hat for giving Southern Illinois a chance to come alive.

... but Fans Small Town Rivalry

BY MARY LYNN BERTOCCHI

When I was a high school student, I noticed the friction between the small towns in Southern Illinois at any football or basketball game. But now there is another tension between these small towns.

The source of this tension is Rend Lake. Rend Lake is stirring the small towns' citizens to lay claims on the prestige and economic growth that the backers of Rend Lake have promised.

Christopher is one town that is struggling for identification with Rend Lake. Some information is given in a local newspaper, the PROGRESS. According to the newspaper this information is, "In recent years any affiliation with Rend Lake which might tangibly be proved has been attacked to places and organizations in this area. One of these affiliated is claimed by the city of Benton, which proclaims the community as 'Headquarters of Rend Lake.' In reality, Christopher was the birthplace of Rend Lake . . ."

Christopher's answer to this struggle is a newly redecorated water tower. Yes, it's their only water tower centrally located in the park. The water tower was formerly a calm, light green,

symbolic of a small town. Now it is a vibrant orange and a thunder-cloud blue, which represents the high school colors.

The tower bears the words, "Christopher, Birthplace of Rend Lake." Because town of-



officials fear that their youth will try to autograph the tower with graffiti, a nine foot fence is being erected around the tower

for protection. After all, \$2,410 was spent for painting, scaling and replacing a frost jacket for the tower.

Sesser is another town wanting to be a part of Rend Lake's prosperity. Although Sesser does not claim to be the birthplace of Rend Lake, it does claim to see prosperity coming because of Rend Lake. According to the PROGRESS, "Sesser claims the best economic growth potential." Sesser has begun renovating its main street because it is the "Western Gateway to Rend Lake."

Benton, too, claims to be an important part of Rend Lake. Benton, "Rend Lake Hospitality Center," has already shown its interest in handling Rend Lake affairs because the Rend Lake dedication parade and celebration was held there in May, 1972.

Benton high school was the scene of the Miss Rend Lake beauty pageant in 1972.

Although Rend Lake is causing rivalry among some towns, it is causing the towns in our area to make improvements. Perhaps Rend Lake will help all the towns in Southern Illinois become a more better and prosperous area in our state.



Incidentally, Benton has another new claim to fame, Doug Collins.

Maybe now, when an up-stater asks you where you are from, they just might have an idea where your hometown is because of Rend Lake.



Get To Know New Dean

By SUZI WOOLLEY

His eyes sparkled with enthusiasm and his vivacious smile welcomed me into his office. I was immediately charmed by Dr. Philip G. Ward's vitality as he sat in the chair next to me, deserting his large official desk.

Dr. Ward has assumed the position of dean that was vacated last spring by the resignation of Dr. Howard Rawlinson.

Dr. Ward attended East Detroit High School where he graduated eighth in his class. He went on to further his education at Eastern Michigan University where he received his B. A. in history and M. A. in the fields of education and history. He then proceeded to get his Ph. D. in higher education and administration at Michigan State.

His teaching experience includes teaching history in the East Detroit public schools and teaching western civilization in Macomb County Community College.

Dr. Ward was Director of Academic Centers at Cleveland State University before coming to RLC.

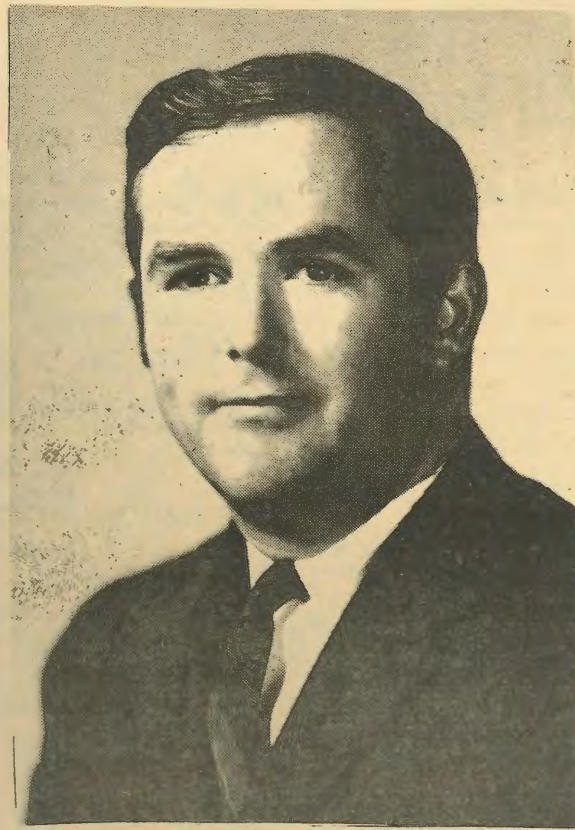
Dr. Ward is "... impressed by the friendliness of the people here" and has run into little or no difficulties in taking over the deanship.

Kurt Strothmann, president of RLC Student Senate, and Dr. Ward will be available in the Oasis from 11 a. m. until noon every Friday to answer any questions students might have. Dr. Ward feels these "know your dean" sessions will aid the communications from student to administration. He also has what he calls an "Open Door Policy" and welcomes students into his office at any time.

Dr. Ward also stresses that any student having difficulties in meeting tuition costs should look into student loans and scholarships available.

Dr. Ward and his family are now living in a motel in Mt. Vernon, patiently awaiting completion of the construction of their house at 14 Wildwood Drive, Mt. Vernon.

His wife, Isabella, taught fourth grade for five years but is now enjoying the role of housewife and mother. The Wards have three children; Heather Mary, 9; Laurel Ann, 6; and Philip Macmillan, 9 months.



Dr. Philip Ward

Reader's Theatre To Present Mr. vs. Ms.

Tryouts were held and cast selected for Reader's Theatre on Wednesday, October 18.

Those chosen to be a part of Reader's Theatre are the following: Kurt Strothmann, Rod Holman, Fred Vallowe, Suzi Woolley, Joe Bob Pierce, Lanny Donoho, Jan Hutson, Donna Kimmel, and Kathleen Schutte.

Ms. Cheryl Foley is the fearless leader of the group and has planned the performance to take place in the Oasis as one of the convocation series.

The performance is a series of satirical poetry and short readings on men vs. women. Various selections will be read of several different poets and writers.

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Do Yourself a Favor . . . Try a Lab

By DOROTHY LAMBERT

Students, are you having problems communicating? Sharpen your communication skills through the writing and reading lab programs offered at RLC.

If writing is not your bag, then see Ms. Foley at 10 a. m. on Mondays and Wednesdays in A213 or at 11 a. m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays in A210. Among the writing problems discussed are mechanics, punctuation, paragraph development, and organization.

Perhaps in the future credit will be given for participating, but now the program stands as a "come in, fix up your problem, and out" situation. Do you find that reading is your stumbling block? The reading lab can help you overcome this barrier.

The overall atmosphere of the lab is informal. There's no cut and dried routine. A student comes in, gets his packet and works to gain his own goals.

Individualized instruction takes the place of an "everybody needs everything" program. What a student studies in the session is based on what he feels he needs and his results on the Nelson-Denny reading test.

The reading lab provides cassettes, controlled reader, study mate, books, language master, and many other instruments to aid students with their vocabulary, speed, comprehension, and general study skills.

A student who participates in the program the whole semester gets three hours credit provided he has met the two general requirements. They are that you attend and get four hours a week practice and that you show progress between pre- and final tests. You may go in on your own and work out little individual skills that are keeping you from getting the most out of reading. However, you receive no credit for part-time participation.

Students, these labs are for your benefit. Make use of them.

Veterans Outreach Program

RLC has had an active Veterans Outreach program since January this year. It is supported by the Governor's Office of Human Resources.

The program is concerned with assisting local veterans with problems such as education, vocation, re-employment, medical problems. It also seeks out veterans in the community and tries to persuade them to use their educational benefits.

Jim Dycus and Bob Fowler, two RLC student veterans, are employed as veteran outreach counselors here. Fowler has been with the outreach program since it began in January, and Dycus started in June. Both are knowledgeable in veterans' benefits and are eager to assist anyone desiring information concerning these benefits.

Office hours are 9-11 a. m. on Tuesdays and Fridays in the West Conference Room of the Oasis. Other times can be arranged. Drop in and rap with these guys, it may be beneficial.

Ag Exhibit

The freshman agricultural occupations class puts a new occupation related exhibit in Room 208 each Tuesday. A committee of instructors with the sophomore agricultural occupations class evaluates them. Mr. Swink said that the purpose of these displays is to prepare the student for the day when he "is required to plan and assemble a display in a business in which he may be employed." Displays are on view Tuesday through Thursday.



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Her blouse is a white eyelet made of 100% cotton.

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RLC SPORTS

Collins To Appear

By Dennis Rice

With ISU Team

Doug Collins, Olympic basketball star, and his Illinois State teammates will play here in an inter-squad game at 8 p. m. on November 15 in the RLC gym.

The RLC Warriors will also be featured with their inter-squad game as part of a double-header, beginning the new basketball season.

Doug Collins of ISU must certainly be considered the featured player, since he performed so very well in the Summer Olympics in Munich, Germany. Along with Collins, the Cardinals boast a tall front line containing 6'11" Ron DeVries, 6'9" Stephney Bacon, 6'8" Clarence Weaver, 6'10" sophomore Steve Nelson, and 6'7"

sophomore Charlie Harper.

Promising freshmen candidates will include 6'4½" Roger Powell, 6'3½" guard "Bubbles" Hawkins, and all-state guard Mike Bonczyk of state high school champion Thornridge.

Two inter-squad games will be played, since both RLC and ISU will split their squads and play against members of their own respective teams. RLC basketball coach Jim Waugh offers that "Collins generates an excitement when he performs, because he can do so many things so well."

These games are being sponsored by the Benton Boosters Club, with admission prices being \$.50 for students and \$1.00 for adults.

RLC Basketball Team Selected

RLC basketball coach Jim Waugh has selected the basketball roster for the upcoming 1972-73 season.

The members of the team with their height, class, and position listed respectively are as follows: Terry Bradshaw, 5'9" frosh. guard; Mike Guthrie, 5'10" frosh. guard; Mike Hayes, 5'10" frosh. guard; Ron Henderson, 6'4" soph. forward;

John Kretz, 5'10" frosh. guard; Randy Lemay, 6'5" frosh. forward; Dave Loucks, 6'2" frosh. forward; J. B. Rankin, 6'5" soph. center - forward; Roy Rieckenberg, 6'9" soph. center; Ron Smith, 6'2" frosh. guard - forward; Jim Summers, 6'2" frosh. forward; Brad Weathers, 6'6" soph. forward; Sonny Wyatt, 6'0" soph. guard.

RLC AG OCCUPATIONS



Pictured - From Left to Right Dean Ardel Kimmel, Dr. Philip Ward, Rex Fouts (Chairman) Mark Kern (Dept. Chairman).

Personnel from production agriculture, machinery dealerships, agricultural representatives, and four-year institutions make up the RLC Agriculture Occupations Advisory Council.

This council was formed to serve as a liason group between the college community and the college agricultural department and to help develop an improved understanding of the district's agricultural needs.

Dr. Phillip Ward, dean of RLC, was the guest speaker at the first meeting of the council. He gave some interesting facts and directional trends of the college in the immediate future.

Mark Kern, department chairman, summarized the present enrollment and on-the-job-training programs.

Members in attendance were Keith Ferrier, Rex Fouts, Frank Shelton, Roger Webel, Jerry Ruemmler, Jerry Behimer, Roger Hull, William Hobbs, Mitchell Hopkins, Murland Foster, Ray Storch, Mark Kern, Ardell Kimmel, David Scott, Leavell Swink, Carroll Turner, Dr. Thomas Stitt, and Eugene Allen.

Intramural Sports Briefs



McGhee Shows Winning Form

HORSESHOE PITCHING: For the second straight year, Mr. Jim McGhee is champion with a 5-0 record. Second is Mr. Jim Waugh with 4-1. Other entrants were Mike Guthrie 2-3, Bruce Harmsen 3-2, Roger Treece 0-5, Jerry Warren 0-4.

TENNIS SINGLES: Jeff Parker, advanced to semifinals by beating Mark Kelly, Dwight Riefer has a first round win

DOUBLES: leaders are Jeff Parker and Mike Hertensine.

SLOW - PITCH SOFTBALL: Blanket - - Blanks and old Pros was protested so this game will be replayed at 12, Wednesday, Nov. 1.

TUG OF WAR: Vets Club has won 2 by default Couth Club and 2 didn't show.

SHUFFLEBOARD. Present standings are Jim Waugh 1-3, Roger Treece 6-2 David Cunningham 4-2, Dr. Ward 4-0, Jaci Brown 1-5, Mike McClure 4-1, Ronnie Henderson 0-5, Wayne Arnold 1-6, Sonny Wyatt 5-1, Bruce Harmsen 3-3.

TABLE TENNIS: Sign up is scheduled for Nov. 6-10. There will be seperate tournaments for; men's singles, men's doubles, womens singles, womens doubles, and coed doubles. See Ms. Pettet for entry forms.

BASKETBALL: Ten teams are signed and ready to go at 12:00 Wednesday, Nov. 1 in the gym. The first two games will be played simultaneously. This is a round robin tournament with all teams meeting each other at least once.

Warriors Have Good Season

The RLC baseball Warriors finished their short fall schedule with an impressive 4-0-1 record.

After taking two games from Southeastern College at the beginning of the season, the Warriors traveled to Kaskaskia and took two out of three games. In the first two encounters RLC outscored Kaskaskia by a combined tally of 17-0. But this was hardly the case in the third game.

In this game the Warriors tried valiantly but still could only manage a 1-1 stalemate. Nevertheless, the 4-0-1 record could be an indication of what is to come in the much longer spring schedule. And if that's the case, then Coach Mike McClure has to be very optimistic.

Here are the members of the team with their name and position listed respectively: Rod Karcher, P & 1B; Randy Lemay, P & 1B; Mike Guthrie, 3B, Rick Orlandini, P & Of; John Kretz, SS; Ron Blackburn, C-Of; Steven Hanner, P-1B; Bruce Harmsen, SS; Mike Kennedy, C; Fred Wagner, 3B; Ron Smith, Of; Richard Estes, Rf; Dave Loucks, C; Steve Vercellino, C-1B; Kevin Minor, 2B; Bruce Rheinecker, 3B-SS; Kevin Karcher, 2B; Mike Matyi, 1B; Sonny Wyatt, if-of-misc.



RAH! RAH! New RLC cheerleaders pictured are sophomores Susan Joiner, Suzi Woolley, and Jaci Brown (captain). Not present for the picture were other squad members: Jan Grubaugh, sophomore; and Berthella Stokes, freshman.

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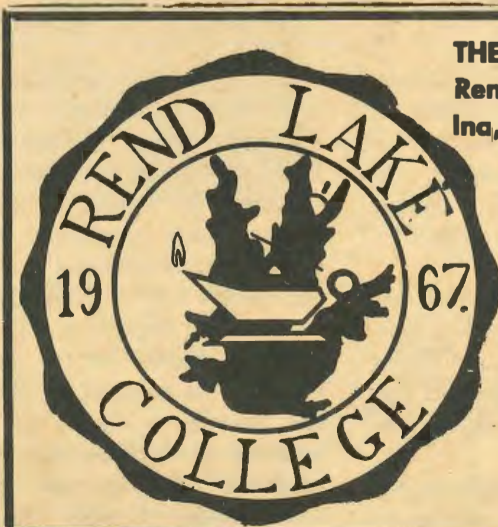
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