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"It's Not Doing Your Own Middle Class White Thing, . . . .

## It's Getting it All Done Together"

Last weekend, we spent two long days rapping with kids from all over Illinois and Wisconsin at the regional conference of the National Student Association and Collegiate Press Service held on the University of Wisconsin campus. Not only do we bring back many new ideas and plans to improve our newspaper and our student senate, but also a new sense of respect for our own administration and board.

The NSA, under which most of the conference was directed, was reorganized in 1969 as a "political organization in the sense that it is involved in things students care about," said Tom Schneider, chairman of the NSA board. NSA offers educational reform information, legal rights services, general information on what other colleges have done to solve problems, a film festival, insurance programs, and a variety of speakers available to member colleges and universities.

The Illinois-Wisconsin region of the National Student Association is perhaps the most powerful region in the United States because this region has the highest ratio of school membership of any region.

### NOT EVEN MICKEY MOUSE . . .

One of the large issues of the conference was the role of the student government and the student press on campus. Many of the schools agreed that student government, created by the administration, have no real power. Many Senates in this area have little control over the social regulations on campus, and virtually none over the academic policies of the college. As one Senator bewailed his government's Mickey Mouse effect on the administration, a brother from East St. Louis voiced it well, saying, "Even Mickey Mouse took no s--- like that."

It was suggested that student senates establish themselves as separate from the administration, that they be given the power to veto all administrative decisions on social policies of the campus, and that they invoke the administrative ten day veto plan (see page two). Naturally, these suggestions are somewhat radical plans to change student governments, but many schools need to establish themselves in this manner to have any effect on school administration whatsoever.

Both of us agree, after having encountered the problems at other schools, that RLC occupies a unique position in administrative-student government affairs. Although we are in the heart of the "Bible Belt," and Rend Lake is quite a con-

servative school, the rapport and understanding between the student government and the administration is outstanding.

RLC student government has the power to decide what the social regulations on campus will be, they have funds controlled by the senate alone to finance social affairs, they set up all convocations (which is quite rare), and have the full cooperation of the administration on whatever plans the senate put forth. Doctors Rawlinson and Snyder are apparently two of the most capable administrators in the midwest and are among the very small minority of administrators in this area who listen to student plans and complaints.

The National Student Association is sponsoring a contingent of seven college and university Student Body Presidents to travel to Saigon and then to Hanoi to negotiate with the Student Body Presidents in those countries in hopes of developing a peace plan. NSA feels that Students may be able to sit down and arrive at a conclusion whereas adults must diplomatically cop-out to preserve the national image.

Even if the whole attempt fails, the political implications alone are staggering. Hopefully, interest will be created as this group leaves in mid November, and that some conclusions may be reached, even if peace cannot be agreed upon.

However, we come back with several suggested changes and some new policies to be presented. The Pressing Times, as a courtesy to the Senate, and because of the outstanding quality of NSA as shown this last weekend, has presented a paid membership for 1970-71 to the Senate in the hopes that NSA can do something very beneficial for the college, unlike organizations we have belonged to in the past.

We suggest, in partial agreement with other schools, these changes and plans:

That as a student senate and as a newspaper we should involve ourselves with the national issues of Vietnam, ecology, population growth, and student unrest that affect us as students more than anyone else; that the important legislation

and decisions about what will happen to our generation and the generations to come should have its roots in our generation. As of January 1, the number of undergraduate college voters will be miniscule and college students will control a large block of the popular vote. Therefore, the importance of lobbying and personal conferences with representatives could be an important factor in legislative decisions. Our student government as a representative of our student body and NSA as a representative of collective student government can pressurize legislative leaders to adapt radical legislature in the areas of pollution, population control, the Vietnam War, and ecology that so vitally affects college students today.

That the Senate, in order to better represent the Student Body, realize its full potential power as a political organization. Granted, RLC is an outstanding position as far as student powers are concerned. However, the Senate should institute the Administration veto plan into the constitution. The Senate should accept the power of social regulation, and should involve students in school affairs. It was suggested that by presenting an outlandish request, and by following it through, student interest could be stimulated and an active political situation on campus could evolve. One school called for the firing of its President; another requested abolition of grades. The President left, the grades stayed, but in both places, the student body became active and interested in their school's affairs.

The above is an editorial opinion expressed by its writers in hopes that these suggestions might be worthy of serious consideration. We feel, as reported, that the convention held noteworthy and newsworthy suggestions that are relevant to the student body at RLC, and commend their approval as tools for bettering our campus—both now and in the future.

We also suggest that careful consideration be made in the areas of student personal records and the credibility of their confidential nature; into the Zero Population Control plan which offers birth control and abortion referral services; and into the ecology program which now more than ever is vital to our national interests. The college atmosphere is perhaps the best in which to cultivate important social reform, and as a small college we should not feel free to shrink from this responsible position. It is vital not only to our nation, but even more so to the immediate area in which we live.

## "Ballad of the Sad Cafe" to be Performed

"The time has come to speak about love . . . But what sort of thing is love? First of all, it is a joint experience between two persons, but that fact does not mean that it is a similar experience to the two people involved."

So says the Narrator (Sara Dykes) during a portion of "The Ballad of the Sad Cafe," a play chosen by Miss Cheryl Merkins to be presented Dec. 3 and 4 in the Mt. Vernon high school auditorium at 8:15 p. m.

"Contrary to the title, it's not a musical show," smiled Miss Merkins. "I chose it because it's a well-written play, really exciting theater and is a phenomenally good opportunity for true actors."

### Moody, Dramatic Play

The play is definitely not a musical. It is a moody, strongly dramatic play about love or hate and the confusing area in between. The play, taken from a novella by Carson McCullers, was adapted to the stage by Edward Albee who also wrote "Who's Afraid of Virginia Wolfe?" The main action of the play is bridged by a narrator.

The story concerns three types of love which cause the birth, the life and the death of a cafe owned by Miss Amelia Evans (Diane Ferreira) who is a brash, unloving, more-of-a-man type woman.

The cafe is born with the appearance of Cousin Lymon (Bob Hobbs) who bears a twisted mind in a twisted dwarf-like

body. The townspeople (Janet Waggoner, Thurmond Drennen, Angie Garner), Merlie Ryan the town halfwit (Jay De Witt), Stumpy MacPhail (Don Harrison), the Rainey twins (Greg Hassakis, Duane Yaeger), Henry Macy (Dan Ripplinger) and the town gossips Mrs. Peterson (Kathleen Kenney) and Emma Hale (Marti Huff) all gather at Miss Amelia's to drink and to discuss Cousin Lymon. Thus was the cafe born.

The narrator causes four years to pass, during which the cafe thrives and a strange relationship somewhat akin to love grows between Miss Amelia and Cousin Lymon.

As the action begins again, the return of Marvin Macy (Keith Parker) is announced. In a

flashback to years before Cousin Lymon's first appearance, the story of Marvin Macy's love for Miss Amelia is enacted.

Marvin Macy was an evil man who took young girls for moonlight walks in the woods and brought them back women. One day Marvin came to the astonishing conclusion that he was in love with Miss Amelia. For two years he said nothing of his love to Miss Amelia while he reformed himself. At last, feeling himself worthy enough, he asks her to be his bride.

The marriage of Marvin and Miss Amelia, however, lasts only ten days, and at the end of the ten days Marvin is run off by Miss Amelia to become "one of the worst people you ever saw."

Now, years later, Marvin is returning, and thus begins the third type of love—that of Cousin Lymon for Marvin as a symbol of strength and manliness.

Marvin's revenge of Miss Amelia, the death of the cafe and the resolution of the strange love triangle is unforgettable.

### Need Stage Crew

John Kraft is designing the set and, although several students have signed up for properties, costumes and light crew, more people are still needed for the stage crew.

General admission student tickets are free if picked up in the Oasis beginning Nov. 23 and before Dec. 3. Reserved seats will be \$.50 extra. Students who fail to pick up their tickets will have to pay \$1.50 at the door.

It seems a suitable moment in the year to stop to consider just what patriotism is, and how it relates to the Christian's obligations of loyalty to his faith.

Recently, as a result of the polarization of values in our national life, we have begun to see signs and slogans appearing here and there which say things like: "America, Love It or Leave It," or: "Our Flag — Love It or Leave." Frankly, this sort of expression disturbs me greatly. It disturbs me, not because patriotism and love of country are not right . . . Heaven knows this can be a wonderful thing . . . but in this particular form of phrase: Love It or Leave It, is implied the meaning: "Love it on MY terms or else!"

One who has a burning love for his country is called a patriot. And what a lot of stereotype pictures come to mind when you use that word, Patriot! Patrick Henry, Betsy Ross, Ulysses Grant, John Pershing, Douglas MacArthur . . .

Yes, the old ideas of patriotism are pretty well set in our minds . . . and the great military leaders of history somehow always come to mind first. Isn't it too bad that they always do?

The real patriot need not be a military man . . . but rather, one who has a love of fatherland. And as human virtues go, this is a pretty good one.

But what is real patriotism?

I have a problem about this, and I rather imagine that most of you have faced the same dilemma. And the problem is simply this . . . that "patriotism" is frequently too narrowly defined, and that questioning of any national policy is too often consid-

ered unpatriotic. People too often want to tell other people what it means to be patriotic; how they should think and act, if they want to be what the speaker considers a true patriot — a true American.

I find myself . . . in the army of the Lord, and am humble to be called a Christian. As a follower of the Prince of Peace, I find myself embarrassed when my patriotism is tested by my willingness to support whatever war our nation may be engaged in at the moment. As a patriotic American, I find it necessary sometimes to question, sometimes to speak out, and always to vote as my conscience dictates — and this, too, is patriotism. And so, may we suggest that the real patriot does not blindly say, "My country, right or wrong," but rather says, "My country, what can I do to make it even more right?"

Some of the best music floating around these days is some of the newest hard-rock hits. In the song "Crazy for the Blue, White, and Red," from the musical "Hair," the singers are poking good-natured fun at the old-fashioned sort of Fourth of July patriotism, revolving around town bands, parades, pompadour speakers, fireworks, and cheering for America over all other nations.

Now, this old-fashioned patriotic expression was great in its day, and some of the elements of it are still quite viable. But today we are more mature than this, and look at our patriotism in a different way. And in this song from "Hair," find the words, "Just because we're different, you think we're 'subversive!' And then they go on to assure us that they're not only *not* for the blue, white,

and red, but even for the yellow fringe.

What they are really trying to point out to us is the fact that what is patriotism to one person may not necessarily be the way another person wants to express his patriotism. And so our second thought is that love of country must be allowed to be expressed in a variety of ways . . . and not by having thousands of people lined up in a Berlin Square to shout "Heil Hitler!"

This "larger patriotism" will in no way lessen the importance of our love for America, but if we take the world view into consideration, and see America's relationship to it, we will no longer be saying "America first!" Which implies that the Devil can take the hindmost . . . but rather, we will be saying, "America must strive to be first . . . first in world leadership, ideals, help, and example to the rest of the world." And this will be difficult, for it will demand the concept of peace over war, or recognizing civilian heroes as being equal or perhaps even superior to military heroes, of emphasizing the future over the past, of goals over history, of world over individual nation.

Love of country must manifest itself in many ways, some of them obvious, others quite subtle.

"O Eternal God, through whose mighty power our fathers won their liberties of old; Grant, we beseech Thee, that we and all the people of this land may have grace to maintain these liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

Father Eckford J. deKay  
Vicar, Trinity Episcopal Church

The Pressing Times welcomes any letters to the Editor and encourages you to send us your views on issues we have covered or you'd like to see covered. Letters should be typewritten, double spaced and signed. No unsigned letters will be printed.

Thank you,  
Pressing Times Staff

## Freedom House Drug Abuse Center Opens

At 5 p.m. on Sept. 18, Mayor Rolland Lewis cut the ribbon to officially open the Freedom House Drug Abuse Rescue and Information Center at 516 Jordan in Mt. Vernon. An hour later, the first two staff members went on duty. The opening of the center marked the climax of work begun in early spring when Jefferson County suddenly became aware of growing drug use.

Freedom House is a branch of the Jefferson County Drug and Alcohol Abuse Commission. The Commission, organized early in the summer, is attempting to deal with and minimize drug abuse county-wide through presenting programs before civic and school groups, purchasing films and other educational materials, and developing drug information programs for students in junior high and high school. New committees have been formed to work in these specific fields and to provide programs for meaningful alternatives to drugs.

The drug center is manned by 14 staff members, ranging in age from 15-29 who have received their training at other drug rescue centers and from professionals in the health services field. Four RLC students help man the center. They are Kent Irwin, Mary Beth Pulley, David Junkins, and Debbie Aldridge.

Freedom House offers factual information to anyone and whatever help is needed to aid a person in coping with an unpleasant drug experience. The venture is probably one of few attempted in a rural town in the country. Three other centers of this type exist in Illinois, two in Chicago, and one in Carbondale. These centers have provided valuable aid in setting up Freedom House.

The center is open from 6 p.m.-4 a.m. Friday and Saturday and from 4 p.m. to midnight on Sunday. Weekdays, it opens at 1:30 p.m. and closes at 10:00 p.m. Staff members can also be reached by phoning 242-2410 or 242-2411. During hours when the center is closed a lighted board lists all the names and phone numbers of the staff.

# Infinity... Senate Noose

The recent rash of bumper stickers has expanded in the last few months to include some great journalistic endeavors made to express the views of our Great Silent Majority (or the Great Apathetic Majority, as a very dear friend of mine likes to call those nameless waves of humanity). America is the main theme of these little pokers and as many things have become since that ill-fated day Nixon finally tagged those do-nothing great patriotic people with a name they could call their own, these strickers reflect the idea that anything America says or does is right and to be a REAL American, you must agree with our government 100%.

This summer, my older sister came up with a real gem. She wanted her bumper sticker to say simply "I love America." I was about to make some cool statement such as "How sweet" when I realized that there was no reason why she shouldn't love America and believe that the American way was the greatest in the entire world. She gets up every day and sends her little cherub off to school and gets her husband ready for a busy day at the office. All her friends are settled with incomes and their little cherubs play with her little cherub in their little cherubic sandboxes. Why not love America?

But what about the guy's America who condemns his dress, his actions, and forces him to fight and maybe even die for a cause for which no one

can even find the reason. This same dear friend of mine used his mathematic ability to find percentages from a "Life" magazine report of the American dead in Vietnam for one week. Of the 225 killed, 70% were under 25 years of age. Nearly half of these weren't even old enough to vote. These people hardly had the time to decide whether to love or leave America.

Now to the small mundane matters of RLC. Since when do any of the students figure they are more important than the small, petty rules of the institution? In a torrential downpour one day, two students were turned out into the rain because that door was only for people with the right size nose. But minutes later, a dear relative of the teacher involved with this institution was granted admittance through the sacred door, proving again it's not who you know, unless you know happens to be one of the powers behind the locks and keys.

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Final plans have been made for the Christmas dance to be held on Saturday, Dec. 19th, approval was given the Pressing Times to send two delegates to the Scholastic Press Convention in Madison, Wisconsin, and several other incidental matters of business have been discussed in the latest Senate meetings.

Two matters of real importance have come up, and this column will deal with these two issues.

### Administrative Veto Plan

The Senate is reviewing a plan to be incorporated with the new constitution that will give the Senate a real and important voice in the executive planning of Rend Lake College. This plan calls for the Senate to be able to send legislative action to the President, or an administrative advisor, for acceptance or veto. If the action is not returned to the Senate within ten days, the legislation automatically becomes valid and binding. The administration may send the bill back to the Senate with a veto, and at such a time, the Senate and the Administration can get together and work out a plan acceptable to both parties.

"With this plan, we may get a lot of things vetoed, but at least we will know where the administration stands instead of running the chance of having our ideas shuffled off into an eight year study committee," said Jerry Walker, senate member.

This plan included in the new constitution will give the Senate more than its present mickey-

mouse voice in college affairs. The Senate Noose strongly supports the new plan, and hopes that the Senate will adopt it into the new constitution.

### IACJC

Second matter—IACJC, known to the common man as the Illinois Association of Community and Junior Colleges. The name is more impressive than anything else about the organization. Last year, the retiring Senate members were vehement in their protests against the IACJC, and this year, the administrations and the College Boards of the state pulled out of IACJC, leaving only the student division.

Word is that the student division is undergoing many changes for the better, and that it will be an up-and-coming organization this year. I doubt it. In the past, IACJC has been a

wonderful excuse to attend a convention or meeting and have a gay old time with all the kids, but very little of any miniscule importance was accomplished. This year will no doubt be even worse, with "a bunch of kids trying to get something done with no one to help them." (the Senate member who made this statement went on to suggest membership in IACJC.)

Senate Noose, because of the past performance of IACJC, and because of the dissolution of its factions, and because of the apparent pointlessness of the organization, feel that membership in IACJC for RLC would be a flagrant waste of student funds, and that more could be accomplished with those funds by using them for personal Senate correspondence with other colleges, and in personal visits. Why beat a dead horse? Senate, didn't you learn last year, and the year before, and . . . ?

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### 1970-71 Warrior Roster

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Dennis Anderton	6'2"	Forward	Christopher McLeansboro
Rick Bailey	6'0"	Guard	Mt. Vernon
Steve McReynolds	6'2"	Forward	Zeigler
Tom Odom	6'6"	Forward	Mt. Vernon
Frank Sanders	6'2"	Guard	Mt. Vernon
Terry Sledge	6'6"	Forward	Benton
Laird Wisely	6'0"	Guard	Hillsboro
Mike Whalen	6'1"	Guard	
FRESHMEN			
Ed Case	6'3"	Forward	Bluford
Renee Clark	6'3"	Center	Christopher Bluford
Ed Donoho	5'10"	Guard	Bluford
Kim Hall	6'6"	Center	Mt. Vernon
Dick Petrie	6'0"	Guard	Salem
Bob Rusheweski	6'2"	Guard	Tamoroa
Don Smith	6'0"	Guard	Benton
Chap Waters	6'4"	Forward	Mt. Vernon

## Warriors Choose Squaws

Six lovely girls were chosen last week to be the 1970-71 cheerleaders for Rend Lake College. Debbie Brown, Dianne Hill, Andrea LaLumondier, Lynette Myles, Beth Nance, and Janet Raney were six of 11 girls who tried out last Tuesday, Nov. 3, 1970.

Miss Pettit, cheerleader advisor, stated that this was the closest tryout she had ever seen—all the girls were within a few votes of each other. Student Senate members, some faculty members, and club representatives helped vote on the cheerleaders.

Debbie Brown, 18, is from McLeansboro and was a cheerleader for one year in high school. Her hobbies include swimming and skiing, and her future plans are to achieve her AA degree. Debbie is a business major and has been involved in the Future Business Leaders of America for one year, Future Homemakers of America for one year, band for three years, and was a basketball queen attendant her sophomore year in high school.

Dianne Hill, is a freshman from Mt. Vernon. In high school Dianne was involved with the Yearbook staff, Sub Debs, the Variety Shows, was an Operetta dancer, Homecoming attendant, and she was also voted the 2nd best looking girl in her senior class. Her hobbies include archery, drawing, and tennis.

Andrea LaLumondier, is a sophomore from Mt. Vernon. Her hobbies are any outdoor sports, especially tennis. Andrea plans to attend S.I.U. Edwardsville next year and to continue her schooling to become a Registered nurse. She now is a part-time employee at Good Samaritan Hospital in Mt. Vernon as an anesthesia technician.

Lynette Myles, is also from Mt. Vernon. Lynette was a cheerleader her senior year in high school and also her freshman year at RLC. Her hobbies include modern dancing, sports, and reading. Lynette plans to attend S.I.U. Carbondale as a P. E. major. Lynette says, "We hope to fire up a 'new' spirit among the student body since we have a new school and a promising basketball team."

Beth Nance, is a Mt. Vernon freshman. She enjoys skiing, ten-



New cheerleaders are: Beth Nance, Andrea LaLumondier, Janet Raney, Dianne Hill, Debbie Brown, Lynette Myles was not present for the picture. (Photo by Nathan McClintock)

nis, and men. Her future plans are to attend Eastern as an elementary education major. Beth said, "It seems like everybody in the world knows that I was the sno-kone lady last summer. Oh brother!"

Janet Raney, is also a freshman from Mt. Vernon. Janet

was a cheerleader her last three years of high school. She sings, sews, and swims during her free time. Janet plans to attend Eastern next year as a music major. She was involved in the operetta, plays, Student Council, and the Vernois News in high school. She was also prom queen and a homecoming attendant.



Joyce Barr, an RLC sophomore, travels to Chicago Nov. 18th for 4-H. (Photo by Nathan McClintock)

## Joyce Barr Wins 4-H Honors

### Co-Choir Plans Noteworthy Concerts

The RLC Choral Department will be taking notes to concerts and performances which have been scheduled during the year.

On Monday nights the Collegiate Choir joins the larger Community Chorus to practice and eventually perform selected music. However, for appearances the Collegiate Choir goes a cappella as a 16-voice select group. Their debut was to the Chamber of Commerce at the Holiday Inn, and opportunities to sharpen their talent in public performance will be given later.

Plans for harmonizing the group at the Rotary Club on November 24 and at the Federated Civic Club on December 16 have been finalized. The group will probably sing at Open House December 6. As in previous practices, the group will weave in both sacred and secular music. The ensemble takes note of such popular music such as "Jean," "For Once in my Life," and "Edelweiss."

The Collegiate Choir-Community Chorus combination will do a concert December 14 and more later on in the year. One concert will be entirely sacred music.

In the Spring, the music department, in conjunction with

Joyce Barr, a sophomore at RLC, has won a trip to Chicago on Nov. 18-20 for being an outstanding 4-H'er. Joyce is one of 20 boys and girls over the state of Illinois who has achieved this honor, and one of two from the southern part of the state.

Joyce has been actively involved in 4-H clubs for over nine years. She is a member of two clubs, the "Town and Country" and the "Elections." She has held office in both clubs and has been a junior leader in these, also.

Oddly enough, Joyce is interested in the shocking end of things — electricity. She said, "The reason I became interested in electricity was because it is 90% boys."

Joyce has built lamps, repaired electrical equipment for people, and even helped wire the school at Dahlgren. Watch out boys, because if Joyce gets near you, she's liable to turn you on.

Joyce said winning this trip is one of the greatest honors she has ever received. She also made it clear that she was planning to continue in the 4-H club so that she can give other kids the same opportunities she had.

Good luck, Joyce — and don't blow a fuse.

the Drama department, will put on an operetta.

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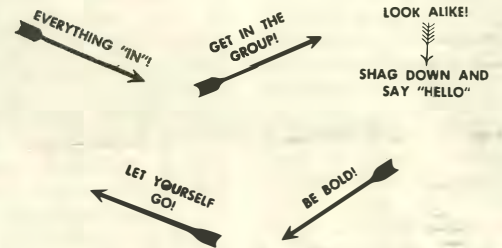
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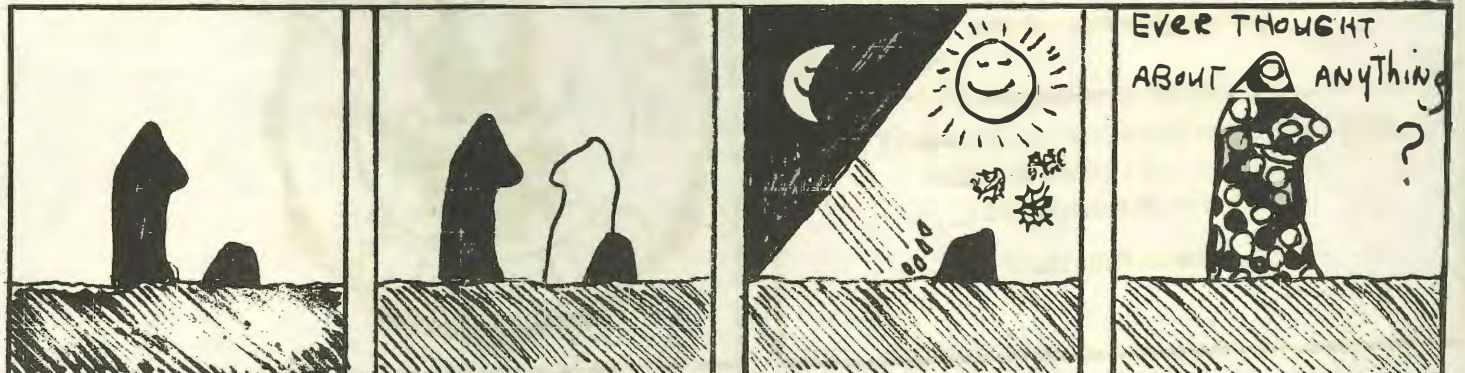


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Coach Vaughn is shown throwing up the first basketball for a practice scrimmage in the new gym. Standing around him are several of the new players of the 1970-71 Warrior team. The team will play its first game in the new gym on Tuesday, Nov. 17 against alumni of RLC and the former Mt. Vernon Community College.

# Waugh Expects Winning Season for Warrior Tribe

November 17 marks the 5th annual Alumni game at Rend Lake College. The contest, slated to begin at 7:30, will have the RLC basketball Warriors facing the alumni from RLC and the former Mt. Vernon Community College.

The Warriors, who finished 14-10 last season, appear to have the best team in RLC history. "We have more players now who know how to play the game than we've had in five years," said head coach Jim Waugh. The

Warriors are headed by a strong freshman turn-out, along with five returning letterman, three of which were starters.

Returning starters are last year's leading scorer Frank Sanders, leading rebounder Terry Sledge, and Mike Whalen, a freshman standout. Also seeing enough action to receive their letters were Steve McReynolds and Dennis Anderton.

Coach Waugh and Assistant Coach Wayne Arnold had 28 men try-out this year. Because of the

late completion of the gym, practice sessions were held only 4 days. On the fourth day the team was cut to sixteen. Since then, Coach Waugh has spent most of the practices working on his offensive unit, stressing rebounding and speed.

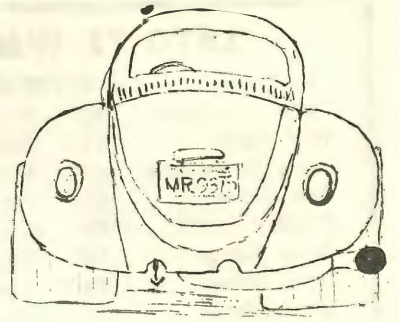
Coach Waugh had this to say about his defense, "Our defense is definitely weak individually. But the boys are working together, and as a team, our defense is sound."

Attitude will also play an important role in this year's winning formula. Coach Waugh remarked that the Warrior squad is excited about the new gym. He feels that this has affected team play to this point, and hopes it will reach the student body at RLC. "We realize the movement of the campus may prove an inconvenience to the students. That's why we scheduled one game for 4 o'clock. Maybe some students will stick around and watch the game. We may be able to schedule dances after some games, but this has not been decided," said Coach Waugh.

The Warriors, after Tuesday's Alumni clash, begin the regular season November 24 at home against Greenville, a non-Conference team. Conference games begin with the Warriors hosting Belleville, December 1.

This year's roster appears on page three.

## VIEWS



By JOHN KRAFT

Do you want to prove you are a man? Want to show everyone your strength against nature and the elements? Then by all means drive a dune buggy. They are quite the thing to drive in cold weather. The one I drove had a top and a heater. In theory it would seem that these would be no hassle. No such deal. First of all one must get into the dune buggy. It involves unsnapping the side curtain slipping in between the top and the side and sticking your legs underneath the steering wheel. Next you snap the side curtain back. It seems that the snaps are on the outside and you are on the inside which makes it difficult to put the side curtain back. After this act is finished you are ready to start the car and take off. After awhile you notice the windshield fogging up and you decide to turn on the defroster.

You suddenly come upon the fact that dune buggys don't have defrosters. This means you rub the windshield a lot. Next you decide to try the gas heater. They work remarkably well, getting the interior warm, then a little warmer, then hot. Pretty soon the dash starts to melt and the windows begin to bubble. All the time this has been going on, you have been trying to turn the heater off. Unfortunately, the knob on the control fell and is bouncing around on the floor.

Eventually the heater is turned off, and the car reverts back to normal. However, in the two minutes the heat was on it caused you to lose all twenty four hours of your deodorant protection. That is why dune buggies with gas heaters sometimes smell like men's locker rooms. This just goes to show you that unless you use a forty eight hour deodorant, don't go for a ride in a dune buggy.

## War on Pollution Begins at Home

For many a moon, the American people have been hearing about the pollution problems facing our nation. Many citizens aren't concerned and yet they ask what can just one person do? It seems this question is asked repeatedly and an answer is never given. Alas, we now can present some answers to this question. The following are some suggestions of what each citizen can do to reduce his own contributions to the destruction of our environment.

Since the automobile is the single greatest source of air pollution, one should keep his car well tuned because a tuned car emits less pollutants. When purchasing a car, ask about info concerning pollution control equipment. Also an idling car greatly adds to the air pollution problem. The pollution put out by power companies is the second largest source of air pollution so save electricity by turning off appliances and lights. Other suggestions are hand mowers instead of power-mowers and a sailboat instead of motor boats.

The cause of stopping water pollution can be aided by placing several bricks in the flush tank of the toilets one use. Each person should check to see if his daily shower takes more water than a bath does by plugging up the drain when showering. Then one should use the

method which uses the less water. Citizens should suggest that the city turn off all continuously flowing water fountains or bubblers in the community.

Returnable bottles instead of throw-away cans and bottles are best aids for our land pollution problem. Instead of using paper napkins and towels, one should use handkerchiefs, cloth napkins and reuse paper bags, boxes and containers of this nature. A dedicated person might save empty one-way containers and ship them back to the company telling them he is tired of no-deposit no-return items. When going to the grocery store, one can take along his own paper sack to cut down on the use and waste of paper sacks.

Basic things each individual can do is don't litter; plant flowers and other vegetation in one's community; and encourage programs such as roadside parks and state parks.

Pollution kills—you can help save your life by following these suggestions. If you desire a booklet with more suggestions on what you can do to help, write to:

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