

Pressing Times

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1975

Mitch Fulford assails Sherri Hobbs as Greta Garbo and Beki Mattingly look on, during RLC's presentation of "Bus Stop".

Photo By Barb Buck



"Bus Stop" Moves On

By Becky Randall

As the bus pulled out of the station we fade back to the real world. Thus ended RLC's Fine Arts Department production of "Bus Stop", presented on Nov. 13, 14, and 15, to an audience of 540.

"Bus Stop", by playwright William Inge, is the saga of a young, nightclub singer and uncouth Montana rancher. They are among a busload of passengers snowbound for an evening at a cafe.

This cafe is run by Grace, performed by Beverly Walker, and Greta Garbo;

Tickets On Sale For 'Plaza Suite'

By Barbara Bugal

Mt. Vernon Theater, Inc. and Arts and Humanities will present "Plaza Suite" written by Neil Simon at 8 p.m., Nov. 20, 21, and 22 in the Little Theater.

"Plaza Suite," directed by Andy Novack, is a comedy about situations that a family gets into while staying in a New York hotel.

Alan Wilson, RLC student, is included in the cast.

Advance tickets can be purchased in Mt. Vernon at the bookstore at 2001 Broadway, and at Jackson's Jewelers on the square. Tickets will also be sold by Phillip Chase between classes in the South Oasis.

Adult tickets are \$3.00 and student tickets are \$2.00.

who employs Elma, an inexperienced schoolgirl portrayed by Beki Mattingly, Hyla Farthing. Steve Joiner was cast as Will, the local sheriff who maintains order in the chaotic cafe. Danny Reynolds portrayed Carl, driver of the stranded bus.

His passengers include Dr. Gerald Lyman, an alcoholic professor portrayed by Tom Winston; Virg, a cowboy sidekick performed by Tom Nance; and the aforementioned lovers, Cherie, played by Sherri Hobbs, and Bo Decker, portrayed by Mitch Fulford.

As their three-act play unfolds, it tells of a series of relationships, some developing and others dying. Though the play itself had a few weak spots, the cast turned in fine performances. Overall, the audience seemed pleased that the bus had been forced to make a bus stop.



Kay Miller, of Wayne City, gets ready to give blood. See page 2 for full details.

Photo By Larry Lewis

Let's Go to the Hop!

By Margaret Skinner

It's finally here! The big event that you've all been waiting for! The Southern Illinois Audio Sound and Light Show will be here at RLC on Saturday, Nov. 22.

Don't miss the magnificent showmanship of the dazzling light display and the fantastic sounds from one of the best stereo systems in Southern Illinois.

For only \$1.00 - or \$.75 with an RLC I.D. - you can hear the fantastic sounds in the RLC Student Center.

The dance starts at 8 p.m., so don't be late!

Concert Coming

By Laura Mick

Contrast, color, and excitement are the key words to describe the upcoming RLC Band Concert directed by Keith Drayton, Nov. 24.

This program of music to be held in the Little Theater, is sure to be one of the band's best performances.

"Themes from Offenbach," "American Civil War Fantasy," and "American Variations" will be among the most dynamic pieces for contrast in sound and tempo.

The concert will have a variety of numbers to hopefully create a large receptive audience for the 8:15 performance.

Activities



Photo By Bryan Ferguson

Bloodmobile On Campus



Photo by Larry Lewis

By Laura Mick

A total of 96 pints of blood was donated by RLC students, staff, and faculty on Wednesday, Nov. 12.

Students from the nursing program assisted in the exami-

nation and the actual taking of blood. Other student volunteers registered the donors.

Mr. Arnold would like to express his appreciation to all the staff and students who participated in the blood mobile, as well as those who gave.

Mr. Arnold, RLC coach, goes through the hemoglobin test prior to donating blood.

Country Show Presented

By the Rhinestone Cowboy

On Friday, Nov. 7 The Country Travellers were the featured band at the Country and Western Show. It was presented through cooperation between Larry Phifer, Fine Arts Dept. chairman, and Richard Echols (Waltonville), in the RLC gym.

Over 600 attended the show yielding the school over \$500.

Also featured at the show were the RL Jiggers, a folk dance group. The show lasted two hours.

Several vocalists from the surrounding areas were also featured.

Plans are in the making for another show in the spring.

ADN Pre-Entrance Test Offered

The pre-entrance test for the Associate Degree Nursing Program offered through the Southern Illinois Collegiate Common Market will be administered Dec. 9 and 10 at RLC.

The test will be given at 8 a.m. both days in Room 122 of the Science Building on the college's Ina campus. All applicants into this program must take the test.

The ADN program was created to provide career mobility for licensed practical nurses or nurses with equivalent qualifications.

The Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) program is offered at Rend Lake, John A. Logan, Southeastern, and Shawnee Colleges. Applicants living outside of these four college districts should apply through the School of Technical Careers at SIU-Carbondale.

Need Help For A Job?

Rend Lake College will offer a six-week evening course beginning Jan. 8 that will teach the student the best way to go about getting a job. The student will learn how to write a letter of application, a resume, and a follow-up letter. Mock interviews will also be conducted.

The class Secretarial Science 229, is entitled Job Application-Interview. It will meet on six successive Thursdays from 6:30 p. m. to 8:30 p. m. in the Seminar Room of the college library. Mrs. Imogene Kolkhorst, Rend Lake College secretarial science instructor, will teach the course.

Although the class is in the secretarial science curriculum, the class is not restricted to secretarial students. Registration may be done at the first class meeting Jan. 8 or at the college. For information call the college admissions office, 437-5321.

SEA Potluck Coming

By Lesa Rhodes

The SEA will hold their annual Thanksgiving Potluck Banquet this Saturday, Nov. 22, 1975. The banquet will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the North Oasis. Turkey, beverages and Cranberry sauce will be provided by the SEA, while each person invited must bring their own table setting and one of the following: vegetable, salad or desert. Following the banquet, there will be an Installation Ceremony of new officers. All SEA members are invited to attend.

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Activities

RLC's LPN Program

By Barbara Bugal

A pre-entrance test, administered last Oct. 17 to over 80 applicants, began the initial requirements of an entrance into the 1976-77 Practical Nursing Program.

In addition to the pre-entrance examination requirement, the applicant must be 17-55 years of age, a high school graduate or have a high school equivalency certificate and be a U.S. citizen or have filed a declaration of intention.

The pre-entrance testing is followed by three personal interviews and three reference letters. The applicant must have satisfactory physical and dental results. Final approval by the Screening Committee of the RLC Practical Nursing School concludes the enrollment if a student is accepted.

Because of limited capacity, the

program allows a maximum of 52 students.

The RLC Practical Nursing Program is a three semester program designed to prepare the student for practical nursing.

Courses are outlined and do not use elective subjects. Each semester, different areas of nursing are studied at RLC. Also, students go to nursing homes and hospitals in Mt. Vernon, Centralia, Benton and Pinckneyville for laboratory and clinical experience.

The first semester, students study obstetrics and pediatrics in regional hospitals. Second and third semester hospital training includes general hospital experiences and specialty areas such as physical therapy, inhalation therapy and home health.

To become a Licensed Practical Nurse, a graduate of the three semester program must successfully complete the State Board Examination administered by the Department of Registration and Education.

AISG Efforts Are Praised

Springfield, Illinois, Nov. 3, 1975

The Executive Secretary of the Illinois Community College Trustees Association commended efforts of the Association of Illinois Student Governments to secure additional funding for community colleges in a letter sent to the AISG director on Monday. In his letter, L. H. Horton Jr. stated that, "The community colleges are the only segment of public higher education to raise tuition in the past three years. We anticipate additional increases this winter and next spring unless additional funding is made available."

The Association of Illinois Student Governments (AISG) is co-ordinating a lobbying effort to override Governor Walker's community college funding reduction, according to Mary Brady, AISG Executive Director. "We know that the State is suffering financially," she said, "but we feel that community college funding is a top priority issue. Governor Walker has repeatedly said that he does not favor higher education tuition increases for this academic year. Yet nine community colleges have already increased tuitions for this year and four or five more are expected to do so by Spring."

Although several senators expressed enthusiasm over the AISG efforts, the group was disappointed by the response of Senator Terry Bruce (D-Olney), who is the principal sponsor of the community college appropriation. "Senator Bruce made it clear that he does not intend to fight for restoration of the Governor's cut unless someone else lines up the support for him," said Brady.

Mining News

By Karen Kittinger

RLC's mining program is up and coming. Since it's beginning in 1972, the enrollment has jumped from 12 to now 500 enrolled, with a waiting list. Due to the increased enrollment there are hopes for expansion.

There are 11 different programs for both the new mining students and the old time miners.

When the program first began, the instructors were on loan from three different companies. We now have four federally qualified instructors.

RLC's mining school is one of three like it in Illinois; the others are at Wabash and Southeastern. The mining department welcomes anyone interested to observe the facilities.

U of I and ISU Reps at RLC Nov. 6

Representatives from the University of Illinois and Illinois State University will be in the South Oasis, from 10:30 until noon, Wednesday, Nov. 26. Any students interested in transferring to these schools should stop by the South Oasis to talk with Mr. Harshbarger and/or Mr. Adams.

Book Appointed to Committee

The Association of College and Research Libraries, a division of the American Library Association, has announced the appointment of a committee to develop quantitative standards to supplement the "Guidelines for Two-Year College Learning Resources Programs."

William J. Hoffman, Dean, Educational Resources and Library Services, Mt. San Antonio College, Walnut, California will chair the committee.

Members of the committee include Imogene I. Book, Director of the Library, RLC.

The "Guidelines for Two-Year College Learning Resources Programs" was approved in June 1972.

The "Guidelines for Two-Year College Learning Resources Programs" is diagnostic and descriptive in nature. They offer an institution criteria for self-study and planning. The quantitative supplement now being prepared will provide a means for assessing the adequacy of the learning resources program. When the supplement is completed, the standards for two-year programs will contain both qualitative and quantitative elements.

Copies of the Guidelines and additional information can be obtained from the ACRL Office, American Library Association, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611.

\$33,500,000 Unclaimed Scholarships

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Editorials

the GRAPEVINE REPORT

By Rocket Jack

Bugs in the Bitch Boxes

*Last issue the PT ran a "Bitch Box Ballot", available for students to use in the new "Bitch Boxes", which were to have been placed in the South and North Oasis, and the Student Center.

At press time last ish, we were told by the Student Senate (who supplied the PT with the information on the ballots), that the bitch boxes would be up by the time the newspaper arrived.

In fact, in the Oct. 29 Student Senate minutes, the boxes were to be ready by Oct. 31. But they never made it.

What happened?

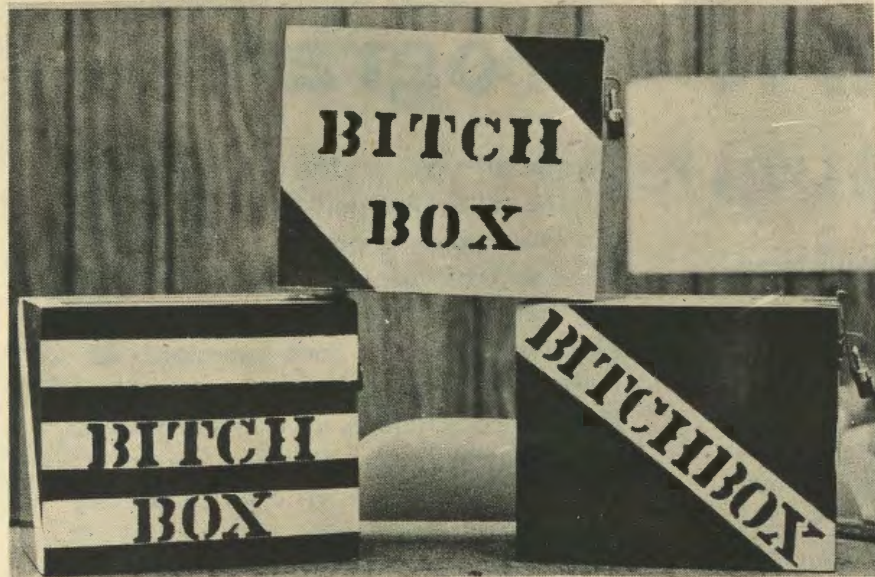
On Nov. 6, Student Senate member, Terry Winters, acting on behalf of the Student Senate, brought the finished bitch boxes to the Maintenance Building, and asked Bob Webb (Maintenance Director) to mount the boxes.

Webb refused, and called RLC Dean Phillip Ward about the matter.

"Mr. Webb said he was concerned over putting up the boxes in places where the visiting public, older students, or anyone might be offended by them. I talked to Dr. Martin (RLC president), and we both agreed with Mr. Webb," said Dean Ward.

Dean Ward then asked Robert Graham, RLC dean of student services, to talk to the Student Senate and ask if some kind of compromise on the matter could be worked out. However, no compromise measures have been officially discussed yet.

On Nov. 7, the Pressing Times came out, along with the "Bitch Box Ballots."



The bitch boxes as they sat on a desk in the Maintenance Building on Nov. 7.

Photo By Larry Lewis

It was also on Nov. 7 that the Student Senate and the PT found out that the bitch boxes were not up, and were not going to be put up.

In the Nov. 3 Student Services Newsletter, a story on new "Suggestion" Boxes appeared. According to Student Senate sources, the word "Suggestion" was substituted for the original word, "Bitch", before the newsletter reached the presses.

What makes the whole matter rather odd is the fact that the bitch boxes had been discussed in Student Senate meetings weeks before, and had appeared in the Student Senate minutes since Oct. 22. Dean Graham attends all the Student Senate meetings, so the Administration could have known, and certainly should have known what the Student Senate's plans were.

Dan Mitchell, Student Senate president, told the PT that he had talked about the bitch boxes in two separate meetings of the President's Council.

How will the Student Senate react to the Administration's action? Why was action delayed till the last possible moment? These, and other questions are raised by this episode, and they deserve answers.

What do you think?

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Change Machines Needed

By Rusty Ward

Many people say they cannot get change on the RLC campus.

That is no longer true. There is one place and that is the cafeteria. The workers make change just as long as they have enough.

There is another place on campus where one can get change: the book store. You can get all the change you need if you buy a pen, pencil, eraser,

or even a paper clip. This may sound like the black market, for many people don't need any of these items, but need some change to buy cigarettes or a coke.

Our Student Senate is working to solve this problem by circulating petitions to have change machines that we don't have now.

All we want is some change.

Editorials

Nader Trucks On

By Larry Lewis

Ralph Nader; his name provokes different feelings in different people.

To some, he is the consumer advocate. The main protector of the peoples' rights in the face of overpowering governmental secrecy.

To others he is a busybody. A trouble-maker who is always intruding where he isn't needed.

Whatever your feelings about him may be, he is a man who makes you think. His outspoken comments about the way government agencies and big business work for power and profits instead of for the people have made him extremely unpopular with these agencies. Nader has been the subject of both verbal abuse and investigations into his private life to dig up anything with which to discredit him. Throughout all this, Nader has kept diligently chipping away at the web of power.

The most important thing, according to Nader, that a citizen can do is to get involved. Don't quietly put up with shoddy consumer goods, make a fuss about it.

People have got to get over measuring values in dollars and cents. The eternal quest for the all-mighty dollar is the very reason this corporate dominancy now exists. People can be bought off or become so completely overwhelmed by those who have bought their way into power that they completely give up. They don't try to change the situation. It's far easier to let corporate dominance exist than it is to take the trouble to work for changes. The struggle to regain citizens rights is difficult and will take a long time to take effect but it must be done.

The work areas are wide and varied but all need workers. You must get involved with the ecology, nuclear power, dangers, the merges between government and big business and the way our laws are made. If no one takes part, the situation can only worsen.

For information on what you can do on different levels, write to the Citizen's Action group formed by Nader, at Public Citizen, P.O. Box 19404, Washington, D. C.

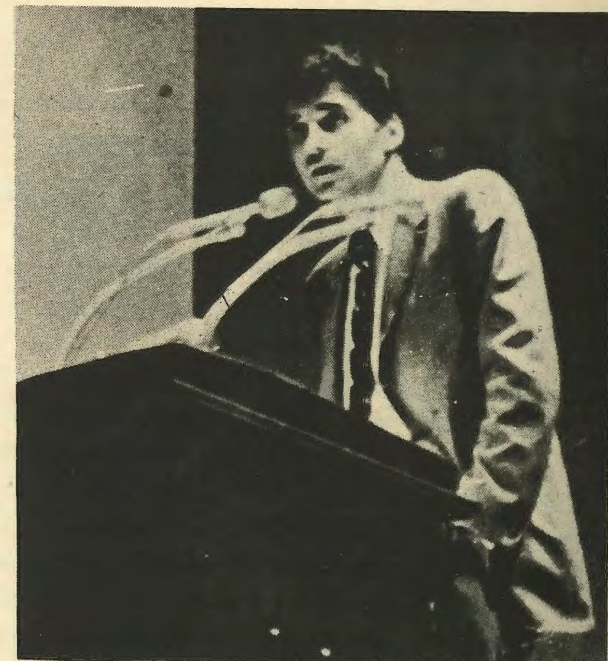


Photo By Larry Lewis

Nader as he spoke last month at SIU.

Shhhh !

By Kyle Ingram

What sets RLC's library apart from most of the other college libraries in Illinois? Quiet - that's what. There isn't any.

To most people the mention of the word library brings this picture to mind: a place with books where the slightest rustling of paper or most hushed throat-clearing will cause the people around you to "Shhh!" in unison and bring a fierce glare from the librarian who is gesturing wildly at the sign under her desk which reads: "SILENCE!" But our Learning Resource Center is not like the traditional picture at all.

On occasion, you can walk into the RLC and be astounded by the noise. It sounds like they are having the semi-finals of the Illinois Skeet-Shooting competition upstairs. Downstairs, they are having a family reunion, with singing, wrestling, and all sorts of fun stuff.

Every day the family reunion is held. After a few days of it, you expect to see clouds of bar-be-que smoke rising up from portable grills around the area of the cloth-covered chairs.

Needless to say it is very difficult to concentrate with all the excitement. Therefore it is impossible to get any serious work done. Finally, and most galling of all, no one in position of authority ever says a word to the skeet-shooters or the reunion group. They could easily take their merry numbers to the Student Center and leave the Library quiet and conductive for study.

LETTERS

Dear Editor:

Have you ever spent the entire season sitting on the bench? You've spent hours practicing, bought the right equipment and dressed for every game, but never played in actual competition. Thousands of grade and high school boys face this reality each year.

Is it true that younger brothers of basketball players have more natural ability than those who are not so fortunate? Active members in community projects also seem to have offspring with amazing ability. The boys who play exceptionally well during the baseball season are very talented on the basketball court. These same boys will make up the football team in a few years.

Parents, have we pushed winning so much that we've lost sight of the original goal? Think back to the last game you attended. Did you get upset because one of the players, not yours of course, made a mistake and you kept thinking, "How will we ever win if the coach keeps him in the game?"

Have you ever seen parents get so upset at a sporting event that they got

into a fight either physically or verbally? If not, you've attended very few events.

We're in a winning society. The winners are heroes. The losers should hang their heads in shame and repent in sackcloth and ashes.

For adults this may be well and good, but for 12 and 13 year olds? What ever happened to the slogan, "It's not whether you win or lose, it's how you play the game?"

Let's face the fact. Sports in elementary grades should teach a basic knowledge of the game and sportsmanship. How many people, child or adult, can face defeat with dignity and pride?

Let's teach reality. No one wins all the time. Everyone faces defeat some time in their life.

You may say, "Who will pay to see a losing team?" The same people who pay to see a winning team, parents, families and friends. We're not watching paid professionals. We're watching young impressionable boys in the process of learning and they are learning from us. What are we teaching?

Carol Wilkerson

Music



Pete's Critique

By Barbara Bugal

The 1975-76 Pressing Times is featuring Music Moods which comments on musical events at RLC, new albums, concert news and anything interesting in music.

Pete Harris, a music major at RLC, writes Music Moods and is the music editor of the PT. He has always been involved in music. Playing the trumpet, guitar, piano, French horn and singing are among Harris' accomplishments.

As a result of his experience, Harris has learned to appreciate and evaluate music. Certain precautions must be taken in evaluating music, according to Harris.

Reports about upcoming musical happenings or music news cannot contain prejudice. Reports inform, not distort.

When reviewing musical events, new records or concerts, reasons, backing up the critic's opinions, must be given.

Record reviews try to get people to look at groups in a different light. Therefore, diverse areas of rock are presented.

As a result of his critiques, Harris has had some embarrassing moments. The most awkward situations center around reviews of RLC's music department.

In addition, some rock concerts have been letdowns. Harris, who verbally built up a recent Head East concert, was disappointed after attending the concert.

Also, students have clashed with Harris' views. Harris said some students angrily chewed him out while others mildly expressed disagreements.

Many rock concerts pass unmentioned because money prohibits Harris from going. Harris added, "If you go to a rock concert, don't just rock, review." Concert reviews submitted to Music Moods are appreciated.

Head East Heads South

By Kyle Ingram

On Nov. 10, Head East played to a packed house in the Mt. Vernon high school auditorium.

As soon as the doors opened, the auditorium filled quickly, and there was about a 45 minute wait before the concert got under way. The concert began with Kevin Cronin, former REO vocalist, in an entirely acoustic set.

Cronin didn't go over very well with the crowd, though, and he was constantly having trouble hearing himself sing over the boisterous crowd. The problem with Cronin's half hour set was not in his performance but in his choice of unknown material.

Finally, when Head East took the stage, there was very little excitement. But little by little, vocalist John Schlitt began to loosen the crowd up. The band played flawlessly, melding harmonic and rhythmic changes perfectly.

The band rolled through four numbers nearly non-stop and had the audience in an uproar when they played two songs verbatim off the "Flat as a Pancake" LP. With the crowd now firmly in their control, Head East ripped through songs from their next album.

The show stopper came when the band went into "Never Been Any Reason," their AM-FM hit. By this time, most of the crowd was on its feet and in front of the stage.

Beside Schlitt's dynamic performance, fine lead guitar and drums were provided by Mike Somerville and Steve Huston, respectively. At the end of the third encore, it was apparent that Head East had left their mark on Mt. Vernon.

Let me suggest another rekindling of a quote "older" music: The Beatles.

Remember when we were in high school and we scoffed at the college taste in music, Bob Dylan and various other protesters. Well, here we are as the scoffers, (if that's a word) now. Not to many high schoolers go for Joe Walsh, Dan Fogelberg, Kansas, as much as they remain constantly amazed by Alice Cooper, Kiss, and BTO (take out the T and see how appropriately the name fits).

Oh well, give a listen to some old Beatle stuff, you might get that same old Beatlemania.

And . . .

Note:

Due to tests, homework, etc. we have a limited music page this issue. Does that make sense?!

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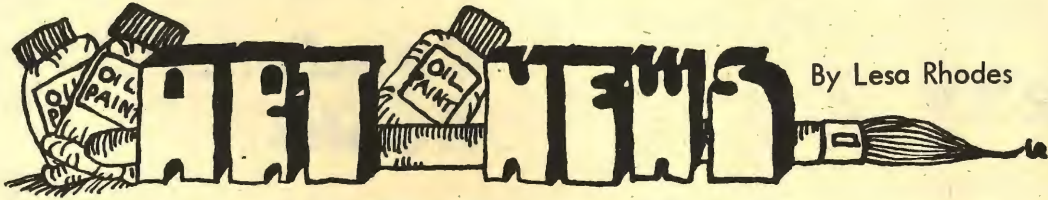
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Activities



By Lesa Rhodes



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During the month of November, the pastel drawings and acrylic paintings of Sue Stotlar, a Benton artist, are on display in the lobby of the LRC building.

It is an impressive display of a fine artist's talents. Her portrait paintings seem to be the favorite of most people and with good reason. She has an uncanny ability to create great photorealism, especially in the faces of her subjects. However, the backgrounds seem to be lacking.

In the portraits especially, the backgrounds are most often dark, and seem to be distorted or faded out. This could have been done on purpose, however, to greater emphasize the subject (which she obviously has much success in doing.)

Her pastel drawings are my favorites, because of the exactness and beautiful blending of colors she gets from them.

Something to think about:

The Fine Arts Dept. is sponsoring a Fine Arts Festival on campus, April 19-30, 1976. In the area of art, there will be a chance for anyone interested to enter objects from all areas of art.

Start planning now, if you are interested in showing off your talent!

Current and Coming Art Events:

Mitchell Gallery, Home-Ec Building; SIU-C Paintings and drawings of American Artists, through Nov. 20.

St. Louis Art Museum, Forest Park Bingham Collection: Paintings and drawings of Missouri Artists, Nov. 14-Jan. 4.

Mitchell Museum, Mt. Vernon Lawrence Marshall Pucci Show from Chicago: a personal collection of paintings and drawings.



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Features

Mama Goes to School

By Carol Wilkerson

"I feel as though my mind has lain dormant for years," explained Pat Myers, one of the many women who have started back to school after several years of being housewife and mother.

Myers has been married for 11 years and has three children. Her husband is the pastor of First Baptist Church, Sesser.

Myers said her main problem has been trying to divide her time between housework and homework. "I feel guilty spending time at school, especially when the children are home, but I think you have to sacrifice if you want anything. The time I spend now in school will pay off later," she stated.

Thousands of wives and mothers across the country are getting a college education after years of working and seeing no tangible results. Cleaning a house is not very rewarding. The results are always the same. After spending the day cleaning, baking and running errands, tomorrow arrives and the beds have to be made again, the dishes are dirty and the laundry is still there. There is not one shred of evidence left from yesterday's labor.

After years of talking about babies, recipes and the latest childhood disease your children have been exposed to, it's very rewarding to be able to communicate with adults again. Just to realize your mind is still capable of expanding is worth every effort it takes.

Without the support of husbands and children, most wives agree, it would be almost impossible to keep up with the housework and homework.

Mean & Sexy ?

By Jimmy Redmon

The South Oasis is home to most RLC students. It's where you go when you don't have anything better to do. It's where you find company when you're lonesome and enjoyment when you're moody.

And then if you just want somebody to argue with, there's our very own Maude. Her name is Helen Kite and she's been at RLC for the last five years attending the North and South Oasis. "I'm partial to the South Oasis," says Helen, "It's almost like home."

Helen is the mother figure in the Oasis. She's the boss without the usual bossiness being involved. She says, "It's one of the nicest places I've ever worked. I'm good to the students and they're good to me. I've been here five years and have never had any trouble with the students. If they talk rough to me, I talk rough to them. They're always testing and trying my patience and ability to conform. So I'm both patient and conforming."

I asked Helen to describe herself in one word. She used two and said, "mean and sexy."

Helen is married and lives in Mt. Vernon. She has two married sons and three young grand-daughters. She attends the Methodist Church in Mt. Vernon, has a mobile home on Barkley Lake in Kentucky, and really enjoys picnics. "But most of all," says Helen, "I like people."

Helen Kite is an individualist. She's strong-willed, likeable, determined, and "mean and sexy." She really is RLC's very own Maude.

Pressing Times Condensed Books

JAWS

By Larry Lewis

"Catch me." Splash! "Help me. Glub. Glub."

"You can't close the beaches."

"Lookout it's a shark!"

"I'm Hooper, the oceanographer you called."

"What if your husband finds out."

"I'll get that shark or my name isn't Quinn."

"I'm coming along," said the Sheriff.

"Steady as she goes, Hooper."

"Got him."

"He's disappeared."

"He's back."

"Aaargh."

BOOM

"Darling, you're safe."

Butcher Sharpens His Mind at RLC

By Mark Dyel

Les Biby is a member of a new breed on the RLC campus, the returnee.

Biby, a 35 year old meat cutter from Christopher, is now in his third semester at RLC. Beginning his higher education with the Bible as Literature class last fall, Biby has increased his load by three hours each semester.

"Improving myself to my own satisfaction" was the reason Biby gave for returning to college.

Showing his good sense of humor, Biby explained his biggest problem in returning to school was "my intelligence", and his greatest satisfaction came on the fourth of the month "when my V.A. check comes."

Uninhibited in the classroom, the returnee's booming voice is heard often in a class period, asking questions and giving opinions.

After graduating from high school in 1958, Biby joined the Army for two years and served as a policeman in St. Louis for two years. Having these experiences and others he feels he can relate to class discussions better "especially those dealing with the oppressed and poverty."

Biby hopes to achieve an Associate Arts degree or "just become an educated butcher."

The English Inn

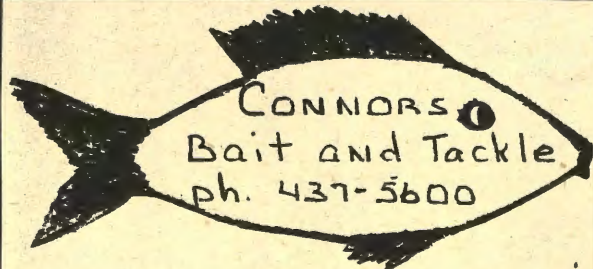
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Features

Getting High?

By Deb Whittington

What has the right of way over dirigibles, DC-7's, and whooping cranes? What is flown by an aeronaut and goes where the wind blows it?

It is a sophisticated aircraft whose safe operation requires proper training and experience. It . . . is a hot air balloon.

Carol and Rick Stropke own such a device and were part of a promotion for a local Mt. Vernon car dealership, this summer.

For the Stropkes of St. Louis, what started as just a hobby has bloomed into a part-time business for them known as Midwest Balloon Services.

"Not too many people go to the bank with me to make a payment," Rick stated drily. "There are no free rides or free advertisements."

The Stropkes' balloon cost \$4,000 for the nylon envelope and \$4,500 for the gondola (the basket you ride in) with burners and tank.

Rick, who is the certified pilot of the family, explained the license requirements and costs. "You take ten hours of training in a balloon. For lessons, training and a solo flight it costs around \$900 to \$1,000."

Applicants must be 16 years of age, pass an aviation medical test, pass written and oral exams on weather flight rules and balloon procedure and pass a flight exam.

It was in France, almost 200 years ago that the sport of air ballooning began. The Montgolfier brothers launched (successfully) their first passengers in 1783— a rooster, a duck, and a sheep.

Today, the Stropkes estimate there are 500 such enthusiasts, and several companies who manufacture balloons. The Stropkes represent Raven Industries in the St. Louis area.

The balloon has an envelope made of specially treated and reinforced nylon fabric, very light but very strong. The fabric is chosen particularly because it will not burn and it retains its strength. It is possible to fly with a hole in the envelope big enough for a man to fit through. "It will definitely slow the rate at which it will rise, and increase its normal rate of descent, but not appreciably," say the Stropkes. The fabric will be destroyed by ultra-violet rays, but if well taken care of the balloon envelope will last 300 flying hours.

The gondola holds the propane tanks that provide the fuel for the hot air, and compasses and thermometers to tell how fast the craft is rising or falling. It also carries up to four occupants and comes in aluminum or wicker models.

All of the riders wear helmets as required by the Federal Aviation Association. Carol explained that it was not so much for safety as it was to keep the heat from the passengers' skin. Gloves and long sleeves are also recommended, as it gets very warm in the balloon from the propane burners.



Photos By Deb Whittington

With a high powered fan, inflation only takes 15 minutes. With calm winds and help that knows what it is doing, it takes 30-40 minutes to set up.

The trick to flying a balloon is picking the altitude that has the wind direction you want. If a particular landing area is desired, a small toy balloon is used to determine an upwind flight path. If the wind is blowing more than eight miles per hour at ground level, most balloonists are not going to inflate.

"Balloonists try to land in open fields on crops that can't be damaged," Carol said. Rick had to pay \$15 for damaged soybeans in one landing.

In early days of ballooning, landing sites were generally farms. The farmers having never seen a balloon would attack it with a pitchfork. Balloonists (or aeronauts) found it to their advantage to carry wine or champagne to pacify farmers, a custom that prevails today.

Bob Rudd, a member of the two person ground crew, said, "We usually fly after sunrise, so we don't bother carrying it."

The sport of ballooning is most rewarding at 200 to 500 feet floating over the countryside. The Stropkes guarantee a flight lasting an hour or more for \$60. Since there is a certain amount of risk involved and passenger flights increase insurance rates, riders must sign a liability waiver.

If you're dying for something to do on a beautiful Indian summer day— reach deep into your pockets for a lift in a bright balloon.



Departments

Students Observe Murray Center

By Greta Garbo

On Oct. 29, Mr. Dewitt's psychology classes, and Mrs. Hall's social problems class went to the Murray Development Center to observe the center and the children there.

The group was met by a guide in the main office. She explained the center's setup and goals to the students and then started the tour of the center.

The first building the group visited was a cottage that housed the profoundly retarded. These are children that are not trainable, so that they must be cared for by the workers.

Next, they went to a cottage that housed the trainable retarded children. Here, the children are taught to feed and dress themselves, and learn other simple jobs.

The last building that the classes visited was the educational building. Here, they have a kitchen, and classrooms where less severely retarded can study personal habits, regular lessons, and some learn a trade.

Glenda Troutt, one of Mr. Dewitt's students said she enjoyed the trip. Her father works at the center, and she said he'd already told her much about what goes on.

Night Program Extends to Area High Schools

By Becky Randall

RLC's Evening Program will be expanding in the Spring Semester when night classes will be taken to each district's area high schools.

Each district will have a spokesman, called Community Coordinators, who will plan their community's program. For this effort, they are reimbursed according to the amount of credit hours registered for by students. Most of the coordinators are connected with the area high school.

The idea began last spring in Wayne City when voluntary surveys were published. These surveys, which questioned course preference, worked out so well that the idea was expanded to other area communities.

Ag News

By Nancy Pfaff

The Ag. Advisory Council met Monday, Nov. 3 at 6:30 p. m. in the Student Center for dinner. After dinner the group moved to the Vocational Building for their meeting.

W. Rex Fouts presided over the meeting. Dr. Travis Martin, RLC President gave a welcome to the group and expressed the hope that he could meet and get to know each member personally.

Carroll Turner, Chairman of the Ag. and Ind. Technology Dept., spoke on the expansion of the Land Laboratory on the RLC grounds. Right now, 10 acres are being used for experimental purposes. It is hoped that the Agricultural Dept. will be able to start farming more land owned by the college.

The ag. students would make up a farm plan and follow it out. All ag. students should eventually be brought into the picture.

Dr. Martin expressed a desire to possibly have livestock on some of the land. Turner explained that a thorough study would be conducted to see just what would be best use of the land.

It was mentioned by Turner that any meetings can be held here on campus and are welcomed: just call through the proper channels.

P.E. Dept. to Offer Ballet-Tap Classes

Beginners ballet and beginners tap dance courses will be offered during the Spring Semester at RLC, according to Physical Education Department Chairman Jim Waugh.

The beginners ballet class will meet at 9 a.m. each Tuesday and Thursday in the RLC gymnasium, beginning Jan. 8. The beginners tap dance class will meet at 10 a.m. the same days. Holly Payne will be the instructor.

The ballet course will cover beginning studies of classical ballet. Students in the tap dance course will study tap technique.

There will be a \$5 registration fee for students not already enrolled at RL, plus a \$4.50 tuition charge for each course. Further information is available by calling Holly Payne, 439-3904, or by calling Mark Kern, dean of community services, 437-5321.

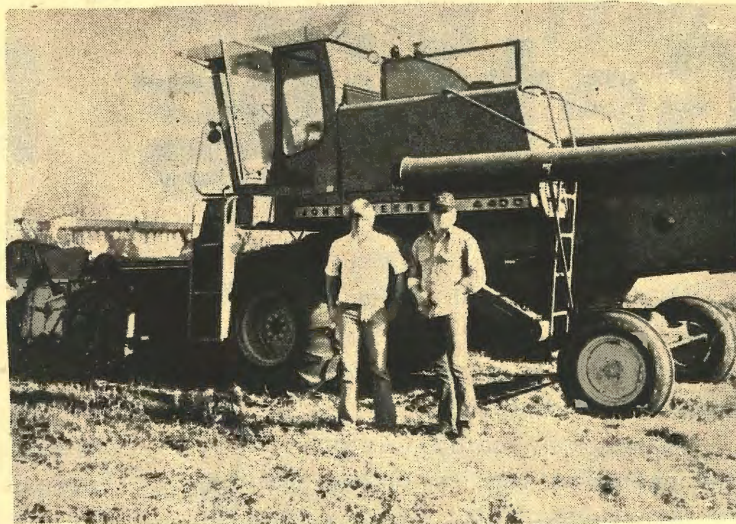


Photo By Phil Watts

Pictured are two RLC students, along with a combine used to cultivate crops on campus. This was the first time that RLC students have ever cultivated crops on the RLC campus.

Dr. Martin said we welcome the opportunity to host business sales and service meetings also. He stated that the college should be a service to the community. Leavell Swink, Ag. Business Instructor, noted that people do not seem to be aware that luncheons can be served at noon also.

Some agriculture events to watch for are the following: the 6:40 a. m. Agriculture Report, each Saturday over station WMCL in McLeansboro; the Brain Judging Contest, Nov. 19; Franklin County's Farm Bureau dinner and program, Dec. 5; the Shop Skills Contest, March 8, 10, and 11 for Sections 21, 24, and 25; and the Tractor Safety School, during Feb. and March.

Rebel Psychiatrist Talks

Social Science News

By Greta Garbo

On Tuesday, Nov. 11, Dr. Eleanor Hall went to SIU to hear Dr. Thomas Szasz speak about mental illness. Dr. Szasz, Dr. Hall says, doesn't believe that mental illness exists. It's his opinion that these so called "mentally ill" are really just people who have a problem, and their strange behavior is their way of coping with the problem.

Dr. Szasz also believes it's wrong to commit anyone to an institution without their consent. He is a psychiatrist, but claims that psychiatry has overstepped its bounds.

Dr. Hall says that Dr. Szasz is considered a rebel in the field of mental health. He's written several books, the most famous being, "The Myths of Mental Illness." Several of his books are in the RLC Library.

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Sue Stotlar, Benton artist displays her work in the LRC Lobby, while inside the Little Theater Sheri Hobbs and Tom Nance, center left: Greta Garbo and Danny Reynolds, center right: and Tom Winston and Beki Mattingly, lower left: act out their roles in "Bus Stop."

Warriors Begin Season Play

By John Fleri

Lastnight Coach Jim Waugh's Basketball Warriors were to have hosted Oakland City in RLC's first bout on the roster.

The starters were to have been five of the following: Sophs, Mike Bolton, 6'4"; Doug Hardacre, 5'8"; Tom Mings, 6'5"; George Starks, 6'2"; and Frs, Jack Smith, 5'10" and Jeff Wilson, 6'7".

Oakland City Indiana is a university, so the Warriors will be playing against Oakland City's frosh-soph teams.

Two teams on the Warriors roster have dropped their basketball programs this season. Those teams are Ivy Tech and Henderson.

Coach Waugh has managed to add two other teams to schedule though; they are Rose-Hulman Indiana and Oakland City Indiana.

Basketball Schedule

Nov. 20 - Oakland City, Ind. - H

- Nov. 25 - Madisonville, Ky. - H
- Dec. 4 - Jackson, Tenn. - H
- Dec. 5 - John A. Logan - H
- Dec. 11 - Parkland - T
- Dec. 18 - Wabash Valley - T
- Dec. 21, 22, 23 Lincoln Trail Tourney
- Jan. 7 - Southeastern - H
- Jan. 8 - Oakland City, Ind. - T
- Jan. 10 - Danville - T
- Jan. 13 - Shawnee - H
- Jan. 15 - Ill. Valley - T
- Jan. 16 - Kankakee - T
- Jan. 19 - Lincoln Trail - H
- Jan. 21 - John A. Logan - T
- Jan. 23 - Northwood, Ind. - T
- Jan. 27 - Kaskaskia - H
- Jan. 30 - Madisonville, Ky. - T
- Feb. 3 - Danville - H
- Feb. 5 - Wabash Valley - H
- Feb. 7 - Rose-Hulman, Ind. - T
- Feb. 10 - Southeastern - T
- Feb. 11 - East Central, Mo. - H
- Feb. 17 - St. Louis Christian - H
- Feb. 19 - Shawnee - T
- Dec. 9 - Kaskaskia - T

Mammoth Football Linemen Pay the Biggest Price

By Brent Lappin

There is drama about the linemen in football because they are the biggest losers. It's one of the few times the small have an advantage over the big. The big guys are the ones everyone depends on and they know it. That's why after a game when their bodies ache from slamming into other bodies; from hitting the ground with three of the opposition on their back; aching in every fiber of their being, they feel they lost the game. The little guys can say, "If I were only a little bigger," but the big guys can't. The underclassmen can say, "Wait till next year," but the seniors can't.

Where the big guys play says a lot for their attitude on losing. The big guys are primarily linemen so they have to play in the pit. The pit is where the biggest players on both teams line up directly across from each other with only the width of a brown leather ball separating them. When the ball is snapped, mayhem breaks loose in that three yards of turf. After this has happened sixty to seventy times in the sixty minute period, the linemen look very different from the rest of the team. Their hands are usually bruised and bleeding from jackhammering the opponents' helmet. Their own helmets are striped with paint from their opponents! Their necks are swol-

len and sore from slamming an eight pound helmet into the midsections of charging linemen who revel in contact. The linemen's looks after the game can illustrate the way they "accept" losing.

The linemen sit at the back of the bus, their uniforms and bodies torn and gritty with the dirt from the field. Their arm and shoulder pads are caked with mud, made from their own sweat. In spite of similar appearances, the offensive and defensive linemen take losing in different ways. The offensive linemen, staring vacantly at the seat in front of them, usually are softly crying, trying not to let anyone notice. The defensive linemen are extremely unpredictable. Some slam their fists into the seat in front of them. Others become so enraged at themselves for not playing well that they curse themselves, while openly challenging the other team to a free for all. After a person loses for so long, he starts getting mad before the game starts. Then after the game when they've lost again, he just feels numb with all the aches in his body concentrating into one tight knot in his gut. Nobody ever gets used to losing but some learn to hide it better. The big guys just never seem to realize how it's done.

(Editor's Note: This guest feature was written by freshman Brent Lappin in his English III class.)



By John Fleri

Have you heard that the athletes are receiving pay-offs? Well, it's not true. The question is, why would anyone from outside the RLC district want to commute here, or find housing near by? Well the explanation is simple. Some colleges don't offer athletic programs or certain courses one might need. So one would have to venture elsewhere to find a college that has the courses he needs.

If one moved to Ina, from outside the district, he could register to vote in Ina and so become a citizen of the RLC district. Actually it wouldn't cost much more to rent a place in Ina and attend RLC, than it costs to commute from Mt. Vernon each day.

Coach Waugh doesn't get his hands on any of the money in the athletic budget.

Next week's Sideline Views will view the possibilities for other athlete's funds, besides those from the Student Senate.

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