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Editorial

EVALUATING TEACHERS

We are in an age when a college education is a must, but facts are continually proving that our education is on the decline. Whose fault is it? Not any one person's but an accumulation of mistakes.

Teachers are a forgotten minority. Some of the better ones get jobs other than teaching that pay more. But others get out of the teacher field because perhaps they are disillusions by the few incompetent instructors who are their colleagues.

Should a teacher be hired on their merits and abilities or because of their political or personal views?

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Students are always graded and face the consequences of those grades in years to come, but who grades the teacher.

Who is to say that a teacher grades fairly without bias? Counter to popular belief, teachers are human and are influenced by their feelings.

How does the administration weed out the inept teachers?

Perhaps students' opinions or "grades" of what they've learned and the class atmosphere could help make sure the best teachers are in the classroom. By atmosphere I mean that a teacher can know everything there is to know about a subject but if they present it in a boring and dull way, then no one learns anything.

Every semester nearly all instructors here have their students fill out evaluation forms of the teaching methods and classroom experience. If the results, of these evaluations were available for students planning to take the courses, intelligent students could pick the teachers in whose classrooms learning takes place.

But one of the difficulties behind the teaching problem is also that students are told to take classes that are required for their diploma. In a situation like that teachers are faced with students who are there not to learn but to "get the credit."

Why can't a college have a special diploma for a persons' field of study; for instance someone who is majoring in science should not have to take history for a degree in science, and vice versa.

But in situations like these some classes would be cut and, then those teachers would be looking for a job. But perhaps those are the teachers who should be looking for a job other than teaching.

Jim Waters

Letter to the Editor *******

INSTRUCTOR ABSENTEEISM

Absenteeism among college instructors is reaching near epidemic proportions.

Students drive 30 or 40 miles to class and find a note on the door. When these absentee instructors are in class, they tend to speed up on course materials and the normal learning process is lost

process is lost.

Far be it from me to profess a complete knowledge on this subject, but it seems that a logical solution would be to fire all the teachers. This would be a good solution because students would be more prone to teach themselves; testing would be obsolete; and the college would save a large amount of money.

Everyone knows that experience is the best teacher. Information the student learns would stay with him long if he taught himself. Testing, of course, is simply a method used

to determine if a student lives up to a particular instructor's expectations. If testing were eliminated, the students would be d spared the stress and strain of examination e day. Students would be able to relax and enjoy learning.

Colleges could use money more wisely by buying additional learning equipment, such as pinball machines or pool tables. Money spent for instructors to travel to other colleges for lectures and seminars could be spent for students to travel in order to broaden their horizons.

I think that this would be a good solution because I hate tests and do not have the money to travel. I also believe I could teach myself. If there were no teachers, class pets and prejudice towards certain students would become a thing of the past.

Jerry Buttrum

Foundation looks into Scholarship projects

Harold (Hank) Hannah is the recently elected president of the Rend Lake College Foundation.

The organizational meeting attracted 29 supporters to the Ina campus on Nov. 14; another 50 or so parties have indicated a genuine interest in the Foundation but were unable to attend.

Several possible short-term and long-term projects for the group were discussed, with special emphasis placed on four areas: student scholarships, recognition of student excellence, recognition of faculty excellence and recognition of outstanding community support to Rend Lake College.

A sign noting the presence of the college, to be placed near Interstate Highway 57, and backing for the Rend Lake Civic Symphony also gained immediate favor.

Dr. Harry J. Braun, Rend Lake College president, and Dr. Curtis Parker, outgoing foundation president, spearbeaded a membership drive recently to help revitalize the Foundation, a not-for-profit organization which has remained virtually inactive since it was incorporated in August, 1967.

Hannah, a retired University of Illinois professor and associate dean who has practiced law in Jefferson County since moving to Texico in 1971, was elected by acclamation.

Capital punishment draws Heated debate at convention

Panel discussions may be considered dull by some, but according to Eleanor Hall, sociology instructor, they certainly are not when they develop into heated debate and are punctuated with a visit to a Quaker prison.

Adding to the excitement at the American Society of Criminology, which Hall attended in Pennsylvania Philadelphia, PA, was the opportunity she had to meet the author of several books which she uses in her classes.

Hall says the heated debate occurred in a roundtable discussion on capital punishment at the convention. Professor Ernest van den Haag, New York State University, contended that effective punishment must be administered and not just threatened. On the other hand Dr. Thorstein Sellin, often call the dean of American criminology, spoke against capital punishment on humanitarian grounds.

grounds.
"The discussion," Hall says, "was intensely interesting, with members of the audience taking one side or the other."

The defender of the Chicago Seven, William Kunstler, was scheduled to speak at another session on radical criminology, but he was unable to be there. Hall says the man who spoke turned out to be a socialist who had

recently visited Cuba. After describing the Cuban justice system in glowing terms, he was "pinned to the wall," says Hall, by the audience and other panel members.

Scoring a point for good teachers, Dr. Hans Ziesal, University of Chicago, suggested that if the criminalogists at the conference wanted to really reduce the crime rate, they should go home and become dedicated elementary and high school teachers.

Hall met the author of several books she uses in the classroom at a small colloquium. Professor Daniel Glaser, who is next year's president of the AMSC, spoke on the importance of basing criminal research projects on established theory.

The convention was also highlighted by a tour of a Quaker prison built in 1827 and used until 1970. According to Hall, the prisoner was never allowed to leave his cell no matter how long the sentence was. He had no visitors except a "moral teacher" and the warden.

"The information I received about the criminal justice system and the opportunity to meet and hear important people in this field was invaluable. I have returned with renewed interest and enthusiasm toward by my teaching assignments at Rend Lake College," Hall promises.

Staff and faculty views

Women take three positions on ERA

"There are two sides to every issue" is an old adage that needs revising when it concerns the Equal Rights Amendment.

In further coverage of the ERA issue "The Pressing Times" staff discovered not only a pro and a con side to the proposed amendment, but also a definite "I am insufficiently informed" segment.

This was evident in the survey concudeted and reported in the Nov. 13 issue where 27 percent of those responding felt they were not knowledgeable enough to form an opinion about ERA.

Therefore, the arguments for and against ERA and the concern of the uninformed are presented as articulated by Rend Lake College staff and faculty women.

Dr. Barbara Luchsinger, English instructor, speaks for those who haven't taken a positive or negative stand yet.

"I think these issues should be brought before the college community in a responsible manner, and, The Pressing Time' is doing this.

"I feel the campus needs the opportunity to hear opposing views presented in a reasoned manner. Both world issues and campus concerns need to be presented in this way.

"It is gratifying that opinion polls have been conducted in an objective way. But I feel several positions can be taken. There is a decided "yes" and a decided 'no' side. But there is also an uninformed and undecided side. Of this group some lean to the pro side, and some lean to the con side. Others are still neutral

"On this campus the pro ERA people seem

to be the ones who have neen active in presenting their views. They are the ones who have devoted their time to this project. Yet women miners have given me something to think about if ERA would result in removal of weight-lifting limitations for women.

"I speak for the undecided when I say we are open to information and opinions from both sides. Please give us something on which to base our decisions."

Barbara Liles, affirmative action officer at RLC, presents the pro ERA arguments for consideration in the following statement.

"Some say that this amendment is not needed because women already have equal rights because of other laws such as the Equal Pay Act and Title IX. I believe we need this amendment because the Constitution is the "Supreme Law" of the land. A reading of history will convince everyone that the framers of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution did not have women in mind. Inequities in the laws of many states still persist today.

"The ratification of the ERA will insure that all states and the federal government will review and revise their laws and official practices to eliminate discrimination based on sex and that such laws will never again be inacted by governments. One of the big reasons I am supportive of ERA is that it will give constitutional sanction to the principle that the homemaker's role in marriage has economic value that entitles one to full partnership under the law. Another is that it will insure that married women can engage in business as freely as married men and that they can dispose of separate or community

property on the same basis.

"One of the most frequent reasons I have heard for not ratifying the ERA is that public toilets and sleeping quarters of public institutions will be integrated. This has not happened in states which have ERA amendments to their state constitutions (Montana, Washington State). Rights of privacy will permit separation of the sexes in such facilities

"Should the U.S. ever reinstate the military draft, women would be subject to it. I believe this is a responsibility that women should accept. As to combat duty, the ERA does not mean that infantry units will be half women. The military services will have the same right to assign women as they have to assign men and certainly will not assign women to duties they are not capable of performing women.

"I doubt that there is a working woman anywhere who does not want to be paid as much as men for performing basically the same work. The Equal Pay Act has done a lot in this area, but equal pay for equal work is still not a total reality in the United States.

With what women have to gain through the ratification of the ERA, I believe most women are willing to accept the responsibilities of becoming an equal citizen. Remember, this amendment applies only to governmental action. It does not affect private action, or the purely social relationships between men and women, or even the family structure which is based on private relationships and custom."

Business instructor Gela Goin states the opposing arguments concerning the Equal Rights Amendment.

1. "First, men and women were not created

with the same characteristics. As a result God gave them different roles in the church. ERA would invite interference in these areas.

2. "Men and women are not physically and emotionally equal. In some areas women are superior, and in others men are superior. In the past legislators have recognized this and have passed laws to protect women where they are inferior such as strength. These laws would be made unconstitutional by ERA.

3. "ERA is a political grab for power by those who would center all power in Washington. Further eroding the powers of the states where the power is closer to the people.

4. "ERA is unnecessary since better laws already exist guaranteeing equal rights in wages, employment, and other areas. Treating such needs in individual, more detailed laws is a much better way to guarantee true and fair equality.

5. "ERA would actually hinder rather than help provide equal opportunity in some areas, such as sports, by outlawing special teams that would give women more opportunity to participate. While presently laws can be passed to permit women to play on men's teams, but prohibiting men to play on women's teams.

"In short, ERA is an amendment with such noble purposes that it has blinded many to the truth that it is a bad way to accomplish these goals. Goals that have far too many bad side effects to mention them here."

The three sides to the Equal Rights Amendment are presented here. Weigh the arguments, study the issues, and make your own decision.



Tick chosen panelist at Texas speech convention

By Barbara Hamilton

Michael Tick, Rend Lake College Speech and Drama instructor, attended the Speech Communications Association Convention in San Antonio, Tx., Nov. 9 through Nov. 13.

Prior to the convention, Tick was asked to be a panelist on a program that dealt with teaching speech and theatre in community colleges. The panel consisted of Tick and eight other instructors from community colleges all over the country, urban and rural. The audience consisted of about 60 community college instructors, and following the program was a question and answer period.

The chairman of the program was Isna Engleberg of Prince George's Community College, Key Large, MD. Engleberg was responsible for choosing the panel. Each member of the panel was selected because of their expertise in a specific area. Tick was chosen for his work in directing non-dramatic

Carter gets Scholarship From IBEA

RLC graduate Gina Carter, Enfield, is the only community college transfer student to receive the Illinois Business Education Association scholarship this year.

Carter was nominated by business teacher Janet Miller for the award. While at RLC Carter was active in Phi Beta Lambda and a student worker in the business department. She was co-editor of the 1978 yearbook,

The scholarship was awarded in Novem-

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Tick said it was good that RLC invested the money to send someone to the convention because of the good exposure for the college. Also, the majority of the faculty and graduate students from the Department of Communications, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale were there. Most of RLC students transfer to SIU

He emphasized the fact that Illinois has one of the largest Speech and Theatre programs in the United States, second only to Texas. SIU's Communications Department is toprated in the nation.

Tick said that when an instructor from a small rural college is able to attend a large

convention such as this, it is intellectually stimulating and keeps one current in the field. He added, "The Rend Lake College Ad-ministration is very supportive where faculty development is concerned.'

En route to San Antonio, Tick stopped at the University of Texas at Austin to attend a seminar where he presented a paper that he had written – "Staging Metaphor: A Possible Solution For The Post Literate Audience." The audience consisted primarily of graduate students and professors from the University.

Tick, who is currently working on his doctorate, said his doctorial dissertation will be based on this paper. He hopes to have the paper published in a national communications journal very soon.

Youthgrant Available now

The National Endowment for the Humanities through its newly-expanded Youth grants program will offer more than 100 awards throughout the nation this fall to students and other young people in their teens and early twenties to pursue independent projects in the humanities.

The deadline for submission of completed applications has been extended to December 1, the only deadline during this academic year. Application forms should be on file in college offices which deal with federal grants.

These federal grants offer up to \$2,500 to individuals and up to \$10,000 to grnups They are intended primarily for those between the ages of 15 and 25 who have not completed academic or professional training. While the program cannot provide scholarship support financial aid for thesis work, dergraduate work which seems assured of public dissemination can be supported.

The humanities include such subject areas as history, ethnic studies, folklore, anthropology, linguistics, and the history of art.

Youthgrants have been used by young people to carry out a wide variety of projects such as exhibits of documentary photographs, printed or audiovisual records of local history, and films on anthropological

Rend Lake Auto Shop Will revamp your rod

By Jim Waters

Where can a person get a car fixed for only the cost of the parts? Try the Rend Lake Auto Shop where students do the work just for

experience.
"We can do anything but body work or exhaust or oil changes. The students don't learn much from the last two; so we don't do says Fran Lentz one of the instructors. "I'd say we have a pretty good bunch of guys this year," he continues.

Before a student can work on a car he must have the class time put in so he can have a working knowledge of the automobile. The classroom is relaxed, and each student

spends approximately two hours of book work and three hours of lab. Actual experience is the mode of teaching for this class.
"There's no substitute for experience.

When a fellow works on a car and gets it together and knows it must work, he learns more than if he just works on static engines,' says Lentz.

The automotive course is a three-year course. When a student finishes, he's ready to work on cars for a living, according to Lentz.

If your engine falls out on the way to school, just go to the auto shop (in the mining building) and ask one of the instructors when the shop could get time to do the work.

Remember to tell them the model and make of your car and what the problem is.

This shop does not carry insurance against damage. So if your car is in the shop and it burns down, you are out one car. But they do take care of accidents that students do. For instance if a gasket is being put on your car and it gets broken, then a new one is bought out of the shop budget. But something like that has happened only twice this year.

At least one instructor is always in the shop all the time. They move around giving advice and encouragement as needed.

Time is a big factor in the shop because sometimes people will bring their cars in to be worked on and expect them done in the same day. That's easy on the simple things, but don't expect to get your car's engine overhauled in a few hours because it's im-

Each of the three auto instructors has his own field of specialty. Teaching engine work and air conditioning is Fran Lentz who has been with the college for the last five years. He's a firm believe in hands on training.

Morris Kirsh teaches brakes, tune-ups and ignition systems. He's been here four years. Sam McCowan takes care of transmissions, advanced engines, power accessories, suspension and steering. This is his third year

They seem to like what they're doing, and it shows in their attitude towards the students.

Relationships important in Child development, socializing

By John D. Homan

Stressing the importance of the bonding relationship between mother and child, Dr. James Heersma, preventive pediatrician from Mt. Vernon, spoke recently to Child

Development and nursing classes on campus.

Heersma told students that grammar can
possibly develop by six to nine months if the
mother-child relationship is a good one. The
father also plays a vital role in the child's

Pediatrician Heersma



socialization. He can work on sounding out words and making gestures to illustrate his

Dr. Heersma also stated that the infant perceives much better than one would think during the early months.

He said that doctors look for color, tone, and cry in newborn infants. Of course, slight variances in these are nothing to be too concerned with. Only when there is an extreme variance does one need to be con-

Babies are more responsive after a couple of months to their surroundings. They start reaching for objects at about 3 months, but usually don't hold on to things very well until

about 4 months of age. At about 6 months they are better at this and early verbalization will probably begin about this time.

At approximately 9 months, infants acquire a finger grasp, which is good for picking up larger objects. The tendency to drop items also starts to decline about this time.

Heersma in discussing language skills of children stated that these skills often correlate well with the intelligence level of the child. At approximately one year the child speaks single words and mimics quite a lot, he said. The child should also be able to respond to music if it has a good beat. The child should have a lot more personality at this time this time.

Heersma commented that the head size of a baby relates directly to his intelligence level. A small head indicates poor intelligence and vice-versa. This point, however, may be a bit more difficult to prove, he indicated. Heersma also questioned the validity of children's

Toilet training was another major point of discussion. Heersma pointed out that American children are often forced to be trained at too early an age, wnich causes severe problems. The child may not have good control over his sphincter muscles, which further complicates matters and literally produces a mess.

If the parent is pressing the issue, then the child may rebel by holding in his bowel movement. This frustrates the parent and eventually presents a physical dilemma for the child and the doctor, who tries to correct the situation.

Heersma said that Korean children are given a shirt at birth, but are not given pants until they are trained. He pointed out that this may be the best way in some respects.



dy Warriers basketball

seated front row (I to r) - Chris Lewis, acey Szczeblewski, Cathy Browning, Diane nn, Darlene Heil, Toni Martin, Martha

Back row - coach Richard Doherty, Mary Collins, Cindy Caldwell, Svetlana Boroneskovitch, Missey Learned, Kris

Women play their first Jame in Volunteer Classic

By Cindy Caldwell

The women's basketball team will have eir first game in the Volunteer Classic at hn A. Logan College on Nov. 30 and Dec. 1. The Warriors will play Logan at 8 p.m. tile Kaskaskia takes on the University of vansville at 6 p.m.

The next day, the winners on Friday play at

p.m. and the losers at 6 p.m.

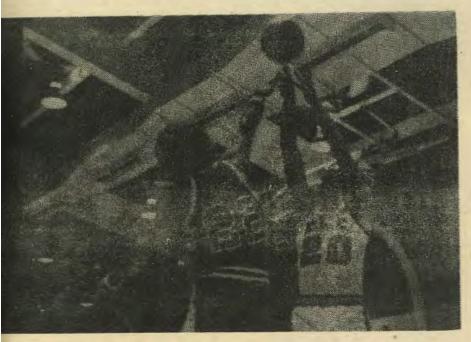
The lady Warriors will only have three imes the rest of 1979. They will play at outheastern on Dec. 10 at 5:30. Then they ay two home games; Kaskaskia on Dec. 13 5:30 and Wabash Valley on Dec. 17 at 6 p.m. For the Warriors, only three players are turning: Toni Martin, Waltonville, Cindy aldwell, Christopher, and Martha Abbott, cLeansboro.

The new members of the team are Cathy owning, Zeigler, Diane Fann, Zeigler, arlene Heil, McLeansboro, Melissa Lear-d, Benton, Chris Lewis, Bluford, Kris Schirmer, DuQuoin, and Tracey Szczeblewski, Mulkeytown.

But, there is one other new member. According to basketball Coach Richard Doherty, she is the most promising member of the team and is a very tall player who recently transfered into the district, Svetlana Boroneskovitch. Boroneskovitch came to Rend Lake College after hearing of our outstanding mining program. It is not true the men's varsity coach Jim Waugh recruited her

Coach Doherty states that "the obvious thing about Svetlana is her height and unusual hair style, but she's a fine team player with an excellent attitude.

"Her abilities combined with the talents of such freshmen as Missey Leonard, Diane Fann, and Darlene Heil, plus the leadership and experience of sophomores Toni Martin, Cindy Caldwell and Martha Abbott promise to give fans of women's basketball at RLC something to cheer about."



Forward Doug Dunbar (20) stretches for the ball during the Alumni Game, which the current Warriors won.

RLC Warriors look good After 1st home victory

As area fans discovered Nov. 20 when Rend Lake beat the Greenville College junior varsity 103-82, Coach Jim Waugh's Warriors are blessed with shooters, quickess, caperience, heart, and depth.

Five of the top seven players from a year ago returned. That team surprised a number of critics by finishing 18-11 and winning the eight-team Land of Lincoln (ovitationa) in Springfield.

"I'd like to think we'll be as good as last year, but then I tend to forget just how good Jerry Wilson was," Waugh said of last season's star performer who is now playing for Missouri Southern. "We're really going to miss his scoring, inside play, rebounding and leadership. We lost another inside player in Larry Karcher, too.

"I still think, though, we'll be a pretty

decent team and win our share of games."

Waugh admits, "We sneaked up on a few people last year. You look at our ruster, and we weren't very impressive. But you don't play the game on paper. We're not very impressive on paper again this year, and I doubt we'll be sneaking up on many people this year since they know who we've got

coming back.
"What we do have – and this sounds like an old coach's cliche – are kids who play hard. We've got kids who refuse to quit. That bailed us out of trouble a few times last year and should again."

Teamwork and leadership are considered other assets for an experienced cast which includes sophomores Doug Creel, Mt. Vernon, Doug Dunbar, Benton, Ron Brookins, Benton, Mark Craddock, Benton, and Glen Ramsey, Christopher.

Creel earned all-conference laurels as a freshman after hitting 57 percent of his fieldgoal attempts and averaging 16.1 points, per outing. Brookins chipped in 10.0 points, and Craddock led the team in assists (147 in 29 games) to go along with his 7.8 - paint con-

Their agenieur should be quite not realise and will be of great benefirit to us,"

"All the suphenous, in their own way, show leadership, too. I've always felt you have to have tremendous leadership from your Sphamenes at this level of play. This

Thembs to several newcorners, the Wannions likewise boast depth. Fred Settlike, mesville IN, and Mark Schwitz, Buansville, IN., should provide help inside, with Gellow fireshmen Brad Rainwater, Wayne City, and Bart Drager, Scattsburg, IN., adding punch and quickness from the

While Creel was ripping the nets on 14 of 16 shots in a 142-69 rout of the RLC Albumi, Schwitz and Settile came off the bench to tally 13 and 12 points, respectively. Settle led the team with 13 rehumbs.

Pellous like Brouking, Rainwater and Drawer are the main ressons Wangh is able to

boast of quickness.

And, adds the cuach, "I think we might be as deep this year as we have been in quite

Much, of course depends on the slender Creel. A perimeter and wing player, Creel "gets the ball inside a lot simply because he moves so well without the ball. He's an excellent medium range shunter, that We're obviously in for a good season from him."

So how does Rend Lake plan on making up for the lack of a true post player?

"We hope to get the ball out and run a little ball."

answered Wangh. "We'll use our quirkness, on occasion, to apply pressure.

And all of our tids are capable of scoring. Someone like Dumbar is capable of having some big nights.



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