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Jazz Band and Combo Celebrate December 14

Friday, December 14, the Rend Lake Community Jazz Band celebrates the end of the semester with a performance at 8 p.m. in the college theatre.

This is the Jazz Band's first concert since becoming a truly "community" band, says Robert Luckey, director.

Luckey, who is a music instructor at RLC, plays alto and soprano saxophone as well as leading this 23 member band.

Dubbed "the Big Band," the group is made up of RLC students and faculty, including Larry Phifer, music instructor, who plays bass trombone, and Jack Musgrave, mining instructor, who also plays trombone.

The community is represented in the band by area high school band directors and students from Mt. Vernon, Bluford, West Frankfort, Thompsonville and Wayne City. RLC graduates have also returned to play with this musical ensemble.

The band will play representative jazz and jazz rock numbers with ballads and bossa-nova pieces added to cover most musical tastes.

Within the Big Band exits the RLC Jazz Combo consisting of Luckey, Jessica Booker (trumpet), Shawn McCauley (trombone), Ronnie Harper (tenor saxophone), Terry Williams (drums), Mark Crawford (electric bass), Dale Weber (guitar), and Cristi Brown and Dan Foster (both on piano).

Luckey is very pleased with this year's Jazz Band, "not only for the very high level of musicianship, but perhaps most importantly for the superb attitudes of the band members." Although the band only practices one day a week for 1½ hours, "everyone is very conscientious about attending rehearsals when many drive 30 miles or more to attend," Luckey brags.

Admission for the 8 p.m. concert is 75 cents for RLC students and \$1.50 for all others.

"We hope a lot of people are going to come out and celebrate by enjoying an evening of jazz," says Luckey.

Next semester the Jazz Band will tour area schools and hopes to give more performances for the public.



CHRISTMAS DANCE -- The Student Senate's Christmas Dance Friday night, December 7, was a huge success . . . but only for the 40 or so people who attended. (Additional picture on page 7.)

Tuition hikes to happen Because inflation rises

Since inflation is continuing to go up, Rend Lake College has no other choice but to raise the tuition fee, according to Bob Graham, Dean of Student Services.

Graham indicates that the only income RLC has to meet its needs comes from tuition and from local and state taxes. The income that RLC receives from local and state sources is not increasing. So they have to bring in more money from tuition in order to meet its commitments.

Graham said that the average tuition for community colleges during 79-80 was \$13.50 per credit hour and that RLC had only been charging \$10. Now it has been raised to \$12 (a \$2 increase), effective fall semester 1980.

According to Graham the tuition for a full-time student for one year will be approximately \$64 higher. Now instead of \$352 a year, it will be approximately \$416.

Graham said the tuition increase will make a difference of \$100,000 to RLC in increase revenue. RLC'S budget for the current year is \$3,800,000.

Administration made the recommendation, and the Board of Trustees approved it. RLC will probably keep the tuition fee at \$12 per credit hour through the fall of 82. "With enrollment stabilizing 2nd state and local support increasing only slightly for next academic year, inflation has forced us to look toward increasing tuition as a means of increasing revenue in order to provide room for growth in next years budget," said Harry Bruen, President of RLC.

"We have looked closely at our level of efficiency and we feel good about what is happening there, however, inflation is offsetting increases anticipated from our local and state sources. There fore we must look to tuition to help us with our plans for growth," said Bruen.

Teitz, Heischmidt, Foster recipients Of Rend Lake College Mini Grants

By Barbara Hamilton

Instructors Steve Teitz, Martin E. Heischmidt and Charles L. Foster recently received Rend Lake College Mini Grants, Dean of Instruction Mark Kern announces.

The grants were awarded in November by the Rend Lake College Faculty Development Committee.

Teitz received his grant for developing an experimental text designed exclusively for use in RLC's 1102 Composition course. The text consists of about 50 pages of collected essays, short stories, poems and other materials selected by the English faculty on the basis of their successful use in the classroom.

Heischmidt's grant is for developing a manual and slides that could be used in seminars, criminalistics, criminal investigation and police patrol courses.

Foster received his grant for a repairman trainee electrical program. He developed the formal and personalized curricula for Electrical Courses 1230, 2236, and 2237 as they apply to coal mine repair trainees and in accordance with the Mine Safety Health Act requirements.

The RLC Faculty Development Committee of five includes faculty and administrators. One of the responsibilities of the committee is to choose from their applicants the faculty members who will receive the RLC Mini Grants.

The primary purpose of the grants are to improve instruction. The three areas in which a faculty member can apply for a grant are revision or modification of a course, development of a new course, or a special project of service to the college.

Members of the Faculty Department Committee are Gary Tucker, president of the faculty association; Dave Ellingsworth, an instructor in the Mining Department; Cheryl Foley, Dean of Community Services; Dr. Evelyn Claxton, chairman of the English and Fine Arts Department; and Mark Kern, Dean of Instruction.

This is the second year the RLC mini grant have been awarded. According to Kern, the program may be expanded to each semester instead of each year, as it now is.



Happy Holidays



Editorial

Season of surprises

By Linda Summers

There isn't a day that goes by that mother nature doesn't remind me of her beauty or power. Although we often complain daily about bitter cold of winter, we fail to see the beauty it brings. Perhaps we are afraid to let go of our warm summer memories to exchange them for cold brisk ones.

I enjoy winter days for the anticipation that each day might bring a new side of Mother Nature. There's something about the serenity of an ice glazed lake or the freeness of a mallard duck in flight.

Southern Illinois offers four seasons with a surprise hidden in every one. Spring offers

beautiful flowers and the enchantment brought about by the ending of winter. The colliness of a shade tree lurks in summer's blistery hot days. Fall is a sad part of the year with the promise of bare trees and empty playgrounds. Winter holds days full of complaints about the snow, but always a silent wish for a white velvet blanket to cover our earth on Christmas Eve.

Let's spend this winter finding the magic that winter offers Christmas trees that light our homes, family gatherings that warm our hearts, and yea, even the magic of a snow-filled winter.

Christmas seems affordable When you give the right gift

By Rosie Gibson

Hurry, folks, only 14 Christmas shopping days left!

Yes, folks, that mad rush is on to find the perfect Christmas gift to light up the eyes of your loved one. Buy your loved ones that special present! Get it now before it is too late!

Too late for whom? The store most likely. The junk they push now will be on sale next month at 50 percent off. I suppose that is why I give I.O.U.'s and promises until January.

Christmas is a time of giving. It is also a time for brotherly love. If this is so, why don't

those stores give the merchandise away?

Now don't get the wrong idea. I love Christmas. I just hate the commercialism that goes with it. The push, push, push to buy, buy, buy those expensive presents that I can't afford.

I can afford to give more time to my family, more love to my friends, and more respect to all I meet. I can afford to smile at grumpy salespeople. I can afford to take my child to Christmas mass.

That's the expense of Christmas that I love to give. Maybe we should push that part of Christmas instead.

Rend Lake College Library is Not the place for laziness

By Tom Hyatt

Vicky Leitner, library assistant and head of circulation at Rend Lake College LCR, appreciates her job for a number of reasons.

She has worked in two other libraries, neither of which she enjoyed more than our library at Rend Lake. This library is unique, Vicky says, because it gears itself to so many interests: academic, adult education (hobbies and particular interests), and vocational and technical fields.

For these reasons, Vicky credits our library as being more diversified than public or even university libraries.

Vicky comments, "You can't get bored." Seeing people every day with so many diverse needs "keeps your mind alert."

Besides this, she adds, "it's a free education."

Another desirable aspect is the building itself. It has a good atmosphere for working, Vicky feels.

Finally, Vicky says that being a librarian at Rend Lake College keeps a person on the move, up and down stairs. "There's no time for laziness."

Vicky received her bachelor's degree in home economics in 1970 at Oklahoma State University. She came to Rend Lake College in May, 1979. She now lives in Bonnie.

Presently, Vicky is working on her master's degree in instructional technology, with emphasis on audio-visual techniques.

75-year-old says it's not Too late to get diploma

By Gayla Mattox

Who said there was no need for older people to continue their education. Nellie Robertson, a 75-year-old Mt. Vernon resident working to get her GED (high school diploma) does not think so.

Nellie started taking classes on Sept. 5, 1979, and finished the classes on Dec. 6, 1979. She took the test on Dec. 7 and if she passed the test, she will get her GED.

"I think it is great. She said she (Nellie) turned 75 on Nov. 29, 1979, and that she was looking forward to getting her diploma", says Bob Brown, counselor at Mt. Vernon High School, and one of Nellie's teachers in the GED program.

According to Brown, Nellie didn't have that much trouble with her classes. He says she seemed to have made up her mind that she was making an effort to get what she wanted. According to Brown, algebra was her toughest subject, but she had no trouble remembering her material.

Nellie said that it was harder than she thought it would be. She thought about quitting when she started having trouble with algebra, but she was glad that she did not. Now that it is getting close to time to get her GED she is excited and nervous; however, if she does not pass, the world would not end, Nellie feels.

Nellie does not plan on taking any more classes but she thinks taking the classes was a good idea and she would encourage others to go back and work for their GED.

Nellie thought going back to school would give her something to do, take her mind off of her troubles, and help her "from grunting." Also, she said she enjoyed being around the jolly young people.

Nellie would like to get a job if she could do something sitting down. She said she knew she was not able to do too much.

Nellie plays in a band for the American association for Retired People (AARP) also referred to as the Kitchen Kewie Band. According to Nellie, the band plays for the handicapped about once every year and they go to two different nursing homes every other Friday.

She also belongs to the Senior Citizens Band. They have a meeting and a dinner every other Thursday in the park. Sometimes they sing at the Sunshine Center for the Senior Citizens they sing gospel music on Tuesdays.

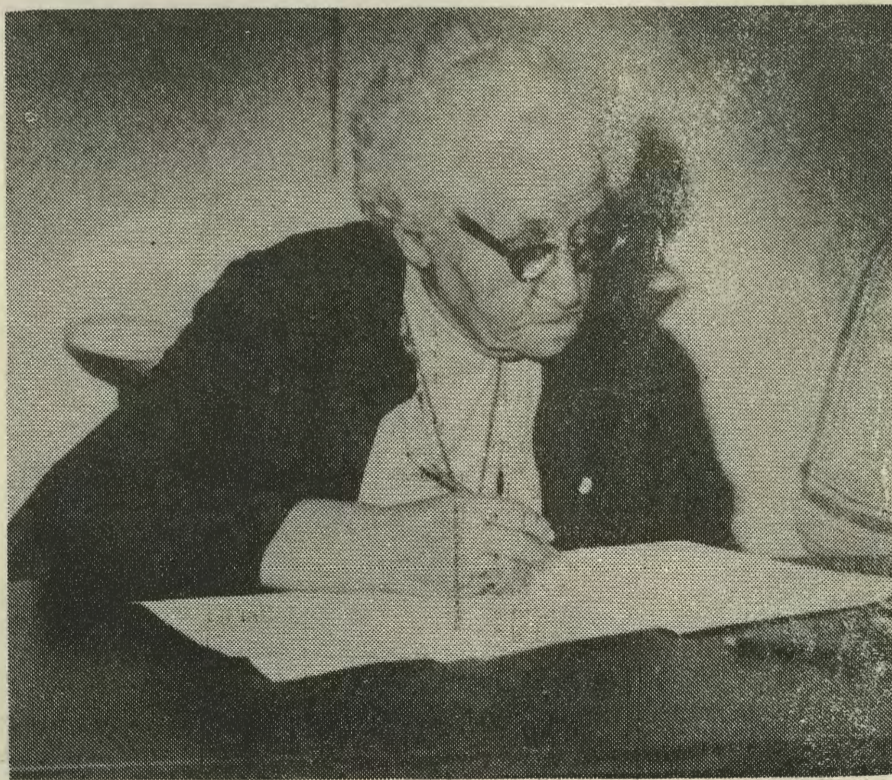
Nellie's mother died when Nellie was 12 years old, and she got a job instead of going to school. She said that finding a job was not easy.

Nellie got married when she was 18 years old and had four children. Later she remarried and had two more children.

She worked in a nursing home in Ina for about 2 1/2 yrs. She retired when she was 65.

Before Nellie started working for her GED, she took painting, sign language, macrame, and craft classes, and ball room dancing class, which her daughter taught.

Nellie Robertson



Former RLC Student now In SIU senate

Former Rend Lake College student leader Mark Michalic of West Frankfort has been elected to an undergraduate senatorial seat at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale.

Michalic, a junior transfer in pre-law, was the leading vote-getter in the senate race. He fell just one vote shy of doubling his nearest opponent.

He will represent the college's west side community. While at Rend Lake College, Michalic served as the student representative on the board of trustees and was vice-president of the student senate.

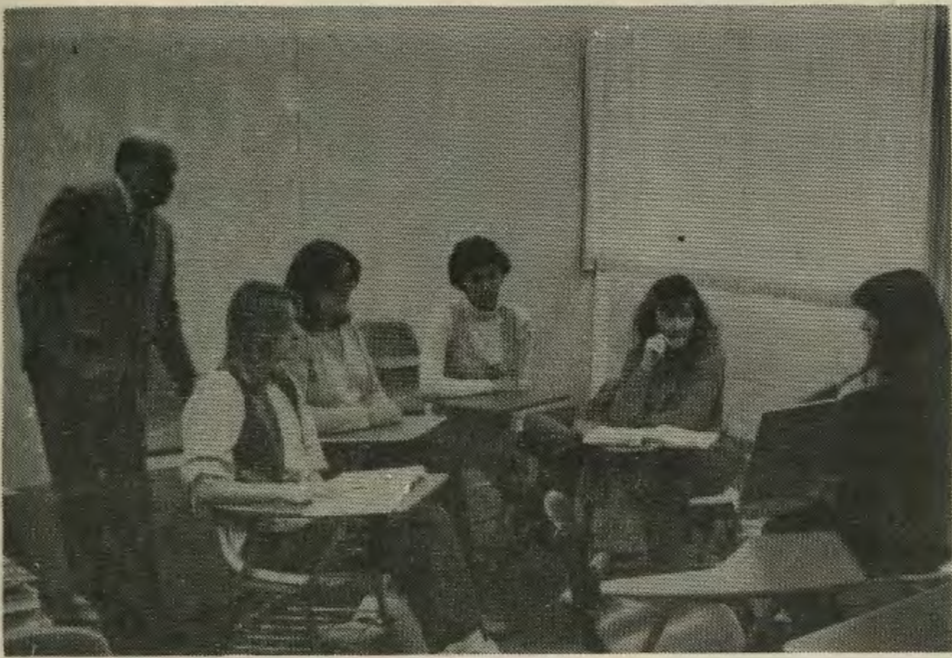
Eight of the 16 senators elected at SIU were write-in candidates. Michalic is one of 13 new members to that group.

We wish you . . .
A MERRY CHRISTMAS
and . . .
We wish you . . .
Would join our STAFF
for next semester.
The Pressing Times' staff

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SPEAKING SPANISH -- Floyd Dressel's Spanish II class members Libby Ingram, LeAnn Voyles, Judy Fry and Barbara

Hamilton sharpen their Spanish accents when Martha Vance, RLC student who is a native of Mexico, visits.

Christmas: Time for Spanish song

By Barbara Hamilton

Bewildered students and faculty are hearing familiar Christmas tunes with unfamiliar words. Completely unaware of the bewilderment they are creating, Floyd Dressel's Spanish classes are joyously singing well-known Christmas carols in Spanish.

Although much of the Spanish student's

Wrap up that Motorcycle Before snow

When the day arrives that you decide to wrap up your motorcycle for winter storage, there are two very important points that should be considered. First, what is the present mechanical condition of your motorcycle? Second, what mechanical condition will it be in at the start of the spring riding season?

It is best to have any required maintenance done as soon as possible. Don't wait until next spring to repair or replace parts. You may forget what items need attention. Anyone who has tried to get service in the spring of the year realizes how busy most motorcycle repair shops are.

Improper winter storage procedures will affect the pleasure and safety of your first riding attempt in early 1980. If at all possible, store your motorcycle in a warm and dry area. Keeping in mind that you have gasoline in your fuel tank. Keep your battery at full charge. If the battery becomes discharged, it may freeze and break if exposed to freezing weather.

At least every 30 days your motorcycle should be started to circulate oil throughout the engine. If this is not done, rust may form on precision parts, such as transmission gears, due to condensation. This could lead to great expense in the spring, not to mention a very unsafe motorcycle.

Refer to your owners manual for some of the most neglected items to be check, such as:

1. Fuel filter for any sediment
2. Chain or drive shaft excessive wear
3. All wiring connections
4. Fuel and oil lines for leaks
5. Front and rear brake wear
6. Drain and replace front fork oil
7. Check all nuts and bolts for tightness.

Your helmet is probably the single most important item contributing to your safety. If at all possible store it indoors. Inspect it closely for cracks or the interior for deterioration.

Winter storage allows the time to do more detailed preventive maintenance. This hopefully will lead to a more safe and enjoyable riding season in the spring of 1980.

time is spent learning vocabulary and construction of the language, there are "fun times" too. Besides singing Christmas carols, the students also listen to popular songs by Spanish musicians.

A frequent visitor to the Spanish classes is Martha Nance, a native of Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua, Mexico. Martha is a RLC student now living in Mt. Vernon with her husband.

With colorful descriptions of her travels, Martha takes the Spanish students to the new jet-set resorts of Can Cun and Cozumel on the Yucatan Peninsula of Mexico. She also describes schools in Mexico and discusses some recipes for Mexican food.

Another visitor to the Spanish classes was Victor Cardenas, a native of Havana, Cuba, now living in Mt. Vernon. He explained about colleges in Cuba, very current views of Castro and special ways of growing sugar cane in Cuba. He noted new permits now allowing people who previously fled to Florida to return to Cuba and visit relatives.

According to Dressel, Representative Paul Simon plans new drives next year to encourage Americans to study foreign language. He said, "All area high school foreign language teachers are also working to increase interest among their students."

Dressel is working to expand enrollment in the Spanish classes and also to bring German back to Rend Lake College.

Exam Schedule

DECEMBER 17, MONDAY

8:00 to 9:00 — Mr. Waugh's Health Class - SCI 110

10:00 to 12:00 — Mr. Arnold's Health Classes - GYM 110

All Art Critiques, Music Juries & Music Methods (Voice & Woodwind) Are Scheduled By The Arts & Communications Department

12:10 to 2:50 — First Aid Classes - (Except Mining First Aid) - SCI 110

DECEMBER 18, TUESDAY

8:00 to 10:00 — Eight O'Clock Classes

10:10 to 12:10 — Eleven O'Clock Classes

12:50 to 2:50 — Two O'Clock Classes

DECEMBER 19, WEDNESDAY

8:00 to 10:00 — Nine O'Clock Classes

10:10 to 12:10 — Twelve O'Clock Classes

12:50 to 2:50 — Three O'Clock Classes

DECEMBER 20, THURSDAY

8:00 to 10:00 — Ten O'Clock Classes

10:10 to 12:10 — One O'Clock Classes

NOTE: All Block Schedule Classes of More Than One Hour Will Give Their Final Exam On The Last Day of Regularly Scheduled Classes. Evening Classes Will Be Given At The Regular Class Time The Week Of December 17.

The college will be closed
Monday, December 24, at noon
It will reopen December 26

Look back on the decade

By Jim Waters

We of the Pepsi generation are about to take our leave of the 1970's and move forward to the Eighties, because time keeps moving on. But I'm just nostalgic enough to want to pause to look back on this decade if for no other reason than to refresh my memory. Then in later life I can say, "Those were the good old days."

At the beginning of the Seventies, America was involved in a war that no one wanted. Public opinion for the first time helped get us out of that war. Oddly enough it was incidents during this time that helped broaden our freedoms.

Americans have seen that even as crooked as politicians are there are some lines uncrossable, as Nixon found out with the Watergate issue.

In a way America has had a great awakening. What other country admits to their CIA doping up citizens? Of course, some citizens would rather have it that way.

Which brings us to another issue that has made advances, marijuana legislation. Not too long if a person was caught with "pot", it

was off to jail until you were 75 or dead, which ever comes first.

Never before was sex mentioned so openly and often by the media. Now kids in school are taught all they need to know in grade school.

In the last ten years we've had three presidents: Nixon, Ford and Carter. To say any more about these three gentlemen would not be in the Christmas spirit.

Aviation has rushed to the forefront. Unfortunately, not in the way it could have been. We've had some tragic accidents, but hopefully we've learned from them.

A new crop of Rock Stars has risen in the last ten years, some by their merits and others by their costumes or antics. A few groups have bit the dust, namely the Beatles.

The auto industry has come out with new cars that depart from the standard large heavy V-8 gas guzzling cars. New cars have changed to the small economical slant six and the four cylinder economy cars. These cars aren't designed for comfort but gas mileage. Who would have thought that America would go from big to small in their cars, but the gas shortage has helped that along quite a bit.

The United States is not the only country to have had its ups and downs over the last ten years. In Iran a whole country has gone back to medieval times by shunning the modern world.

Vietnam has been lost and is now completely communist, and the surrounding countries are quickly following that lead.

Cuba has been to war over the same issue of communism with their own private Vietnam this time in Africa.

In the Seventies we've been shown what complete faith in any one individual can do at places like Jamestown, or again Iran.

But the Seventies have had their good points and their bad. Unfortunately so often we take good for granted and suffer from the "word is out to get me" syndrome.

Not so from what I hear. There is always someone worse off than you. So remember that no matter what happens if you're still alive, you're one up on everyone in a cemetery.

Odd philosophy, but the Seventies were odd years, which make them so interesting to us and those to come.

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LOST POSSESSION

When I was four- or seven-teen, or ten (I can't remember just exactly when), I lost a thing I sorely missed.

And yet, I did not know just what was gone, but sometimes in dew-diamonded down, or when the streams were moonlight kissed, or hills were bathed in amethyst, I almost knew the thing I missed.

And still today I sometimes find a vague remembrance in my mind when I hear children laugh at Christmastide, and sometimes when I step inside a glen that Queen Mab might have crossed, or see the tracings made by frost, I almost know the thing I lost.

Howard Rawlinson

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Dr. Baker honored, New President Named

Rend Lake College's Administration Building is now the "Allen Y. Baker Administration Building."

In a dinner gathering of state-wide educational leaders Friday evening, April 20, to honor Dr. Baker, Rend Lake College announced the naming of the Administration Building in his honor. With specific list of accomplishments, President of the College Trustee Association, Under the leadership of Dr. Baker, the building joined the system.

Dr. W. Travis Martin Jr., 42, of Waterloo, Iowa has accepted the position of president of RLC as of September 1, 1975. Dr. Martin has formerly served as superintendent of the Hawkeye Institute of Technology in Waterloo for nine years as its chief administrator.

cludes a three month search by a Presidential Search Committee. Trustees of Rend Lake College the presidency vacate Snyder upon his retirement, 1975. Dr. Snyder has been president of RLC since its inception. Dr. Martin, his wife and three daughters plan to move to Waterloo some time in the next few weeks.

Eight Instructors Join Rend Lake Teaching Staff

By PAULA FERGUSON

This year, Rend Lake College has added eight new instructors to the faculty list.

Joining the social science department are Richard Doherty and Vincent Cain. Mr. Doherty will serve as department chairman, and will teach modern Asian history. Mr. Doherty, a native of Ottawa, has previously taught at high schools in Illinois. He has received his Doctorate, and is a member of Alpha Theta, an honorary history society, and Phi Delta Kappa.

Mr. Cain, from Guthrie, Ky., received his masters from Peary State University. He has had a degree in education from the University of Kentucky. He is now working on his dissertation for a doctorate.

The music department has added Larry Phifer, who will teach appreciation, chorus, and voice. Mr. Phifer has a degree from Illinois State University, and is presently working on a doctorate in music. Mr. Phifer comes from a family with a long history of teaching. He has 15 years of high school teaching experience.

Administrators Vote; Six Want Martin Ousted Now

By Mitch Fulford of the Pressing Times

A recent poll of the administrators of Rend Lake College conducted by the Pressing Times shows 6 out of thirteen in favor of the dismissal of Dr. W. Travis Martin Jr., President of the College. Five administrators indicated they were willing for Martin to stay, one abstained and one did not vote.

The thirteen-member council, representing the College's faculty, presented the results of a March 3 "no confidence" vote. Carroll Turner, who has since resigned from the faculty but was then the Council's chairman, said at that time the results of the "no confidence" vote were as follows:

The resolution suggested the ouster of Dr. Martin by the Council. The resolution was passed by the president, Dr. Martin, however, did not inform the Council of the results of the vote.

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Wednesday, Oct. 10, 1973

Dr. Claxton No. 1 Adviser in Nation

Dr. Evelyn Claxton, RLC English instructor and adviser of the Pressing Times, has just been notified that she has won the Distinguished Adviser's Award for two year college newspapers.

Dr. Claxton is beginning her fourth year at Rend Lake College where she has been an adviser of the Pressing Times since coming to the college in 1971. Her award is granted annually by the National Council of College Newspapers.

which will feature, besides the awards Dinner, a yearbook, publication advising, and yearbook techniques, and tours of Chicago publishing companies and newspapers.

Six Want RLC Prexy Out Now, Five Want Him To Stay

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Braun Named College

"In all of higher education, the community college's ability to serve people, because of its local use and constituency, is where the action is."

This proclamation came from Harry J. Braun, the final selection of a laborious residential search for Rend Lake Community College.

Braun, 37, is a native of the Midwest, originally from University City in Webster Groves, Mo.

Braun received his Bachelor's degree from the University of Missouri at Columbia in 1969, a Master's degree from the University of Missouri at Columbia in 1971, and a Ph.D. from the University of Missouri at Columbia in 1973.

Braun served as Assistant to the Director of Educational Placement. During this same period, he was also Assistant to the Dean of Student Affairs. He had experience as an elementary school principal at St. Paul's Lutheran's Elementary in St. Louis, Mo. He was also employed as Dean of Community Services at Illinois Valley Community College.

In 1974, Braun was named as the first president of the new Rend Lake Community College.

look who's smiling



Friday, October 6, 1978

Faculty Pickets Board

By Pam McMahan

The possibility of a teacher's strike was mentioned during a meeting of the Board of Trustees of Rend Lake College (RLC) on September 26. The meeting was held at the University of Missouri.

Braun was a member of the Board of Rotary International in Casa Grande, Az. He also acted as president of the congregation in the Trinity Lutheran Church at Casa Grande. Dr. Braun and his family are now residing in Mt. Vernon, Ill. and are visiting area churches.

Braun cited several reasons why he was attracted to this position. He explained that through personal research, he perceived a very positive attitude toward RLC. According to Braun, meeting the screening committee and the Trustees, convinced him that RLC operated staff and administrative

The purpose of the informational picket was to demonstrate the need for official action on a year-old request by the faculty for a collective bargaining agent election.

At the recommendation of Dr. Harry J. Braun, RLC president, the board will render a decision on the issue at the October 17 board meeting.

During the picket, Ed Heischmidt, RLC law enforcement instructor and vice-president of the Rend Lake College Federation of Teachers, (RLCFT), exclaimed, "All we want in a free and clear election." Heischmidt explained that the establishment of collective bargaining would allow input by faculty members on issues of administrative conflicts.

President Braun feels that several personal policies must be revised to provide a firm foundation for the college.

Kern Promotion

Mark Kern, 34, was appointed Dean of Instruction by the Rend Lake College Board of Trustees their Aug. 15 board meeting. Kern, a native of Ewing, began his career at Rend Lake College in 1968 as an instructor in the English Department.

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An Editorial

By Bob Dempsey

The day Vice-President Spiro Agnew resigned was an important day in history. The day President Richard Nixon resigned was an important day in history. The day President Gerald Ford pardoned Nixon was a crucial day in history as well as a crucial day in the life of Ford.

Before that day, President Ford seemed to be very well accepted as President of the United States. Since then, he has been criticized by many groups in the U.S. One group went so far as to say that Ford should be impeached. This so-called act of impeachment is a disgrace to our country.

It is time to look at the actions of our leaders and to ask ourselves if we are truly a democracy. We must not allow ourselves to be manipulated by those who seek power for their own sake.

Michael Avery

RLC board votes against teacher union representation

By Teresa Knox

The Rend Lake College board voted 5-1 not to recognize a faculty union at their regular board meeting on Thursday, Oct. 17. Richard Herrin, teacher and athletic director at Benton High School, cast the dissenting vote.

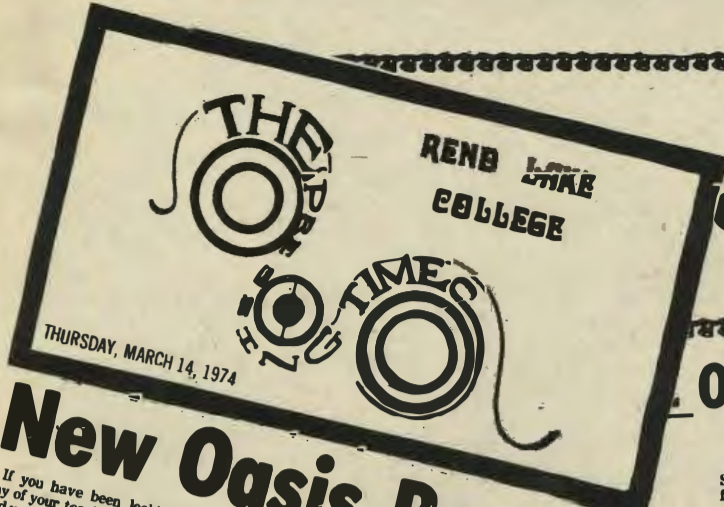
After the decision, several members announced their intention to run for the board.

The board included the appointment of Cheryl Foley to Dean of Community Services. Foley, who has been a speech and drama instructor at Rend Lake College for the past 10 years, was named as the new Dean of Community Services.

Mark Kern, now Dean of Instruction, was named as the new Dean of Instruction.

Dr. Braun, now President, was named as the new President.

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New Oasis Booms

If you have been looking for any of your teachers in the oasis and you can't find them, chances are that they have moved to the New Oasis. Along with new offices for these teachers, all of the counseling staff is located the North Oasis.

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Maintenance Building Burns

Wednesday, February 16, 1972

Open House Draws Crowd of 3,500

By DEBBIE ALDRIDGE
Rend Lake College opened last September 21 (remember that fateful day?) However, we had not yet let the people that gave us the college see it yet. So on December 6, the campus was open for visitors with student-guided tours. From about 1:30 until almost 6:00, the campus was a very busy place. The Open House Committee consisted of faculty members Miss Cheryl Merkens, chairman, Jim Waugh, Larry Phifer, Mrs. Betty Ward, Myron Foley, and Howard R... Student...

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Phase II Construction Begins

WARRIORS SET SCHOOL RECORD; 7-0

Students at RLC have probably been wondering what those strange brick walls around campus are. In an interview with Business Manager Paul M. Witonski and Asst. Business Manager... the walls... east side... into building... offices presently... of the campus will... into more classroom... Student Center Bldg. with... many activities im... students, and... for the PRF... Student...

SAVE the TREES!



By RICK NANCE
Save the trees. That seems to be the major concern of many on the R.L.C. campus, and perhaps a little clarification of the problem is in order for everyone. Several students and faculty members met with the college board at their last scheduled meeting and presented a petition to save a grove of about thirty trees on our campus. Dr. Eugene Estes ran a study on the trees and found that their life expectancy was sixty or more years. Because there is no other ground cover or trees on the campus, these student and faculty representatives felt it most important that the only shaded area on the entire campus be preserved.

will be done free of charge to the College, of course. Mr. Charles Martini, our coordinator with the Illinois Building Authority stated that, "I am behind you all one hundred percent to save those trees. If that is what you want to do, then we at the I.B.A. will try our best in working with the architects to come up with a feasible plan acceptable to all of us." Martini also stated that as far as his office is concerned, such a change would not result in the priority level of the college project being removed or lowered. The only problem would be that of finances.

To move the Learning Resource Center the distance required to save the trees could result in a large cost factor. Underground piping and wiring could exceed the budgeted cost. However, I feel that if all concerned to make the move, the architects or any other wish to save the trees, to the bother of making a shift, then the cost will be magnified until the removal of the trees can be justified for financial reasons.

Missile Base at RLC

Shocking discovery - This reporter has recently discovered that Rend Lake College is the headquarters for a new AEM missile base, now under construction.

What has been unearthed in the last few weeks is astonishing as well as frightening. The NASA and SAC officials have tried to cover up for the missile program, but persistent investigation has compiled a surprising amount of information.

missile is being installed in its underground silo. Blatantly visible from Highways 57 and 37, this projection is a dead giveaway. General Wilfred Parmenter, SAC, "This is our fault. We are sure that no one in Southern Illinois could even spell 'missile' let alone recognize one." He predicted Rend Lake to be a "hatchery school for missile boys" who will know "the way to the missile base."

no major barriers have been erected. The Illinois Junior College Board has no objections to the moving of the building, and the Illinois Building Authority is willing to help us make arrangements to build a few feet back. The obstacle now is our own board and the architects.

Dig Hits "Pay Dirt" Anthro. Students Find Remains Of Ancient Indian

The remains of an Indian believed to be over 2,200 years old have been found in an archaeological excavation conducted by Mrs. Eleanor...

in this area. Very little is known about the Crab Orchard culture, and this dig may provide clues about their history. A few of the fragments found at the site...

Mrs. Hall approached Mr. Jerry Ellison, president of the Guardians of Archaeological Remains, earlier this year to discuss the feasibility of beginning an excavation of the site on the shore of the lake, about a mile west of the site.

Pressing Times

RLC Jazz Band is big hit on tour of Mexico

Two encores and a standing ovation from an audience of over 1,000 in the city of Oaxtepec highlighted the RLC Jazz Band tour of Mexico April 16-23. The band, which was the first Illinois community college band ever chosen to appear in the Fiesta Musical Mexicana, won a bronze medal in that competition. Directed by...

enthusiastic reception of the band, concert performance, diners in an Oaxtepec restaurant later recognized band member Sly Evans from a photo in a Mexican newspaper. The front-page publicity caused the band to mob...

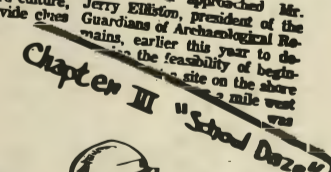
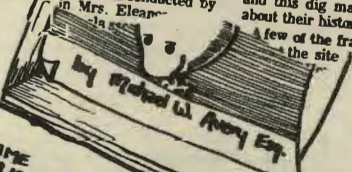
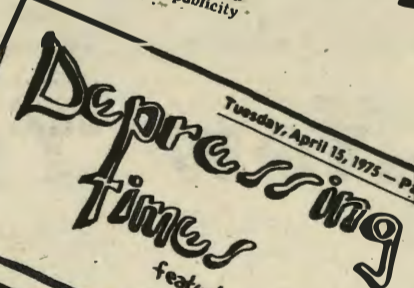
Join RLC-INA to celebrate the Bicentennial

RLC tennis team goes to state tourney for first time

By Teresa Knox
"This was the first time the team has gone to state and according to records this is the first season they have even won a match," exclaimed Coach of RLC's tennis team, Patton, coach of RLC's tennis team. The team left on Thursday.

Sohio and Old Ben Presidents Visit RLC

By Becky Randall
RLC's Old Ben Training Program was the object of an hour tour by A. B. Whitehouse, Pres. of Standard Oil of Ohio, and Chicago officials of the Old Ben Coal Company, a subsidiary of SOHIO, at 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 16. The group was visiting the min...



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Money! Money! Money!

Get in gear to get yours

By Gayla Mattox

Students do not wait too long. It is time to plan not only for class schedules for next semester, but also for financial aides and grants that are available.

A Basic Educational Opportunity Grant (BEOG) is being offered which is a federally funded program based upon financial need, according to John Kretz, financial aide officer.

A student could receive from \$100 to \$469 per semester. If eligible, the student will receive a check payable to his-her name. He will receive two checks per semester, one approximately three weeks after starting of the term and the other approximately one week after mid term.

Another possibility is the College Work Study (CWS) Program. This is also a federally funded program which is based on need.

The student must fill out an ACT Needs Analysis. This statement will indicate to the college how much money the students, family can contribute to his-her education.

The college then subtracts the students family contribution from this cost of education to determine the students work eligibility.

Also being offered is the Supplemental Opportunity Grant (SEOG) funded by the federal government. Eligibility is determined by the students unmet needs not covered by BEOG, CWS, or Illinois State Scholarship Commission.

The Illinois State Scholarship commission (ISSC) is a state funded program which is based upon need. If eligible, ISSC will pay for all or part of a students tuition and fees.

Unfortunately, ISSC has ran out of money for the 79-80 Academic year. Anyone who applied after Sept. 15, 1979, will not be considered.

"I encourage any student whose parents, income is less than \$20,000 to apply for BEOG," said Kretz. According to Dretz, any student with four or more people in the family, regardless of income, should check with him on possibilities for BEOG eligibility.

President Carter signed a Middle Income

Student Assistance Act which allows more middle income family students to qualify for BEOG.

Recently Governor James R. Thompson signed Senate Bill 1438, providing \$4.5 million in added funds for the Illinois State Scholarship Commission's non-repayable grant program. The bill added about 9,000

grants, averaging \$500 each, to the 77,000 provided previously for operation of the Commission's Monetary Award Program for financially needy students.

Thompson's action brings the total appropriated for Fiscal Year 1980 for the award program to \$79 million.

Also, new applications for BEOG, ISSC, and Work Study for the 1980-81 Academic year can be picked up in Kretz's office, located in the South Oasis, Room 110.

Club engineers Social calls

The Engineering Club is a very active club this year, according to Richard Heaton Engineering Club adviser. The club plans to visit the Mt. Vernon Airport and see the equipment used. Also, they plan to visit the Environmental Laboratory in Marion.

The club went to the Chrysler Assembly Plant and to the Planitarium in St. Louis on Dec. 8.

The club has had several bake sales in order to raise money for their events.

On Nov. 9, 15 members, including Heaton, visited the Freeman No. 9 Mine. About half of the members were women.

Formost of the members it was their first opportunity to see an underground mine in operation.

After the club planned the trip, it was arranged by Dr. Mandrell, company persona, division, Mr. Rowland, superintendent of the mine, and Mr. Summers, manager of the mine.

According to Heaten, it was an excellent trip and the hospitality was great.

ERA rep for lunch

Cathy Railsback, ERA representative from Chicago, is coming to RLC to speak for the Chicago ERA office. Railsback will be welcomed at a potluck lunch at 12 noon, Tuesday, Dec. 18, in the art room.

All interested supporters and undecided folks are invited to learn and share about the upcoming June vote in the Illinois State Senate, according to sponsor Susan Kolojeski.

For more information contact Kolojeski in the art room or the North Oasis.



Although few students took advantage of this year's Christmas Dance, those who did obviously enjoyed themselves.

New tax changes can Mean a tax break

By Susan Burgess

The end of the year is the season to gather courage, fortitude and records in preparation for income tax time.

Larry Sidwell, accounting and business instructor, says new changes in the tax laws are waiting to catch unsuspecting income tax filers.

Sidwell attended an Individual Income Tax Workshop sponsored by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants on November 19 and 20 in Louisville, Kentucky.

At the workshop tax professor Sam Erickson from Mankato State University, MN, updated accountants and accounting teachers on tax changes in the past year and gave a quick review of important regulations.

Although the workshop covered an 800-page manual in 16 hours, Sidwell highlights just four important changes to keep in mind when taxpayers begin work on their Form 1040s.

1. No standard deductions are taken now. The "Zero Bracket Amount" (ZBA) works the same way. To itemize, deductions must exceed the ZBA, which for single individuals

has been raised to \$2,300. For married individuals filing jointly, the ZBA is \$3,004; for married people filing separately, \$1,700. This change was made last year, Sidwell states, but some aren't aware of it yet.

2. Gasoline tax decution has been eliminated.

3. The capital gains deduction has been increased from 50 percent to 60 percent. This applies to the sale of investment property which was held for more than a year.

4. The political contribution deduction has been eliminated. However, the political contribution credit was increased.

If an individual gives \$50 (the limit for a single person) as a political contribution, \$50 may be credited toward the total tax due. The limit is \$100 for married individuals filing jointly.

This is actually a tax break, according to Sidwell, because the tax credit results in a lower total taxes for those who formerly took such a deduction.

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Sports

by Cindy Caldwell, Sports Editor

'Wrens' drop two, but one Player named to All-Tourney

By Cindy Caldwell

The lady basketball players dropped their first two games of the season in the First Volunteer Classic at John A. Logan with losses to Logan (30-52) and the University of Evansville (42-56).

Against Logan, the women's Rend Lake basketball team (Wren, derived from the "W" in "Women's" and "Ren" in "Rend") was only four points behind at the half but could only get nine points in the second half.

In scoring for RLC was Cindy Caldwell 2, Martha Abbot 4, Missy Learned 8, Cathy Browning 1, Diane Fann 4, Chris Lewis 2, Toni Martin 2, Darlene Heil 7.

Against the University of Evansville varsity team, Learned, Benton, set the individual game scoring record for the tournament with 23 points, ten baskets and three for three free throws. She was also named to the All-Tournament team.

Scoring for RLC was Caldwell 2, Abbott 3, Kris Schirmer 2, Martin 4, Tracey Szeblewski 2, Fann 3, Heil 2.

Basketball Coach Richard Doherty commented, "We played very well defensively." He did have one complaint, "We were by

far the shortest team in the tournament. For example, Logan had six players taller than any of our players, and Learned was the smallest member of any team."

The Volunteer Classic was won by Kaskaskia, as they won against Logan in overtime (87-84).

The ladies will be hosting Kaskaskia this Thursday at 5:30 p.m. and Wabash Valley on Monday, Dec. 17 at 6:00.

For the rest of the season, the Wrens will play:

Jan. 7	Shawnee+	H	7:00
Jan. 10	Olney	H	5:30
Jan. 15	Logan+	T	7:00
Jan. 16	Lincoln Trail	H	6:00
Jan. 18	Scott Air Base	H	5:30
Jan. 21	Wabash Valley	T	7:00
Jan. 24	Logan+	T	5:30
Feb. 5	Kaskaskia+	T	5:30
Feb. 6	Olney	T	7:00
Feb. 14	Shawnee+	T	6:00
Feb. 18	Lincoln Trail	H	5:30
Feb. 21	Southeastern+		
Feb. 28, 29	Sectional 8		

and March 1 at Shawnee Conference games+



Defense!

DON'T SCORE - Toni Martin (41), Waltonville, is trying to distract a Logan player from scoring. But Rend Lake couldn't stop the red-hot Logan players as RLC lost, 30-52.



ALL TOURNEY - Missy Learned (21), Benton, dribbles past a Logan defender. In the Logan Classic, Learned scored 23 points against the University of Evansville. She was also named on the All-Tourney team.

Warriors look forward to Dec. 13

By Cindy Caldwell

The men's basketball team has boosted their record to four wins and three losses.

On Nov. 29 the Warriors traveled to John A. Logan and were defeated 67-81. Basketball Coach Jim Waugh remarked, "This was our first conference game loss, and I hope we will play them (Logan) better at home."

Scoring for Rend Lake was Mark Craddock 4, Doug Creel 18, Doug Dunbar 11, Ron Brookins 11, Glen Ramsey 4, Mark Schwitz 12, Fred Settle 2, Brad Rainwater 1, Bart Draper 4.

Against Parkland on Dec. 4, Creel, Mt. Vernon, swished in 29 points for the Warriors. In fact, Creel has the highest points accumulated so far this season with 175 points.

The Warriors were only behind by three points at the half (32-35) but lost at the end (86-92).

Waugh commented, "For a span of a minute to two minutes in the second half, they (Parkland) out scored us 8-0. That was the difference of the game."

Besides Creel, other teammates who scored for RLC was Craddock 4, Dunbar 14, Brookins 18, Ramsey 4, Schwitz 6, Settle 11.

In games to come, Waugh pointed out, "We are looking forward on Dec. 13 to play Kaskaskia at home. This will be a conference game."

Besides the Land of Lincoln Tourney on Dec. 27, 28, and 29, the schedule for the season is as follows.

Jan. 4	Lincoln Land	H	7:30
Jan. 8	Shawnee+	H	7:30
Jan. 10	Moraine Valley	T	7:30
Jan. 11	Kankakee	T	7:30
Jan. 12	Thornton	T	3:00
Jan. 14	Danville	H	7:30
Jan. 18	Scott Air Base	H	7:30
Jan. 22	John A. Logan+	H	7:30
Jan. 25 26	Shawnee Tournament	T	T.B.A.
Jan. 28	McKendree, J.V.	H	7:30
Feb. 1	Greenville	T	5:30
Feb. 5	Kaskaskia+	T	7:30
Feb. 9	McKendree, J.V.	T	1:00
Feb. 12	Wabash Valley	H	7:30
Feb. 13	Shawnee+	T	7:30
Feb. 16	Olney	T	7:30
Feb. 19	Lewis-Clark	H	7:30
Feb. 21	Southeastern+	H	7:30

Conference games+



Swish!

CONCENTRATION - Mark Schwitz (40), Evansville, Ind., goes for two points. The freshman had 12 points against Logan.

Photo-etching Art workshop

Visiting artist Norma Rosen will conduct a photo-etching workshop on Tuesday, Dec. 11, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Art Department.

Rosen currently teaches at Southern Illinois University, Carbondale in the Fibre Department. Her work has been exhibited nationally. She had two examples in the recent RLC show, "From Camera to Cloth."

The workshop is open and free to all RLC college students. All supplies will be provided.