

it's CHRISTMAS...



grab on to some good times

A Tale of Tradition

by henry fiene

Once upon a time, or so the story goes, there lived in a land ruled heavily by the bureaucracy, a couple. This couple both looked upon the Christmas season with some regret--regret and dismay for they, like most families of this country, had to travel many miles to spend the holidays with the "family." It was the tradition, you know. For weeks and weeks they talked about it and made plans.

"We must go, for if we don't, we will be amidst strangers; no one was really born here, you know."

"Yes, but it seems very strange to leave when we could stay here and enjoy ourselves."

After all was said and done, they were off on the highway to a town some miles away. They played all the holiday games on

the way and saw all the holiday things, but no one could see why it was happening. Upon the reaching of their destination, they all piled out and went in and played all the inside holiday games. No one in the house really knew the feelings of the others except for one, a small boy about four, who stood in the corner and shook his head.

The people would stare at him and shake their heads. The young child knew that the only reason they were all there was because their own town was full of strangers and they were afraid they might have to show feelings toward someone they weren't used to. Be that as it may, the magic hour came and they all piled into their various modes of transportation and went to the church of their choice. They all sat there and slept through the children's rote verse recital. But

the children didn't care because they all knew that Christmas was really about Santa Claus.

The ritual finally came to an end. The various pilgrimages returned to their respectable homes and sat down to the real business of the night--gossiping and seeing who had done the most for himself through the past year. The children were put to bed with the traditional Christmas fairy tales and dreamed of the treasures that were sure to abound the following morning.

The excitement could be felt by merely standing in the room. All were excited, all except the small boy who stood in the corner earlier that evening. At the magical, mystical hour all awoke and ran to the tree. Then, and only then, the young boy spoke. He stood at attention and in a moderate voice said, "Why is Santa white?"

The room stopped as if the evil wizard had cast a spell on it. The wrapper noise stopped, the squeals of joy stopped, in fact as the story went, not even a mouse had anything to say.

It was an old woman who then spoke. She said in a very southern accent, "Because he lives at the north pole and didn't have a chance to get any darker."

Everyone then started back into their Christmas rituals, until the boy spoke again. "You don't really think Santa came from up there, do you?" No one could say a thing but tried to ignore him. This was not in the season's plan.

He looked at the same old lady and spoke. "We go to church and are told that the reason we celebrate on Christmas is because of the birth of Jesus. But it seems to me that only lasts as long as the Christmas program.

You don't really know what you believe or are afraid to say; I don't know which."

The room paid no attention, but the following year the young boy's family didn't make it to the Christmas orgy, but instead just stayed in their home town and faced the unpleasant prospect of meeting new people. They all partied in their home and all, or at least most, of the pomp and ceremony was cut out. You see, the rest of the family couldn't see it, but to them the prospect of a non-white Santa seemed very possible and truly made sense. So they sat around and thought over the reason why Christmas is celebrated and each year put a differed color of Santa on their roof. The moral of the story could be, "Have a black Santa and see if the town lets you live in peace."

From me to you, season's greetings and have fun.

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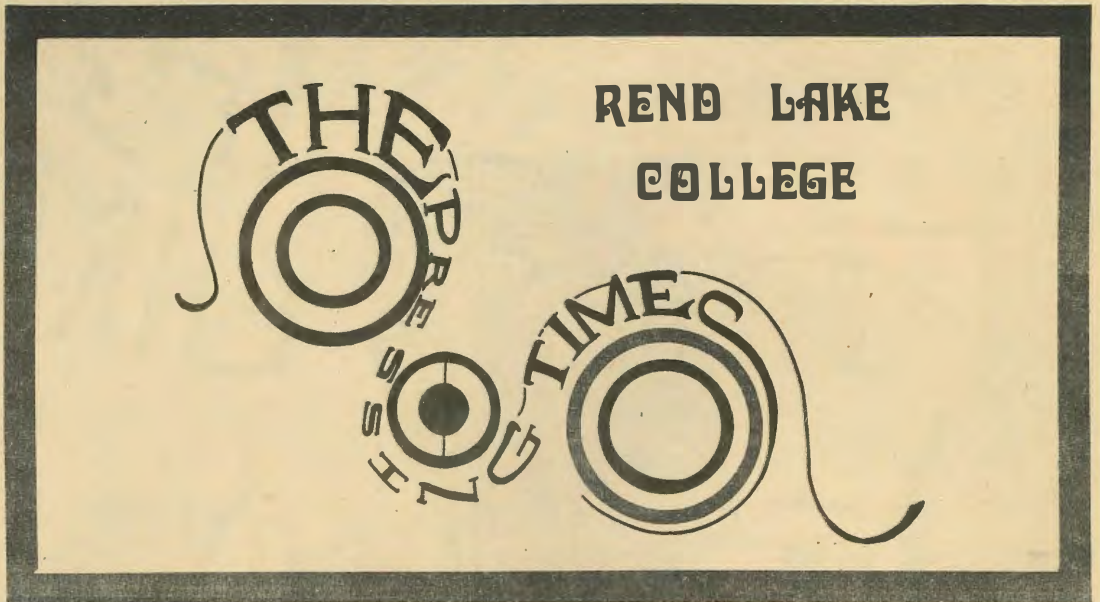
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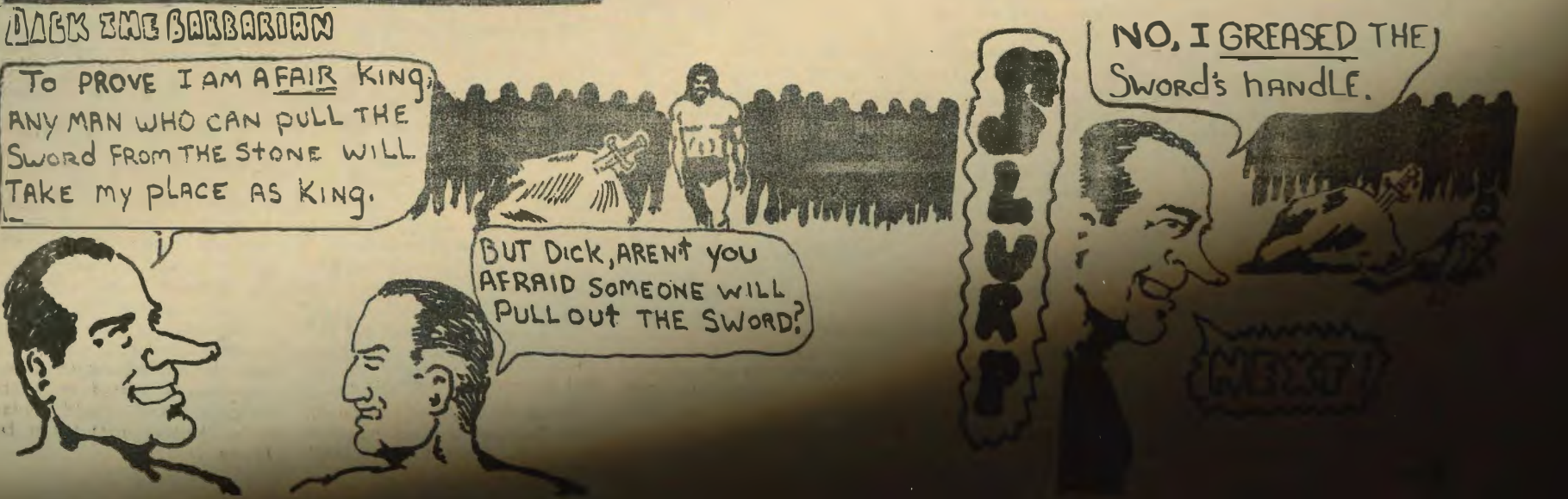
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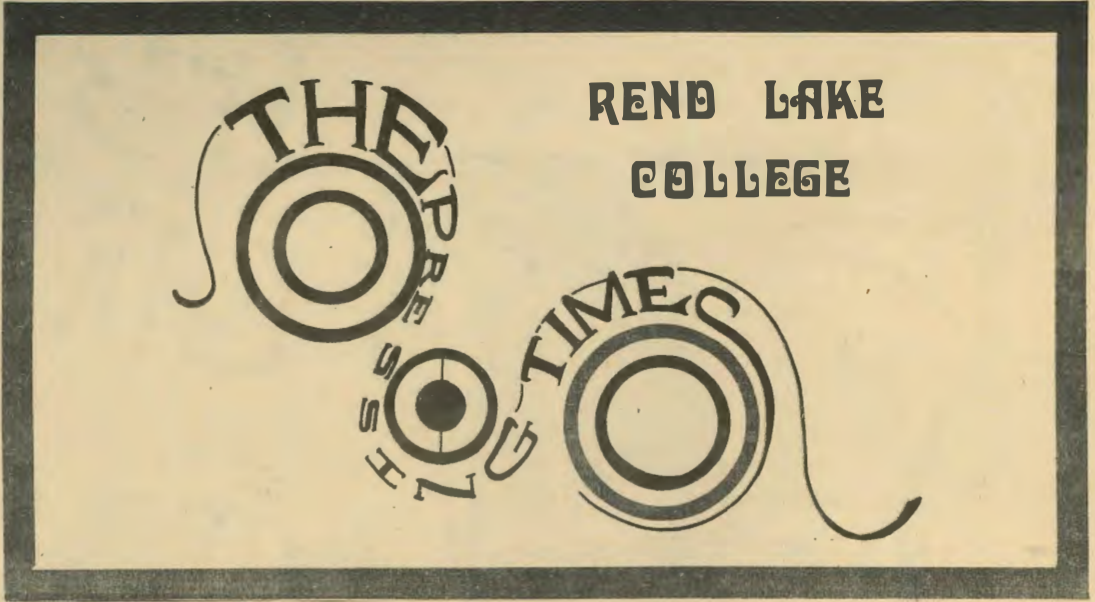
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DICK THE BARBARIAN

TO PROVE I AM A FAIR KING, ANY MAN WHO CAN PULL THE SWORD FROM THE STONE WILL TAKE MY PLACE AS KING.

BUT DICK, AREN'T YOU AFRAID SOMEONE WILL PULL OUT THE SWORD?

NO, I GREASED THE SWORD'S HANDLE.

NEXT!

J.U.



Photo by John Schutt

Crowded?! But we've got room for more! When we get too crowded, we'll stretch the walls out and make room for more. A new class has been added to the art curriculum this year **Painting**. The class is geared for the beginner, professional, art major, and non-art major. Mr. John Schutt says technical information about the

picture is as follows: the picture was taken with a Nikon fisheye lense, the film used is Plus X rated 400ASA, and developed in acufine for 4½ minutes for 68 degrees. The print was made on Polycontrast G, and the paper developer was Dektol.

RLC News Notes

Heaton Is Busy

Dr. Frank Sanders Jr., SIU professor of astronomy, spoke to Mr. Heaton's physical science class on Friday, Dec. 7, about astronomy.

Mr. Heaton's physical science class took a trip to SIU Nov. 29 to visit the SIU astronomy department. Dr. Sanders was their host.

Mr. Heaton spoke to the Pinkneyville Rotary Club on Monday, November 26. Dr. Baker, chairman of the RLC Board of Trustees, asked Mr. Heaton to speak to the club on the topic of astronomy.

Mr. Heaton presented a slide show on the planetary formations and general concepts of the universe's galaxies. Following the slide presentation was a question-answer period.

Mr. Heaton is presently serving as chairman of a committee to form car pools at RLC so that more gas may be conserved. The committee is composed of students and faculty members.

Student Representative

The Rend Lake College student to represent students as a non-voting members of the Board of Trustees will be chosen in an at large election to be held in the Administration Building, Monday, Dec. 17.

Due to the passing of the Public Act No. 78-822 by the House Bill 1628, all Junior Colleges are now allowed a non-voting member on the Board of Trustees.

The method of choosing the student representative was determined by a referendum of RLC students held Thursday, Nov. 29.

According to that referendum, the student board members will be chosen in an at large election, and candidates will be limited to full time students who are residents of the Rend Lake College district.

Position on the ballot will be determined by the order in which the petitions are filed.

Absentee voting can be done in the Administration Building Dec. 13 and 14, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Preregistration

Sophomores who have not pre-registered for the spring semester should make an appointment with a counselor as soon as possible. Application for graduation can be completed at the same time.

Students who have not completed pre-registration by paying the activity fee and turning in their program card to the Admissions Office should do so immediately.

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Bloodmobile

Ms. Becky Pettit, David Whitney and Shlonda Eastham would like to thank all the students that participated in the Bloodmobile drive. It was the first year that we have met our quota and it wouldn't have been possible without your help. The Rend Lake College quota was set at 126 pints. The total number of pints wound up at 142 thus breaking the set quota.

Ms. Pettit would also like to express her thanks to the following clubs: BASIC, Couth, Vets, Student Senate, SEA, PTK, The Tarn Staff and The Pressing Times Staff.

New History Courses

The social science department has announced two new history courses. These courses will start the spring semester.

History 113, Indo Asian, dealing with the Asian country. This will be offered at 12 a.m. TWF and is worth three hours credit. Robert Jones will teach this course and History 214.

History 214, will concentrate on the western world in the 20th century. It will also be worth three hours credit and will meet 10 a.m. MWT.

News Staff Chosen

Karen Shadoan, freshman from Benton, has been named Managing Editor of the Pressing Times for the rest of the school year.

Dr. Claxton announced last week the rest of the staff who will function in editorial positions. Working with Ms. Shadoan will be Dorothy Lueker as Feature Editor and Jim Dycus as News Editor.

Certain positions had been filled earlier in the year, so that the 1973-74 PT staff for the rest of the year will be as follows: Managing Editor, Karen Shadoan; Feature Editor, Dorothy Lueker; News Editor, Jim Dycus; Sports Editor, Dennis Rice; Assistant Sports Editor, Mel Gajeski; Photography Editor, Henry Fiene; Assistant Photography Editor, Stan Mayo; Circulation Manager, Karen Pfaff; Advertising Manager, Jane Mitchell; and Jim Orrison, Cartoonist.

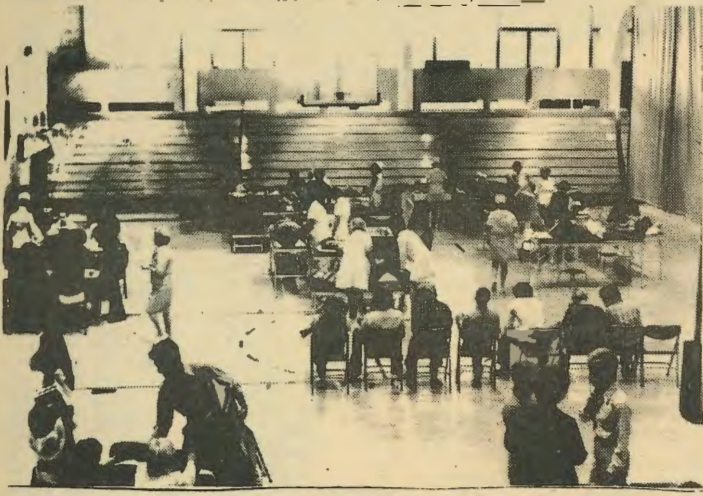
Members of the journalism class function in many ways on the staff, writing news and

feature stories, doing page layouts and paste-up. Other members of the class on the staff are Connie Copeland, Carol Rankin, Danny Garner, L. C. Gollihur, Peggy Anderson, Wanda Spotanski and Gary Allen.

According to Managing Editor Karen Shadoan, this is a good time for students to join the staff. Although the editorial positions are filled at this time, there are many jobs open. Also, the staff is particularly interested in having freshmen come out for the staff, since most of the staff will be graduating at the end of this school year.

Introduction to journalism will be offered in the fall again next year, but students interested in joining the staff now would have an opportunity, through short workshops and actual work on the paper, to get a good introduction to writing and editing techniques.

Anyone interested in joining the paper staff should contact Karen Shadoan in O 128 or Dr. Claxton, O 129.



RLC Students and faculty members, gave blood on November 28, when the Bloodmobile Visited RLC.

Former Student

The work of a former RLC student, Larry Underwood, was the subject of a special display in the library.

Featured in the display was his article "A Day in Deadwood" published in *OUTDOOR ILLINOIS* of January, 1973. Also on display was his biographical sketch "The Other Sitting-Bull" which appeared in the January, 1973 issue of *AMERICAN HISTORY ILLUSTRATED*. *OUTDOOR ILLINOIS* has published another of his articles and plans to publish several more.

He wrote the scripts for two filmstrips published by Life reproduction Ins. of St. Paul, Minn. in September.

Mr. Underwood is teaching at Brussels High School and resides at Meppen, Illinois.

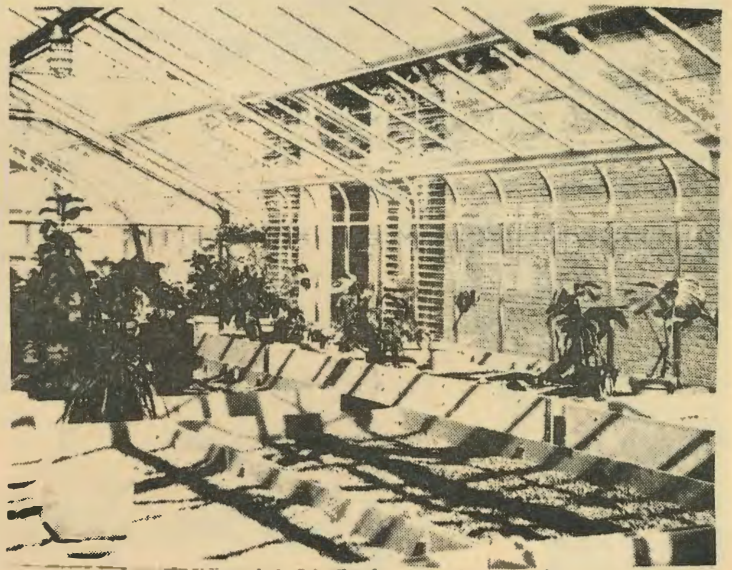


Photo by Dr. Estes

The RLC Greenhouse received damage during a rainstorm.

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Workshop Held In Library

The Library Workshop held November 28, 1973 at Rend Lake college was well attended. At 6:30 a buffet type meal was served during which the guests were welcomed by Dr. James Snyder, President of RLC.

Myrtle Templeton, Pinckneyville high school librarian,

gave the participants information concerning the Illinois Book Selection Service and the role of this organization in book selection. Lucy Baker and Alice Wilson, Mt. Vernon high school librarians, discussed the recently developed "Statement on Selection of School Media" and talked about censorship problems. Margaret Cummings, chairman of the English department of Mt. Vernon talked about censorship and selection from the viewpoint of the English

teacher. Tom McKinnis, McLeansboro high school librarian, told about an actual experience with censorship.

A period of brainstorming followed which concerned ideas on teaching student librarians.

Librarians, teachers, and guests attending were: McLeansboro-Tom McKinnis, Ms. Frank Bonan. John A. Logan college-Nancy Hamm. Sesser-Carolyn Gallo. Benton-Louise Little, Ted Brammier, Betty Frailey, Kathleen Lowery. Mt.

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Vernon-Alice Wilson, Lucy Baker, Margaret Ann Cummings, Retta Estes, Dr. Eugene Estes. Wayne City-Vera Whiteside. Pinckneyville-Myrtle Templeton, Carole Etta Van Doren. Christopher-Charles Greenwood, Kathryn Greenwood. Zeigler-Royalton-Nancy Procter, Valda Kaskie, Vivian Turner. Tamaroa-Carol Bird, Sharon Norris. Belleville Area College-Roberta Schaller, Bea Fries.

Imogene Book, library director at RLC, coordinated the workshop. Betty Ward, counselor at RLC, assisted Myla Parks, Cathy Karcher, and Polly Dulaney in their duties as hostesses.

Anyone interested in working on the magazine or submitting art, photography, poetry or prose for publication should notify Dr. Claxton.

Last year the magazine, called *Ozone* by the staff, added photography to the categories used and will continue this practice this year.

Staff will be needed to coordinate choice of student work for publication and do the layout for the magazine.

"This is a great showcase for student talent and we hope that the 1973-74 magazine will get the same student response that the earlier magazines have," Dr. Claxton said.

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Ina Students Visit Library

The RLC library was visited by the seventh and eighth grade students from Ina, Illinois on December 3, 1973.

The eighth graders had assignment sheets to complete and the seventh graders had special topics on which to find material.

The teachers that accompanied these students were Paul Mitchell, Linda Bean, and Idella Robertson, all former RLC students.

Artwork on Display

John W. Squitt, RLC art instructor, has two paintings on display at the First United Methodist church, Mt. Vernon, Illinois.

These are hard edge abstractions done in acrylics. The paintings are titled:

And The Son Became Flesh...
We Saw His Star...

They will be on display through December in the Zadok Casey room of the church.

Ozone Needs People

Plans are now being made for the fourth edition of the RLC literary magazine which will come out in the spring.

Ms. Book Attends Conference

Imogene Book, director of the library, attended the Fall Conference of the Illinois Junior College Administrators Association.

It was held at the Holiday Inn-East in Springfield, Illinois, November 16, 1973.

Learning Resource Centers was the topic of the meeting Ms. Book attended.

BASIC

The guitar music was playing softly through the halls. Above that a single voice singing praises to God. That is what you would have heard if you were walking down the hall of a building on Nov. 21.

The guest, Glendell Tony from Carbondale brought a musical presentation of his growth in Christ to the members of BASIC.

The Homecoming Dance this year will be held on December 15 from 8-11 with the King of Hearts Band from Saint Louis. The queen coronation will be held at 10:00. The following girls have been chosen as candidates:
Libby Spurlock, Andrea Austin, Peggy Disroe, Vicki Campanella, Kristie Martin, Shlonda Eastham, Mary Logan and Carol Schute.

Counselor's Corner

Dates For Filing Applications:

Admission: Before April 1 for pre-registration.

Financial Aid: Preference given prior to March 1.

Parents confidential statement is required.

Estimated Total Expenses: \$2139.00

For those interested, the following information concerns the undergraduate admission for the most favored schools in the area. Estimated total expenses including housing, some meals, books, transportation and personal expenses.

EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

Estimated Total Expenses: \$2400.00

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

Dates For Filing Applications:

Admission: February 1 for fall.

Financial Aid: Preferred date March 1.

Parent's confidential statement or family financial statement.

Estimated Total Expenses: \$2601.00

WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

Dates For Filing Applications:

Admission: After beginning of last term before entry date.

Deadline September 1 for fall.

Financial Aid: Deadline July 1.

Estimated Total Expenses: \$2171.50

The family financial statement forms may be obtained from Tom Burke, Oasis 144.

ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY

Dates For Filing Applications:

Admission: Can file anytime after completing one year.

Financial Aid: Accepted October 1; Priority deadline March 1.

Family financial statement is preferred.

Estimated Total Expenses: \$2450.00

SANGAMON STATE UNIVERSITY

Dates For Filing Applications:

Admission: Will accept a year prior to entry.

Deadline, 30 days prior to beginning of quarter.

Financial Aid: Preferred date March 1.

Family financial statement is preferred.

Estimated Total Expenses: \$2800.00

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY CARBONDALE

Dates for Filing Applications:

Admission: After beginning of last term before entry date.

Deadline prior to beginning of semester.

Financial Aid: Preferred date May 15.

Family financial statement is preferred.

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If you need to make a career choice, see a counselor for an occupational interest survey. Career information, pamphlets, and other resources or in counseling center files.

If you are having a problem with grades or feel you may need to drop out of school, talk to your teachers and counselors before making a decision. Both teachers and counselors are concerned and will work toward your success.

When you need guidance, and don't know where to begin, start in the East wing of the Oasis. Mr. Burke, Miss Tomek, and Mrs. Ward are there to assist you.

If a counselor is busy or not in his office, stop at the secretary's desk. A time will be found for you to see a counselor.

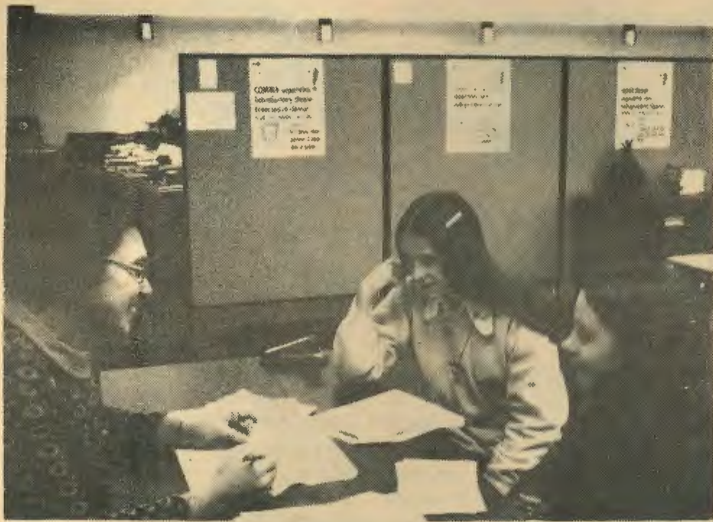
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Mrs. Goin helps Debbie Lemons of Waltonville and Diana Kellerman of Pinckneyville plan their schedules in the secretarial program. Both Diana and Debbie are working toward a two-year secretarial certificate.

IBEA

"We've Come a Long Way, IBEA, But..." was the theme of the eleventh fall conference of the Illinois Business Education Association which was held again this year at the Holiday Inn East in Springfield on November 8-10.

Imogene Kolkhorst was chairwoman for the Junior College Skill Subjects program. William Youngusband served as host for the second session of this program. Gela Goin, Secretarial Science Instructor also attended.

Keynote speaker, Gladys Bahr, spoke on "A Look at the Past, Present, and Future."

In addition to attending program sessions, the members had the opportunity to visit commercial and educational exhibits.



Linda Newton, RLC freshman, is speaking to Mrs. Kolkhorst's advanced typing class about her duties as a legal secretary.

Business Dept. Active

The Secretarial Science Department offers three different types of programs: the Associate of Arts, the Associate of Applied Science, and the Two-Year Certificate program. It is also possible to obtain a Medical Secretarial Certificate, and a Legal Secretarial Certificate.

At present, there are approximately 25 students in the Associate of Arts program; one in the Applied Science program, and approximately 35 in the Two-Year Certificate Program. Twenty of the Two-Year Certificate candidates are in the Medical Secretarial program. Four of these 20 are second-year students and are involved in the Cooperative Work Experience portion of the program, which is a new addition to the RLC Secretarial Science Department. The students go to school part of the day and then work in a medical office part-time, as part of their training.

Gela Goin, Secretarial Science Instructor, said, that in a recent survey, she found that of the 67 students enrolled last year, 39 percent of them are presently working in some field related to their training; 15 percent are in school, but are working part time in a related field; 19 percent are full time students; 11 percent are unemployed; and 16 percent were unable to be reached. Mrs. Goin also said that of the 11 percent unemployed more than half of these were unemployed because of their own choosing. "Since this is a field predominately female, the love bug, the stork and the desire to stay home takes its toll of our members."

Mrs. Kolkhorst and Mrs. Goin have counseled with most of the secretarial students enrolled this semester to help them plan their remaining semesters at RLC. Many students were surprised to learn that a Two-Year Secretarial Certificate program was offered that does not require the general education courses.



Mrs. Goin is shown preparing the new shorthand lab for her class.



Cynthia Garner — Learning to use the Executive typewriter with the aid of the IBM transcribing unit and slides in Mrs. Kolkhorst's Advanced Typing Class.

SIBEA

The fall meeting of the Southern Illinois Business Education met on the Rend Lake College Campus.

A noon luncheon was catered and served to approximately seventy business educators. Martha Price, guest speaker, spoke on "Individualized Instruction—What It is." Mrs. Price is from Waubensee Community College, Community College, Sugar Grove, Illinois and uses individualized instruction with a variety of media in all secretarial areas.

Jackie Oxford, Instructional Designer from Learning Resources at Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, presented her topic on "Individualized Instruction—How to Develop." She discussed with the group what is involved in planning the individualized package.

After the two main presentations SIBEA members met in interest groups. Each group had a leader who presented a set of sample objectives and test items. The five areas covered were shorthand and transcription; typewriting; bookkeeping and accounting; consumer education; and office procedures.

Imogene Kolkhorst, Rend Lake Instructor, was responsible for the preparations made on Campus for the day's meeting.



New Shorthand Lab

The shorthand students of Rend Lake College have a shorthand lab to help them develop their speed to the highest possible level.

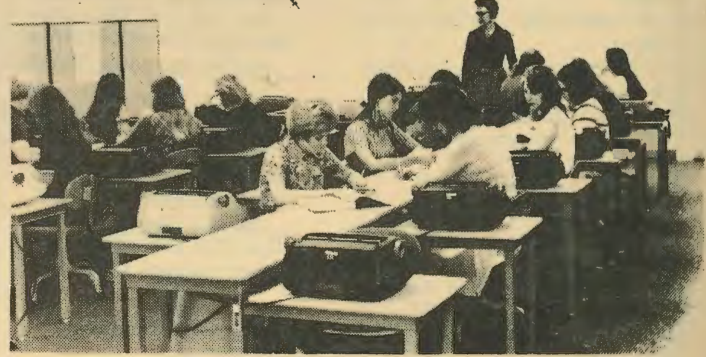
The lab consists of four tape players and a listening station for 20 students; which means that four different types or speeds of dictation can be given at the same time.

In the traditional method of teaching shorthand some students had to be held back while the teacher was helping another group. With the lab, the class can work at a speed that is appropriate for them. This method also frees the teacher of laborious dictation and gives her an opportunity to move around the classroom to see how each student is progressing.

The Secretarial Department has speed building tapes ranging from 50 to 160 words per minute.

Also, each lesson of beginning shorthand is on a tape. With this amount of dictation available, every student is able to progress as fast as he desires. In fact, this is a type of individual instruction which is now one of the most popular methods of teaching.

The tapes in the lab cannot be checked out and taken home; however, Mrs. Goin prepares tapes for any student who needs and wants them. Mrs. Goin states that the shorthand lab is one of the greatest inventions since the typewriter.



Beginning shorthand students are using the new shorthand lab.

Talbert Goes to Europe

What did you do with your summer? Did you do anything exciting or worthwhile? Can you say you did anything better than pick the sand out of your hair? Well, I recently talked with someone who did take advantage of his summer vacation. Phil Talbert, a freshman at RLC, packed his bags and took a bird to Europe for three months. And was that exciting and worthwhile? Well, it sure sounded like it to me, when Talbert talked about the beautiful country of Austria, where he spent most of his time.

Talbert went to Europe along with Allen Webber, former student of RLC, through the Student Overseas Services. He explained that he wrote to them

for an application, and also added that the sooner one writes the better his chances are to go. He got three choices of where he wanted to travel and his choices were Switzerland, Italy, and Austria.

He also talked of the battlefields, which he said he would never forget. "I went to the Bonery, and it was just a big monument at a cemetery where there were the bones of 130,000 unknown soldiers in front of it. I think that made the biggest impression on me."

Talbert got a job, arranged by the S.O.S. at an inn where he worked mostly in the kitchen as kitchen help. His boss provided him with a motorcycle for his own use, and other than working

hours, his time was his own. He said he usually spent it hiking, shopping, swimming, or just riding through the hills and countryside of Austria.

He mentioned talking with a Swedish girl. He asked her what she thought of when one mentioned America and she said, "Big cars, people who sit around on their rears, who are fat, lazy, eat all of the time, not having to work very much, big cities, and people always in a hurry." Hmmm...

The whole thing sounded fascinating. So much so, I think I'll check into it myself. It sure beats picking sand out of your hair.

Student Becomes Writer

Royce Shoemaker is a quiet and rather shy sophomore at RLC. She is usually seen on campus carrying a stack of books and sometimes a load of books in one arm and T.J., her 11 month old son, in the other arm. Sometimes if her mother isn't available to babysit with T.J., she brings him along to class.

Although Ms. Shoemaker is shy and unassuming, she has very definite ideas concerning things she believes in. She has recently become a professional writer.

She has been named staff writer for the magazine "Horses Unlimited". In the October, 1973 issue were two articles written by Ms. Shoemaker. One article was titled "The Hambletonian, DuQuoin State Fair Five Day

Meet Results" and the other was a fiction story titled "White Indian."

Ms. Shoemaker has always liked to write, especially poetry. She said she used to write poetry secretly and not show it to anyone. Not until she took rhetoric and composition here at RLC from Dr. Janet McReynolds did she start receiving encouragement and begin to feel she might have an ability to write.

Dr. Evelyn Claxton was her journalism teacher and also her creative writing teacher. She feels Dr. Claxton is a fantastic teacher and that she has helped her very much with her writing.

Ms. Shoemaker said she would like to see more creative writing

classes added to RLC curriculum. She thinks the creative writing class should be divided into several classes, one that just covers poetry, one that covers prose, and etc. She said she would enroll in all of them.

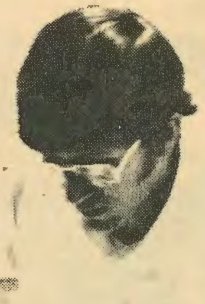
The educational systems in this vicinity aren't doing enough to help creative people in Ms. Shoemaker's opinion. She says a younger brother of hers seems to have a writing talent but hasn't received any encouragement or help from his school so far.

Reading to her son, T.J., is one of Ms. Shoemaker's favorite pastimes. She said she is very selective about what she reads to him. She hopes to eventually get into the field of writing books for children herself.

Drayton

Joins

Faculty



Apparently Keith Drayton the new instrumental instructor at RLC doesn't need to worry about the energy crises. He seems to have a built in dynamo. He does have his moments of relaxation, he plays tennis, enjoys swimming, boating, and in his quiet moments dreams of mountain climbing and long camping trips into the woods of Canada.

Dr. Drayton enjoys the personal contact that teaching provides and seems to like the atmosphere of the Oasis at RLC where he has been seen grading papers. In fact our interview took place in the middle of the east side of the Oasis with three other people at the table.

Mr. Drayton said that his biggest disappointment at RLC is the size of the band. He is disturbed because so many people stop playing after leaving high school.

Mr. Drayton is from Ann Arbor, Mich. His music career started in the fifth grade when he started playing the clarinet. Later he taught himself how to

play the piano by learning songs from hymnals and other song books that his mother had around the house. Mr. Drayton said that playing from hymnals is good experience in learning to read several lines of music at the same time like a conductor or choir director has to do.

During his college career Mr. Drayton was in several musicals including "Kiss Me Kate", "Brigadoon". He performed in "Amahl And The Night Visitors" twice, the first time in the chorus and the second time in a leading role.

Mr. Drayton received his B.A. degree in music from Hillsdale College in Hillsdale, Mich. He studied towards an engineering degree for one year before changing to a music major. He studies for his M.A. at the University of Mich. and at Eastern Mich. University and at SIU.

Mr. Drayton taught four years in the elementary schools in Belleville, Mich., and one year in the Belleville High School.



Photo by Dr. Estes

Some of the damage at Rend Lake Jr. College after a storm on November 24, 1973.

Poison Animals

How would you like your favorite pet poisoned or mashed up in a chamber? Well, that's how scientists are treating animals that they use for experiments.

The University of California, along with the Air Force, is using Beagles for a torture death in experiments of poisonous substances to see their effect on animal tissues. They poison these little innocent puppies with carbon monoxide a little at a time to see how much they can take before death.

Since there is a chance for big profit, the "industry will raise as many Beagle puppies as the torturers want. While they are spending millions of dollars torturing animals, they are neglecting a scientific breakthrough which technology can make possible.

Not only are pure-bred Beagles raised for experiments, but also mongrels because they are

cheaper, are in great demand for experimentation. Many states now have laws that all impounded animals which are unclaimed can be used for scientific experiments.

Now many veterinarians are working along with scientists to get Humane Societies to release unclaimed pets for research purposes. If the Humane Society releases animals for the purpose of these torturing experiments, they are really going against their whole purpose of providing love and homes for these animals. Also, usually when you think of a veterinarian, you think of someone who is devoting his life to the healing of animals, not torturing them.

If you are interested more in this subject, you can get more details by writing to United Action for Animals, Inc., 509 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10017, and then be sure to write your Congressman about your feelings.

Trip Into Emotions

Cold Faced People

I'm alone, set aside from others
Alone in a world of cold faced
people.

Cold faced people. No life in their
bodies.

And I, who am alone, am real.
Like a star with its light

Or a rose with its velvety petals
I'm alive in a world of cold faced
people,

Set aside from the world.

Just a person or am I?

LOOK! I smiled at a cold faced
person

And he smiled back to me.

Cold faced person come with me.

Our duty says we must find a way

To break the ice on others,

My cold faced companion,

My friend.

PEGGY ANDERSON

Little Boys and Puppies

Little boys and puppies,
see them as they play.
Running through the grass,
and living under the sun.

Little boys and puppies,
See how they play,

In a world of their own.

Little boys and puppies,
playing under the sun,

But little boys grow up,

and puppies fade away

And in the dreams of

yesterday,

Little boys and puppies

play under the sun.

PEGGY ANDERSON

By L. C. Gollihur

A Man

Once I looked upon a sunset to
find a dream unbound.

The dream was for answers that
would help me be a better man.

As I looked at the sunset, I saw
a great ray opening my heart.

My heart was in pieces, forming
a complicated puzzle.

Each piece was relating to the
one beside it, but no two pieces
were alike.

I had found a dream that no
man has ever found.

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locked inside me.

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answers out.

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Warriors Capture Opener

by Dennis Rice
Sports Editor

The Rend Lake Warriors got their 1973 basketball season underway on November 16 at Carlinville, Ill., as they came away with an 85-70 victory over Blackburn College.

The game remained relatively close throughout the first half until Blackburn managed a seven point lead with 5 minutes to go in the half. Rend Lake then came back to trail only 43-40 at half-time.

The Warriors then stormed

back in the second half and took the lead for good with 10:30 to go in the game, as they went on to the 15 point win. Warrior Coach Jim Waugh expressed his satisfaction about the game by saying, "Attitude, hustle, desire, and team effort was what won it for us. Our boys weren't going to lay down and quit just because they were outmanned. I thought they played great for the opening game of the season."

Score by Halves:
RLC 40 45-85
Blackburn 43 27-70
RLC Scoring: Hale 22, Kretz 21, Hayes 16, Loucks 13, Lemay 6, Spotanski 4, Nehr Korn 3.

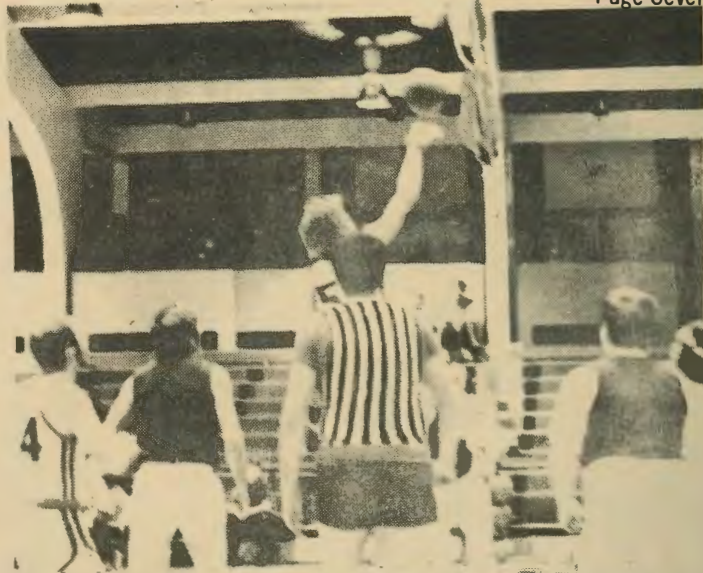
Edge Oaks to Win Game Two

RLC upped their record to 2-0 on November 24 as they roared back from a 16 point halftime deficit and defeated the Oakland City Oaks 85-83 in a game played at Oakland City, Indiana.

"We felt like we had to pick up the tempo of the game in the second half, stated a happy Coach Waugh after the game. He also commented, "We just started hitting the basket. Mike Hayes got the hot hand for a while and Greg Hale started going to the basket real well. All I can say is that this is one of the sweetest victories I've ever had. These boys just have a tremendous attitude about the game."

The Warriors did indeed show their great attitude when they came out in the second half. RLC finally managed to grasp the lead for good with 8 minutes to go. Oakland City closed to within 2 points with about 15 seconds to go in the game, but Rend Lake preserved the victory by holding the ball till the final horn.

RLC 27 58-85
Oak. City 43 40-83
RLC Scoring: Hale 22, Hayes 17, Kretz 15, Loucks 14, Lemay 13, Nehr Korn 4.



Jim Summers goes up for the tip during the RLC Vets and Faculty game. Also in the action (from left to right): Bill Martin, Keith Drayton, Referee Terry Milt, Mike McClure, and Bob William

RLC Absorbs First Defeat

The Rend Lake College Warriors experienced their first defeat of the season last Thursday, Dec. 6, on their home court.

The Warriors first defeat was handed to them by the Shawnee Saints. Shawnee took the final decision by a score of 75 to 71.

It seemed as if the Saints were on their way to an easy win over the previous undefeated Warriors as they jumped out to an early lead.

Midway through the first half, Shawnee led by as many as 16 points and took a 43 to 30 halftime edge. RLC came back in the second half to make a real game of it. The Warriors slowly closed in on the Saints and with 7:31 left, they took a 59 to 58 lead.

However, it didn't last long as the Saints regained the lead and held on to capture the 75 to 71 win.

Thus Shawnee remained undefeated for the season and Rend Lake absorbed their first loss.

Greg Hale, RLC sophomore, had a remarkable game scoring 28 points in the losing cause. Hale helped his scoring by making ten of ten free throws.

Dave Loucks also played well scoring 19 points, 17 coming in the second half. John Kretz contributed 14, while Randy Lemay added 10.

Greg Austin topped Shawnee scores with 19 tallies.

Score by Halves:
RLC 30 41-71
SHAW 43 32-75

Scoring for RLC: Hale 28, Loucks 19, Kretz 14, Lemay 10.

Scoring for Shawnee: Austin 19, Johnson 15, Green 11, Spaulding 11, Maborn 11, Holder 8.



RLC Warrior, Randy Lemay, has a disgusted look on his face as he waits for a Shawnee player to shoot a free throw. RLC lost the thriller 75 to 71.

Sport Quiz

This sports quiz is to test the sports enthusiast knowledge of the subject. Rate yourself on the following scale.

- 12-14 Excellent
- 8-11 Very Good
- 5-7 Fair

1. In 1972, which spectator sport led in turnstile attendance for its 21st consecutive year?
a. horse racing b. basketball c. baseball d. football

2. In hockey, what is the term "the hat trick" referred to?

3. True or false: Wilt Chamberlain has never fouled out of a National Basketball Association game.

4. This pitcher led the major leagues in strikeouts for the 1972 season.

a. Steve Carlton b. Nolan Ryan c. Gaylord Perry

5. Which of these teams was the 1972 championship of the North American Soccer League?
a. New York Cosmos b. St. Louis Stars c. Miami Toros

6. Which player kicked the most field goals in a Super Bowl game?

a. Jim Turner b. Jan Stenerud c. Don Chandler

7. Which of these players has been selected the most times to the All-ABA team?

a. Rick Barry b. Mel Daniels c. Connie Hawkins

8. Which of these boxers was the only one who ever defeated Gene Tunney?

a. Harry Greb b. Jack Dempsey c. Max Schmeling

9. Who was the first runner to be clocked in under 13 minutes of the three-mile?

a. Jim Ryun b. Ron Clarke c. Kip Keino

10. Who holds the NCAA record for the most yards gained rushing in a season?

a. Anthony Davis b. O. J. Simpson c. Mike Garrett

11. In which race did Canonero II lose his bid for the triple crown in 1971?

a. Kentucky Derby b. Belmont Stakes c. Preakness

12. Which golfer holds the record for winning the U. S. Open three consecutive times?

a. Jack Nicklaus b. Ben Hogan c. Willie Anderson

13. Which man was the leading money-winner in professional tennis in 1972?

a. Ken Rosewall b. Rod Laver c. Stan Smith

14. He holds the NCAA major college basketball scoring record for points per game in his career.

a. Dwight Lamar b. Pete Maravich c. Lew Alcindor

Answers to Sports Quiz

- 1. horse racing 2. When a player scores three goals in one game 3. True 4. Nolan Ryan 5. New York Cosmos 6. Don Chandler 7. Mel Daniels 8. Harry Greb 9. Ron Clarke 10. O. J. Simpson 11. Belmont Stakes 12. Willie Anderson 13. Stan Smith 14. Pete Maravich.

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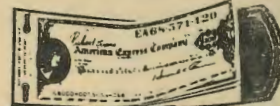
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RLC Wins Home Opener

by Mel Gajewski

The Rend Lake College Warriors won their 1973-74 home opener last Wednesday, Nov. 28 and consequently remained undefeated thus far for the season.

The Warriors defeated the West Kentucky Tech Lions by a final score of 77 to 61.

It looked as if the Warriors were on their way to an easy win as they opened an early 12 point lead midway through the first half.

However the Lions made a game of it by eventually closing in on the lead and finally took a 40 to 39 edge just before the first half ended.

Vets Knock Off Faculty

by Mel Gajewski

In the blood and guts basketball game of the year, the Rend Lake College Veterans defeated the Rend Lake College Faculty by a score of 47 to 38.

The contest was played last Tuesday, Dec. 4 in the RLC gym, prior to the Warriors and Southeastern game.

The Vets opened an early lead and held a halftime edge of 25 to 23.

Sparked behind a brilliant performance by Jim Summers, the Vets increased their lead in the second half and ended up with a 47 to 38 win.

Summers led the scoring for the Vets with 18 points.

The game was organized by Dr. Richard Dorty, Tom Glenn, Jim Summers and Jim Dycus.

After the grueling contest, members of both teams enjoyed refreshments at the English Inn.

The Vets also challenged the Faculty to a rematch before next year's Warriors opener. Speaking for the Faculty, Coach Jim Waugh accepted the challenge.

Warriors Defeat Falcons

by Mel Gajewski

The Rend Lake College Warriors recorded their fourth victory of the season against no defeats last Tuesday Dec. 4 on their home court.

The Warriors victim this time was the Falcons of Southeastern Illinois College. Rend Lake won the game by a final score of 88 to 78.

Mike Hayes, RLC sophomore, shot a remarkable 86 percent from the field in scoring 28 points for the Warriors.

The contest started out in a seesaw fashion as the lead changed hands several times in the first half. Neither team led by more than four points in the half.

The Warriors held a slim 40 to 39 halftime lead.

Shortly into the second half, the Warriors started to widen their lead. Midway through the half, Rend Lake led by as much as 15 points as they settled for the 88 to 78 win.

The Warriors displayed a well balanced scoring attack as five players hit in double figures. Behind the brilliant performance of Hayes, Greg Hale netted 16 points while reserve Dennis Nehrkorn scored 14. Randy Lemay and John Kretz added 13 each.

Chuck Mason led Southeastern with 20 tallies.

RLC 40 48-88
SIC 39 39-78

Scoring for RLC: Hayes 28, Hale 16, Nehrkorn 14, Kretz 13, Lemay 13, Loucks 4.

Scoring for SIC: Mason 20, Newman 14, Hoskins 14, Eubanks 14, Anderson 9, Jackson 4, Clark 2, Stone 1.

SPORTS EDITORIAL:



By Dennis Rice
Sports Editor

Judging from the performance of the Warrior team for the first four games, it appears that they are a team with a great amount of hustle, desire, and attitude in order to make up for their lack of height.

The Warriors have actually been outmanned every game this season, in fact, guard John Kretz has found himself playing the forward position at times on defense. But with the kind of experience that many of the players acquired at their high schools in the college district, this has certainly helped considerably, along with the vat of our fine coaches here at RLC, Jim Waugh and Mike McClure.

Rend Lake is also blessed with a good deal of depth on the squad, and the ability of each starter to score consistently. Greg Hale

was the leading scorer in the first two games, with 22 points each game, but then Randy Lemay turned in a fine performance of 26 points in the home opener against West Kentucky Tech.

Every player seems to be able to pick up the slack for the others, whether it be in scoring, assists, rebounding, or defense. Guard Mike Hayes played a remarkable game in the December 4 contest against Southeastern, as he hit on 12 of 14 field goal attempts, and wound up with 28 points. Guard Dennis Nehrkorn also came off the bench and turned in a 14 point game as he had 3 field goals and 8 of 8 from the charity stripe.

So, even though the Warriors aren't the tallest and mightiest looking team around, they seem to have what it takes to win.

RLC SPORTS



Jeff Parker, left, and Randy Knox, right, are the winners of this year's Men's Intramural Tennis Doubles Tournament. Knox captured the Men's Singles Tournament.

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