

# The Pressing Times

Rend Lake College, Ina, Illinois

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## To RLC student body

A student newspaper is a very important tool of the students in a community college. It can be used for many different positive purposes and I hope that we have served some useful purpose in the past semester.

Many things were not covered as well as they should have been, but this is attributable to a lack of people working on the staff. We have had a very small staff that did their best to get information and get a newspaper out. It might not seem like a lot of work to put out a four page paper, but it certainly is when you start to do it.

To continue functionings, this paper needs more volunteers. If you don't want to write, why not join the staff as a typist or a photographer. We are in need of those who could run errands or file papers. For a minimum amount of effort, you will receive maximum satisfaction in being part of a progressive unit of Rend Lake College. Rend Lake College needs a good student newspaper. With a little help, my staff and I would like to provide it with just that.

Bill Dennison  
Editor-In-Chief

## Christmas Dance Tonight

"The Christmas Dance, originally scheduled for Dec. 8, has been rescheduled for Dec. 15," according to Mark Michalic, Student Senate Vice President.

The highlight of the dance will be the Crowning of a King and Queen.

Dr. Harry Braun, president of the college, will have the honor of crowning the queen. Gary Tucker, Freshman at Rend Lake College will emcee the coronation.

A total of 245 students, faculty and staff of the college voted in the election for King and Queen held Dec. 4 and 5.

Nine clubs on campus sponsored candidates in the election. Candidates were Julie Stanford, Mt. Vernon and David Owens,

McLeansboro sponsors Brothers and Sisters in Christ; Brenda Grewe, Dahlgren and Scott Anderson, Christopher sponsors Business Club; Teresa Knox, Woodlawn and Mark Michalic. West Frankfort sponsors Circle K; Penny Biggerstaff, McLeansboro and Gary Wier, Jasonville, Ind. sponsors Student Education Association; Cinda Chullen, Benton and Ray Porter, Nashville sponsors Engineering Club; Doris Morgenthaler, Pinckneyville, and Ed Hill, Pinckneyville sponsors Interior Design Guild; Shelley Leek, Coello and Shawn McCauley, Mt. Vernon sponsors Illinois Student Music Educators Association; Rhonda Arney, Sesser and Don Mundy, Terre Haute, Ind.

sponsors Letterman's Club; and Linda Stein, Tamaroa, and Joel Willis, Benton sponsors Phi Theta Kappa.

The dance, sponsored by the Student Senate, will carry out the traditional Christmas theme with decorations furnished by the Interior Design Guild.

Music for the dance will be provided by Faustus.

Tickets for the dance are \$1 apiece and can be purchased at the door.

Mrs. Betty Ann Ward, sponsor of the Senate said, "I'm proud of the job the Student Senate has done with the dance. They are a group of hard working and active individuals. They should be commended for what they have done thus far."

## Essence To Begin

With the beginning of second semester, work will begin on the RLC literary magazine, called ESSENCE last year. This will be the eighth year that the magazine has been published as a showcase for student creative work.

Dr. Evelyn Claxton, who serves as adviser of the magazine, will be naming a staff to edit the magazine at the end of January. She emphasized that any student is welcome to work on the staff and that one does not have to be a creative artist to do so, since many jobs involve page layout, typing, and other things not specifically related to creative work.

The magazine prints student

work in five categories: non-fiction prose, short fiction, poetry, art, and photography. Dr. Claxton said that the magazine would like to have a category for technical drawing and for original music if there are entries in those categories.

Students with creative work to submit in any of the categories can turn them in at Dr. Claxton's office, N Oasis 145. Judging in all categories will be done in the spring and cash prizes awarded to first, second, and third place winners.

Anyone who did not get a copy of last year's ESSENCE could pick one up in the Arts-Communications Department office, N Oasis 146.

## Cheryl Foley named Dean

Cheryl Foley finds her new position as Dean of Community Services very exciting and challenging.

Foley, who has a special interest in community education, is now working on cultural events, seminars, and workshops for the RLC area. She is also in charge of evening and off campus-classes, special grant programs for Senior Citizens and disadvantaged students, and scheduling buildings for special events.

According to Foley, a general registration session for night classes will be held at the area

high schools on Jan. 22. "The purpose for this is to cut down on the interruptions caused by the usual registration during class periods," she explained.

Foley claims that some new and very different night classes will be offered next semester. "We will be offering several hobby and leisure classes such as gourmet cooking and furniture refinishing," informed Foley.

Foley has set up a reading workshop for elementary students and a corresponding class for their parents. The class, instructed by Barbara Luchsinger, is intended to help

parents choose literature for their children. The 12 students, for the workshop to be held in January, have already been selected.

Foley received her bachelor's degree in speech and theatre from Morehead University Minn., and her master's in speech communication from Northern Illinois University. She taught speech and directed plays at RLC for ten years. Foley remarked that the one thing about teaching she misses is the day-to-day contact with students.

## Rend Lake College students achieve awards



Gina Carter, right, Sophomore at Rend Lake College receives a scholarship from the American Association of University Women to encourage her efforts for further schooling toward a four-year degree in Business Education. Presenting the award to Carter is Lila Waugh, wife of Jim Waugh, athletic director at RLC. The scholarship is presented in the memory of Velma Wood.



Two Rend Lake College nursing students were recently awarded scholarships by the Mt. Vernon Women of the Moose. Receiving the awards are Michelle Burwell and Brenda Richardson, both residents of Mt. Vernon. Shown above, from left, are: Ardell Kimmel, RLC Dean of Vocational and Technical Education; Cleo Pigg, Women of the Moose hospital chairman; Michelle Burwell, Brenda Richardson, Betty Connors, past senior regent of the Women of the Moose; and RLC Nursing Instructor, Shirley McHaney.

# Merry Christmas 1978

## Jaska's Story

By Randa Rainwater



# RLC Christmas poll answers vary

By Tammy Trusty

"What does Christmas mean to you?" and "What would you like to find in your Christmas stocking?" These two questions were recently asked of about 30 Rend Lake College students and faculty members.

Only half of those asked answered the first question. Most of the answers were similar. The religious significance of Christmas became the most frequent answer. Jan Hutson stated, "Christmas, for me, is the celebration of the significance of Jesus Christ's birth." Another frequent answer was to be with family and relatives. Christina Miles replied, "It's the one time of the year when the family can meet and really relate. With today's hectic world, families seem to only eat and sleep in the same home and never communicate. Christmas allows you to communicate and appreciate your family."

Although religious and family were answers most used, others are aware that "Christmas is a time of joy and celebration," as Tim Peters answered. Kent Sickmeyer said, "Christmas is a time to be with your family and take it easy." Besides the religious celebration Steve Faulkner added, "It's also an excellent reason to give us a month off from school."

The most unique reply was a poem by Jackee Chestosky, "Christmas is love on bended knees."

Christmas is beauty Of tinsled trees."

The second question "What would you like to find in your Christmas stocking?" received more answers and very few practical ones. Gayle Brunns would like, "a new winter coat—with accessories." Tony McKenzie stated, "I'm not too concerned as to what I would find in my stocking, I am more interested in finding that my loved ones have found what they desired."

Several people long for a new car. (They would need a huge stocking for that.) Loretta Barnett wants "keys to a new car." Cheryl Foley was more specific, "a new Datsun 280 ZX."

The majority wish for a trip. Richard Lance wants, "an airplane ticket to California," while Mark Moschino wishes for, "two tickets to paradise." (Don't we all.) Steve Faulkner would like, "a plane ticket to South America and-or a young lady with good wheels and lungs."

When I visited the North Oasis, the answers range from "a case of Miller beer," to "a new four wheel drive" to "a job at Inland Steel."

One card player, Russell Greer, longs for better weather. He also hopes "it dries up," but Paul Kuberski wants a lot of snow. (It will be here soon enough.)

The only educational minded person, Rhoda Rhodes, wants "a PHD from SIU-C." (That would be nice.)

Barbara Luchsinger's answer sounds like a plea, "A list of people who are willing to give good homes to cats and kittens—lots of cats and kittens! Help!" She said she was serious.

Jan Hutson said, "How about a nice, young, single man! Ha!" That is one wish that a few people wanted, but would not let me write it down.

I would not mind one million dollars tax free.

Although some practical answers were given, a few answers were wishes that only miracles bring.

Since Christmas is a time for family, friends, and lots of celebrating, it always makes me remember all those special Christmases of the past and look forward to the future ones.

Thanks to everyone who helped me by answering my questions and MERRY CHRISTMAS!



I'm just a humble, Nazareth burrow, but I have been permitted to have a part in the most wonderful thing that has ever happened. You have heard other person's stories, but let me tell you mine.

I was very tired as I sensed our nearing the town. But I know beautiful Mary and her young husband Joseph were also completely exhausted by the long journey.

Although Mary was pregnant, she was still light and her voice was soft when she spoke to me. She's the one who gave me my name—Jaska.

It had been a long two days' journey, but I thought, comfortingly, we would soon be settled down; Mary and Joseph in a warm inn and a good evening meal, and I, well; I could sleep in any shelter, but Mary needed a nice warm place.

As we entered the city, the streets became crowded and I wondered where all the people came from. Once I stopped at the most crowded point, but Joseph took my bridle and led me down a side street.

We stopped at an inn and I could hear Joseph asking directions to the next inn. But the man told Joseph, very rudely, that he would find no rooms anywhere, that the whole town was overrun. Mary said quietly, "Let's try again, Joseph. Jaska must be as tired as we are. He will need food too." But there was no room at the next inn either.

What will we do? Maybe I was the one meant to make the decision. I sensed a scent of hay. As Joseph approached my side I led the way into a warm, clean stable. I looked at Mary and Joseph to see if they approved. At least it was a shelter.

I waited patiently while Joseph lifted Mary down and made a couch of hay for her. He folded his own mantle into a pillow for her.

Joseph came over, patted my head and said, "Look after Mary, Jaska. I'm going to find her something warm to eat." I moved over closer to her. She was such a beautiful lady.

Joseph returned shortly with a bowl of warm soup the landlord's wife had made. She had also sent a blanket for Mary.

After I had eaten my evening meal of hay, I went over and said goodnight to my friends, then went to a corner of the stable to sleep. Shortly after midnight I was awakened. By what or how, I'm not sure. I had heard no sounds, and nothing seemed any different. Yet I could sense that something had changed.

I blinked once or twice and shook my head in order to make sure of what I saw. I could see a baby with a radiant halo around His head.

It wasn't long after that some shepherds came and knelt down on their knees before lovely Mary and the Newborn Infant. But . . . how could they have known about the Baby?

As I stood at the back of the stable, out of the way, I heard one of the shepherds tell Joseph they had seen the angel choir. The angel's had sung "Glory to

God in the Highest, and on Earth, Peace, Goodwill toward men." The shepherd went on to say they had been watching the Star and then remembered the Bible prophecy, back in Isaiah, about the birth of a Savior and so they had come to worship Him.

I was only a small, Nazareth burrow, but I could make out that Mary and Joseph had been chosen to be a part of a marvelous miracle. The birth of Jesus had been foretold many years ago. And I, small Jaska, had been given the privilege, by God, to have a part in it too.

I know for the rest of my life I will remember that cold December night; the stable with the glowing star overhead and the shepherds.

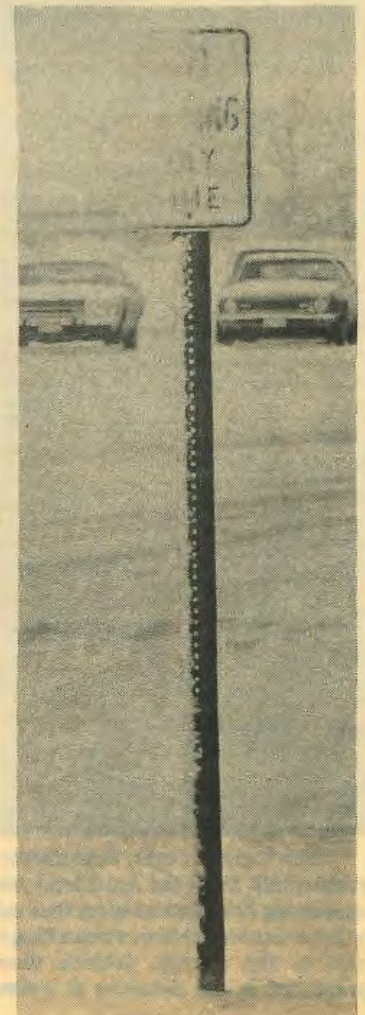
### Circle K hosts party

The Circle K Club, a community minded RLC club that helps the young as well as the elderly, gave a party for the alternative class, a group of five young students taught by Ann Garrett.

At the party held on December 6, students were served lunch and then enjoyed the entertainment put on by the Circle K Club. After lunch they sang Christmas carols and opened their presents.

The officers of the Circle K Club are Pat Bevis, President, Mt. Vernon, Tresa Knox, Vice President, Woodlawn, Beverly Kondritz, Secretary, Benton, Mike McClure, Sponsor, Mt. Vernon, and Mark Michalic, Lt. Governor of the Southern District, West Frankfort.

THE U.S. MARIJUANA INDUSTRY is a \$48 billion operation, according to federal drug officials.



# Hudson gets PHD.

Rend Lake College has a new doctor on campus. Dr. Bill Hudson, Chairman of the Automotive, Agriculture, Architectural, and Interior Design departments, received his Doctorate in Agricultural Education on December 8th.

Hudson, who is from northeastern Ohio, has been a department chairman since June of 1977. In addition to his Doctorate, from Texas A&M, he has previously earned B.S. and M.S. degrees from Ohio State University. After spending three years as a graduate student, Dr. Hudson joined the faculty at New Mexico State University, leaving there to come to Rend Lake.

In the future Dr. Hudson hopes to have increased student par-

ticipation in developing the 320 acre land lab. Five classes will take part in the project. Crop Production, Soil and Fertilizer, Agricultural Chemicals will participate in the spring, while the Agricultural Products classes will participate in the fall of 1979. Coordination of the project will be done by the Farm Management Class.



# Health Seminars scheduled

"Methods of Birth Control" was the sixth and final topic covered in the special series of health related issues sponsored by Health Services during the fall semester. Dr. Kevin Mooney from the Carbondale Family Practice Center was the speaker at the seminar on December 6. Health Services will again sponsor health seminars during the spring semester according to Judy Skelton, campus nurse.

The seminars will follow the same pattern as in the fall semester meeting on Wednesdays at noon in the Little Theater.

The series of seminars, which are open to the public, has been arranged by Skelton and health

instructors, Jim Waugh and Wayne Arnold to help students become aware of various health issues.

Skelton also wished to remind everyone that the Bloodmobile will return to campus on Wednesday, March 7.

The schedule of seminars for the spring semester is as follows:

DATE	TOPIC	GUEST SPEAKER
Feb. 14	Mental Health	Representative from Comprehensive Service in Mt. Vernon
Feb. 28	Alcohol	Representative from Alcoholics Anonymous
March 14	Street Drugs	Ed Heinschmidt, law enforcement instructor at Rend Lake College
Apr. 4	Smoking and Lung Cancer	Representative from American Cancer Society
Apr. 18	Veneral Disease	Tony Ruzzal, from Dept. of Health in Marion
May 9	Abortion	Representative from Hope Clinic in Granite City, IL

# RLC student hopes to be jockey

Susie Clancy, a freshman at Rend Lake College, has dreamed of becoming a jockey since her father bought their first race horse when she was ten.

Last summer Clancy got up at three every morning and traveled 75 miles to Ellis Park in Evansville, Ind., to work grooming horses. She is now getting more experience working with horses at the McLeansboro Fairgrounds.

Clancy feels that she was born to be a jockey. Weighing three lbs. at birth, she now weighs 99 lbs. and stands 4 ft. 11 in. Although she has never raced, Clancy has worked with several licensed jockeys. She plans to learn the techniques of racing from an apprentice jockey who

racess her father's horses.

Clancy knows several women jockeys and feels that being a woman will be a small disadvantage, "When it comes down to the trainer choosing between a male or female jockey, he will usually choose the man," comments Clancy. "However, the trainer will sometimes pick a female just because she is a woman."

When the jockeys at Ellis Park went on strike last summer, several of the trainers urged Clancy to obtain a racing license. However, Clancy felt that she did not have enough training or experience. "There have been several accidents and jockeys are sometimes killed," she commented. "Because of this my

father is against me becoming a jockey."

Clancy claims to have won over \$100 in one day from betting at the track. The most she has lost in one day is \$30. "I get my tips from the trainers and jockeys," declared Clancy. "They know which horses are fit." Clancy is not the only lucky person in her family. Her grandfather won \$30,000 on an \$18 bet.

With the money she saved from working and betting at the track, Clancy bought a three year-old pony. She plans to use the pony to lead the race horses to the track, when she returns to work at Ellis Park next summer. She also plans to start jockey training and to prove that dreams really can come true.

## LRC Notes

Have you noticed the display at the Learning Resource Center called Character Corner? Brenda Grewe of R.R. 1, Dahlgren was surprised in a random drawing from the student body to be featured as November's "Cornered Character," and it is evident by the cheers and laughter of friends, that she's a "hit". The exhibit provides information about, and for, the students at Rend Lake College, by its character sketches of real and famous fictional characters of interest. To see pictures of Brenda and to learn the details of her life so far, visit the exhibit on the second floor of the LRC.

Has all the fame and notoriety — spoiled Brenda Grewe? We hope not — YOU MAY BE NEXT!!!

The LRC Staff

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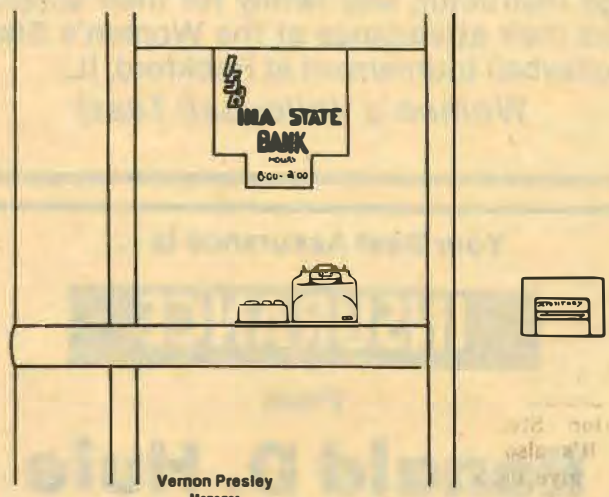
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# GED program at RLC

By Susie Clancy

"One of the most exciting programs offered by RLC is the GED program," stated Pam Sharp.

Sharp, the new General Educational Development Coordinator, and Mike McClure, the Early School Leavers Coordinator, have been busy organizing a special GED class for seventeen, eighteen, and nineteen year olds that began on Nov. 28. The class was made possible by a grant from the Illinois Farmer's Union.

The GED program is an important program of adult education offered by RLC. The program is for people who did not finish secondary school and who now want a high school diploma.

The classes offer students the opportunity to prepare for the GED examination. Presently RLC offers four classes, two meet on campus, and two meet in Mt. Vernon.

The five areas required in preparation for the diploma examination are social studies, science, writing, reading, and mathematics. In the state of Illinois a student must attain a raw score of 35 but has to have an average of 45. After the examination is passed, the individual may apply for a high school diploma. Those benefiting from the program start at age eighteen and go up to the age of sixty.

The second grant received was called Grant E. It is a federal grant that will provide free

tuition for anyone who wants to enroll in a GED class on campus second semester.

Sharp graduated from the University of Illinois. Following graduation she taught for two years: one year in a military high school in Fort Knox, Kentucky and one year she worked for adults in Germany. After coming back to the United States, Sharp returned to school and received a Masters Degree at the University of Illinois. She taught at a high school in Champaign for four and a half years before moving to Mt. Vernon where she is presently residing and teaching at RLC. She has taught at RLC for four years.

For further information or questions about the GED program contact Pam Sharp at RLC.

# Yearbook is progressing



Kay Blain works in the yearbook office.

"The yearbook will be beautiful; the cover is brilliant," boasted Vincent Cain yearbook adviser since 1975. "This will be the nicest yearbook we've had since I've been here."

The staff will be doing many things differently in the 1979 TARN. The color schemes will be more bold and colorful, reports Cain. "Based on the quality of the pages completed," stated Cain, "I'm more satisfied with the progress of this yearbook than any other since I've been adviser."

Cain remarked that the only problem they've had is recruiting workers. However, the number of staff members has doubled since the beginning of

the semester. Staff members are Penny Biggerstaff, Kay Blain, Randal Blain, Lynn McDaniel, Brenda Crocker, Crystal Wood, Doris Morgenthaler, Eddie Hill, and Dean Vaughn. Cain commented the staff can always use more workers.

According to Cain, the yearbook has three purposes. It serves as a training vehicle for students in the areas of photography, creative writing, and leadership. It is a historical record of college events and it's a vehicle for reminiscing.

The staff is working towards a May 20 delivery date. Cain feels that they will achieve that if all goes well and they continue as they are now.

# Agricultural Exhibit

Students in Leavell Swink's Agricultural Occupations classes have participated in erecting displays that will help them in their chosen fields of work.

The students are divided into groups of three and are required to set up displays such as those that an employer might set up in his business. The objective of these projects is to enable the student to set up a display that will get the attention of the customer and create a purchase of the product.

Each Monday, a display was erected in the classroom. The displays are judged on the quality by three agriculture instructors and the students receive a grade as a result. Also each Monday, informative guest speakers are on hand to share important ideas with the students. Speakers from such diverse agricultural fields as chemical representatives,

owners of equipment dealerships and farm credit managers appeared to speak to the students. These also commented on the quality of the displays in the classrooms and on their importance to their representative businesses.

Swink's Agricultural Business Management class recently erected a display in the Learning



Ag. exhibit on display in LRC.

Resources Center. This display shows students in their on-the-job training. The display will be used when high school students visit during contest, banquets, and other events.

These exhibits indicate the high level of activity in the agricultural classes at Rend Lake College. As with most of the departments at RLC, they do more than just sit in a classroom.

**TRAINING PRAISED:** Recently Bob Monneyham, RLC mining instructor, received the following letter commending the college mining department for their training program.

"Just a short note to thank you for the effort expended by you in our recent re-training for Old Ben Coal Company employees. I am sure it is difficult to measure the benefits that are received by those involved, but I can personally testify to the success of the program.

"There was recently a tragic accident on a section where I was working. The response of all the men present was excellent, and I am convinced that the response and techniques exhibited under the conditions made this tragedy somewhat less tragic. These responses and techniques can be attributed to training as given in the re-training classes. We often fail to realize the value of the training until we have to experience a situation that demands its use."

Dale R. Martin

# Nursing Home Visited

"All you ever read about nursing homes is the bad side."

This statement came from Alice Tepovich, seven year rehabilitation director of Cockrum Intermediate Care. Tired of hearing the negative aspects of nursing homes, Tepovich presented the positive side to Mrs. Hall's social

problems class on Dec. 4.

Tepovich, who attends RLC and works full time, plans to continue her social work when she graduates in May. Her visit to Hall's class is part of a special project on aging in America. As a continuation of the project, 12 class members will visit Cockrum Intermediate Care on Dec. 11.

The Women's Volleyball team wishes to express their thank-you to the faculty and students for their support. A special thank-you goes to Judson DeWitt, psychology instructor, and family for their support and their attendance at the Women's State Volleyball tournament at Rockford, IL.

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# RLC Girls' Team Goes To State



The 1978 Girls' Volleyball team as shown above are (front row) left to right: Ellen LeGrand, Mt. Vernon; Pam Winder, Woodlawn; Martha Abbot, McLeansboro; Angie Zachman, McLeansboro; Cindy Caldwell, Christopher; Kaye South, Enfield; Brenda Kondritz, Benton; and Dawn Webb, Frisco. Top Row: John Kretz, head coach; Donna Page, Mt. Vernon; Penny Biggerstaff, McLeansboro; Brenda Crocker, Sesser; Crystal Miller, Enfield; Susie Wolf, McLeansboro; Judy Smith, Mt. Vernon; and Carol Whipple, assistant coach. [For details see page 4].

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## Jazz Band Looks To Mexico City

### Band Shows Off Talent in Concert

The RLC Jazz Band gave an outstanding performance before a packed house Friday, November 17, at the RLC Little Theatre.

The performance began with "I Remember Clifford", a Benny Golson song featuring Terry Foster on the trumpet. Following this, Karen Woodfin, Benton, sang Rita Coolidge's hit single "The Way You Do The Things You Do", with the Jazz Band providing the music.

Other songs included "Five Foot Two", by Sam Lewin, "Peachierine Ray", by Scott Joplin and "Delightful Somely", a Bob Seibert song. The band also played "La Fiesta", featuring Albert Gouge on the trumpet and Ted Smith on the saxophone. The Jazz Band's Dixieland Octet played "Muskrat Ramble".

Just before the intermission, the Benton Junior High Girls' Lab Choir sang and danced to the Jazz Band's medley of "Saturday Night Fever" hits. The lab choir is under the direction of Leslie Cox, wife of the RLC Jazz Band director. A short intermission followed this.

After the intermission, the Jazz Band played "Blues For Billy D.", featuring Albert Gouge on the trumpet and Pam Bourland on the saxophone.

Again showing the Jazz Band's versatility, the Band's Jazz Combo played Bob Seibert's "Sink or Swing". The band also played "Mr. Lucky", by Henry Mancini.

Once again, the Jazz Band featured Terry Foster on the trumpet in "Rampage", by Russ Garcia.

Leslie Cox sang two songs as husband Courtney provided the music in the second half of the performance.

The finale featured the RLC Collegiate Choir, under the direction of Larry Phifer, in

"Lady America", a song and dance act performed at Disney World.

The Jazz band has fourteen members. They are Albert Gouge and Jackie Frizzel, Christopher; Sly Evans, Freeman Spur; Terry Foster, Herrin; Jay Headley, McLeansboro; Jessica Booker, Brian Summers and Kel Hamilton, Benton; and Pam Bourland, Ted Smith, Larry Phifer, Christi Brown, Gerald Mayo and Shawn McCauley, Mt. Vernon. The Jazz Band is under the direction of Courtney Cox.

### Kimball directs Lit 211 students in Play Scenes

Allan Kimball, an SIU-C speech communications-directing major, assisted a group of RLC students in Jack Traver's Classical Literature class in producing scenes from Sophocles' *Antigone* and Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*.

The production was given in the college theatre Wednesday, Nov. 22, for other members of the class, and interested members of the faculty and student body.

Kimball directed two summer theatre productions in Benton, *Godspell* and *Narnia*. Also, he was assistant director of *Charlotte's Web* which was performed in October at the Calipre Theatre of the SIU Communications Building.

The SIU student has written for rights to a play, *Between Time and Timbuctoo* or *Prometheus 5*, which he hopes to direct at SIU next year.

RLC students who participated in the drama project were the following: Susan Derry, Kara Beth Neal, Shawn McCauley, from Mt. Vernon; and Brian Summers from Benton.



JAZZ BAND MEMBERS ARE PICTURED: Front row, l. to r. Pam Bourland, Ted Smith, Jay Headley, Jackie Frizzel, Karen Rye, Brian Summers, Shawn McCauley, Gerald Mayo; Back, l. to r. Jessica Booker, Terry Foster, and Albert Gouge.

## Taming of Shrew Film Scheduled

A special showing of the Elizabeth Taylor-Richard Burton version of Shakespeare's *Taming of the Shrew* will be given in the Rend Lake College Theatre at 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 6.

The first of two special films to be shown for RLC students, district high school students, and the community, the *Taming of the Shrew* fits well with the Shakespeare unit in the classical literature classes.

*Taming of the Shrew* is one of Shakespeare's most lively

comedies in which Petruchio sues for the hand of the terrible tempered Katherina, Kate in the film, and finally wins, not just her hand, but also her love.

In the spring a film version of Stephen Crane's novel, *Red Badge of Courage*, will be the film featured on Wednesday, April 25, during the Arts-Communications Department's Arts Week Festival.

Last year approximately 300 high school students attended the film series.

Everyone is invited to the film showings, which are free.

The RLC Jazz Band recently auditioned for and were selected to perform in Mexico City at the Fiesta Musical Mexicana.

This marks the first time that an Illinois Community College has been accepted to appear at this event. They will be appearing with groups from all over the world the week of April 16-23.

During the week, they will play in several different cities besides Mexico City, including Oaxtepec and Taxco.

The band, under the direction of Courtney Cox, presently has 14 members. However, three new members are expected to join the band in the spring and accompany them to Mexico; they are Kenny Williams, West Frankfort, Joan Bourland, Mt. Vernon and John Ucraft, Mt. Vernon.

The band will be judged on three pieces while in Mexico. They are "La Fiesta", "I Remember Clifford" and "Blues for Billy D." All of these songs were performed at the Jazz Band's concert in the Little Theatre (RLC) on November 17.

The Pressing Times Needs Staff Members For The Spring Semester Typists, Writers, Photographers, or Anyone Who Can Perform A Certain Function Are Needed. Contact Any Staff Member Or Attend Wednesday's 12:00 Staff Meetings In The Newspaper Office In the Student Center