

Board acts: Will not renew Martin's contract

By Mitch Fulford
of The Pressing Times

The three-year Presidency of Dr. Walter Travis Martin will end this summer as a result of action taken by the Rend Lake College Board of Trustees Monday night.

Dr. Martin's resignation, which came in the form of a resolution to the Board, indicated he did not wish his contract to be renewed by the Board of Trustees of Rend Lake College.

The special meeting of the Board, held Monday because of the Holiday season, saw several persons address the Board per-

taining to the President's contract. The President's contract was an item on the Board's agenda, but was listed under an executive session in which the Board would take discussion to a private meeting.

When Board Chairman, Dr. Clyde Funkhouser asked for a motion to dismiss to executive session, a communications instructor, Dr. Barbara Luchsinger, asked to address the board pertaining to Dr. Martin's contract. There was no objection from the Board and Dr. Luchsinger was allowed to comment on the issue.

She began by praising Dr. Martin for his work at Rend Lake College. Dr. Luchsinger, carrying a Bible as she addressed the Board, said, "I have found that by extensive personal experience, when we have gone to Travis Martin in a spirit of learning, we have been met with compassion, patience and wisdom." She said she was "profoundly impressed with his knowledge of the community college." She asked the Board to remember that Dr. Martin was, "a servant, first, of the taxpayers . . . not a servant for the faculty and staff only."

When Dr. Luchsinger had concluded her statements, Rend Lake instructor, John Traver asked to be recognized by the Board. He said in his remarks that when Dr. Martin was hired as President, he was hired on "2 conditions." 1. "He would build enrollments- 2. "That he bring the district out of deficit spending."

Traver said he believed that Dr. Martin had accomplished both of these conditions. He pointed out Dr. Martin's previous experience at Hawkeye Institute in Iowa, where Martin served as Superintendent.

Traver said Martin had, "without the help of a faculty union, built that college to a place where the faculty could enjoy as high a salary increase as 9 percent."

Traver said that the President should, "not be put to a popular vote of the faculty" (apparently referring to last year's vote of the Rend Lake College Faculty which was 54-4 in favor of ending Martin's contract at that time). Traver described Martin, calling him brilliant, enthusiastic and having a high degree of integrity.

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Tucker seeks Law Enforcement Ed. Reform

by Sharon Heil
of The Pressing Times

Students enrolled in certain college law enforcement classes are being ripped off. The sad thing is, many are not aware of the time, money and energy they've wasted until they face the job of finding work. Only then are they told that their diploma is worthless. What counts is what they know, and with the existing inadequate educational programs, what many know is not much.

Gary Tucker, law enforcement



Gary Tucker

instructor here at RLC recognized the problem. Using a call for reform as a platform, he ran for president of the Illinois Association for Criminal Justice Education (IACJE) and won.

"As president of IACJE," says Tucker, "our goals in this organization are to upgrade law enforcement throughout the state, to support training and education on college campuses and to attempt to get colleges to take a systematic approach to Criminal Justice Education."

By that he means potential criminal justice practitioners should be taught how the whole Criminal Justice System works instead of just their part of it. "The problem in Illinois is there are too many cheap programs which are not turning out a viable candidate," he said.

IACJE, through the Academy of Criminal Justice Science (a national organization) will assist in establishing new accreditation guidelines in colleges. Law enforcement programs were formerly accredited along with everything else by the North

Central Accrediting Team. The ACJS plans to start accrediting the law enforcement programs themselves to determine if set guidelines are met.

"The IACJE will assist any college that would like to meet these guidelines," said Tucker. "We feel it is our responsibility to get colleges in shape."

Originally, guidelines had been set by the National Advisory Committee. When it was discovered, however, that these guidelines weren't being met, the Federal Law Enforcement Assistance Administration forked out a quarter million dollars to make a few corrections.

The existing problems were too obvious. According to Tucker, many educational institutions have not even looked at NAC guidelines and are interested only in generating dollars. "These institutions employ no full-time faculty but use only part-time instructors who have expertise but no education," he said. "This is a disservice to students who are not given guidance, counseling, advice or assistance in job placement."

Another atrocity of these schools is the failure to inform students of the facts. The fact is, handicapped, obese, or students with other severe physical problems will never be on the police force. Yet, these schools continue to devour their tuition and fees.

Consequently, the students are given degrees and yet are incapable of performing their job. Tucker cites an example of a man who after graduating from a "fly-by-night" college applied for a job in one of the area institutions. "He said he had an expertise in police management. I sat in on the committee. Upon questioning regarding the type of management used, he was uninformed. This person had a Masters degree."

The Criminal Justice System has become a sophisticated and complex network. In order to function efficiently in the system, police need to know more about the other elements of the system. It involves detailed

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Accrediting team sends rough draft of report

The North Central accreditation team's report, filed after their visit to the RLC campus November 2, 3 and 4, arrived on campus last week in the form of a rough draft of the document.

Administrators were looking over the document and correcting technical errors in data and fact. They were to return the document to the district director of the team, Richard J. Brown, President of Nicolet College and

Technical Institute, Wisconsin before Monday.

College President W. Travis Martin distributed the document to various administrators and department heads as well as the Times.

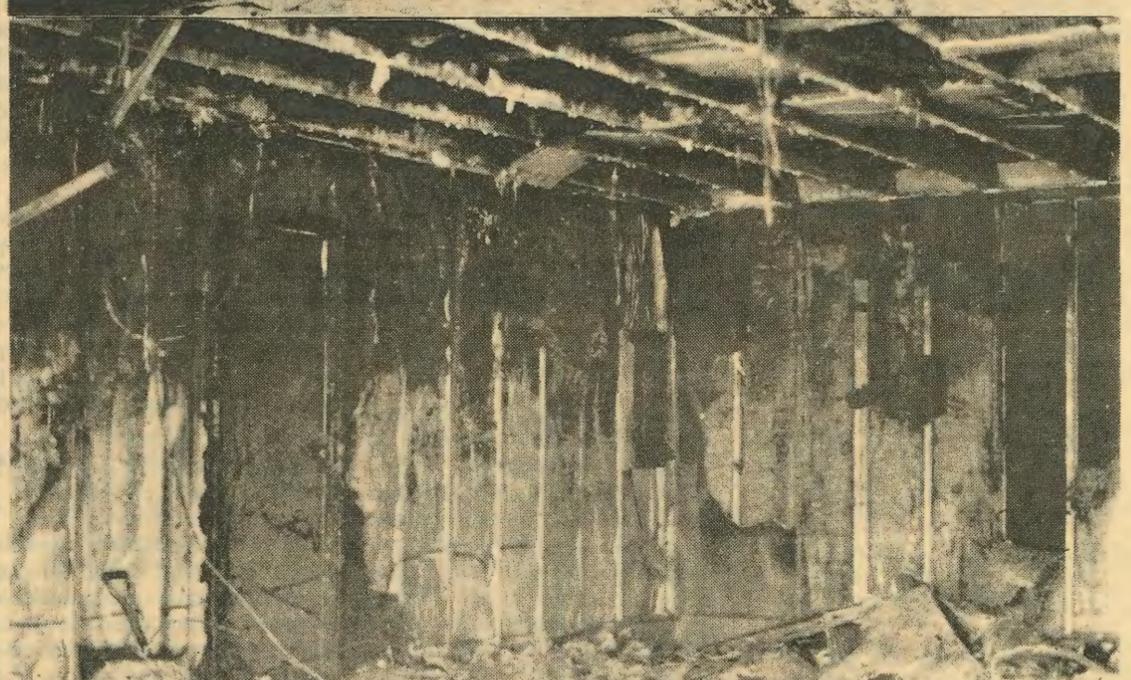
The team's recommendations, which were discussed in general terms at the team's exit meeting with various administrators here at Rend Lake, are not included in the document. However, a letter

attached to the report from Brown indicated the recommendations will be included in the final report the college will receive after factual errors have been corrected.

The following are excerpts from the 16-page document.

Institutional documents indicate that recommendations are to come to the Board from the President of the College. The fre-

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FIRE DESTROYED TWO CARS and other property in the garage at the home of Dr. W. Travis Martin, College President, who resides at 4207 Fox Creek, in Mt. Vernon, last Tuesday.

FIREMEN OF Mt. Vernon Main Station and Burnette Sub-Station battled the blaze after receiving a 4:31 p.m. alarm. They said flames had started through the roof of the garage when they arrived but the Martin house, which is connected to the garage was not damaged by fire. However, the rest of the house did suffer smoke damage. Firemen said Mrs. Martin was at home at the time of the blaze, but was not hurt. Officials said they suspect the fire may have started from hot ashes that had been removed from the family fireplace and placed in a container in the garage.

Editorials

We deserve a break today

This semester Rend Lake is holding classes for 18 weeks. Illinois state law requires that community colleges have classes for only 15 weeks. This fall we had four days of vacation—Labor Day, Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving. Four months is a lot of school with such little vacation time. If teachers wonder why we students are skipping so much right now, this is probably the main reason.

Statistics show that RL has school more days than any other area community college. Why

should we go three extra weeks for the same amount of credit that other college students get in a shorter length of time.

Reducing the number of days we go to school will save the taxpayers expenses. It will save energy as well. Students and teachers will be conserving gas and reducing wear and tear on their cars.

So, if the law requires only 15 weeks, then why do we go for 18 weeks to receive the same amount of credit?

Male students earn more

Undergraduate men are still earning more than undergraduate women. However, a study by the American College Testing Program revealed that the gap is narrowing.

In 1960, women earned about 17 percent of their college expenses according to the study, and in 1970 the percentage had risen to almost 33 percent. For men, in 1960 the figure was almost 40 percent and it rose to 44 percent in 1970.

Men students also have higher summer incomes, according to the study. Eighty-nine percent of the men reported earning an average of \$869 while 71 percent

of the women reported an average of \$538.

Free Speech Alley is a popular weekly occurrence at Louisiana State U. that dates back to the 1960's. Students with something to say are provided a podium in front of the union building. A moderator is provided to keep things from getting too heated.

Women law students presently comprise about 25 per cent of the total in the U.S. according to the American Bar Association. In 1966 the figure was 4 per cent.

Our communications faulty?

The problem is not new, RLC has faced it since its beginning. As of yet, no real solution has been uncovered. It's the same problem you are having with this paragraph — I know what I am talking about, but no one else does. Though of different natures, the root of the situations is the same. The problem I speak of is that of communications.

Faculty and administration members shout about student apathy and students yell back that they don't know about what they supposedly don't care about.

Why are communications such a hassle on RLC's campus? Bulletin boards can be found in every building. Some students claim they read the boards. Some say that there is never anything new on them. The loudest complaint is that notices are not posted far enough in advance.

I myself have found this to be true. For example, the notices for play tryouts earlier in the semester appeared two, maybe three days at the most, in advance of the days they were to be held. Currently, I have been told that semester exam schedules are in existence. Rumor also has it that they are posted on the bulletin boards. As of yet, I have not been able to find any hint of one.

It is clear that some solution should be found. Possibly though, we have been waiting for a single, great, revolutionary idea to spring up and say, "Here I am!" Suggestions have been

made to use some sort of system of announcements. Intercoms and loudspeakers could be installed on campus, but would enough people be around at the right times to hear them? And for that matter, would people pay attention to them if they were used?

"Maybe teachers could read important notices to students before they begin their lectures." That suggestion floats around every once in a while. Well, why not? After all, many students feel that Rend Lake is just an extension of high school anyway & isn't high school just an advanced junior high or grade school? Teachers tend to think it is a waste of time to have to read the "things you might need to know" during their given 50 minutes of class time. I lean toward agreement with this. College students' should be responsible enough to find out what is going on around them.

But I must admit that even a responsible person cannot be informed if the information is not within his grasp. I think a set of rules should be decided on. Perhaps pasting notices a certain number of days before the event occurs. A fair warning would be at least a week and in most cases more. If rules are set and followed the use of bulletin boards could be made more efficient. Using what we have is more economical than having to spend time and money for something such as intercoms that may not even help.

Any other suggestions could be

considered. Maybe if they were brought up before the Student Senate...? Nah! The Student Senate doesn't do anything — or do they? You might try it, but as for me, here and now, that's another topic.

In this time of complaining, we feel that we should pause to compliment a few people for their efforts. We have observed that some people on this campus are working against whatever causes the lack of knowledge of college activities.

The Student Senate went to great effort to let students know about the dance it sponsored. Posters for this event were placed all over campus so everyone had a chance to see and read them. The dance was held along with the RLC Alumni basketball game. Thanks to the Senate's posters, both the game and the dance had good turnouts (for RLC anyway.)

We would also like to congratulate the Fine Arts department for their early posting of announcements (printed posters, no less!) for the concerts recently given at RLC and at the Mitchell Museum in Mt. Vernon.

A kind word should be directed toward Dr. Evelyn Claxton for her posters advertising the presentation of the film "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

We feel that if everyone involved with extracurricular activities would do this well, RLC would no longer have a communication problem. Keep up the good work, and tell the others to get on the ball.

How should professors deal with cheaters

A power failure during a review session may be the reason a group of students at the U. of Washington flunked an exam. When the lights went off, the professor left the room and one student rummaged through the professor's briefcase, found the answer key to the mid-term and read it to the class. Later 16

students wrote down those answers on the mid-term, but they flunked the exam because the professor had changed the order of the questions.

In the great American grade game, what happens to those who don't play by the rules? The U. of Washington professor chose to give a make-up exam to those

allegedly caught cheating, combined with some sort of public service. Some students complained and some said preferential treatment had been given because 14 of the 16 students were varsity athletes.

At New York's St. John's U., identical exams were given to two different sections of a pharmacy course. Some students complained that there was rampant cheating in the second section. A check showed that the

scores of the second class were significantly higher. The professor said he would not count the marks from the second class and those students could either take a retest or not count that exam, making other exams in the course count more.

Colorado ruling against student governments

Score another point against student governments. A recent Colorado ruling reminded student governments there that

they do not control money from student fees or even the employees paid with that money.

Student fees are state monies and employees paid with student fees are state employees, according to a recent ruling by the Colorado State Personnel Board. This means that student governments, if they haven't done so already, will have to implement civil service procedures for all employees they hire.

Some Colorado student governments have objected to giving their employees raises dictated by the state legislature under the civil service system while they do not control the means to increase their own income, drawn from student fees. The students also object because under the system, the employees hired by the student government are not ultimately responsible to the student government but to the administration.

Some Colorado student leaders are in favor of establishing a separate class for these state employees but that will require lengthy legislative action.

Students taught leadership

Getting a large number of students involved in activities can be a chore on any campus, but it is especially difficult on commuter campuses. But student participation at the two-year U. of Wisconsin-Marquette commuter campus has reached an all-time high this year and officials said it is partly due to the implementation of a new type of freshman orientation program.

UW-Marquette officials contracted Student Leadership Services, a Milwaukee organization that teaches leadership methods, to provide a day-long program of group exercises interspersed with regular orientation information

for freshmen.

Over 100 people participated, including virtually all of the freshman class, some sophomores, faculty and staff. Participants were divided into groups of about eight, each with at least one sophomore and one faculty member, for group dynamic exercises such as "Pins and Straws." In this exercise, a group leader was chosen to lead a project of making something with the pins and straws provided. Unknown to the rest of the group, the leaders were instructed to be either passive, autocratic, or democratic in their leadership role. The group later discussed how they felt about their leader and his or her

leadership method.

Marinette Dean of Students William Schmidtke said that the program achieved its goal. He said they wanted students to get to know other students and faculty members, to give students a sense of participation and answer the new students' questions.

Letters to the Editor

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Dear Sirs:

A group of people who are interested in writing have formed the Mt. Vernon Writers' Roundtable. We hope this organization will encourage writers and "would-be" writers to practice their craft and grow in it.

Dr. Rawlinson has been kind enough to let us meet in his home on the second Tuesday of each month. Those who are interested in attending may write us at the P.O. Box below and will be welcome to join us.

Sincerely,
Betty Dunham
Box 57
Mt. Vernon, IL 62864

Food fight foiled

Food fights, those mashed potato throwing, salad slinging melees that crop up regularly in campus dining halls, may or may not say something about the quality of food being served. But whether for student protest or pleasure, they are a nightmare to food service workers.

One day last month a food fight in a campus dining hall at the U. of Rhode Island closed down the facility for the rest of the evening and left several hundred dollars

worth of broken dishes and one big mess. The next week, dining officials got wind of a repeat performance being planned for Halloween night. The intelligence helped them plan accordingly; students queued up outside the door but when the scheduled opening time came, cafeteria workers held the door ajar and passed out to each student a "trick or treat bag supper" consisting of cold chicken with trimmings—to be eaten away from the dining hall.

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A time of change 1977

By Kathy Ferguson
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Looking back through 1977 reminds us of many important happenings on the international, national, and local levels. Many events (good and bad) have occurred since last January, but some seem more memorable than others.

One of the biggest highlights of '77 in international news is happening now — a chance for peace in the Middle East. The Arabs and Israelis may come to a peace agreement in the near future, which would resolve 30 years of conflict.

In national events, Jimmy Carter was sworn in last January as the President of the United States. One of his first acts in his new position was to pardon Viet Nam draft evaders.

In the entertainment world, Star Wars and Rocky are probably two of the most popular

movies of the year. The deaths of Elvis Presley, Bing Crosby, Guy Lombardo, and Groucho Marx saddened the hearts of many Americans.

Here at RLC, quite a few activities and events have taken place throughout the last year. Dr. Kenneth LaSalle became our new dean, Rend Lake was visited by accreditors from the North Central Association, and tension still remains between President Martin and the faculty.

The Student Senate has been very active this year. A new foosball table has been placed in the Student Center and word is out that the new change machine has arrived and will be available immediately. The Senate is presently planning a Christmas dance.

Marie Simmons, Benton, long-time member of the Rend Lake Board of Trustees, recently died. Her husband was one of the

original members of the RLC Board.

New instructors this semester include Norman Miller, Martin Heischmidt, Janet Miller, Larry Sidwell, and William Dill. Bill Hudson became the new chairman of AAA, while Dale Mason, filling the vacancy of Brad Evilsizer, became head of mining at RLC. Evilsizer was named Director of the Illinois Department of Mines and Minerals.

Larry Phifer, Courtney Cox, and Keith Drayton directed many fine concerts featuring the Choirs, the Concert Band, and the Jazz Band. Godspell, directed by Larry Phifer, was performed last spring.

Blackouts, RLC's annual variety show, proved once again to be an entertaining and enjoyable production.

This year's Creative Writing workshop featured Gwendolyn

Brooks, poet-laureate of Illinois. She presented her poems to an audience of both high school and college students in the Little Theater. A workshop was held afterwards.

Athletics featuring women's varsity programs were introduced this fall for the first time ever at RLC. Women's sports include volleyball, basketball, and softball.

The baseball Warriors finished second in the sectional tournament and third in the conference with a 38-21 record. Their record this fall stands at 11-11. As conference co-champs, the basketball Warriors completed their season with a 14-14 record. This season's team also proves to be a contender for the conference championship. Both the diamondmen and cagers travelled to Florida to participate in sports in the "Sunshine State."

Icy memories of last January

and February are vividly returning with the recent snow. However, this year's weather predictions reveal a slightly milder winter.

So many events have taken place this past year, but these were probably the ones most remembered of 1977.

When will school close?

With the coming of winter and the RLC "Ice Age," students will be wondering how they are to find out if they should drag themselves out of their warm beds and make the dangerous trek to school. It's really very simple, the public information office notifies several radio and television stations of closings. They announce school closings early in the morning.

The following is the list of those stations notified:

WMIX 94 Mt. Vernon
WMCL 1060 McLeansboro
WFRX 1300 West Frankfort
WDQN 1580 DuQuoin
WQRX 106.3 (FM) Benton
WJPF 1340 Herrin
WFIW Fairfield
WROY 1460 Carmi
KXOK 630 St. Louis
WHLO 1230 Sparta
WSIL TV Channel 3, Harrisburg
WPSD TV Channel 6, Paducah
KFVS TV Channel 12, Cape Girardeau
Happy listening!

Jazz band entertains enthusiastic crowd

By Melissa Outland
of The Pressing Times

The RLC Jazz Band and Show Choir combined talents last night before an enthusiastic RLC crowd.

Directed by Courtney Cox, the Jazz Band split into groups for certain numbers. One group, the Dixieland Combo, played "Do You Know What It Means to Miss New Orleans" and "Wolverine Blues." Players in this group are John Upcraft — Trumpet; Pam Merchel — Clarinet; Jackie

Frizzel — Tenor Sax; Gerald Mayo — Trombone; Cliff Green — Banjo; Mike Fred — Tuba; and Steve Tate — Piano. The second group, a Jazz Rock Group, performed as one of its numbers "Chameleon" by Herbie Hancock. Members of Jazz Rock are Lon Lowery — Trumpet; Pam Merchel — Tenor Sax; Gerald Mayo — Trombone; Cliff Green — Guitar; Mike Fred — Bass; Scott Oller — Drums; and Steve Tate — Piano.

Featured with the Jazz Band

were the Slander Sisters: Cyndie Cox, Gae Morris, and Julie Hart. They provided the back-up for such numbers as "Rocky" and their famous song, "Choo Choo Cha Boogie."

Other songs performed were "One More Look at You" from A Star Is Born, "Jazz Suite," and "Shot in the Dark."

The Vocal Minority, known as RLC's Show Choir, sang "Laura," by David Raksin, and arranged by Courtney Cox. They also sang Barry Manilow's "Riders to the Stars."

Members of the choir are Julie Hart, Karen Woodfin, Gae Morris, Ellen Morris, Brian Summers, Mike Tepovich, Charles Pendell, and David Knight.

Other numbers performed include "Call Me," "I Don't Know How to Love Him," featuring Gae Morris, and two Christmas selections, "White Christmas" in memory of Bing Crosby, and "We Wish You the Merriest."

Accompanying the Show Choir were Steve Tate on piano, and Cliff Green on bass.

The traditions of Christmas, their beginnings

by Gayla Johnson
of The Pressing Times

It's that time of year again a time when cities, towns and villages sparkle with bright lights and gay decorations. Christmas shoppers will fill the streets carrying shiny pretty packages for their families and friends.

People will decorate their homes and businesses with flickering lights and Christmas trees. Carolers will fill the streets with songs spreading the joy of Christmas, representing the love Christ has for us.

People will hang mistletoe, stockings, and Christmas cards inside their homes. There will be

Christmas trees with loads of gifts underneath. Families will gather together for Christmas dinner. Schools will have two week vacations.

Santa Claus will mount his sled and his reindeer will carry him off to the sky to bring gifts and good cheer to all.

All of these Christmas customs have been passed down through the ages and used year after year. They are all a part of world history.

Although the exact date of Christ's birthday is not known, America, Canada, and some other countries celebrate Christmas as Dec. 25. All countries have different customs

which originate from legend.

For many years Christmas was celebrated as a religious festival only. But gradually we have adopted customs unrelated to the church.

The word Christmas comes from the early English phrase "Christes Masse," which means Christ's Mass. The custom of exchanging gifts is said to have begun in memory of gifts given to the Christ Child by the Wise Men. Saint Nicholas was a famous man known for his generosity to children; he was called "Sinterklaas" by the early Dutch settlers in New York. As America grew, he began to be called Santa Claus.

The belief that Santa enters through the chimney developed through an old Norse legend. They believed that the Goddess Hertha appeared in the fireplace and brought good luck to the home.

Our vision of what Santa looks like comes from the description of him in Clement C. Moore's poems "Twas the Night Before Christmas" and "A Visit from Saint Nicholas." His big "roly-poly" appearance is attributed to an American cartoonist, Thomas Nast, who did a series of drawings of Santa in the late 1800's. Lights at Christmas represent Christ as the Light of the World. The star atop the

Christmas tree naturally represents the star of Bethlehem. Mistletoe was considered the plant of peace. Perhaps that is why it is customary to kiss underneath the mistletoe. Christmas carols originated during the middle ages because people strolled the streets after religious services, singing.

Christmas is the festival celebrating the birth of Christ. It is a time for joy, happiness and merrymaking. On Christmas day the Christmas spirit will fill the world with love, peace and happiness.

Merry Christmas to you!!!!!!

A Christmas Meditation Once for a shining hour Heaven touched earth

by
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Mount Vernon, Ill.

Once for a shining hour heaven touched earth! Those words came to me serendipitously when I picked up a Christmas greeting card in a store. They caught my attention with their poetic romanticism. They spoke to my spirit as being expressive of what God did at Christmas. They stand in stark contrast to the bare facts of Matthew's simply statement that "Jesus was born at Bethlehem in Judea during the reign of Herod." But of course, Matthew was not writing poetry but history.

The two statements are not really that far apart. History has its poetic and romantic side. And no event in history has evoked more poetic and romantic interpretations than the birth of Jesus. That blessed and happy event rouses the poetic in us. The romantic spirit is native to the story of a young maiden giving birth to a son in a lowly stable in a crowded village in a faraway land.

To be sure, the coinage of the Christmas spirit has been somewhat debased. A cartoonist caught something of that fact by drawing a picture of two persons engaged in conversation at Christmas. One said to the other: "Sure, I believe in Santa Claus. But I wish he'd stop using my

credit cards."

The spirit of Christmas breaks through every barrier. The great story of Dickens' Christmas Carol relates to every generation which identifies with both Tiny Tim and Scrooge who represent the best and the worst in us all. Something of the Christmas spirit breaks through any crusty shell we build around ourselves.

Some years ago I heard a traveller tell of an experience he had in Norway. He was visiting the homeland of his fathers. It was not long after World War II. His heart was heavy as he witnesses the tragic effects of war. He was discouraged. But one night, in the land of the midnight sun, he chanced to raise his eyes to the mountains

that surround the City of Narvik, where he was staying. He saw a sight he would never forget. It seemed as though God was speaking directly to him in the midst of his depression and discouragement. Over the blackness of the mountains he saw the sun rising above them in a splash of glory, sending its rays over their darkness and filling him with awe and wonder at the beauty he beheld. The sun seemed to be God's message to him: "Don't give up, I'm still in control. I have not abdicated nor have I relinquished my power. Take heart." In that shining hour, he saw heaven touch earth.

That is what Christmas does. God speaks to us in the most unexpected ways and at times

when we are willing to lift up our eyes to see, our ears to hear the glorious harmonies of this joyous season, when we are willing to believe that "God was in Christ, reconciling the world to Himself." (II Corinthians 5:19)

Once for a shining hour heaven touched earth in the Incarnation of God Himself in His Son. And things have never been the same since that glorious and wonderful day. May Christmas bring you joy!

(Editor's Note: Dr. Funkhouser is Chairman of the Rend Lake College Board of Trustees. The Pressing Times appreciate his continued interest in the college. We thank him for submitting this inspirational item.)

Study shows hot dateline

"Very anxious" about dating—that's the way 35 percent of the men and 25 percent of the women rated themselves in a recent survey of 4,000 students at the U. of Arizona. Fifty-four percent of the men and 42 percent of the women in this group said they would be interested in receiving some kind of counseling to lower their anxiety.

In order to help these students, U. of Arizona professor Harold Arkowitz has developed a program that enables students to practice dating under more

comfortable conditions. Students in the program "date" each other once a week for six weeks, changing partners each week. The dates may last from five minutes to five hours—the man and woman involved decided what kind of date it will be.

Arkowitz said no attempt is made to match partners in any way, so the program is not a dating service. Only five percent of the participants continue to date someone they met through the program. In fact, Arkowitz said he does not think that

computer dating services are very helpful to someone who is very uncomfortable in dating situations because the pressure is still there.

Arkowitz said participants in the program have shown a dramatic increase in dating frequency immediately following and up to a year and a half after the program ended. The program is not a cure-all though, he contends, and some people may also need more extensive therapy.



THESE TWO RLC students take time out of their busy pre-exam week schedule to enjoy the new foosball tables that have been provided in the Student Center on campus for use by RLC students seeking recreation time. The new table was provided through action by the RLC Student Senate.

Art of staining glass is fun

By Pam Ratajczyk
of The Pressing Times

The art of stained glass windows dates back to ancient cathedrals. The slow, tedious process that was then used has been improved upon by more modern methods.

In making a stained glass window, the first step is to design a pattern. This is usually done by sketching several trial-and-error attempts before a pleasing arrangement is reached. After the drawing is done, it must be enlarged to the size of the finished window.

A poster board or heavy paper pattern is then made. This is also made the size of the completed window. After the pattern is drawn on the poster board, each piece must be cut out in a way that makes the pieces one-sixteenth of an inch smaller on all sides. This can easily be done by taping two single-edge razor blades together with a piece of cardboard between them. Cutting the patterns one-sixteenth inch smaller allows for the lead that will later hold the glass pieces together.

Selection of glass textures and colors is now done. Glass textures vary from hammered cathedral to cathedral to smooth. Colors range from light and dark blue through the greens, ambers, violets and rubies. Opalescent glass, a type of glass with a marble-like appearance, is also available in various colors. Glass is often sold in 10-inch by 12-inch sections.

Determining the amount of glass needed to complete the window is done largely by guess work. This skill usually develops with experience.

The real work of the window begins when the glass is to be cut. This is done by putting masking tape on the back of a pattern piece and taping it to the glass. An ordinary glass cutter is used to cut out the pieces, using the pattern as a guide.

After each piece is cut and the edges are sanded smooth, the leading process begins. Lead is purchased in six-foot lengths and must be stretched before use to make it more flexible. The lead is shaped like a railroad track, or a capital "H," with a groove on each side which the glass fits into. The lead, soft enough to be cut with a razor blade, is measured and cut to fit between each piece of glass. A "U" shaped length of lead is used on the outer edges of the window to hold it together.

While constructing the window, it is placed on a large board, which is framed on two sides. The board must be at least two inches wider and longer than the finished window. During the leading process, nails are used to brace the glass and lead and to

hold them together.

Starting in one corner, the window is braced into the corner of the board against the frame. Lead is cut and fitted to the glass, and nails are hammered into the board to hold the glass and lead tightly together.

When the window is completely leaded together, all the joints must be soldered together. This is done with a regular 80 watt soldering iron and solid lead solder. All joints must be fluxed before soldering, which makes the melted solder stay in place and stick to the lead. Flux is either a liquid or paste substance, brushed on the joints before soldering.

After the front side of the window is soldered, the window must be carefully turned over so the other side can be soldered.

Tucker seeks Law Enforcement Ed. Reform

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laws, courts, corrections, social services and referral agencies to assist in rehabilitation of offenders.

The NAC has recognized the need for quality education. And by 1982, all police should have a Bachelor's degree.

And what if they don't? "Some very serious problems will result," answered Tucker. He is confident that the demands will be made and those that don't comply simply will not be hired. Those already hired will be "encouraged" to continue their education. "Some agencies have given their officers a specific time period to get degrees. If it's not obtained by a certain time period, they're dismissed." (That's strong encouragement, boys.)

Although extensions of time will be allowed, there will be no grandfather clause. "Law enforcement is more complex today than ever," Tucker explained. "Those with less than a Bachelor's degree can hardly do the job."

The Law Enforcement Assistant Administration even offers to pay tuition of any full-time law enforcement personnel to go to school. Tucker pointed out that the rewards are not only monetary but there is also personal satisfaction in being a more educated and qualified policeman.

RLC is currently upgrading the law enforcement program to meet the needs of the community and state. "We haven't reached the point of perfection yet," Tucker said, "but we're much better off than most institutions." Instead of part-time help, RLC has two full-time law enforcement instructors, Tucker

The same procedure is followed for both sides.

The final step in window construction is putting putty along all the lead lines. This strengthens the window and weatherproofs it. Dap Glazing Compound No. 33 is suggested for this process. Spread the putty liberally along the lead lines, then scrape off excess putty.

The window can now be set into a wooden frame and suspended in a pre-existing window, or set directly into the wall. The putty makes the window weatherproof, so the rain and wind will not come through.

Only the basics have been explained, as actual experience is the best way to learn. Several books are on the market and classes are offered in some areas.

and Martin (Ed) Heischmidt, who also assists in counseling and job placement. The faculty ratio is 60-1 with 25 per cent of the students being in-service police.

"Many jobs are available in the CJS, such as police work, courts, probation," said Tucker. "These agencies are seeking qualified people. We feel that much is needed to upgrade the service of law enforcement. People have a right to expect professional assistance when they call the police."

Tucker says we can already begin to feel the effects of the new program and is optimistic about the future. "In the next ten years, you will be ready to identify changes."

Longer library hours were demanded by a group of about 50 Northern Illinois U. students who refused to leave the library recently until they got their wish. The students said they couldn't get all their studying done by the 10 p.m. closing time. The library director agreed to extend the hours pending the hiring of extra security guards.

A Clownology class was canceled recently at San Diego State U. and some students aren't laughing. The administration claimed that the frivolous appearance of the class, which taught the techniques of being a clown, might give the university a bad reputation. But others defended the course as being "demanding, time-consuming and very rewarding."

To advertise the student volunteer bureau at Drake U., small ads were wrapped around candy vended from campus machines.

First Inland class ends

by R.K. Scholes
Supervisor, Industrial Relations
Inland Steel Coal Company

A "graduation" occurred on campus December 2 when eighteen students completed a coal mine maintenance class under the sponsorship of a scholarship from Inland Steel coal Company.

Starting on February 28, the nine-month class included study and application of coal mine mechanical repair, electricity, hydraulics, and welding. Certain instruction concerning mine environment and work habits also was provided.

According to Inland officials, the special course was designed to prepare students for careers in mine equipment and systems maintenance, a skill in short supply in the area.

The students will be considered for employment opportunities at Inland's Mine 2 under construction near McLeansboro.

In a program unique to the

area, the students selected by Inland personnel in highly competitive evaluation attended classes 40 hours per week and were awarded Inland scholarship stipends. The students, some of whom had previous coal mining experience, came from throughout the Rend Lake area.

A second class of eighteen students was started on the college campus December 5.

Inland Vice President, E.M. Pace, said, "Coal mining is a dynamic, engineered industry requiring skilled, technically oriented employees. These students as well as those to follow will be extremely valuable in helping Inland stay abreast of the rapidly advancing technology in mining equipment design and maintenance.

"Inland is committed to fulfill its obligation in the challenge to meet America's energy needs through increased emphasis of coal, and it looks to sources like Rend Lake College for assistance in filling its manpower requirement," Pace said.

Johnson in medical school

To become a doctor you must attend school for ten years beyond high school.

Les Johnson, 23, graduated from Thompsonville High School in 1972, attended and graduated from RLC in 1974, and graduated from SIU at Carbondale in 1976, with a bachelor's degree in chemistry.

Early in his senior year at SIU, Johnson applied to their Medical School and was one of 72 accepted from 1200 applicants. The SIU Medical School is not yet completed in Carbondale. Students attend their first year at Carbondale and the two following years in Springfield,

IL. Then they must go on to their three years of residency.

Johnson began his first year of medical school the summer after graduation from SIU. He is now in his second year at Springfield.

Johnson will become a licensed doctor in 1979, after three full years of medical school, and after three years of residency will be qualified to practice medicine. As of yet, he has no plans to specialize. He plans to be a General Practitioner.

Johnson has stated that he will probably set up his practice in the Southern Illinois area, but his exact location has not been decided.

Journalism class tours WMIX

Four members of the RLC journalism class, accompanied by Dr. Evelyn Claxton, toured the WMIX radio station in Mt. Vernon Wednesday, Nov. 9. The tour was led by news director John Callarman.

Callarman first explained the methods and processes of radio newswriting. Included in this information were various stories of Callarman's experiences, such as his beginning in radio and how he came to Mt. Vernon.

At the conclusion of his explanations, callarman showed the group the working parts of the radio station. First came the teletypes for weather bulletins. These give continuous reports of the weather across the country. The news teletype is located in Callarman's office. From this, WMIX receives their national

news.

The class got to meet the FM "DJ". This is a large bank of computer-controlled equipment consisting of several reel-to-reel tape decks, rotating banks for taped commercials and announcements, and a monitoring system using slow moving video tape. The video tape is purchased from television stations after it has surpassed its usefulness to them. It is no longer good enough quality to reproduce visuals, but is satisfactory for use in monitoring sound equipment.

Also found in the WMIX office is the transmitter for Mood Music of Southern Illinois. This is broadcast on the FM carrier of WMIX Stereo 94. Businesses may lease receivers for this from WMIX to place in their stores.

Activity attendance nags planners

by Gerald R. Mayor
of The Pressing TIMES

No matter what the activity, the problem is the same. The general murmur heard around campus is "student apathy"—nobody cares. Is this really the reason RLC has small turnouts for things such as basketball games and music activities?

Two RLC instructors don't go along with this as the major cause. Athletic Director Jim Waugh and Fine Arts' chairman Larry Phifer agree that the main factor is that of location. Rend Lake shares its problems with other "commuter schools." The fact that RLC's location is more

rural than others may tend to heighten the problem in some cases.

Phifer and Waugh say that people tend to be involved in things in their own communities which conflict with college functions. RLC activities must compete with high school and even grade school games and meetings.

Perhaps if RLC were located near one of the more densely populated areas of its district it would get better turnouts. The facts that students have to come back to the school in the evening to attend is a large deterrent. According to Waugh, the

average student thinks in terms of coming to school, going to classes, and then going home (or in many cases, to work, another conflict.) Students don't want to stay on campus until time for activities, nor do they want to afford the time and gas to leave and come back.

Neither instructor felt that poor quality had anything to do with the problem. Phifer said that the quality of concerts has always been good. Waugh admitted that if RLC could have two or three near-perfect seasons attendance might go up as far as sports were concerned. He did not, however, feel that

this would make a great difference.

Many ideas have been brought forth and tried in the last few years as possible solutions to RLC's dilemma. On the sports side, Waugh said turkey raffles have even been held. So far, the most successful idea is that of working with the Student Senate in scheduling dances after games. Also, plans to have two or three afternoon games are being considered.

Another possibility is to designate game nights to certain towns in the district. For example, Mt. Vernon night, in which anyone showing proof that they are from Mt. Vernon would be let in free.

As for the Fine Arts' department, Phifer said that if they could get a good turnout at one event, they could use the funds for the next one, thus improving it. He commented that crowds could be brought in by big-name people, but that until attendance improves, spending large amounts of money is not justifiable.

Another idea that Phifer is hoping will succeed is the possibility of taking concerts to the people. That was tried Monday, December 5, when the Rend Lake Civic Symphony and Community Chorus held a concert at the Mitchell Museum in Mt. Vernon. Despite a 4 inch snowfall that evening the crowd was one of the larger ever to attend a Fine Arts activity.

Once the problem of location is overcome, efforts will be channeled into another problem that has plagued RLC so long—how to make students aware of what's going on around the school. Don't be shocked, but RLC has a communication problem! Any suggestions?

Successful concert by Artcom

By Melissa Outland
of The Pressing Times

The first performance of the Rend Lake Civic Symphony and Community chorus was held at the Mitchell Museum.

The chorus, directed by Keith Drayton and accompanied by Cheryl Herman of Benton, performed the choral production "The Messiah." Featured as soloists were Cindy Campbell, Brett Gibbs, and Catherine Mattingly Smith, graduates of RLC, and Leslie Cox and Joann Rauback.

The Community Chorus is made up of members of the neighboring communities of RLC. This concert was the first in many years without guest performers from out of district being brought in.

The second portion of the concert included selections by the RLC Symphony Orchestra. Those selections included Haydn's "London Symphony," "Allegro Conbrio" from Beethoven's Symphony No. 1, "English Folk Song Suite," "Der Rosenkveiler," "En Bateau" by Debussy, and Lerner & Lowe's "Selections from Camelot."

RLC Symphony Orchestra was directed by Courtney Cox. Concertmaster was Robert Tipple. This, too, was the first year in several years that no extra players were brought in for the performance.

The Symphony Orchestra will conduct a Viennese Ball at the Holiday Inn in Mt. Vernon on January 28. More details will be in the next issue of PT.

The United Nations was created in 1945.



TWO GENERAL TIRE employees recently visited a Rend Lake College secretarial class to discuss job interviews, duties and responsibilities of secretaries, and other aspects of a secretarial career. The guest speakers were Geri Phifer, employment manager, and Louise Kraft, executive secretary. Shown above from left to right are Gela Goin and Janet Miller, RLC instructors; Louise Kraft, Geri Phifer and Imogene Anson, RLC instructor.

Merry Christmas

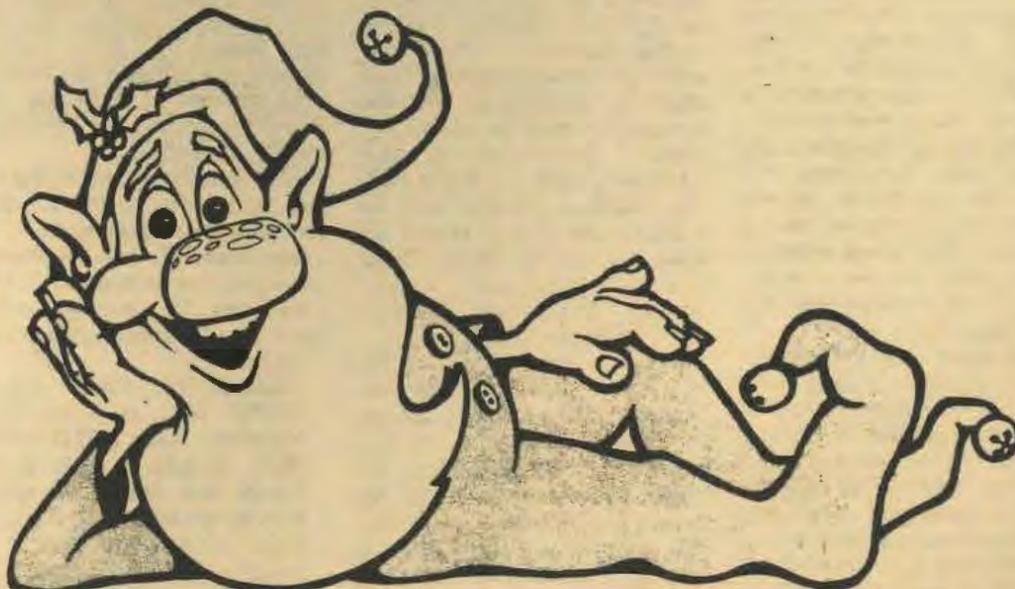
AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

FROM THE ENTIRE STAFF OF

The Pressing Times

We hope you have enjoyed this semester of the Pressing Times

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Accreditors cast opinions on college

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quent use of executive sessions, some without the President of the College in attendance, to consider grievances or requests from faculty members is a cause of expressed concern by faculty members.

Members of the instructional faculty and several administrators indicated that institutional action was frequently dependent upon decisions by the Board, even though policy issues were not involved. Board minutes reveal frequent referrals of administrative issues to the Board. There appears to be a need for the Board and the President of the College to more clearly delineate the scope of independent action authorized to, and expected of, the President of the College.

The organizational structure and the decision-making process within the College are sources of much discussion and concern within the institution.

Almost all persons interviewed expressed the opinion that the College's decision-making process is not working effectively. A wide variety of causes were presented to the team members. Problems relating to governance procedures were also evidenced by official actions taken within the past year by organizational units and by individual members of the faculty and administrative staff. These include the adoption of a statement of "special concern" by the College Academic Council, a request by the Faculty that the Board "actively involve themselves in the internal affairs of the College to determine precisely the effectiveness of the leadership of the President," and subsequent litigation between the President and ten individual faculty members.

A considerable number of faculty members, in private interviews and in open sessions, stated that learning and teaching were being adversely affected by the dissension on campus relating to this situation.

It is the judgment of the evalu-

ation team that the existing hiatus in institutional governance and decision-making is significantly and adversely affecting the ability of the College to make progress toward realization of its objectives, and that action to correct deficiencies in this area is urgently needed. In the opinion of the team, consideration of corrective measures need to involve members of all components of the organizational structure, and the appropriate role of each component in decision-making needs to be reviewed and defined.

The staff seems satisfied with the selection procedure of new faculty members. As an institutional resource, the faculty is strong.

Some faculty members seem confused as to how the salary schedule is applied to them as individuals. Clarification is needed.

Development of the Mining program is a source of expressed confusion and misunderstanding among faculty members. Some perceive a distinct dichotomy between this program and other curricular offerings.

Hostility to the program was expressed by others. They indicated, however, that they did not want the program eliminated. They stated that it was generating many credit hours and the College was realizing benefits from the increased revenue.

Basically the curriculum within programs is developing in a traditional manner, with the possible exceptions of typing and nursing; where considerable experimentation is taking place.

There is need for study of the class schedule. Many residents might be better served if certain non-traditional hours were used for instruction. Most classes are now offered in the mornings and early afternoons. Few faculty members are available for instruction or student advising after 3:00 p.m. or 4:00 p.m. More late afternoon instructional and advising services might increase

the number of potential students from among those who cannot now utilize college opportunities.

The library and media departments are operating independently of each other and share 5 percent of the College's operating budget. However, the operational budget of 5 percent seems a little low for these two departments. The College might want to consider whether this amount is adequate to meet growing needs.

The College is presently offering off-campus classes at fourteen attendance centers.

Certain Community Services efforts by the College have special impact on the district. (A) Residents of the district may enroll in general educational development (GED) classes. (B) The Early School Leavers Program is a state-approved program designed for Rend Lake College district youth who have left high school without graduating. (C) The Shelter Care Program is an educational program for shelter care residents of the district.

The College is seeking to make other resources available to the community. These service activities support community-based programs for all age groups and might provide coordination and leadership capabilities for the solution of community programs.

The changing population served by Rend Lake College has been reflected in the utilization of the financial aids office. The volume of awards has increased significantly during the past three years, and the types of aids awarded have changed. The Basic Grant Program (formerly BEOG) has grown from 17 students receiving a total of \$7,000 in 1973-74 to 270 students receiving almost \$200,000 in 1975-76.

Staff members in the Student Services Office seem to be generalists and show a sincere interest toward the development of each individual student. It appears that they are continually

being asked to absorb additional responsibilities within the College. This can eventually lead to the neglect of individual student needs.

Students at Rend Lake College are interested in the student services program. They are complimentary of the counseling services provided by a qualified and dedicated staff. They have an active Student Senate and they showed interest in the student newspaper and the yearbook. An activities program is growing in variety and has the support of an increasing number of students. Several students expressed a desire to see more faculty involvement in student activities. Several were also critical of the cost and quality of the campus food service.

The College might also want to explore the expansion of opportunities for part-time students, such as increased evening or week-end classes.

Rend Lake College has developed programs, facilities, fiscal plans and personnel needs based on projected student enrollments.

Records seem to be complete and are used by all departments. However, it would seem that the coordinator of institutional research is a full-time task, and not one that can be shared with other duties and responsibilities required of the Dean of Vocational-Technical Education.

Budget requests, purchase orders, and cash receipts follow sound business practices and appear to be handled properly.

The College completed FY-77 with a surplus amount of \$128,272.57 in the operational fund; the first time in six years that a surplus has been realized. The operating budget for FY-78 is \$3,024,360. The budget reflects expenditures of 52.39 percent for instruction, 11.43 percent for academic support and 4.68 percent for general administration.

The tax rate for the bond and interest fund has been reduced from 15 cents to 11.6 cents this

year. In 1981 the total bonded indebtedness for the College will be paid, which presents a healthy long-range financial picture regarding capital expansion.

The tax base has shown a substantial growth each year. Fifty-six percent of the total operating revenue is derived from the State, twenty-seven percent local, and the remaining seventeen percent from the Federal government, tuition and miscellaneous fees.

Slate career day

The Mt. Vernon Township High School in cooperation with the Greater Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a "Career Opportunity Day" for local college and high school students, Saturday, January 7, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m., in Building G at the high school.

Ron Harper, director of guidance counseling at MVTHS, said students may come anytime between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. for interviews with local businesses and counseling about career opportunities.

He added that twelve businesses have already agreed to participate in the "Opportunities Day" and several more probably will participate.

Those firms who have agreed to participate include Bank of Illinois, General Tire and Rubber, Precision National, Accurate Manufacturing Co., Security Bank and Trust, General Radiator, McDonalds, Durry Inn, Vanex Color, J.C. Penney, Dowzer Electric and Central Automotive Supply.

Harper said students should have an excellent opportunity to find out about career opportunities in several fields of business. Any high school or college student is invited to attend the January 7, "Opportunity Day."

Board resolution was unanimous

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Traver said Martin had caused the faculty at Rend Lake College to be innovative and enthusiastic. He said Martin had been "quite instrumental in only two years" to bring "National recognition" to the new RLC mining department.

Mr. Traver's wife then spoke to the Board, in her words, "not as a wife of a faculty member but as a concerned taxpayer of the District." She cited board action in the past when other administrators of the College had come under fire. She said she felt several of the earlier administrators had left under "somewhat of a cloud." She asked if Dr. Martin should be forced to leave under a cloud. "Wouldn't it be a shame to let this jewel (referring to Dr. Martin) slip through our fingers?" she said.

Then, Rend Lake College student Amie Hundman spoke to the Board. She introduced herself as a student, a member of the student senate and a personal friend of all the Martins. She told the Board to remember, while it was in executive session, that it represented "all of us taxpayers."

She said Rend Lake College students "feel kind of left out." She said 9 out of 10 students that she talked with earlier Monday

"have never been told all the facts." She asked the board to renew Dr. Martin's contract, and "do this one favor, tonight, for all the students."

C. C. "Andy" Anderson spoke to the board concerning Dr. Martin. He said Martin "has done increasing good for Rend Lake College." He cited a 50 percent enrollment increase since Dr. Martin began his administration 2½ years ago. Anderson said he had found, by doing some phone ringing around the Mt. Vernon area, that those he talked to "had absolutely no occasion to make derogatory remarks toward Dr. Martin." "He is the chief," said Anderson, "and if there is difficulty between the chief and the indians, the Board should sit down and put the indians down and reaffirm the chief's stand," he said. "In this case, Dr. Martin," Anderson said.

After the comments from the concerned parties, motion was made by Board member, Joseph McClure, seconded by student member of the Board, Mark Michalic, that the meeting be moved to Executive Session. The roll call vote saw three trustees cast no votes, Dr. Allen Baker, B. B. Connaway and Carleton Apple. The three were the only board members who were active at the time Martin was hired. All

the other Board members voted to go into executive session, including Board Chairman, Dr. Clyde Funkhouser, Everett Thompson, Joe McClure and Richard Simpson. Those four members were either appointed or elected since Martin's hiring. They moved to executive session. The time was 8:20.

The Board invited Martin's personal attorney, Joe Hickman, of Benton, into the executive session, as well as college attorney Don Musick. At 9:45, Martin himself was called by the Board. Both emerged at 10:30 and the Board reopened the meeting shortly thereafter.

After discussing the hiring of two instructors in the mining technology department, Dr. Funkhouser called on Dr. Baker to recite a resolution of the Board concerning Dr. Martin's contract. The statement Baker read is as follows:

RESOLVED THAT BECAUSE DR. W. TRAVIS MARTIN HAS NOTIFIED THIS BOARD THAT HE DOES NOT WISH TO BE CONSIDERED FOR EMPLOYMENT AS PRESIDENT OF REND LAKE COLLEGE AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF HIS PRESENT CONTRACT, THIS BOARD DOES HERE-

BY RESPECTFULLY NOTIFY DR. MARTIN THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 2.12 OF THE BOARD POLICY MANUAL HIS SERVICES AS PRESIDENT WILL NOT BE REQUIRED AS OF THE EXPIRATION OF HIS CONTRACT.

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the resolution.

After the meeting, Board Chairman, Dr. Clyde Funkhouser said the search for a new president probably will begin after the January Board Meeting. He told SOUTHERN ILLINOISAN reporter, Merrill Perlman, that "If I had as many problems down here as he did, I think I would do the same thing. I would have done it sooner. I am surprised he put up with it as long as he did. He is a very brave man."

In other action, the Board of Trustees heard a proposal of the Policy and Procedure committee on a proposed tenure policy revision. The new policy will read, in effect, that an instructor, awarded no less than three annual contracts, and no more than five annual contracts should receive tenure by Board approval. A new clause in the policy includes a provision for automatic tenure when the sixth annual

contract is awarded. The February meeting of the Board of Trustees will be the time and place to award tenure to instructors who have met the necessary requirements.

The Board hired two mining instructors in the area of Welding and Electrical Maintenance and Theory. Gene Mitchell was employed to teach the electrical class at a salary of \$17,919.83 on a 48 week contract. Michael Joplin was employed as a welding instructor at a salary of \$14,559.84 on a 48 week contract.

Departmental reports included notes that: There are 3,500 students processed for the fall semester. Work is continuing on a proposal to renovate the Edison School of Mt. Vernon for possible use by the college. The Landscaping project has been completed on campus. The North Central Report has been corrected and returned to the visiting team. The college should be hearing from that team soon as to what can be expected in the way of accreditation.

The Board will not meet Tuesday, December 20th. The next Board Meeting will be January 17th. The students of Rend Lake College are urged to attend all meetings of the Board of Trustees. They are held in the Student Center.

RL women cagers open season soon

by Jill Hirons

Rend Lake College recently entered into women's athletics, first with volleyball, and now basketball. The new cage coach is Mrs. Brenda Sink of Benton. Mrs. Sink graduated from RLC and is now attending Southern Illinois University. She is majoring in health, with a minor in physical education.

In a recent interview, Coach Sink stated that she has no experience in coaching, but feels that her "experience in playing basketball at Benton High School will help a great deal." Coach Sink went on to say that when she finishes school that she would like to coach girls' sports at various Junior Highs.

The Women's basketball team met for the first time Wednesday

Dec. 7. Even though there was not as many at practice as Coach Sink hoped, the enthusiasm to play was there. The team will play a full schedule with the opener slated for Jan. 5, at John A. Logan College.

All women interested in playing are welcome to go out for the team. The practices are being held on Wednesdays at 2:00, and on Saturdays.

Wide World of Waldman

With this being our last issue of the TIMES for this year I thought I'd like to do something different with my column. Instead of writing about RLC athletics I thought it would be kind of fun to discuss the upcoming holidays. I'm sure that you're all aware that Christmas and New Year's are just right around the corner.

Anyway with the coming of these holidays comes the seeing of relatives for maybe the only time of the year. But maybe most of all comes all the TV sporting events on during this time. It's incredible all the athletic events on during this festive season. It's a sports nut dream come true!! There's the Rose Bowl, Cotton Bowl, Orange Bowl, Sun Bowl, Gator Bowl, Liberty Bowl, just to name a few of the top college games. Also there is the professional football games.

But does it stop there? No! There's college and Pro basketball games too. It's amazing how the sporting events rules our holidays. Everyone is afraid to turn off the TV to eat Christmas dinner for the possibility of missing a big play. You say that's not true; well, believe me, it's true. It's hard to imagine a Christmas and New Year's without football or some

other sporting event on the tube.

Seriously, I think sports have taken away a lot of the meaning of the holidays. Instead of talking with family we sit for hours at a time and listen to Howard Cosell and other self-centered announcers cut down someone else.

I'm sure this is not the true meaning of Christmas holidays. However, I truly believe if we didn't have TV and other distractions that the upcoming holidays could become more family oriented. Not that some families aren't, but just that the families would have more time to talk and realize the greatness of the holidays.

On the light side however, I'm sure all armchair quarterbacks see all the games around New Year's as a blessing. They can sit and watch football as they recuperate from their New Year's festivities. I'm sure that a high passing game can give a few of its viewers a severe headache from trying to follow the ball.

I'm sure many of you can't see why I wrote this, but over the upcoming holidays just see how much of your time is spent watching sporting events. Your results could follow very closely to what I've said, but if they don't, consider yourself very lucky.

Rend Lake College Women's Basketball Schedule 1977-1978

DATE	TEAM	PLACE	TIME
Thurs., Jan. 5	Logan	T	5:15
Tues., Jan. 10	Kaskaskia	H	5:15
Tues., Jan. 17	Olney	T	5:30
Wed., Jan. 18	Wabash	H	5:30
Mon., Jan. 23	S.I.C.	T	5:30
Thurs., Jan. 26	Olney	H	7:00
Sat., Jan. 28	S.I.C.	H	2:00
Mon., Jan. 30	Shawnee	H	7:00
Wed., Feb. 1	Wabash	T	7:00
Sat., Feb. 4	Kaskaskia	T	2:00
Tues., Feb. 7	Shawnee	T	7:00
Fri., Feb. 10	Logan	H	7:00
Fri.-Sat., Feb. 17-18	Sectional Tourney at Kaskaskia		

Meet the Warriors

This week's edition of Meet the Warriors features Rend Lake's Kevin Rose. Kevin is a sophomore from Terre Haute, Indiana. As a basketball starter last year, "Sweet" averaged 12 points a game. He is a starter on this year's team also. Besides being a good scorer, Kevin is also a fine rebounder and excellent defensive player. Kevin also was an assistant to the Women's Volleyball coach John Kretz this fall.

Kevin is majoring in accounting, and plans to attend Indiana State University next year. Kevin is a member of the Circle K organization. His favorite TV show is "The Young and the Restless."

In high school Kevin was a top scorer at Terre Haute South. He teamed with former RLC star Jack Smith while playing there.

Coach Jim Waugh summed up Kevin in one statement, "Kevin is a super player, and a super guy."



A letter to my son

Dear Son,

I suppose a young man your age often wonders how he stacks up in the eyes of his father. If my eyes have not already told you son, perhaps I can express my feelings in this letter at the expense of some considerable overemotion and sentiment.

How can I adequately express the feeling of pride I have for you not only as an athlete in uniform, but also as an individual out of it? The pride that has built up over a period of years in your dedication to athletics and life.

You've outgrown me by a couple of inches, but it seems like yesterday that you sat on my lap watching the games on TV. I explained the games to you then—now you explain them to me.

Through the years I've kept my eyes on you. I've watched you develop, grow, participate, but most of all mature. I saw you become a man. I've noticed so

many things.....

I've watched you devote your life to strict training and clean living. I have seen you develop a strong spirit, confidence, and a will to win. Yet, along with this grew respect and modesty for the other guy.

I've seen you cry and suffer silently in defeat, and exult in victory. There was no need for you to be embarrassed when you thought you played poorly because I know you gave your best. You've always done the best you could.

I've swelled with pride when the crowd gave you a standing ovation in appreciation of your efforts and performance. And how proud I was to be your father after a coach's comment, "He's the kind of son I'd like to have."

You've earned so many compliments, not only with your fine efforts, but also with your sportsmanship. I've seen you place yourself in the doorway of

the opposing player's locker-room to shake their hands in victory or defeat, and also pass a few kind words on to your opponent's coach.

I've learned from you son, about courage, about loyalty, and fair play, and I admire your philosophy and optimism of life. All in all, you've made my life richer and more meaningful. For this I thank you. I'm also grateful for the many rich, shared experiences, the thrills, and memories, and the feelings of pride when you're standing by my side. Son, these feelings will remain. So son after you play your final game, and take your uniform off for the last time remember all of your accomplishments. The memories you have made will last forever.....

To say I'm proud of you son is putting it mildly!

Love,
Your Dad



Payton needs 199

Look out O.J., here comes Walter. Walter, of course, is the running back who is astonishing defenses all over the NFL. Payton needs only 199 yards rushing next week to break O.J. Simpson's all time record of 2003 yards in one season.

Basketball Warriors win four, lose to Wabash

Warriors Whip Greenville

The RLC basketballers won their second game of the season Nov. 22 with an 82-62 victory over the Greenville Panthers. The host Warriors opened up an early game lead and never relinquished it. They led 34-26 at the half and coasted to the win. Rend Lake was led in scoring by Gary Hutchcraft with 20, and Chris Benetti with 14. Other Warrior scorers were Larry Karcher with 10, Kevin Rose and Jerry Wilson each got 9, Eric Forby 8, Hugh Moore 6, Jim Bybee 4, and Kenny Feather with 2. Andy Dortch tossed in 28 to lead the Panthers. As a team the Warriors shot 36-79, 46 per cent from the floor, and 10-15, 67 per cent from the charity stripe.

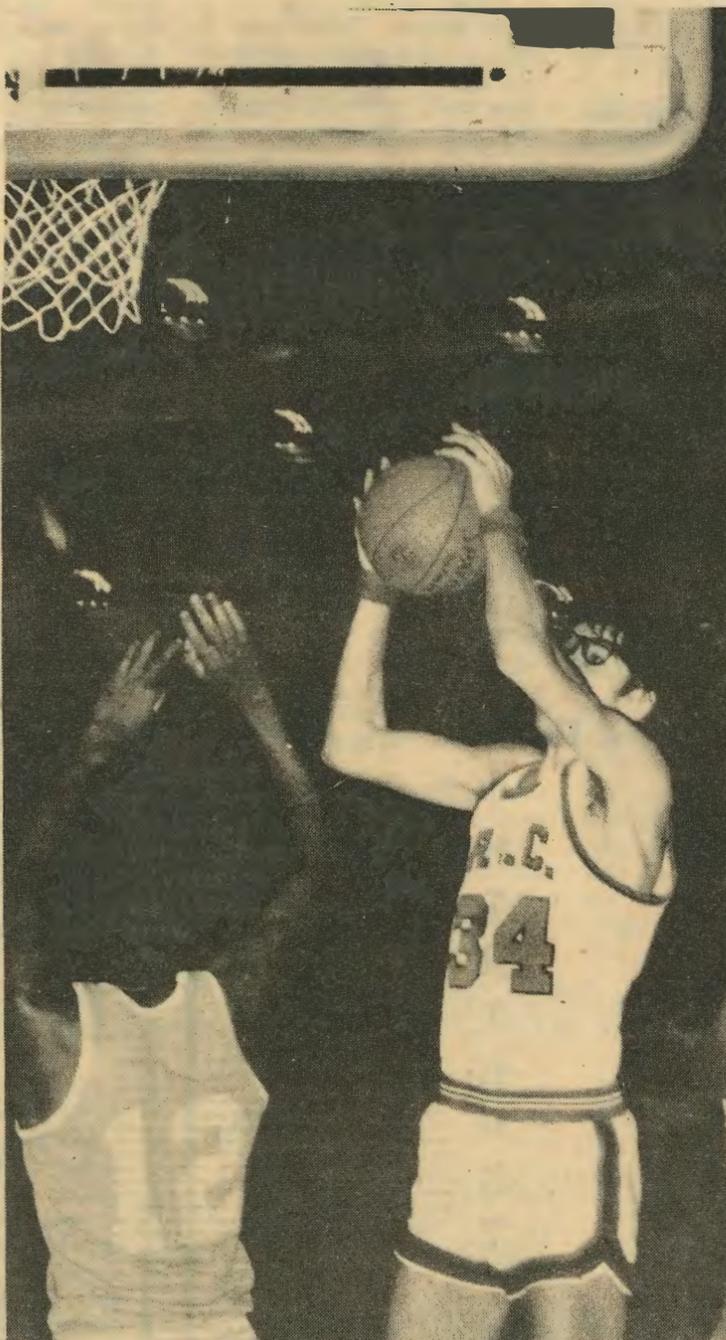
Warriors Down Lincoln Land

Coach Jim Waugh's Warriors won their third game of the season Dec. 2, with an 84-78 victory over visiting Lincoln Land Junior College. RLC got off to an extremely slow start and fell behind 41-34 at the half. The Warriors totally dominated the second half as they outscored their opponent 50-37. Gary Hutchcraft pumped in 24 points to lead the Rend Lake attack. He also picked off 10 rebounds tops on the Warrior squad. Hugh Moore tossed in 17 points, followed by Chris Benetti with 14, Eric Forby 12, Kevin Rose 8, Jerry Wilson 6, and Larry Karcher with 2. Gary Barrow and Jim Nolan each gunned in 25 points to lead Lincoln Land.

Nip Greenville in Overtime

The Warriors traveled to Greenville College, Dec. 3, and barely escaped with a victory. It was their second meeting of the young season and the Warriors figured on a relatively easy

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game. RLC had to go into overtime to pick up the win. The Warriors led 34-26 at the half, but were outscored by an identical 34-26 the second half. They outscored Greenville 11-8 in the overtime period to pick up the 71-68 victory. Gary Hutchcraft again led in the scoring with 20 points. Kevin Rose tallied 16 with 6 of those coming in the overtime period. Hugh Moore scored 10, Eric Forby 8, Jerry Wilson, Jay Sandusky, and Roger Webb each picked up 4 points. Chris Benetti rounded out the Warrior attack with 2. Hutchcraft also picked off 9 rebounds. Andy Dortch tossed in 34 points to lead the Greenville attack. Rend Lake shot 28-68, 41 per cent from the field, and 15-23, 65 per cent from the free throw line.

Suffer First Defeat

RLC suffered their first defeat of the season Dec. 7 at the hands of a very tough Wabash Valley club. The Warriors were trounced 106-73. They trailed 55-33 at the half, and never made any serious challenge during the game. The loss put the Warriors 0-1 in SICC play. Gary Hutchcraft tossed in 14 points to lead the RLC scoring. Other scorers were Jerry Wilson with 12, Kevin Rose 8, Larry Karcher 7, Hugh Moore, Chris Benetti, and Jay Sandusky each picked up 6 points. Roger Webb, Chuck Doty, and Jim Bybee each scored 4, and Eric Forby rounded out the attack with 2. Eric Sampson led a very balanced Wabash Valley scoring attack with 18 points. Rend Lake ended the game shooting 28-64, 44 per cent from the field, and 17-24, 71 per cent from the free throw line. The loss left the Warriors with a 4-1 record overall.

Two games cancelled

Two Cancellations

There has already been two postponements of Warrior basketball games this season. The Nov. 28, game with Oakland City, Ind. was cancelled due to lack of players on their Junior

Varsity squad. The Dec. 8, game at Parkland was postponed because of inclement weather. The Parkland game has been rescheduled for February 15. The Oakland City game has yet to be rescheduled.

SPORTS

Rend Lake Basketball Records

INDIVIDUAL RECORDS (ONE GAME)

Most Points: 54 - Larry Tutt (vs Danville) 1968-69
 Most F.G. Made: 21 - Lee Yearwood (vs Canton) 1961-62
 Most F.T. Made: 20 - Larry Tutt (vs Danville) 1968-69
 Most F.T. Atmp: 21 - Larry Burkett (vs St. Louis Bapt.) 1961-62
 and Larry Tutt (vs Danville) 1968-69
 Most Consecutive F.T.: 18 - Larry Tutt (vs Danville) 1968-69
 Most Rebounds: 25 - Jeff Wilson (vs Logan) 1975-76
 and Terry Sledge (vs Parkland) 1970-71
 Most Assists: 14 - Jack Smith (vs Shawnee) 1976-77

Most F.T. Atmp: 230 - Merle McRaven 1963-64
 Highest F.T. %: .902 - Jack Smith 1975-76
 Most Consecutive F.T.: 29 - Dennis Nehrkorn 1973-74
 Highest Point Ave: 26 - Lee Yearwood 1961-62
 Most Rebounds: 367 - Ron Henderson 1971-72
 Most Assists: 214 - Jack Smith 1975-76

INDIVIDUAL RECORDS (CAREER - TWO YEARS)

Most Points: 600 - Mike Bolton 1975-76
 Most F.G. Made: 264 - Mike Bolton 1975-76
 Most F.T. Made: 163 - Merle McRaven 1963-64

Most Points: 1050 - Lee Yearwood 1960-62
 Most F.G. Made: 450 - Lee Yearwood 1960-62
 Most F.T. Made: 228 - Dean Jackson 1965-67
 Most F.T. Atmp: 317 - Dean Jackson 1965-67
 Highest F.T. %: .852 (115 of 135) - Jack Smith 1975-77
 Highest Pt. Ave.: 26.25 - Lee Yearwood 1960-62
 Most Rebounds: 604 - Ron Henderson 1971-73
 Most Assists: 417 - Jack Smith 1975-77

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