

A Former IRJC Student Writes ...

DEAR MRS. MOLNAR

I doubt very much if you will remember who I am. I was never one of your prize Spanish students.

In class you had always impressed upon your students the value of education. I guess I failed to grasp the truth in all you said. You also told us that many of your previous students had written you and told you how much you had helped them in further college education.

This is not one of those letters telling you how much you helped me in education. This is a letter telling you of how much you helped me realize my many mistakes. I hope you will use this information to help those many students you have now

that will most likely make the same mistakes I did.

If you remember, I had quit Jr. College during the first term last year to join the service. I guess you could say that I was bored with classes, books, and teachers at the time. I remember the little talks you had with me trying to persuade me to stay. Only now do I realize how much you were really concerned.

War was new to me before. It was something I would read about in a magazine, or see on T.V. It was a novelty then. Something to be laughed off because it was so distant and unreal. It could be forgotten just

by closing the magazine or turning off the T.V.

Now it is no longer a novelty to be laughed at. I can no longer turn my back on it. As dirty and ugly as it is, it is here, and it is all too real. God help those who prefer this over college.

There is Jungle all around. We walk for days through leech-infested rice paddies and swamps. The Viet Cong are always present and rarely let their presence be known. They hit us when we least expect it. At night there is little rest. The insects eat at our flesh, and our skin burns from cuts inflicted by elephant grass.



Jim Ross

While at night I often think of home, and how all of this could have been avoided so easily. Life is so precious when

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All smiles are the beautiful young ladies chosen to cheer the "Pioneers" to victory during the 1966-67 athletic season. The Cheerleaders are: (From left to right) Barbara Kelly, Sherry Lloyd, Judy Del Rosso, Marita Fisher, and Jan Haid. Not pictured is Chris Ebner.

Chorale and Stage Band On the Air

The "Pioneer" Stage Band and College Chorale are hard at work making tape recordings for the "IRJC On The Air" broadcasts for radio stations WARN and WIRA. The Chorale is preparing for its first television appearance to be telecast from Channel 34. The program will begin at 7 p.m., Wednesday, October 26.

The Chorale and Stage Band are also preparing for their first trip of the year. They will be featured in concert at the Florida Association of Public Junior Colleges Convention to be held at Daytona Beach. The meeting is scheduled to begin Nov. 3.

Dedicate New Gym Nov. 9

Wednesday, November 9 is the date set for Dedication Ceremonies for the new Indian River Junior College Gymnasium. Ceremonies are scheduled for 1 o'clock during the activity period.

At presstime, the speaker for the occasion had not been selected. However, already the program includes an appropriate "Christening" of basketball and a song festival.

Groups of singers have been rehearsing for the past few weeks making preparation for the occasion. The groups will present a "Folk Festival" as a special attraction for the occasion.

Probably the main attraction for the ceremony will be the men of Circle K vs. the men of TKL in a 15 minute "exhibition" game of basketball. The men will be exhibiting what is to come at a

Local Board Announces

Information has been received from the Local Selective Service Board that a classification designated 1-SC will be used in the future for students to be deferred until the end of the academic year which is May 1, 1967. The Board informed the College that this classification may be used only after a student has received his induction orders. After he receives these induction orders, he applies to the Local Board requesting that such a classification be made. He then requests that the college notify the Local Board that he is a full-time student in good standing.

All students concerned with this classification should obtain further detailed information from their Local Selective Service Board.

Need an Uplift?

Start your day off right — Attend Morning Devotions!

Every morning from 7:45 to 8:10 the Christian Council sponsors Morning Devotional programs. Each day different students are in charge.

The Devotions are in Room F-105.

later date when the two teams will meet—cheerleaders and all.

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NEW INSTRUCTORS

By Kenneth Watkins and
Judy Del Rosso

A new arrival on Indian River Junior College campus this year is Assistant Professor Merlin P. Mitchell. He is a man with an interesting background.

The professor was born in Gainesville, Texas in 1918. His love of Texas and Americana are illustrated by two Charles Russell western paintings which hang in his office.

Possibly the greatest of Mr. Mitchell's interests are those of folklore and folksong. He has studied and practiced in this field for more than thirty years. Therefore it is quite natural that he holds Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in literature. The former being from the University of Texas in 1949; the latter from the University of Arkansas in 1951.

Upon receiving his Master's Degree, Mr. Mitchell assumed the position of university research assistant in folklore. While serving in this capacity he tape-recorded better than three hundred folksongs from Arkansas folksingers for the university.

During the second World War Mr. Mitchell served in Europe as a captain in the Air Force. When trouble flared in Korea, he again answered the call to serve his country. He flew various fighter aircraft, including one hundred missions in the F-86 Sabrejet. In off-duty hours Mr. Mitchell entertained both civilian and military audiences with folksongs of Texas and the Southwest.

Some of our fellow students have had the pleasure of hearing him present some early

American folksongs. This was done during a discussion of American Literature of that period. Mr. Mitchell suggested that this may be repeated during a study of English Literature of the same relative era.

With all his other activities Mr. Mitchell somehow found time to marry. He and his wife Barbara are the parents of three boys and one girl.

When asked for an opinion of Indian River Junior College, Mr. Mitchell summed up his feelings by stating that "Indian River Junior College is a friendly college, in Florida's best fishing area; it is nicely organized and working well."

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Another new addition to our faculty is Mr. W. Ray Kohler who comes to us from Harrisburg, Pa., where he taught at Central Kauphin High School for five years.

He graduated from Shipensburg State College with a BS and ME in Social Studies. Here at the college he teaches Western Civilization and one class of Current Affairs.

Mr. Kohler lives here in Fort Pierce. Among his hobbies are collecting stamps, playing tennis or discussing philosophy. He also considers "cars" as one of his hobbies.

When asked why he came to Florida, he replied, "Besides wanting to be a Junior College teacher, I wanted a little bit of this Florida sun."

He finds IRJC students "quite cooperative, more so than students in other schools."

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The President Speaks Unfavorable "Publicity"

DR. KING

Headlines in the news do not always tell a complete story — but they often lead to an overall picture that does not fare well for an institution such as the Indian River Junior College.

Several instances of IRJC students being involved in "brawls" and other misadventures in off-campus activities which have resulted in arrests certainly have given our College a "black eye."

Disciplinary action by the College is expected by the public and has been taken but this does not compensate for the unfavorable "publicity" given to the College.

The greatest degree of discipline can best be given by the students who do not appreciate the actions of a few and try by day to day positive activity to compensate for these abuses to the College as a whole.

Fortunately, the public is in sympathy with the great majority of our students and understand the frailties of the few public offenders.

The College does not condone or excuse these off-campus incidents but does ask for the cooperation of all to keep this kind of "image" at a minimum.

Is it true that "one is judged by the company he keeps?"



The View From Here Kill Apathy!

HARRY LAMB, JR.

Congratulations to the newly elected freshmen and sophomore class representatives! Congratulations also to the almost 350 students who cared enough to vote. These students should be commended for exercising their right in helping to choose their representatives.

Whether we realize it or not, the almost 600 students who chose not to vote are allowing 350 students (or one-third of the IRJC student population) to run



MIKE BAKER

Since the last edition of the paper, your Student Government has done several important things.

The past weekend of Oct. 20-22, eight students from SGA attended State Student Government Convention. Those who attended were: two executive officers; Judy Lisle, treasurer; and myself; four sophomore representatives; Prissy Prindle, Cynthia Snyder, Betsy Nourse, and Mike Salyers; the Freshman Governor, Skip Heckendorn; and Sally Sample, chief justice of our judicial system.

There we attended workshops and worked on making our state organization a more efficient and stronger governing body.

I found out at the convention

that our Student Government elections were almost up to par with other Junior Colleges' elections, but far from outstanding. This is quite unfortunate when you consider that our Junior College is one of the best academically and has one of the best campuses. One would expect a good deal of pride and interest in how the students' views and rights are carried and presented to the administration by Student Government. The participation on the part of people voting and the number of candidates running for office clearly shows the apathetic view of the ordinary student.

I'm told that all over the State there is a great lack of interest in elections and Student Government. I don't know of a better time than now, while in

college, for students to take an interest and find out things about candidates and to learn how to vote and become interested in Government and how it is run.

Sometimes I wonder if this, the apathetic attitude, that is prevalent now in the Junior College before students become old enough to vote in state and national elections—what will it be like when they are old enough to participate in these state and national elections?

The group in Student Government this year is really great. We are fortunate because there were just barely enough students to run for Sophomore Representatives and two more than necessary in the Freshman Class. No one could have hand-picked a better group. But this group will not do anything if it is not supported by the Student Body.

We in SGA have important legislation to start work on concerning student representation on the Faculty Disciplinary Committee. In the past this committee has been able to deal out high level punishment on students with no student representation on the Committee. We in SGA feel it is about time that the Student Body receives this representation and we are going to get it. SGA will need all the support and help we can get from the Student Body.

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Who Needs Leaders?

We in America need every leader we can get.

Our country is rich, it has resources. But it takes leaders to make wise use of resources, man-power and human skills.

The colleges educate most leaders, but they are facing rising costs and increasing enrollments.

The colleges need classrooms, science facilities, libraries and—above all—good teachers.

If we want the colleges to help us, we must help them.

It's everybody's concern, so—Give to the college of your choice.

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(From the Council for Financial Aid to Education)

Social Security Offers Job Opportunities

Approximately 1,600 persons will be needed for Service Representative positions in Social Security offices throughout the United States in the next two years. The starting salary is \$4,776 per year. Promotion after one year on the job to \$5,331 per year is possible for Service Representatives who perform well.

It is anticipated that there will be numerous Service Representative positions open in the near future in the 26 offices located in Florida. Area offices include Fort Pierce, Eau Gallie, West Palm Beach, Ft. Lauderdale and Orlando.

Applicants in addition to passing the written test must have two years of college or comparable education or one year of general and one year of specialized experience. A combination of one year specialized experience may be combined with one year of college to meet the requirements.

An examination for these positions will be given here at the college on Nov. 22 at 3:30 p.m. in Room A-203. The closing date for filing for the examination is Oct. 31, 1966.

Application blanks for the examination may be obtained at the Student Personnel Office.

the campus. It is implied that two-thirds of the student body does not care what SGA does.

It is this same type of apathetic spirit that prevails at most of the junior colleges in Florida. Must it also reign as "king" here? This lack of concern and the "I don't care" attitude has caused many students to ask "Where is the school spirit at IRJC?" or "Why aren't there more dances and activities?"

My answer to these students is that there are these activities here on our campus. However, there is little student interest and almost no cooperation or support for the activities.

This year's Student Government members hope to accomplish much and they are doing all that they can to keep the student body informed on all issues. Already, SGA secretary Barbara Wells has printed and distributed the minutes from the first SGA meeting. Also, SGA President Mike Baker has a column in each issue of the **Pioneer Post** to keep the students better informed on SGA's activities.

We can light the way for other Junior Colleges to follow. Let us work together with our SGA — Let's kill student apathy.

INTRAMURAL PROGRAM NOW IN FULL SWING

By DONALD SKEENS

Are you participating in the Intramural Sports Program at Indian River Junior College? The intramural sports program which is now in full swing, is involved in flag football for men, soccer for both men and women, and softball for women. These activities are a good chance for students to relax a bit, develop sportsmanship, meet friends and keep in good physical shape during the school year.

The student participation according to Mrs. Kemp, faculty sponsor, is "best ever, but we would like even more." Presently there are 130 women and 100 men enrolled in the program. All team activities are held on Mondays during the activity period. Individual sports are held on Wednesday. Campus clubs and organizations are encouraged to enter as many teams in as many activities as possible in an attempt to win the trophy for outstanding participation and sportsmanship during the year. Also, you do not need to be a member of any club to participate.

Indian River will be participating in a "Sports Day" at Palm Beach Junior College Oct. 29, with activities of table tennis and archery. Coming up Nov. 19 will be a bowling tournament at Palm Beach Junior College, so come and help Indian River make a good showing. Anyone interested, contact Jack Bridges, Coach Floyd, or Mrs. Kemp. Also any tennis enthusiast who would like to compete against other colleges should notify Darlene Gergely. Coach Floyd would like the men to begin organizing basketball rosters as the intramural basketball season begins Nov. 16.

Behind the scenes of the intramural program are the two student managers, Marita Fisher and Bill Young, and the two activity managers, Linda Kelvinton and Nick Myers, who

should be recognized for their excellent work in organizing and controlling these activities of the intramural program.

Remaining activities for the

semester:

Flag Football Championship, Nov. 11.

Men's Basketball, Nov. 16.



These girls are venting their passions on a volleyball during activity period of girl's intramurals.



Men's intramurals provides a healthy opportunity for developing, enduring, and sublimating. Football, as shown in this picture, is only one of the many demanding sports played in men's intramurals.



Coach Ward



Coach Tolis

New Coaches Face Challenges

By Bill Young

Two new coaches make their debut this year. Coach Art Tolis will be at the helm in basketball, while Coach Jim Ward will be the baseball mentor.

A fall baseball program has been inaugurated this year by Coach Ward. The purpose of the program is three-fold, consisting of the following: (1) to drill and be proficient in the fundamentals of the game, (2) to teach our system and philosophy of the game and (3) to give everyone a fair opportunity to make the squad.

The baseball team has played doubleheaders with Edison Junior College and Manatee Junior College compiling a 1-2-1 record. "We are not concerned over the results, because we have played twice as many players as our opponents. We feel that these games enable us to observe the men under game conditions. We proved at Manatee that we can compete with the best competition in the state."

The baseball squad opens its

33-game schedule February 25 against the University of Miami Freshmen.

Coach Tolis is faced with the challenge of equalling last year's 15-10 record. The chances of this are enhanced by the fine group of freshman ballplayers that are on the squad. Bill Ott, Greg Orman, Latura Coleman, Tony Latour, Ray Sterling, and Osteen Nedd are expected to help better the previous mark.

Returning from last year's squad are Bob Snyder, Bob Sugg, Dick Rockey, and Paul Lombardo. Snyder led the team in scoring with a 29-plus average.

Coach Tolis is enthusiastic about the prospects of the team. "Our boys are real good hustlers and have a great attitude. Our offense is good, but the defense needs a lot of improvement."

The team will start action November 15, against Daytona Beach Junior College. The game will be played in our new gymnasium.

Low Bid on New Building

Contractor Ben F. Wood will apparently be in charge of a second successive construction project at Indian River Junior College.

Wood's bid of \$207,500 was the low among six companies submitting bids at last night's St. Lucie County School Board meeting for the building of the new vocational-technical building at the IRJC campus on Virginia Avenue in Fort Pierce.

"We're real please with the bidding," said IRJC President Dr. Maxwell C. King. Dr. King said that the college was hoping that the bidding would be within \$220,000.

Wood's bid also called for 200 days in which to complete the project which would allow for the completion of the building by next August if construction is begun soon enough.

Gator's Spurrier Among Top QB's

In last week's issue of Time magazine, the sports editors commented on the quality of today's passing game in college football. Among the best, Time listed "Florida's Steve Spurrier, 21, and Richard Trapp, 20.

The players "have a simple system of signals: whenever Flanker Trapp sees that he is not being "double-teamed"—meaning covered by two defensive backs—he nods to Quarterback Spurrier, who immediately throws to him. A 9.8-sec. sprinter who is most dangerous on flat passes, Trapp has caught 31 passes for 489 yds. and six touchdowns, is one of the main reasons Florida is ranked No. 7 in the nation. Frank Jackson, an end on the pro Miami Dolphins, says Spurrier is "already better than a bunch of passers in both pro leagues."

Tony Latour and Mandy Morell

Baseball and Basketball Prospects

By Sharon Calvin

Eighteen years ago two boys destined to lead IRJC's sports activities were born in Havana, Cuba. Six years later Mandy Morrell and Tony Latour moved to Clewiston and Belle Glade respectively.

Morrell has joined the IRJC Pioneer baseball team as a second baseman and an outfielder.

Clewiston High School took advantage of Morrell's baseball abilities when he made All Conference in his sophomore, junior, and senior years. Morrell left Clewiston High with a .346 batting average.

While playing for the American Legion, Morrell and Latour were discovered by former IRJC coach, Phil Stanley. Both men are attending IRJC on athletic scholarships and plan to graduate from here.

Morrell holds a .230 batting average for the Pioneers which stems from the fact that, during the Manatee scrimmage game, he tore some ligaments in his arm while sliding into second base. Because of this injury the Pioneers have lost Morrell's hitting and fielding power until after the Christmas holidays.

Belle Glade High took full advantage of Latour's sports accomplishments in both basket-



ball and baseball as is IRJC now. Latour combines his talents as a very promising first baseman and as guard.

Latour's accomplishments in high school baseball were: Player of the Year on the American Legion team, All Conference in his freshman and senior years, All District during his senior year, and All District as first baseman on the American Legion team. Latour was also All Conference and All District in basketball during his sophomore and senior years. He left Belle Glade High with a .320

batting average, left American Legion team with a .375 and carries a .278 for the Pioneers.

In Cuba Latour and Morrell both played for the La Salle High School Team. Morrell also played baseball for the Vedado Tennis Club while in Cuba. After they moved to the states, Morrell played for: Pahokee High, Tri-City in Clewiston, American Legion, and Clewiston High. Latour played for the American Legion, Tri-City, and Belle Glade High.

Both Latour and Morrell are majoring in pre-engineering.

Molnar

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you are in danger of losing it. I think of how much I would like to be back in school, with so little to worry about, but as always my thoughts are broken by that ever present sound in the Jungle. The enemy never leaves us alone.

The Monsoon season is here now, and it rains constantly. We eat, sleep, fight and die in the rain. During the day the sun may come out for a while. It bites you like a torch. You sweat your insides out. If you seek shade in the Jungle, you're little better off. Everything drips water, and the insects swarm over you.

As we walk through the Jungle, snipers pick us off one by one. I am constantly afraid that one day I, too, will be in the sights of a rifle. What is harder to accept is the feeling you have toward the ones that do get killed. The ones that die right beside you, and you ask yourself why he got it and you didn't.

The country here is very beautiful. Someday maybe people can walk through it without fear of being killed, or having their farms scorched by napalm bombs.

There is a job to do here. A very hard and ugly job. But it is our job. Mine and many like me who were bored with life. Life has a cruel way of opening one's eyes to the truth.

You have a harder job, Mrs. Molnar. You are faced with the task of opening one's eyes to the beautiful side of life before they see it like I have.

Your Friend,

JIM ROSS

First Cavalry Division
An Khe, South Viet Nam



Joe Herrington receives his new library card from Mrs. Francina Mimms, library secretary in charge of the circulation desk. All students are being issued new library cards for the Gaylord Charging Machine. Librarian Cyril Sykes urges all students to come by the Library as soon as possible to acquire their cards.

Don't Forget!!

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