



Shell donation aids Jaycees school for handicapped

The Texas Jaycees campus of Victoria College is set on two rolling acres in tiny Ottine, Texas. The school is housed in a refurbished building once used to rehabilitate polio victims. It's a quiet campus, with the occasional sound of students talking and laughing.

But once you see the students, you realize this junior college campus is unlike any you've ever seen.

Quadruplegics and paraplegics — most of them restricted to motorized wheelchairs — come here to earn a college degree. They need nearly-constant medical attention, but that doesn't prevent them from attending class.

"We encourage them to complete their junior college courses in three years," said Greg Langnau, a senior clerk in Purchasing at DPMC. This year Langnau is the public relations director for the Texas Jaycees Hospital Foundation, the organization that runs the school. Set against the backdrop of Gonzales Warm Springs Hospital, the campus allows the handicapped the opportunity to earn college credit while having medical resources close at hand.

"Most of these kids would be stuck in nursing homes or hospitals if they weren't here," Langnau said. "We oversee their education and give them a comfortable place to live, but

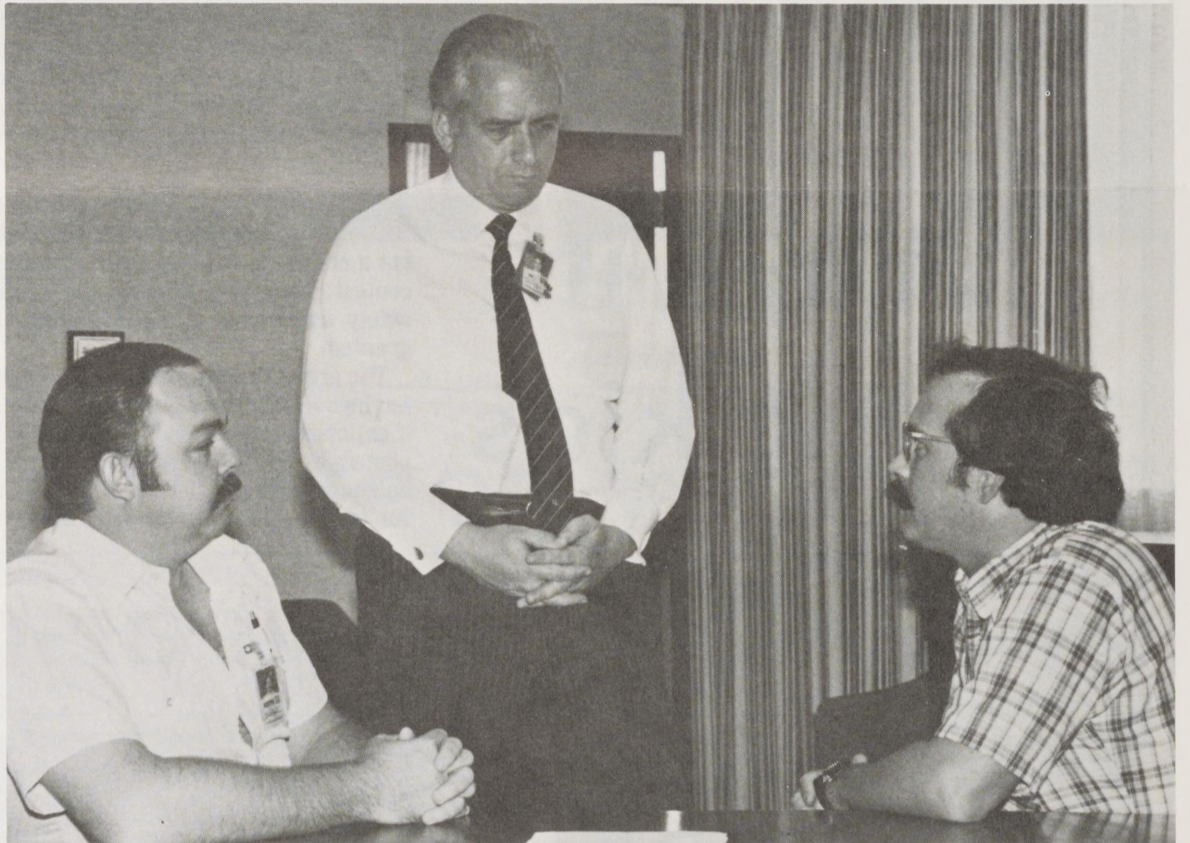
they have to keep up in school. The kids have to pull themselves up by the bootstraps. We're not there to hold their hands but to give them a chance to get off their duffs and do something productive."

Lack of space limits the student body to 40, although a number of local youngsters also attend classes in Ottine. Classrooms have to be specially-outfitted — with hospital gurneys, for instance — to meet the unique needs of the handicapped students.

This year marks the fourth consecutive year the Shell Companies Foundation, Inc., has donated to the Jaycees Hospital Foundation. Last month, DPMC General Manager Jim Braus presented Langnau a check for \$5,000 on behalf of the Shell Foundation.

Langnau was pleased with the contribution, but he emphasized that more funds are needed. "Our biggest problem right now is the lack of science equipment," Langnau said. "Our library is also a little weak, but we're working on that." The operation costs \$125,000 a year.

Langnau said most of the contributions are of the "nickel and dime" variety. "Every Jaycee in the state contributes \$1 from his annual dues to the hospital," he said. The Jaycees also sponsor promotional events — like celebrity golf tournaments, even a Willie



GENEROUS GIFT — Keith Locke, left, and Greg Langnau, right, discuss the Texas Jaycees Hospital Foundation with Complex General Manager Jim Braus, center. Braus presented the two DPMC employees, both local Jaycees, a \$5,000 check on behalf of the Shell Companies Foundation, the fourth consecutive year Shell has donated to the organization.

Nelson concert — to help raise money.

Langnau has been involved with the Jaycees 16 years. "After I joined the Deer Park Jaycees in 1973, a friend called and asked me to serve on the board of the Hospital Foun-

dation. I was reluctant to, but once you meet the kids and see their enthusiasm, you're hooked.

"I'm very proud of the students," he said. "Two years ago, 18 of our 20 graduates went on to four-year schools; 16 of those 18 are still in school.

Otherwise, those kids might be sitting home feeling sorry for themselves."

The next step for the Jaycees hopefully will be expansion. "We'd like to open a new campus on the other side of the state, in a more centralized location," Langnau explained.

Breaking away . . .

DPMC inspector freewheels across Oklahoma

"I wouldn't describe myself as a serious bicycle racer. I'm an avid biking enthusiast," says Steve Wilson. But how seriously can we take those claims when he tells us he scheduled his vacation a year ahead of time for a recent tour in Oklahoma?

"Well, I was going to ride in it last year, but I couldn't make it. This year I wanted to make sure I did," he says with a broad smile.

The DPMC inspector spent a week riding through the Oklahoma countryside in "Freewheel '82," an organized bicycle tour sponsored by a Tulsa newspaper and a number of local bike shops. Bicycle touring is not your average vacation, but one gets the feeling Wilson would have been miserable anywhere else.

"It was the most enjoyable vacation I've had to date," he said. "It was a tour, not a race, so I enjoyed it as such.



DIVINE RECLINE — Steve Wilson takes a break after finishing Freewheel '82, a 500-mile bicycle tour of Oklahoma. Wilson's bike, a supine recumbent, garnered more than its share of attention during the week-long road tour.

My wife was also going to accompany me but my daughter's dance recital was the first weekend of the tour so she couldn't make it."

Wilson joined more than 800 riders at the starting line, but many of them dropped out after the first day. "A lot of people just went for the ride Sunday. From Monday to Friday, however, there were only about 200 or 300 of us." Wilson said he saw folks from different countries around the world and folks of all ages; "the youngest rider was eight, and the oldest was 70," he said.

The tour was nicknamed the "Cherokee Trip" because the course wound through the historic Oklahoma Indian country. The riders passed through towns like Tonkawa, Oologah and Tahlequah, not to mention Broken Arrow, Hanging Rock, Dry Creek and Black Gum. After a hard day's ride, the bikers would all meet in a designated campground, often where local Indians provided entertainment.

The rugged country the riders crossed was not without its ups and downs. "Some of the hills were three miles long," Wilson said. "It wasn't unusual to hit 45 miles an hour on the down-side. The fastest I got was 52 miles an hour after one particularly steep hill."

Rain occasionally dampened a few spirits, but most of the riders gamely kept pumping. "Actually, we were more concerned about our bikes and our gear than ourselves," Wilson said.

During the tour, the riders were accompanied by the National Guard, portable bike repair shops, even a photo lab on wheels to develop pictures on the road. The "sag wagons" weren't far behind, either. "When you're dead tired, and you can't go on, you just sag," Wilson explained. "You wait for the sag wagon to pick you up."

Wilson raised a few eyebrows along the way with his bike. "It's a supine recumbent, which means 'sitting reclined.' I bought the plans and built it myself for about \$300 — this bike retails for \$2,000. It only weighed 27 pounds, and in touring form it weighed 60 pounds."

"An experimental low-profile bicycle" is how one writer described it. "Because it's so low, there is much less wind resistance than for a conventional bike," he pointed out. "It's not harder to ride, just different."

Wilson said he was surprised he fared so well. "I only

had 15 miles on my new bike before the tour," he said. "I did all my training by running. I ran five miles every other day, and then a long run on the weekend. If the weather was bad, I rode a bike on rollers in the garage."

What makes Wilson's accomplishments even more impressive is the fact that he only had competed in one other bicycle race — two years ago in Pasadena. "I finished 17th out of about 100, and that was only three months after I started. I learned a lot in that race. This year, I'm going to win it," he said half-seriously, half in jest.

The Pasadena bicycle race is set for October. Wilson plans to ride the 15-and-a-half mile course with DPMC engineer Steve Markland, another avid cyclist. In the meantime, they're both biking to work, averaging 15 to 20 miles roundtrip, depending on the route they take.

Safety leads off North-South softball game

DPMC's Safety departments are once more rising to the challenge of finding out which side plays softball best. The last time the two teams met, it was the "rebel yell" all the way as the Safety Inspectors South emerged victorious.

The two teams will meet again on the field of honor — Satsuma, off Red Bluff Road in Pasadena — on Monday, Sept. 13 at 6:30 p.m. DPMC South will be coached by rip-roarin' Roger DeRick and DPMC North will be coached by hammerin' Hank Craddock. To keep everyone honest, Rick Erickson, Safety Superintendent, will preside as umpire.

When the dust finally clears from this titanic struggle, and the winner is crowned, the important thing to remember is not who wins (although it's easy to forget who loses) but how the game was safely played. Sliding into third base is no good if you can't get up and run home. Remember, safety "works" so you can play, work and live a long and healthy life.

A fresh approach to safety?

Leave it to the kids

It was a very strange setting indeed. Inside a crowded restaurant, brimming with hungry mall shoppers, a large group of well-dressed, well-behaved youngsters sits in a private alcove, slurping up strawberry shortcake. The walls around them are plastered with hand-drawn posters, giving the scene a festive look. Rubbing shoulders with the children are various DPMC dignitaries, including the general manager, the safety superintendent, and the North and South safety supervisors. The photographer has paused to wipe whipped cream off his camera.

Clearly, this is not your typical business lunch. Cherry cokes are number one on the best seller's list.

These luncheons, held last month in Pasadena, were in honor of the winners of the 1983 DPMC Safety Poster Contest. Shell treated the winning artists and their parents or Shell sponsors to scrumptious hamburger dinners, followed by the gooey, sinfully-rich shortcake. In fact, most of the children seemed less concerned with the occasion than with the delicious food.

The young artists, ranging in age from two to 15, got a chance to express their creativity in the poster contest. They also learned a valuable lesson about safety awareness, something many of us take for granted.

The grand prize winners each received a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond, while those earning an honorable mention received a \$50 savings bond. The 12 winning posters are now being combined into the 1983 safety calendar which will be mailed to all employees in November. The calendar will also include the posters

of the eight honorable mention winners. Each child's poster will occupy one month of the calendar.

The contest, open to all children and grandchildren of DPMC employees, drew more than 140 entries. The contest was divided into four age groups: six and under, seven to 10, 11 to 13 and 14 to 17 years old.

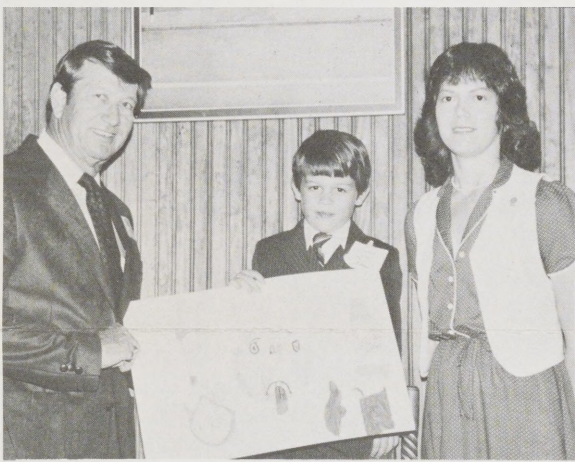
This year's theme was "Safety For All Sizes and All Seasons." Youngsters based their posters on safety hazards and safety prevention measures occurring during the four seasons of the year. Any medium — crayon, pencil or paint — was acceptable. The emphasis was on creativity, not style.

Most of the contest judges admitted it was extremely hard to pick only 12 winners from among the entries, yet somehow they managed. This year's judges were: Wally Groda, process manager, Cat Reforming; Wayne Reeves, maintenance manager, LPA; L.L. Contreres, electrical trainee; M.W. Smith, operator, Aromatics East; J.T. Hickman, electrician, olefins; Jerry Ivie, process manager, Environmental; D.B. Williams, supervisor, G Maintenance; K. Nolen, boilermaker, Maintenance South; and A.D. Morgan, operator, C Operations.

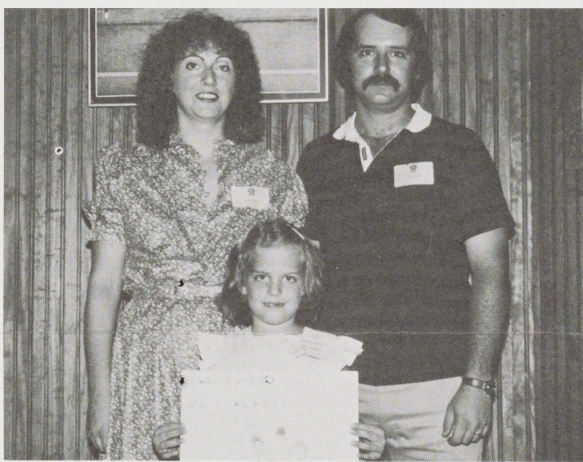
There were no losers in the contest. Every child who submitted a poster received a certificate of participation. Furthermore, they all received a healthy dose of safety awareness. By instilling a safe attitude now, they can appreciate safety more as they grow older.

The winners and those receiving honorable mentions are pictured below with their parents or their Shell sponsors. Once again, congratulations, and we'll see you next year!

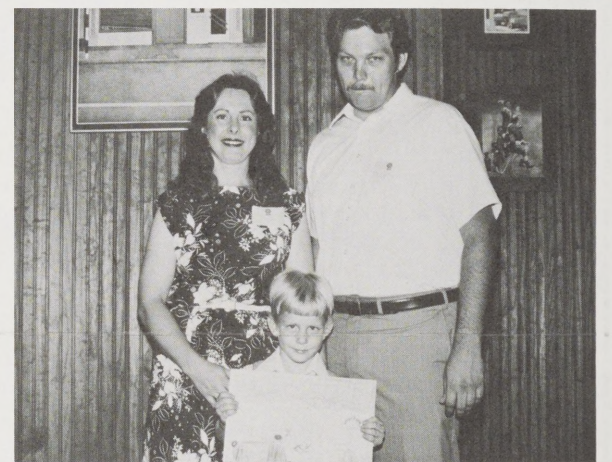
Six-year-olds and under



Shaun Bland (5)
Grandson of Buddy Smith, SBA Training, son of Mrs. Vicki Bland



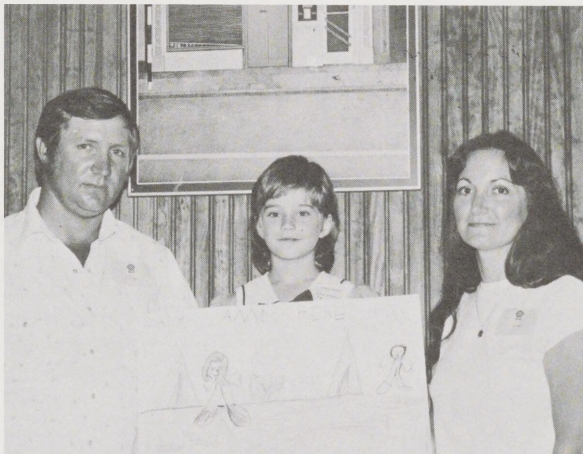
Rachel Gookin (6)
Daughter of Alecia and Ben Gookin, Pipe Shop, Maintenance North



Trevor Rauch (4)
Son of Debbie and Roger Rauch, Utilities North

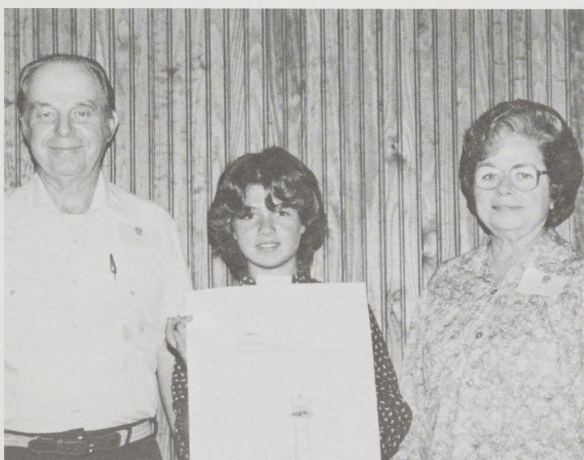


Samantha Hamilton (2)
Daughter of Ron and Mary Hamilton, Safety North
Honorable Mention

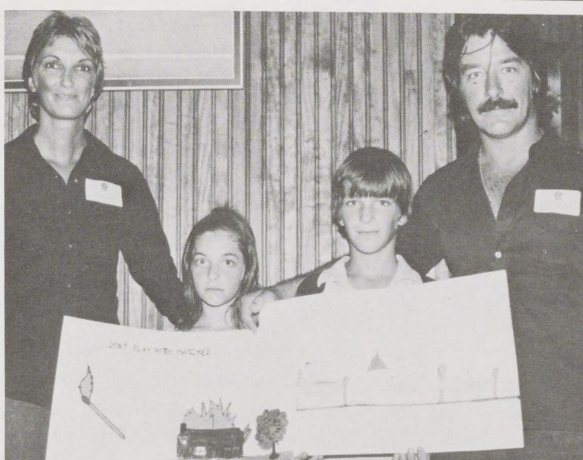


Karen Morris (6)
Daughter of Mary and Boyce Morris, Environmental South
Honorable Mention

Seven to ten-year-olds



Jacqui Agidius (10)
Granddaughter of Jackie and Paul Wright, BD-HT

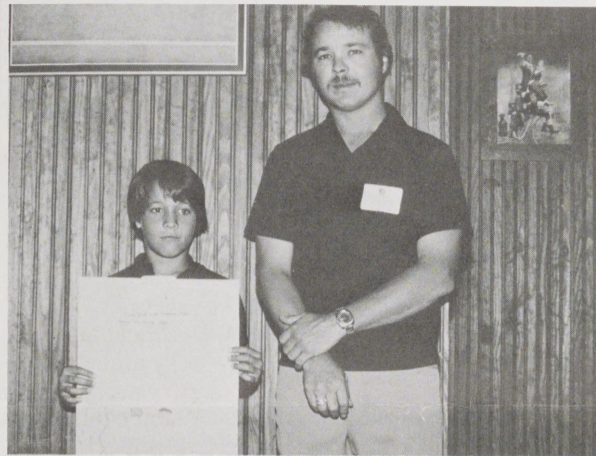


Debbie (8) and Brian (10) Donnellan
Children of Sandy and Bill Donnellan, A Operations

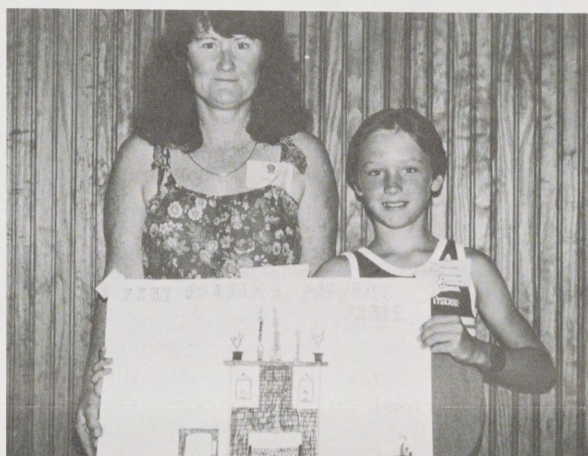


Erik Renteria (10)
Son of Doris and Jake Renteria, Resins Maintenance

Seven to ten-year-olds (cont.)



Terry Wilson (9)
Son of Gerald Wilson, Instrument Shop, Maintenance North



Andy Lyons (10)
Son of Lavelle Lyons, Alkylation
Honorable Mention

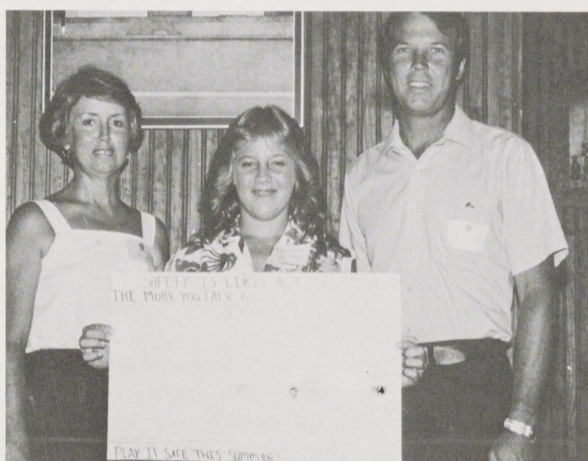


Michael Stricker (8)
Son of Beverly and Tom Stricker, Pressure Equipment
Honorable Mention

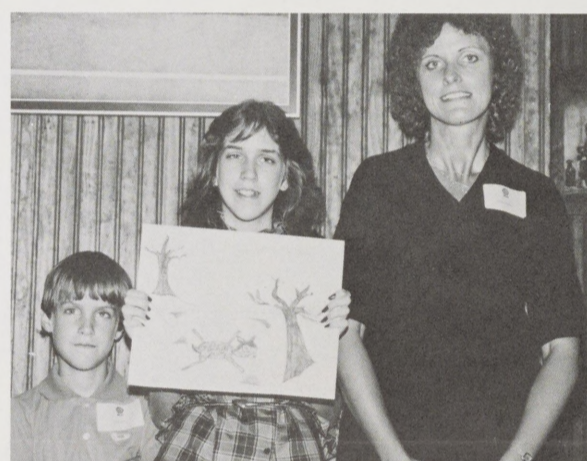
Eleven to thirteen-year-olds



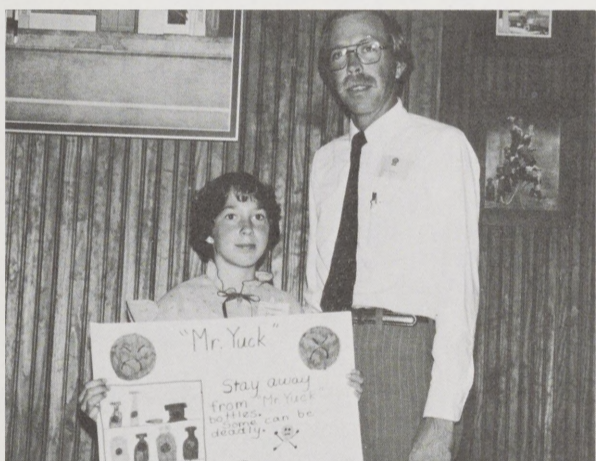
Chris Blanc (11)
Son of Suzette and Edward Blanc, Pressure Equipment



Dana Jacobson (13)
Daughter of Alice and Gilbert Jacobson, Quality Control - Process Chemical



Serena Morris (12)
Daughter of Delores Morris, General Services

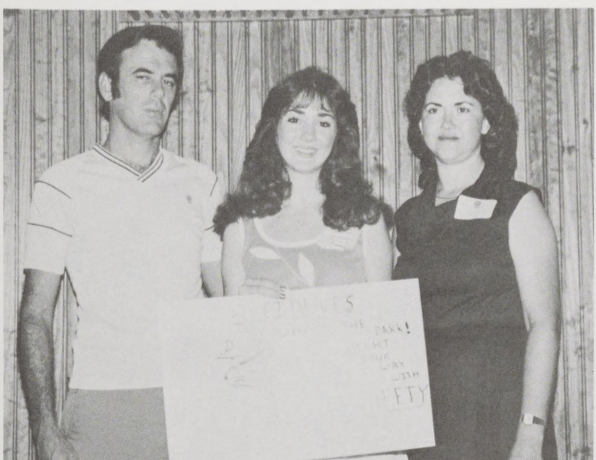


Katie Erickson (11)
Daughter of Rick Erickson, Safety Superintendent
Honorable Mention



Shawn Pachlhofer (11)
Grandson of Elizabeth James, Medical
Honorable Mention

Fourteen to seventeen-year-olds



Cindi Bullard (15)
Daughter of Zane and Florence Bullard, Cat Cracker



Andy Abrahamson (14)
Son of Phyllis and Leroy Abrahamson, Pressure Equipment
Honorable Mention



Julie McNeil (15)
Daughter of Barbara and Caree McNeil, Granddaughter of Mac McNeil, Dispatching
Honorable Mention

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FOR SALE

1980 Pontiac Sunbird. Metallic blue, V-6 with four-speed, sun roof, air conditioning, hatchback with louver. 16,000 miles. Call 479-2588.

1971 MG Midget. AM-FM cassette, great shape mechanically but some rust and needs top. Call 479-6854.

1982 Ford Cargo van. Air conditioning, power steering and brakes. Call 488-2964.

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Pair of prescription glasses found on back table of Refinery Lab. Claim in person at Shellegram office, North Cafeteria.

Knife found at Refinery Main Gate Sept. 1. Claim in person at Shellegram office, North Cafeteria.

PERSONAL

Many thanks for making the end of my Shell career a very pleasant one. I appreciate all of you that attended my retirement party and contributed to my wonderful gifts. It is friends like you that make things worthwhile and I'll never forget you.

Gerald J. Kuntz

Thanks to my Shell friends for the party and gifts to mark my recent retirement. The substantial money gift has already been put to good use. I will always retain pleasant memories of the many wonderful people from all over the Complex I have been fortunate to work with over the years. Thanks again to each of you.

Ted Mielke

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of my friends for the wonderful retirement party and gifts.

Carl Lyons

DPMC retiree proves marriage can pay

When Shell retiree Clarence Wolters says it pays to stay married, don't take his words lightly. By celebrating their recent anniversary, he and his wife, Ladine, saved more than a thousand dollars.

Clarence, who retired from DPMC in 1980 after a 38-year career, said he and his wife planned a Caribbean cruise vacation for May. "When we made our reservations, the travel agent asked if there was any special occasion," he said. "We told her we would be celebrating our 47th anniversary the last day of the trip. We didn't think anything about it."

One week later, the travel agent called the Wolters' and told them they would receive a 47 percent discount for their cruise aboard the luxury liner Cunard Countess amounted to more than \$1,500. Clarence invited his sister

and sister-in-law to join them, and together they took one of the largest suites on the ship. Onboard, they enjoyed a variety of activities, including floor shows, swimming, bingo and the swank Captain's Party, to which they were all invited.

Naturally, the cruiser stopped at a number of islands in the Caribbean. They toured San Juan, Grenada, Barbados, St. Lucia and St. Thomas. "We didn't do anything spectacular, but we kept moving," said Clarence, former Maintenance North instrument foreman.

Ironically, the Wolters' took advantage of a second discount. The ship had been in dry dock for a week and the generator was not running at peak performance so the first port of call — Caracas, Venezuela — was cut out. Cruise officials notified everyone on the ship they would receive a 25 percent refund for the missed stop.



Clarence and Ladine Wolters on their Caribbean cruise.

Sonics score easy victory in Shoot-out

The DPMC Sonics started the Great Texas Shoot-out with a bang and the SCORA Softball champs never lost track as they swept to the title at the four-team tournament played last month at the Diamond Shamrock softball field.

The double-elimination tournament pitted DPMC's top two teams, the Sonics and the Hawks, against a team from Norco and a team from the Information Center. A large crowd of more than 200 people turned out to watch some exciting action.

The Sonics nearly blew Norco back to Louisiana in the opening game, cruising to a 17-3 victory. The rest of the tournament proved anticlimactic for the Sonics. They defeated the Information Center 14-2, and in the championship game, beat the Information Center again 9-3.

The Hawks finished third, when they were edged out in the semifinal 2-1 by the Information Center. Norco was eliminated in its second game by the Hawks 7-6.



ABOVE: During the tournament, the top four finishers in this season's SCORA Softball League received their trophies. Coaches included, from left to right, Fred Sonderegger of the Sonics, Chester Guidry of the Hawks, and Jesse Rodriguez of the Oreos. John Boatright of the Ravens is not pictured.



LEFT: Richard Thibodeaux swings away during a game between DPMC's Hawks and Norco.

Photos by David Gonzales



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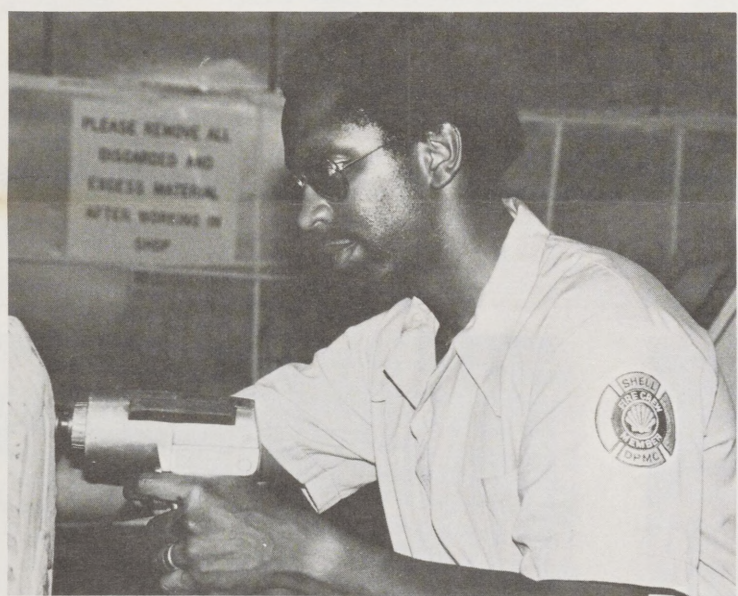


The Provident Fund valuation is as follows:

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July 16-31 - \$34.810

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Vern Richard

The Shellegram is published each week for the purpose of informing and recognizing pensioners and employees like Vern Richard, an electrician at Maintenance South. Vern has worked at the Complex since October of 1979.

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