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Organizers call it a success

Training program nearing completion

DPMC's largest training endeavor in recent history is nearing completion of its first phase. With more than 800 of approximately 1000 operators and foremen having already completed the five-day Operator Maintenance training course, organizers and participants are calling it a success.

"Our instructors and the operators deserve the majority of the praise," says "AUGIE" AUGUSTINE, a Training representative who assisted in setting up the program. "Without their commitment, it wouldn't work as well as it does."

In June of this year, operators from around the Complex began attending classes in basic maintenance procedures. The classes are the first step in a three-year training program in which operators learn to perform routine maintenance tasks.

While the program is one-of-a-kind, the way in which the classes are taught also is unique.

"Our 16 instructors are mostly machinists and pipefitters," explains CHESTER GUIDRY, maintenance foreman at Craft Training. "There are also two instrument men, a heavy-equipment operator and a boilermaker. They were all selected to be instructors based on knowledge of their specific area and ability to communicate with others."

Instructors for the course are RANDY INGREGRETSON, JUDY WARD, LYNN FOWLER, BOB CREAMER, TOMMY HIGH and BILL WADE (machinists); RON FORTUNE, C. A. LITTLE, ROD CRAY, BEN CHAMBERLAIN, TONY MANDAGELO and "APPLE" SMITH (pipefitters); LORAIN CARPENTER and CHUCK WHITTON (instrumentation); JOHN FOX (heavy-equipment operator); and KEN NOLAN (boilermaker).

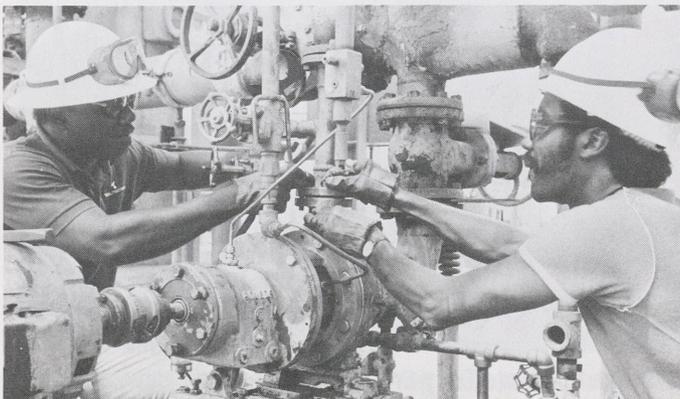
"They developed the entire training course," Chester goes on to say, "including written material for the classroom and the set-up for the field training. Guidance was given on what to teach and

they decided how to teach it."

Chester says a machinist and a pipefitter are teamed up as instructors and together they work with a group of about 12 operators. Usually there are about 60 operators attending the training course each week.



BPA Operator John Broussard tries his hand at forklift driving while Instructor Tommy High offers advice as it's needed.



Lube Operators Charles Stevenson (left) and Willie E. Scott perform one of several maintenance tasks being taught.

"Working as a team, the pipefitter covers things such as how to change valves and gaskets, and the machinist shows them how to remove pumps and couplings," Chester explains.

In addition to basic maintenance tasks, operators are instructed in instrumentation, insulation, scaffold building, ladder safety, forklift driving and boilermaking.

Specially designed classrooms and field training facilities used for the course are located at the Crafts Training Center and in the Olefins area of the Complex.

"We set up training in part of an Olefins unit that no longer is being used, but still has necessary equipment in place," Augie explains. "It's perfect for the hands-on training that makes up

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Safety calendar poster winners named

Twelve winners recently were selected in the DPMC Safety Calendar Poster contest. The yearly contest is open to children sponsored by a DPMC employee or retiree.

Each winner received a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond and will have their winning poster displayed in the 1987 calendar.

In addition, there were eight children who received honorable mentions for their entries. Each received a \$50 U.S. Savings Bond.

This year, there were 380 posters submitted by children, a 30 percent increase over those submitted in 1985.

Judging of the posters was handled by DPMC's Health and Safety Committee. The theme for the contest was "Don't Clown Around With Safety."

All children who submitted a safety poster were given a baseball cap and cup holder. Selected posters will be on display at DPMC's Fall Festival booth the first week of October and in Deer Park schools throughout the year.

Children who were winners or received honorable mentions, and their sponsors, are listed to the right.

Winners - \$100 U.S. Savings Bond

NAME	AGE	SPONSOR
1. Steven Carlson	10	John Carlson - Systems Group
2. Lauren Chrismer	4	D. O. Chrismer - Retired
3. Shawn Gibson	7	John A. Gibson - Automotive
4. Bonnie Gonzalez	10	Carlos J. Gonzalez - Utilities
5. Carter Goss	13	A. T. Goss - Retired
6. Carey Grace	8	Dennis Boren - Phenol Acetone
7. Heather Hamilton	13	Mary Hamilton - Safety
8. Kevin Helm, Jr.	6	Kevin Helm - VCM
9. Sherry Johns	13	Jack Johns - Carpenter
10. Kimberly Renee Morris	16	Boyce Morris, Jr. - Environmental
11. Tiffany Pogue	10	Don Pogue, Jr. - Docks
12. Martin Vasquez IV	8	Martin Vasquez - Instrument

Honorable Mentions - \$50 U.S. Savings Bond

1. Chris Campbell	8	Jeff Campbell - Distilling
2. Sharon Collard	15	Charlie Collard - Distilling
3. Veronica Hamilton	9	Mary Hamilton - Safety
4. Felipe Martinez, Jr.	10	Felipe Martinez - Docks
5. Alan McWaters	9	G. C. Anderson - Engineering
6. Rebecca Denise Morris	13	Boyce Morris, Jr. - Environmental
7. Amber A. Stern	12	Lon H. Stern - Process Eng. - Solvents
8. Robert Vega	4	O. T. Vega - Light Olefins III

Classified

FOR SALE. Used push mower - \$60, gas edger - \$65. 479-1456.

FOR SALE. 1 Exercise Bench, 100 lbs. weights, 1 bar bell with collars, 2 dumb bell handles with collars. \$50. 485-5039 (Pearland).

FOR LEASE. Wooded Hunting Property 2 miles west of Lake Livingston Dam. \$200. 453-7741.

FOR RENT. Mobile Home, 1/2 mile north of Coldsprings, Texas, \$250/month. 453-7741.

FOR RENT. House, 2 bdr., unfurnished, Deer Park area. \$285/month. 479-6596.

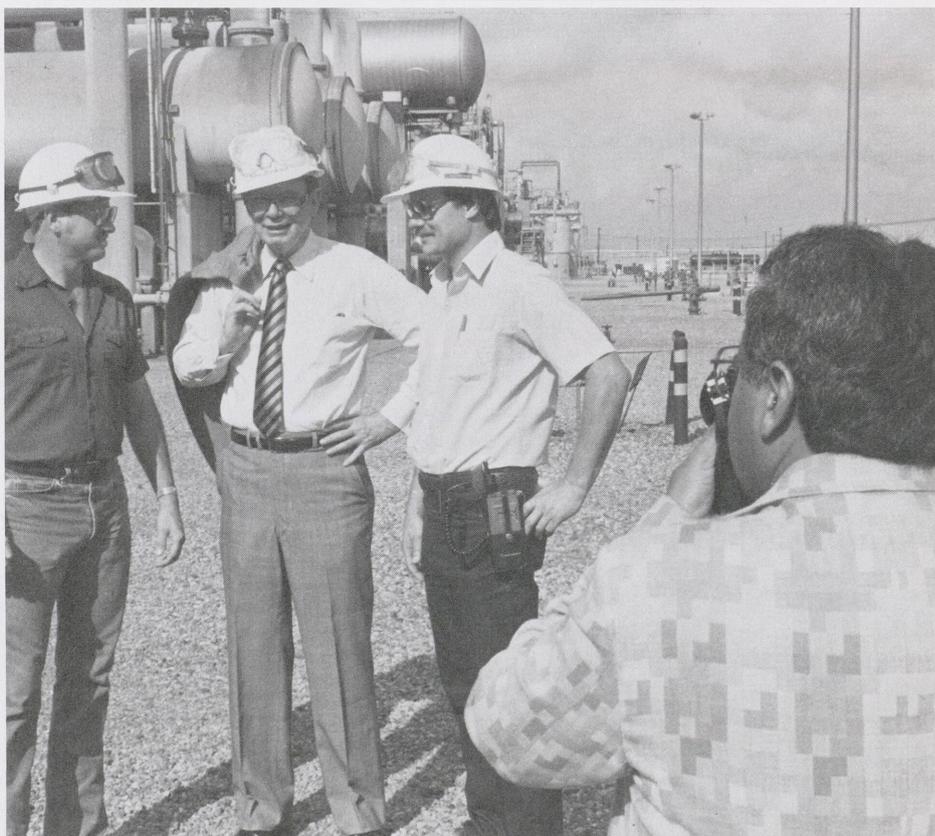
FOR LEASE. Pasadena, 3-1 1/2-1, central a/h, fenced yard, Deer Park schools, \$400/month. 473-4972.

FOR SALE. 1979 Fairmont Futura Ford, Loaded - 302 V8, very low mileage, 44,000 miles. Everything works. Original owner. \$1,800 firm. 487-4229.

FOR SALE. 1 1/2 Ton Kelvinator Window Air Conditioner. Good condition. 4 years old. \$125. 946-3411.

FOR SALE. Pop-up camper. Sleeps six. \$800. 471-6190.

FOR SALE. 1979 Corvette. Red w/ red interior. Rebuilt engine w/5,000 miles. \$6,500. 457-1938.



WATCH THE BIRDIE...Light Olefins Operators Terry Smith (left) and Allen Baggerley (third from left) pose with Shell Oil President John Bookout for a photographic shooting session. The photos may appear in a national magazine's article about Shell.

Employee blood drive set for October

In October, DPMC employees will be asked to donate blood during the Complex's Fall Blood Drive. And the need for donors is greater than ever.

Executives of the Blood Center, the Houston organization which collects blood donations at the Complex, say that area hospitals have a critical shortage of blood. They explain that there has been an increase in patients requiring blood and a decrease in blood donors.

"In addition to aiding those needing

blood, donors benefit themselves and others," says Employee Relations Representative **KALI GIEBEL**.

"A donor, in situations where they require blood, will receive it at no cost except for hospital fees," she explains. "The donor also can designate two people to be covered under the same program."

For those donors who chose not to designate two individuals, the Retirees Assurance Program can use their help.

"We're asking employees, if possible,

to designate a retiree when they donate blood," Kali says. "Names of recent retirees will be available at the Blood Center locations at the Complex."

Also, if at least 25 percent of the Complex's employees donate blood, all employees can receive blood at reduced costs under the Life Plan II program.

On October 14-17, a blood donation center will be set up at the South Cafeteria. On October 20-23, a donation center will be at Training Room #1.

SCORA News

All SCORA members who signed up for an automatic payroll deduction of their dues will have them deducted from their September paycheck. Due to a coding error, it will show up as a safety eyeglass deduction.

Astroworld \$9.95 discount coupons (\$5 off) are available for the remainder of the season. Open weekends 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. through November 2. Special Halloween fright night October 31, 6 p.m. until midnight. Contact SCORA ticket sellers for coupon.

SCORA Barbeque Sale

Where: Deer Park's Fall Festival carnival and display grounds

When: October 2-4.

Volunteers are needed to cook and serve.

Contact: Carolyn Anderson (476-7445)

Salt Water Fishing Tournament

Where: Weigh-in at Sylvan Beach Docks

When: October 4

Time: All day, weigh-in at 6 p.m.

Entry fee \$10, must have at least one SCORA member, cash prizes

Contact: Jr. Gifford (476-6382) or Billie Daniel (476-6684)

Children's Halloween Party

Where: DPMC's North Cafeteria

When: October 26

Time: 2 - 4 p.m.

Activities: Games and cakewalk. Costumes encouraged. Volunteers needed to donate cakes and work in booths.

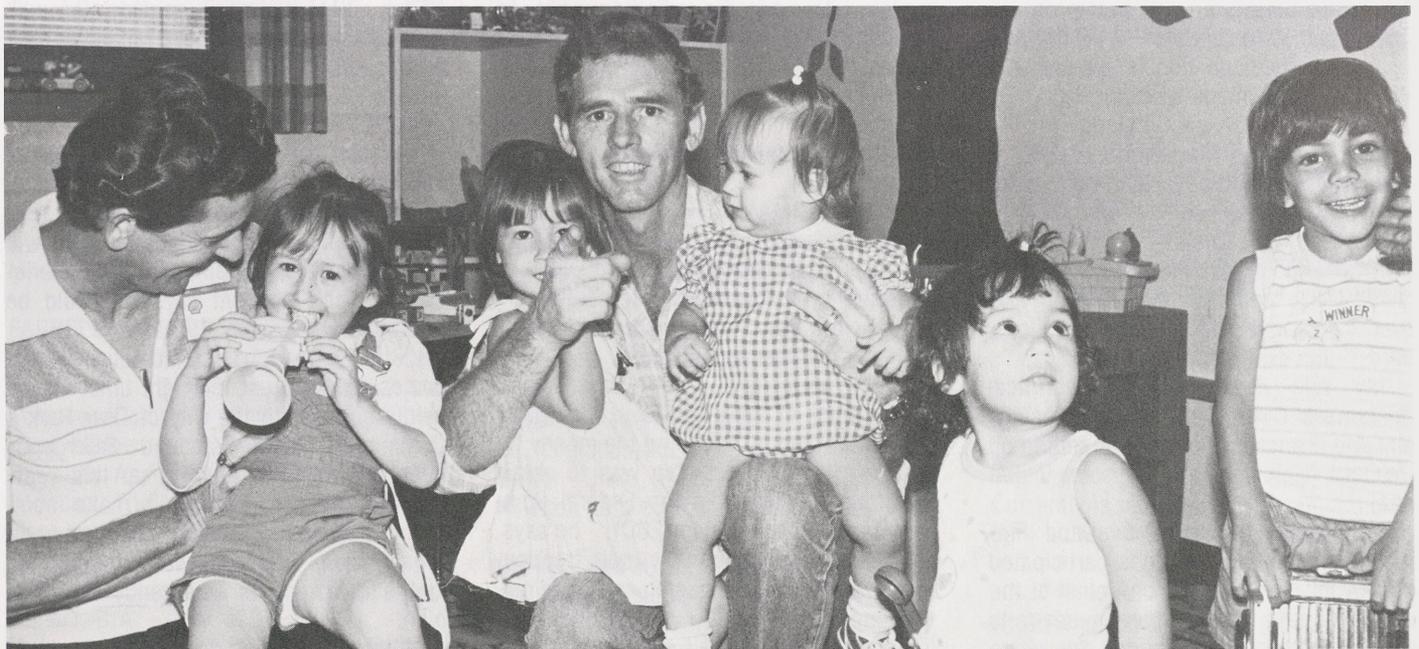
Contact: Carolyn Anderson (476-7445)

Shell Fun Run

Where: Bear Creek Park, Houston

When: December 6

Contact: David Gutierrez (476-7913)



UNITED WAY TOUR...More than 100 solicitors, along with representatives of DPMC management and O.C.A.W. 4-367, attended a tour of three local United Way agencies. Here Leon

Gober (left) and Billy Kelly spend time with children at the Salvation Army Family Residence Center, which receives part of its funding from DPMC employees' generous gifts to United Way.

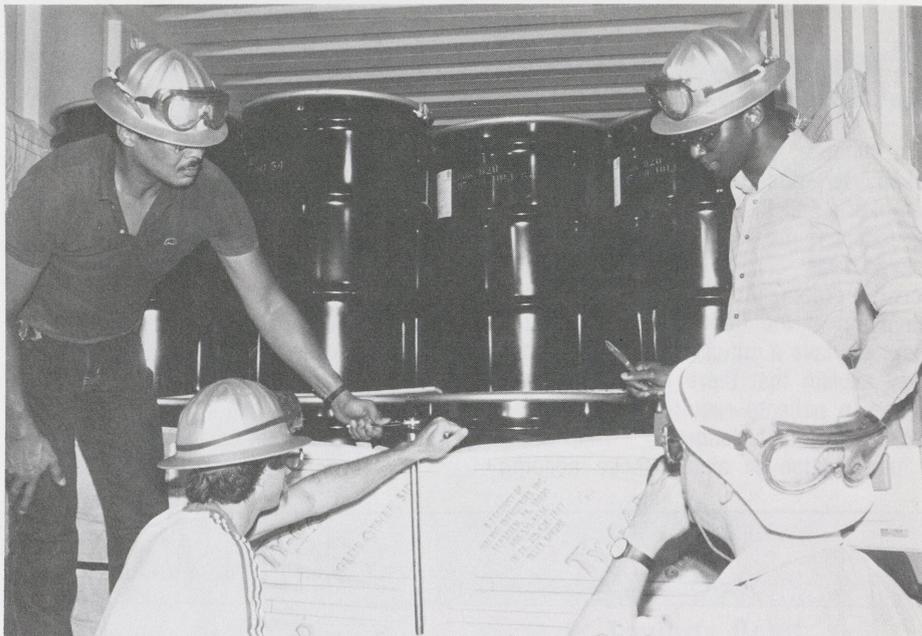
Shell supports baseball teams

In 1986, DPMC sponsored and contributed to several Deer Park Little League and Pony League baseball teams, as well as other local youth activities.

One, the Dodgers of the Little League -Majors, went on to become major league city champions, and a trophy awarded to the Complex for its support is on display in the North Cafeteria.

The Deer Park Little League Majors All-Star team, who recently traveled to Waco to compete in the State Little League Tournament, received financial support from DPMC to compete in these playoffs.

DPMC also sponsored the Deer Park Pony League All-Star team who won local and regional tournaments before travelling to Dallas to compete in the Southern U.S. Pony League competition. Although falling just short of competing in the Little and Pony Leagues' World Series in Pennsylvania, both teams represented the community very well.



QUIET ON THE SET...Liquid Resins Distribution Operators recently took part in a training film produced for Shell's Head Office Distribution Department. The training films will be used to demonstrate proper material handling procedures. Among those participating were Earl Jackson (standing, left) and Don Scott. Kneeling is Bill Ervin (left).

For better communication

CIMA gets new radio gear

More than 100 emergency response organizations along the Houston Ship Channel and in southeast Harris County soon will be able to provide better service to communities in this area. And the person helping them do this is **JIM CRATE**, a DPMC communications specialist.

"These organizations belong to the Channel Industries Mutual Aid (CIMA), a group whose members assist each other during emergencies such as fires and hurricanes," Jim explains. "It includes DPMC's and other industry response crews, police and fire departments, and government agencies such as the Coast Guard," Jim explains.

"My role is to provide technical assistance to CIMA in obtaining the equipment and licenses necessary for setting up a modern microwave radio system," Jim adds.

DPMC Safety Representative and Fire Chief **JACK OLIPHANT**, who has participated in CIMA for several years on behalf of the Complex, says CIMA has needed to upgrade their communications for some time.

"CIMA has existed for 30 years, and the number of members has grown con-

siderably over the years," Jack explains. "The problem is that each member organization has its own communication system with a specific radio frequency. As a result, CIMA members were not able to talk by radio with each other. This made it difficult to obtain emergency equipment from the various members and coordinate activities of all the organizations involved in an emergency.

"Under CIMA's new communications system, member companies will receive identical radio equipment and will be operating on the same radio frequencies," Jack points out. "They can talk directly with any member organization."

Setting up the large-scale system has required much of Jim's efforts. "Once CIMA members voted on spending the money for the system, the next step was to obtain radio frequencies from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC)," he says.

"There are only so many radio frequencies available in the Houston area, and getting one from the FCC is pretty difficult," Jim continues. "After I explained the importance CIMA plays in emergency assistance, the FCC was so impressed that they granted us three frequencies instead

of just one."

Jim says the equipment for the new system cost approximately \$170,000. "Each CIMA member organization will receive a base radio, mobile radios for their trucks and portable hand-held radios," he explains. "Five microwave towers with repeaters will provide the link for the communication system. CIMA members will be able to talk to each other within a 100-square-mile area."

Equipment training for members will take place once the complete system is installed. Jack Oliphant says it should be operable sometime in 1987.

"CIMA's new communication system comes along at just the right time," Jack points out. "With the City of Deer Park's Community Awareness and Emergency Response program starting up this year, CIMA's radio network will make communications more effective between organizations who likely would be involved in the community's emergency response plan.

"CIMA has always done an excellent job of helping out in emergencies," Jack explains. "This new communication system will allow them to do an even better job."

Shell Scholarships

Applications due; former recipients successful

Starting in September, the Shell Companies Foundation is accepting applications for 50 college scholarships. Sons and daughters of regular full-time employees and retired or deceased employees are eligible. Also, they must be students entering their junior year in high school in September and planning to attend a four-year university in 1988.

Candidates wishing to compete for the scholarship awards must take the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT) this fall. The test will be administered at the students' high schools in October. Candidates should check the date and registration procedure with their school counselors.

A Shell Companies Foundation Merit Scholarship offers a minimum annual stipend of \$1,000 and a maximum of \$4,000 — or a total of \$4,000 to \$16,000 for four years. The size of the award is based on the family's need as determined by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

1988 entry forms will be available until November and can be obtained from your Employee Relations representative.

Deadline for application is November 1, 1986. Applications should be returned to: Shell Companies Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box 2099, Two Shell Plaza, Houston, Texas 77001. For more information contact your Employee Relations representative or call the Foundation at 713-241-3079.

Following are some previous DPMC winners of Shell Scholarship awards. Included are their degrees obtained, colleges attended, and what they are doing currently.

FARRELL GERBODE (son of **FRED GERBODE**, previously a DPMC purchasing representative). B.A., Mathematical Sciences/Computer Science, M.A., Applied Mathematical Sciences, Rice Univ. Currently Assistant Director for Computer Services, The Institute for Computer Services and Applications at Rice Univ.

ROY SNELL (son of **ROY D. SNELL**, pensioner). B.A. - Univ. of Texas, M.A. - Univ. of Virginia, J.D. - Univ. of Texas Law School. Currently is Associate, Stites & Harbison, Attorneys-at-Law, Louisville, Kentucky.

DR. JOHN E. MAGGIO (son of **VINCE MAGGIO**, senior staff engineer). M.A., Ph.D., Biochemistry - Harvard Univ. Currently is Research Professor in School of Pharmacology, Harvard Medical School.

JOYCE E. MAGGIO (daughter of **VINCE MAGGIO**). B.A., Neuro Biology - Cornell Univ., M.A. - Univ. of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. Currently is science teacher in Wake Forest, North Carolina.

WILLIAM C. VISINSKY (son of **WALTER VISINSKY**, pensioner). B.A., Mathematical Sciences - Rice Univ. M.S., Accountancy - Univ. of Houston. Currently independent CPA in Houston, Texas.

HENRY JOHN KREBS III (son of **HANK KREBS**, special projects foreman, Project Engineering). B.S., Ph.D. - Texas A&M. Currently a doctor practicing in Radiology at Good Samaritan Hospital in West Palm Beach, Florida.

MARK ALLAN LINDOW (son of **L. R. LINDOW**, pensioner). B.S., Chemistry, Univ. of Houston. Currently attending St. Mary's Law School in San Antonio.

ALAN MOSLEY (son of **CHARLES MOSLEY**, pensioner). B.S., Mechanical Engineering - Texas A&M. Currently working for Phillips Petroleum in Technical Engineering.

JAMES PHILLIPS, JR. (son of **JAMES PHILLIPS**, pensioner). B.S., Electrical Engineering - Texas A&M. Currently an electrical engineer at LTV Aerospace and Defense in Grand Prairie, Texas.

LINDA MAPPE (daughter of **LEROY MAPPE, JR.**, Logistics). B.A., Computer Science - Baylor Univ. Employed by Texaco in Houston as a computer programmer.

CAROL MCGUIRE (daughter of **LARRY MCGUIRE**, pensioner). B.A., History - College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia. Employed by Virginia Department of Highways and Transportation in Richmond, Virginia, as employment representative.

JAMES V. CAMPO (son of **JOHN A. CAMPO**, staff engineer, Process Engineering, East). B.S. - Stanford Univ. Currently Computer Science System Supervisor, Sprint Inc., San Francisco, Calif.

PETER J. CAMPO (son of **JOHN A. CAMPO**). B.S. - Rice Univ. Currently attending Cal Tech working toward Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering.

MONTY QUEENER (son of **TED QUEENER**, technical manager, Engineering). Currently attending Texas A&M. Working on a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering and Computer Science. Graduates May, 1987.

VIRGINIA BROWN (daughter of **HARVEY BROWN**, process operator, A Department). B.B.A., Accounting - Baylor Univ. Currently employed by Jolly Huth Insurance Agency, Inc., Houston.

MARLENE MADDEN KELLY (daughter of **E. B. MADDEN**, pensioner). B.A., Biochemistry and Behavioral Sciences - Rice Univ. Worked for Shell at Bellaire Research Center, Houston, but resigned to raise family.

BYRON D. HOOD (son of **DAVID HOOD**, supervisor personnel, Employee Relations). Attended Texas A&M majoring in petroleum engineering. Left A&M to found Magellan Systems, Inc., a computer software company. Currently employed as a stockbroker by Smith Barney, Houston.

EVELYN ALPERT PESIN (daughter of **LEONARD ALPERT**, pensioner). B.A., Political Science and Art History - New York Univ. Currently is manager of Loan Operations at Bank of Montreal, New York City.

JOSEPH E. PATTERSON (son of **DOROTHY PATTERSON**, senior purchasing assistant). B.A., M.A., Geology - Univ. of Texas. Working for Mobil Oil as a production geologist.

Safety stressed at training sessions

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roughly 80 percent of the maintenance course."

In this segment of the course, attendees assemble and disassemble equipment typically found in production units. Specific maintenance tasks are set up in zones, where a team of operators completes a task with the aid of an instructor if necessary.

"Each zone has a job to perform, such as taking out a pump or changing gaskets in a valve," says Instructor "Apple" Smith. "Each operator rotates through each zone and demonstrates his or her ability to complete the job."

Instructors found that the majority of operators attending the course were able to handle the work easily. "I think they may be a little intimidated at first," says Instructor Loraine Carpenter, who along with Chuck Whitton teaches Instrumentation. "But after they see that it is pretty basic information, they quickly grab hold of it."

A key concern of the instructors during the course is the safety of the operators. "We stress this in the classroom as well as during the hands-on training," says Instructor Randy Ingebretson. "The operators do a great job of handling the work like pros."

Another concern of the instructors was putting together a training course that was useful to the attendees.

"We spent seven weeks laying out our course schedule and coming up with a training workbook," says Instructor John Fox, who teaches forklift driving and other subjects along with Tommy



BPA Operators Barney Provost (left) and Randy Drewett found the training sessions this summer for all operators interesting.

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Cocaine-related deaths on the increase

Although cocaine use among Americans may have peaked five years ago, deaths from cocaine-related heart attacks and emergency room visits have tripled since then.

Drug abuse experts say that despite the scientific evidence and an increasing awareness of consequences of chronic use of cocaine, few have been aware that the drug can kill on the first dose.

Medical authorities have long been aware of the risk of sudden death from cocaine use, but the danger was overshadowed until recently by the debate over cocaine's addictiveness and mind-altering characteristics. The perceptions changed dramatically after the June deaths of University of Maryland basketball star Len Bias and Cleveland Browns defensive back Don Rogers. Both died after using cocaine.

Drug abuse experts say the rise in serious medical consequences is due to both the more potent forms of cocaine available and to the number of people who have used the drug for several years, increasing their exposure to risk.

Recently, a new, simpler refining pro-

cess has emerged that produces cheap, smokable cocaine called "crack," which is rapidly becoming more popular and increasing the number of cocaine addicts exposed to more potent forms of the drug.

"Crack" also is a more deadly form of cocaine. Smoking allows the drug to enter the blood stream faster, thereby creating a rapid overdose to the user.

A report from Phoenix House, one of the nation's largest drug rehabilitation programs, said 80 percent of the people coming into the program were cocaine abusers and 69 percent of those said they were using "crack." However, the report concluded, cocaine is so addictive that many users refuse to stop.

Cocaine can kill suddenly in four ways, says **DR. BARRY KERN** of DPMC's Medical Department:

- Cocaine's sudden stimulation of the central nervous system can send a person into convulsions, followed by a collapse of the respiratory system.

- The drug can affect the nerves that regulate the heart beat, leading to a condition called "arrhythmia." The most

serious arrhythmia, ventricular fibrillation, can result in cardiac arrest and almost instantaneous death.

- Cocaine stimulates the heart to beat faster, requiring more oxygen, while at the same time narrowing the blood vessels that carry oxygen to the heart. A section of the heart muscle can be starved of oxygen and damaged, resulting in a heart attack.

- The same stimulated heartbeat can rapidly increase blood pressure, and the rapid increase can burst a weak blood vessel in the brain that can handle the ordinary pressure, causing a stroke.

"There are many substance abuse programs in the area which can help a person become drug-free," says Dr. Kern. "People here at the Medical Department are always willing to help an individual get in touch with an agency. There is also a toll-free telephone number (1-800-662-HELP) which directs people with cocaine problems to treatment facilities in their local community.

"Whichever route a person takes, the important thing is to do something," Dr. Kern adds. "Cocaine can kill at any time."

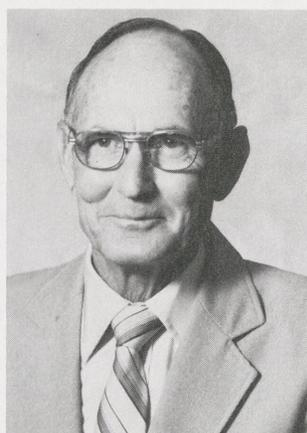
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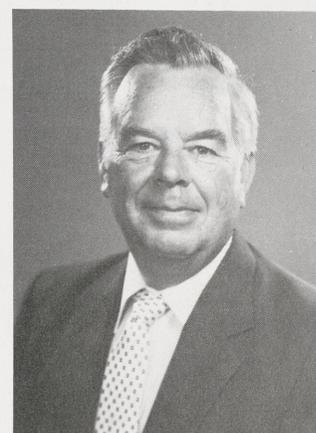
E. P. CASHAT
37 Years Service



P. A. CHOHRACH
33 Years Service



E. W. BERRIER
37 Years Service



W. R. BARBER
35 Years Service

Operators find friends

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High. "We wanted the course to be consistent for all the attendees."

L. C. NIX, an operator at the Docks, says he enjoyed the class because it was structured and well-planned. "The instructors presented the information in a way that kept me interested. I knew some of the stuff already, but it was worthwhile to have a thorough description of how a certain job was done."

Another attendee who commented on the structure of the course was TONY FERRELL, a Cat. Cracking operator. "We were allowed to work at our own pace without someone looking over our shoulder all the time," he says. "But when we needed them, our instructors were always there."

After completing the week-long training course, operators leave with a better understanding of basic maintenance procedures. But they also leave with something else.

"At the beginning of a new class, we're strangers to each other," says Instructor Judy Ward. "By Friday, we feel like we've made some pretty good friends."

Service Anniversaries



C. F. KASTENSMIDT
30 Years Service Anniversary



C. W. WEAVER
30 Years Service Anniversary

Thank You's

Thanks to my friends for the wonderful memories, my retirement party, fishing gear, scroll and plaque. The scroll brings back many years of memories. A special thanks to the people who worked to make my retirement party possible.

G. H. COOK

I want to take this opportunity to thank all my friends and fellow workers for the wonderful retirement party and gifts. I specially want to thank those who did the work to make the party a success. I hope each of you have the opportunity to enjoy a similar occasion.

W. C. TRAMMEL

From our entire family, thanks to all for the everlasting memories of the years past. The retirement gifts are great and the party was a wonderful start to future get-togethers.

FRANK & CEIL LEONARD

I want to thank everyone for my wonderful retirement party and gifts. I have enjoyed working with all of you through the years. I will always remember the pleasure of knowing and working with such a great bunch of fellows. Thanks for everything.

PAUL CHOHRACH

It is with mixed emotions that I have arrived at this point in time. I am happy first of all to be retiring and with high expectations for the future. Sad in knowing that separation from many good friends and pleasant memories of the past is becoming final. I hope to see you in the future, especially at our Ten and Over parties. Thanks so much for the gifts and enjoyable dinner party. Your good friend always,

W. R. CROW

Gasoline production highest this decade

This summer, employees at several DPMC gasoline-related manufacturing units helped set the Complex's highest gasoline production record in this decade.

"It was a total team effort," says **LEO BROERING**, Catalytic Reforming process manager. "Special recognition goes to the operators, foremen and shift teams who really stayed on top of their units. Without their hard work and commitment, these production records wouldn't have been possible."

Both East and West Operations were involved in this tremendous effort, including Cat. Reforming, Aromatics, Hydrocracking, Cat. Cracking, Gas Recovery, East and West Maintenance, Alkylation, Thermal Cracking, Distilling, Dispatching and OP-III.

"For the last few months the Complex has been trying to produce as much gasoline as possible," says **TED COONAN**, Alkylation/Thermal Cracking process manager. "Demand for our product has been high and we wanted to take advantage of this business opportunity."

Cat. Cracking Operator **JIM ENGBROCK** was one of several individuals responsible for this accomplishment. "It required a lot more attention to detail by everyone," he says. "We had to keep a close eye on the units at all times."

JERRY FOLK, a Gas Recovery operator, attributes the record production rates to good communication. "The process managers and engineers explained to us the importance of running the units at full capacity. It was up to us to help do this."

Catalytic Reforming Process Engineer **WENDY DOMINGUEZ** agrees that communica-

tion played an important part. "We were asking the operators to increase their unit's production," she explains. "Once they understood the reason, they gave all we asked for and then some."

V. J. JOHNSON, an operator at Catalytic Reforming III, says that each person directly or indirectly connected to gasoline manufacturing deserves part of the credit for the recent production records.

"Everyone helped out, from operators to engineers, from maintenance to crafts people," V. J. points out. "Each one contributed their special skill to getting as much out of the units as safely possible."

A good example of this hand-in-hand commitment to production and safety is found at the Alkylation unit.

"We've had record production rates since May of this year," points out **DANNY SWANNER**, formerly Alkylation's process engineer who is now at the Platformer II unit. "During that time, we had no major safety accidents. That says a lot about the careful work done by the people working around the unit."

As a result of the increased gasoline production, July was also a record-producing month for Aromatics. This is where benzene, a high-octane component in gasoline, is produced along with other light products.

Says **PEGGY MONTANA**, process manager for Aromatics, "This clearly shows how one individual's best efforts, combined with hundreds of others' efforts, can help us all reach our greatest potential."



Teamwork made DPMC's recent record gasoline production possible. Helping set the record production at CR-3 were (left) Andy Anderson, relief foreman; Wendy Dominguez, process engineer; and Operators Al Carrizales, Marvin Martin and V. J. Johnson.

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