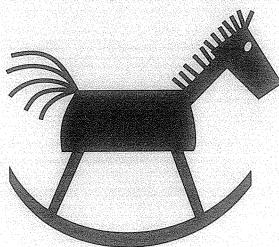


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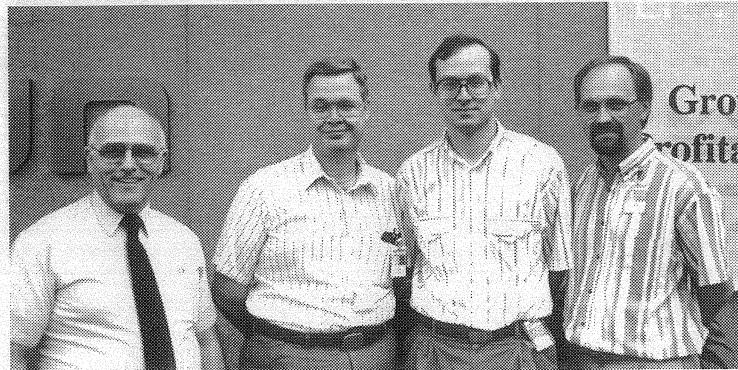
In May  
we focus on  
your Hobbies!

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# ONE MAN'S LEGACY TO AMATEUR RADIO IN ELKHART COUNTY



Charter Members: Howard King, Tom Szerencse, Dave Menges, Richard Putz

by Tom Szerencse

Anyone who knew Clarence Moore (W9LZX) can easily remember his involvement with amateur radio. From designing the "cubical quad" antenna, which resembled an enormous naked box kite, to the experiments run to test the merits of the "lazy quad," he always loved antenna work. Back in the 60's if you were giving directions to a visitor, all you would have to say is, "Drive down Mishawaka Road until you come to the property with all the antennas and you've found International Radio and Electronics (now known as Crown International)."

In the early 70's Clarence established an amateur radio club station inside Crown Int'l for employees interested in radio communications and experimentation. This station was a low band station and attracted only moderate use. However, the club operators, all seven of us, soon set our eyes on the VHF band and kindled a burning desire in Clarence to operate a repeater station at the plant. A repeater station boosts the coverage of hand held and mobile radios by relaying their signals to a much higher antenna site which covers greater distances.

The antenna for this repeater station was located in the front yard of Crown Int'l, next to the Moore home, on a modest 80 foot tower. His dream, however, was to provide the "Hams" at Crown

Int'l with a higher antenna, one that could reach out at least 50 miles in all directions.

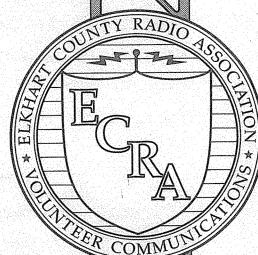
Shortly after his death in 1978, his dream was fulfilled. In 1979 a new 500 foot tower was erected at his son's (Edwin Moore's) radio station, WFRN. Edwin knew of his father's commitment to amateur radio and made available a free antenna location on the new tower to be used for the club repeater site. With the new antenna location being 360 feet above ground, Clarence's goal of reaching out 50 miles in all directions had been fulfilled. The system became operational on January 1, 1980.

Since its humble beginning, the club has enjoyed considerable growth. Between 1980 and 1985 the club membership had grown to 45 people. In 1985 the club saw the need to expand its image and responsibilities. It changed its name  
(Continued on Page 2...)

**CORRECTION:** The 800/342-6139 number published for Technical Service in the March *CROWN CRIER* is not to be used for that purpose. Another number will soon be announced for customers needing Tech Service.



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*One Man's Legacy continued...*

from the Crown Radio Club to the Elkhart County Radio Association and formally incorporated with the State of Indiana as a not-for-profit organization. This brought with it the need for a Board of Directors and club officers.

In 1987 the club helped members organize Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES) in Elkhart County. ARES can be called out at any time to provide volunteer communications assistance to local governments. It has provided services during such incidents as a rail car chemical leak, flood watch along the river and simulated disaster drills in conjunction with local hospitals.

Another service program operated by the amateurs is the Skywarn program. In times of approaching bad weather, amateur radio operators look to the sky and watch for threatening cloud formations to report to the National Weather Bureau in South Bend. We often beat the police

and even radar to the draw! In Elkhart County full time amateur radio stations have been installed at Elkhart General Hospital, Goshen Hospital, and the Elkhart City and County Police communications rooms. These stations can be manned after a single call to posts.

Digital communications with hard copy can be sent anywhere in the nation through the Packet repeater stations located in Dunlap on the Heritage Cablevision tower.

This year, 1990, the club has taken a bold new move to purchase and operate a 220 MHz repeater. This second repeater further enhances the communications capacity of the club and provides a backup system.

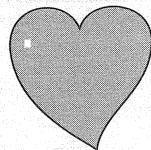
Now operating with 85 members, the Elkhart County Radio Association publicly wishes to thank the Moore family for their continued support over the years. We eagerly look to the future while respecting our heritage. 

## Christian Clowning

There is a clown at Crown Int'l! She's Pam Fothergill (Modules) here, but elsewhere she can be Cousin Peapodd. Cousin Peapodd clowned around with some of the most famous clowns in the U.S. last June. Pam can be four clown characters for Christian clowning to help children learn of God's love for them. Call Pam if you would like to learn how to clown or if you'd like her to clown at a party or other event. 



*Cousin Peapodd*



## Best Wishes

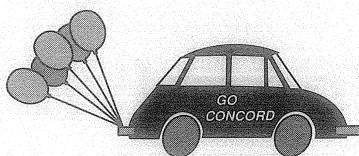
Spring in the Bahamas was memorable for Nina (Kreighbaum) and Steve Myers. Married March 30, by a native minister, Steve received official "ownership papers" which certified their marriage. After several days of island life and sunshine they spent another week relaxing in the sun in Ft. Myers, Florida. They also golfed and went deep-sea fishing. Nina caught her limit of mackerel (3) then let Steve reel in two others, just so he could get the feel of it!

Now back in the routine, Steve says, "Spring is time to clean out the garage. That means getting out the golf clubs, the fishing poles, the softball glove, the truck, and if there is still time, maybe the lawn mower. Is there ever time to relax?"

Congratulations to Dee Dee Poe (Modules) on her engagement to Danny J. Cline. Plans are being made for a June 23 wedding at Zion Missionary Church. 



*Danny and Dee Dee*



# Basketball

F E V E R

Oops!

One form of Hoosier basketball fever could be seen in the Crown Int'l parking lot, March 23, the week before the State basketball champion-

ship finals. Kathleen Stout's car was decorated with green and white balloons and streamers, courtesy of fellow fans and employees. One problem. Kathleen is NOT a Concord fan.

## Hoosierball



by R. David McLaughlin

Every spring in Indiana, during the Indiana High School Boys Basketball tourney, the routine of life, ordinarily a precious commodity in this state, does not apply. Cows go unmilked, hogs can find their own food, and business in general goes to the back of the bus while the basketball teams take the good seats. On most Saturdays in March, the entire state could be stolen and carried off to Nevada or North Dakota, and no one would notice until Sunday.

"Mildred, have you seen the farm?"

"Goodness no, John! I know it was here Friday."

"Now that I think of it, I didn't notice much of the town when we came home from the game last night. What's going on here?"

When the local team that the individual Indiana citizen normally cheers for during the season drops from the tourney, loyalties switch and the interest stays high. One of two basic attitudes is assumed.

The first is a sort of regional assertion of pride. "Now that we've lost I hope Silo Bend wins because they're from around here and we want the rest of the state to know that we don't mess around when it comes to basketball."

The second is more vindictive. "Well, now that we're out of it, I hope West Furrow loses quick. It's bad enough they beat us. If they keep winning those low-lifes will be throwing it in our faces the rest of our lives."

The games move through sectional, regional, semi-state and finally state competition. Tickets become progressively harder to obtain and accusations of favoritism, influence peddling, and other skullduggery improve in quality and quantity.

"How'd Fred get those regional tickets? He know somebody?"

"I heard Downtown Central got 100 tickets somehow and Fred's wife's brother's partner is thick

with one of their school board kingpins and managed to weasel two tickets out of him. Fred saved his wife's brother's life once—never did understand why he bothered till now—when the guy fell into a punch press. When Fred reminded him he shamed him out of the seats."

In between games the coaches, offenses, defenses, players, strengths, weaknesses and school colors of the remaining teams get pulled apart, examined, speculated upon and argued over. In the time left over, just for variety, the NCAA Basketball Tourney, which goes on stage about the same time, might be discussed.

The real fun takes place before the games. Afterward the final score takes some of the edge off deciding who is better, and the discussions may take on the flavor of sour grapes.

"Westfield could've won that easy if they'd just stayed in their man-to-man. That coach ain't got the insight of an eggplant."

"Know what'cha mean. Eastfield couldn't hit a shot from more than four feet out all year and all of a sudden they can throw them in from the scorer's bench. I've never seen such luck!" This is the Dumb Luck explanation.

Or. "If they played 10 more times Eastfield'd never win again." The Ten More Times explanation.

After awhile the snow melts and tornadoes begin to spice up the 11:00 P.M. weather report and the tourney ends. The winners brag modestly while the losers vow to shoot 1000 free throws and practice six hours every day all summer in order to get even next year.

Most of the citizenry goes back to find out what else has happened in March that might affect them. "Jack, have you seen my wife and the kids? I believe they might have moved somewhere in the last few weeks, but I'm almost sure I saw 'em just before that blue team beat Dexterville. Wasn't that a game? I swear, if Dexterville played them 10 more times they wouldn't..."

From the Kitchen of  
CONNIE GERARD  
**COCONUT DESSERT**

*Crust*

1 stick butter (or margarine)  
1 Cup flour  
2 Tbls. sugar  
1/2 Cup pecans (chopped)  
Mix flour, sugar and butter. Add nuts and pat into a 9x13" pan or glass (oblong) baking dish. Bake 10 minutes at 350°. Cool.

*First layer*

1 pkg. (8 oz.) cream cheese  
1 Cup powdered sugar  
1 small Cool Whip  
Mix cream cheese, powdered sugar and Cool Whip. Spread on cooled crust.

*Second layer*

1 pkg. Coconut Cream Instant Pudding  
3 Cups milk  
Mix coconut cream pudding mix with milk. Spread on top of first layer.

*Third layer*

1 small Cool Whip  
1 small can (or bag) coconut flakes, toasted. Spread Cool Whip on top of second layer. Sprinkle toasted coconut on top.

### SPORTS NEWS

Semi-state champion wrestler, Scott Moon, entered the state free-style match late in April. His father, Mike, who might be called an ardent fan, will give anyone who asks an update. Scott, voted "most improved" on his high school team, works off-site for Crown Int'l, maintaining the hangar part time. (He finished sixth in the state.)

# Sometimes I'm Up and Sometimes I'm Down

**C**limbing above 10,000 feet makes your heart pound right out of your chest. At such altitudes, many people get altitude sickness. But the view on the "top of the world" is

well worth the effort. It helps keep life in perspective—to realize how small we are compared to our creator.

My wife, Patti, and I took up mountain climbing



*The author on top of Half Dome, Yosemite National Park, California. (The sheer drop-off beside David is almost a mile high.)*

by  
David E. Harris



*The author and wife, Patti, preparing to dive at La Jolla, California.*

and backpacking in 1979 in California. Since then we've climbed Mt. San Gorgonio (11,502 ft), Bishop Pass (11,972 ft), Half Dome (8,842 ft) and I made one unsuccessful attempt at Mt. Whitney (14,494 ft).

Mt. Whitney is one of the tallest peaks in the "lower 48." I was the group leader of our climbing team and was responsible for safety. This forced me to assist an altitude-sick climber back down when we were only 1,000 feet from the top. It was very disappointing not to make it to the top of Mt. Whitney with the rest of our team. One day I hope to go back and climb it again.

The next day four friends, part of another climbing team, were trapped on top of Whitney for several days when a sudden Sierra storm prevented their return to their base camp. That's the way the western mountains are—unpredictable. One moment they woo you with pristine panoramas of breath-taking beauty, the next moment they're trying to kill you with snow, sleet and hail. On one trip into the San Gabriel mountains, a sudden storm caused the temperature to drop over 50° F in just one hour!

My scariest memories come from the deep rather than the clouds. For many years I participated in a rare sport in my home state, Florida. That sport is the exploration of underwater caves. Technical folks call the sport Underwater Speleology—we just called it Cave Diving. Because these caves have no air, and a SCUBA diver cannot quickly surface if something goes wrong, he must carry a lot of backup equipment. Sometimes we would have over 100 lbs of gear strapped to our bodies before we submerged. We carried two of almost everything and three of some things. It was kind of like being an astronaut traveling in space, you had to have backup and emergency equipment for every possible mishap which could take your life. Seldom did anything go wrong.

A dive into a cave at Manatee Springs, Florida, was exceptionally memorable. This particular cave was made of an unusual black limestone and had two entrances. The main entrance was located 65 ft underwater in a "run" which fed the Sante Fe River. The other was at a depth of 45 ft about 600 yards away in a separate small pond. The water flowing through the cave created a strong current which exited through the main entrance to form one of the springs feeding the run. The outflow of water was so strong at this entrance that you could not swim into the cave but had to hang onto the rocks and pull yourself inside. Once inside, the cave quickly

descended to a depth of 95 ft. At that depth, a diver has to take precautions not to get the disease popularly known as "the bends."

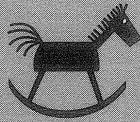
Two experienced cave-diving buddies, Bill and Dave, and I decided to explore this cave, starting at the main entrance. We swam hard against the current and were two thirds through the cave when Bill's regulator failed, preventing him from getting any air from his tank. He swiftly tried his backup regulator but it too would not work. Dave was closest to him so he gave him his backup regulator and the two, breathing off Dave's tank, churned water for the other entrance. I led the way with my powerful light.

As we swam closer, we could see the dim light of the other entrance growing stronger and stronger but we didn't make it. We were still 20 feet from the opening when they ran out of air. (On a deep dive, like this one, your air doesn't last long—especially when two people are breathing from the same tank.) I had the equipment with me to "buddy-breathe" both of them but, since we were so close to the other entrance, they decided instead to make a free ascent to the surface. They swam the remaining distance to the opening and ascended 45 ft to the surface.

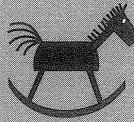
When they reached the surface they discovered that Bill's state-of-the-art Swedish regulator was again working! Bill was both a Regulator Repair Specialist and an Assistant Dive Instructor, so he had a professional interest in getting to the bottom of the problem. He even had the factory rep from Sweden examine the regulator a week later but he never found what caused his regulator to mysteriously fail. From then on, I wondered if this would happen to me because I used an identical regulator.

Because of the depth of the dive, we were supposed to ascend very slowly in steps (a technique known as decompression) to avoid getting the bends. We weren't able to do this because of the emergency. Fortunately for all, we were not down long enough to be at risk and suffered no problems.

Other dives were not so routine and hum drum. For instance, there was the time, while searching for a small octopus off Laguna Beach, California, I wound up no more than 6 inches away from the angry face of a 6 foot long moray eel, or the time a school of barracuda chased Patti and me in the Florida Keys, or the time I was hired to search a lake for a submerged UFO....



# The Hobbyhorse Bulletin Board



## GLAD TO BE HERE!

Louise Bailey likes to play golf and bowl. Her "fun job" is right here at Crown Int'l. "I'm just glad to be here. I thank God for my new friends!"

## PENMANSHIP

Pamela Schmucker (Line 2) is a penman and calligrapher. She is a member of the International Association of Master Penmen, Engrossers & Teachers of Handwriting. Another interesting avocation of Pamela's is repairing and overhauling band instruments.

## EGYPTIAN DANCE

Issis Saad (Modules) brought her hobby with her from Egypt. She enjoys practicing Egyptian dance.

## FASHION

Stacy Adkins's (Modules) hobbies are fashion and collecting pig figurines. The fashion is no surprise because she always looks chic. The pig in her car might be a surprise.

## ANOTHER POET AMONG US

### MOTHERS ARE UNUSUAL

by Laveta M. Randall

*A mother comes equipped  
With strange and wondrous things;  
Some of them I am very sure  
That you have never seen.*

*There is a second pair of eyes  
Hidden somewhere in her hair,  
And the extra pair of hands  
That really must be there.*

*The ability to split herself in half  
And be two places all at once;  
The way she reads your mind,  
You know she is no dunce.*

*A heart of gold is hidden  
Somewhere beneath her vest,  
But gladly shows itself  
When you have done your best.*

*There are the sets of wings  
Mounted on her feet.  
The way she flies around  
Is really quite unique.*

*Yes, mothers are unusual,  
A strange and wondrous breed.  
She really is the blessing  
God sent to fill our need.*

## DISC JOCKEY

"Rent-a-DJ" and you'll get Bob Sproston (Techron) spinning discs from the big band era to the current top 40. He started playing at parties in 1981, but worked as a disc jockey at WILY Radio Station at Purdue, 1979 - 1982.

## VINTAGE CARS

Bob Sproston's other hobby is showing his white 1963 Buick Electra, both at car shows and whenever anyone is looking. Once, when he was driving the Buick, he noticed someone following him for about two miles. When Bob stopped for a train, the car pulled around him on the shoulder and stopped in front of him at the RR crossing. The follower wanted Bob's car and still does. He had one in college. Bob is not selling this original, from-the-factory-condition beauty.

## HOUSE OF LLOYD SALES

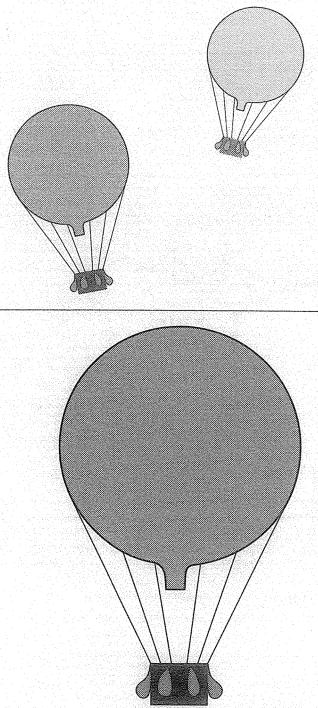
Of Sandi Walters' multiple activities—small tax business and Nappanee Nazarene Church Choir Director, Sunday School teacher, and missionary study presenter—she thought the House of Lloyd business might be the most unusual. She feels their party plan with generous hostess gifts and compensation packages is the best in the world.

## PRAISE NUGGETS

- **Sharon Westlake** is working again after recovering from extensive heart surgery.
- **Dale Kauffman** is back on the job after several weeks in the hospital recovering from a ruptured appendix.

• **Dave Pasechnik** and **Alex Balc** reported to us on their recent trip to Romania. They were able to apply for an FM radio station. They are encouraged by the numbers and strength of the Christians there who are determined to worship God as they choose.

- **Justin Taylor Scholfield** was born to Peggy and Brent on Good Friday, April 13.
- **Cameron Juard Barnes**, born April 16, is the new son of Margaret and Juard.



## Solid Rock



With Solid Rock Ministries Jo Shreiner (Purchasing) has combined a love of the Lord with the joy of music and sharing faith and fun. Concerts of Renee Garcia, Recess and Ray Boltz were major efforts for Jo as music coordinator. She and Steve Salisbury opened the Garcia concert with a song of their own. She is looking forward to performing again in June.

The June concert features *Square One*. Keith Emerson (QA Dept.) plays bass for *Square One* which won last year's Concord Talent Search. They will be performing at the Agape Fest along with Michael W. Smith and *White Heart* in May as a result of winning a contest last month in Illinois.

Solid Rock welcomes high school and college age young people and older. They meet for Bible Study, devotions and fellowship every

Thursday at 7:00 PM at the State Theater in downtown Elkhart. Some of the active participants from Crown Int'l are Tamara Earnhart (Modules), Rob Greathouse (Stockroom), Julie Van Oss (Line 2), C.J. Hartigan (Corp. Relations office) and Tim Matteson (Line 2), who runs the sound board for meetings and concerts.

In addition to leading worship on Thursday evenings, Jo is in charge of arranging special music with outside guests and major concerts. She calls booking agents, determines what percentage a group or soloist can make after expenses, works with them on the details of contracts and negotiates price. Once contracts are signed, promotion for the concerts and planning the logistics of ticket sales and the performances keep Jo hopping.

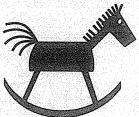
Excitement and enthusiasm could be Jo's bywords. They show in her face. Elkhart will be hearing more from Solid Rock.



**"Up, up and away,  
in a beautiful  
balloon..."**

...was a 60's tune which could now be Shirley Haun's (Stockroom) theme song. Yes, she is into hot-air ballooning and took her first trip May 6. Her nephew and sister-in-law and three others joined the U93 "Fire-eating Dragon" pilot for an evening trip. She was inspired by the ascension of the three Crown Int'l balloon flight winners last year. She admitted to being "scared of heights" but hopefully did not have to sit in the bottom of the basket.

## To Create



by Vernon John Pavaresco

"To create": To bring things into existence which you are capable of through knowledge and ideas expressed by what you do or say.

All of us have the potential to be creative in everything we do. This encompasses our lives and our jobs. It enhances our capability to express ourselves in a positive manner. It influences us and our lives.

Negative feelings or attitudes greatly diminish the possibilities to express creativity in a constructive way. You can be creative in every aspect of life. It is an important gift from God that we all have. Use it wisely and in a positive manner and it will reward you by making you the well-respected and well-rounded person you can be. Creativity is not just a word; it's part of our lives.

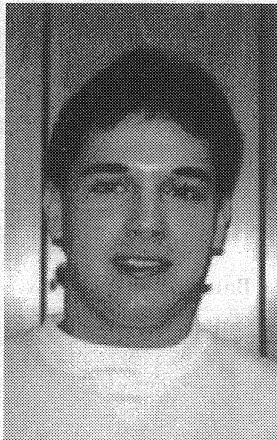
There is no such thing as failure if you are in a positive frame of mind and have a genuine desire to express it. However negative creations can be brought about by a negative frame of mind or way of thinking. This comes from a different source of power. We all know this guy with two horns on his head who carries a three-pronged pitchfork (Some portrayals vary!). He makes fun of our efforts.

We have to learn to distinguish and put into practice that which is right, then, "Carry on, my good man, or lady! (whichever the case may be) Let's help each other. Be creative!"

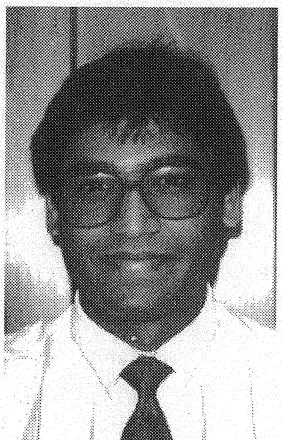
Ed.'s Note: One of Vern's hobbies is to look up new words in the dictionary, ponder various meanings and write down the thoughts they produce. There are other examples of creative writing in this issue as well as "creative potential" as seen in hobbies.



## Who's New?



**Scott M. Gingerich** - Production Line 2 Prep-Packer (Birthday: Nov. 20). Scott also likes sports such as football, baseball, softball, hunting, fishing, skiing, riding motorcycles and four-wheel drive activities. He would like to attend Ivy-Tech for an electrical technician degree.



**Milan S. Shah** - Engineering, Mechanical Design Engineer (Dec. 24). Racketball, jogging and basketball are Milan's sports. He heard of Crown Int'l through friends and his ambition is to move into a senior engineering position.



# Engineers Have Hobbies Too

by Bruce Bartlett

At first you might think they're just technoids. But those wacky microphone engineers have a life beyond the lab.

Consider Chief Engineer Tom Lininger's new hobby of photography. His first project was to photograph everyone he works with. Now he's creating some beautiful photos of nature.

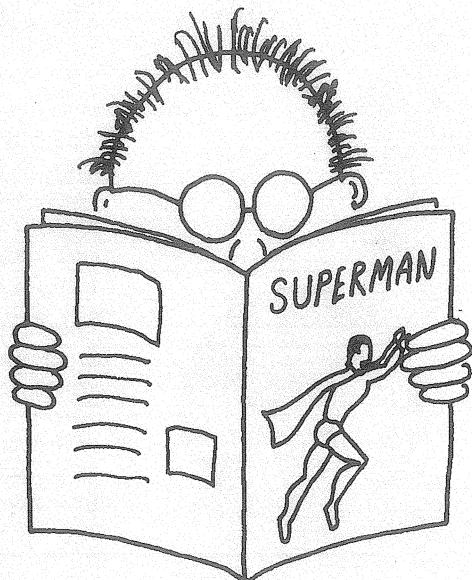
Microphone Engineer Bruce Bartlett has outside interests related to his work at Crown Int'l: composing and listening to music, computing, and multitrack recording. The same is true of Electrical Engineer Steve Mills, who also enjoys playing guitar and keyboard in a rock band.

These guys find hobbies to be fascinating activities that bring rewards other than money. Hob-

bies are a chance to have fun, relax, get back into real life.

For example, Project Coordinator Tim Bock loves to fish and tinker with audio. Tom Lininger describes himself as "a yachtsman without a yacht." When he can't be near the water, he likes to watch the Bears games on TV. Bruce Bartlett loves to sail, walk in the woods, or just sit up in a treehouse reading old Donald Duck comics.

All these outside activities add richness to life. When you see someone at work, that's just a small part of the whole person.



## Guess Whose... Baby Face

HINT: She has good taste in music and TV, but those closest to her think her furniture is "weird!" Her jobs at Crown Int'l have been unique; she was the only one doing them.

### Proverbs 16:3

"Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed."

ANSWER: Kim Laffoon - She processes Credit Returns for the Customer Service Department and is the new Documentation Ctr for Technical Training. She formerly repaired microphones and was a Quality Assurance Inspector. She has good taste in music and TV, but those closest to her think her furniture is "weird!" Her jobs at Crown Int'l have been unique; she was the only one doing them.

## Employee Committee Financial Report

Balance as of Jan. 1, 1990

### Receipts

- Bertsch - 1/18
- Canteen - 3/4
- Total Receipts
- Total Income

### Expenditures

- Westview Florist
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Cubs Trip
- Rollerskating
- Gift Certificates
- Total Expenditures

		\$1,453.65
Receipts		
• Bertsch - 1/18	\$448.80	
• Canteen - 3/4	<u>368.25</u>	
Total Receipts	\$817.05	
Total Income		
Expenditures		
• Westview Florist	301.37	
• Easter Egg Hunt	236.00	
• Cubs Trip	180.70	
• Rollerskating	131.25	
• Gift Certificates	<u>200.00</u>	
Total Expenditures	\$1,049.32	
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		- 1,049.32
		\$1,221.38

### Upcoming Events

- May 19 - Brookfield Zoo, Chicago Trip
- May ? - Spring Carry-In (to be decided)
- June 16 - Cedar Point Trip

### Notes

- April 12 was Ranse Clark's last day; he has accepted a position as a U.S. Army Recruiter. He received a gift certificate for Baxter's.
- Lisa Reames received a gift certificate in honor of the birth of her son, Justin.

### CROWN CRIER

The Crown Crier is the monthly newsletter for Crown International employees. Its purpose is to be informative, inspirational and entertaining.

Your involvement is highly prized. Please contact a CC Reporter with any material you would like to see in future issues.

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