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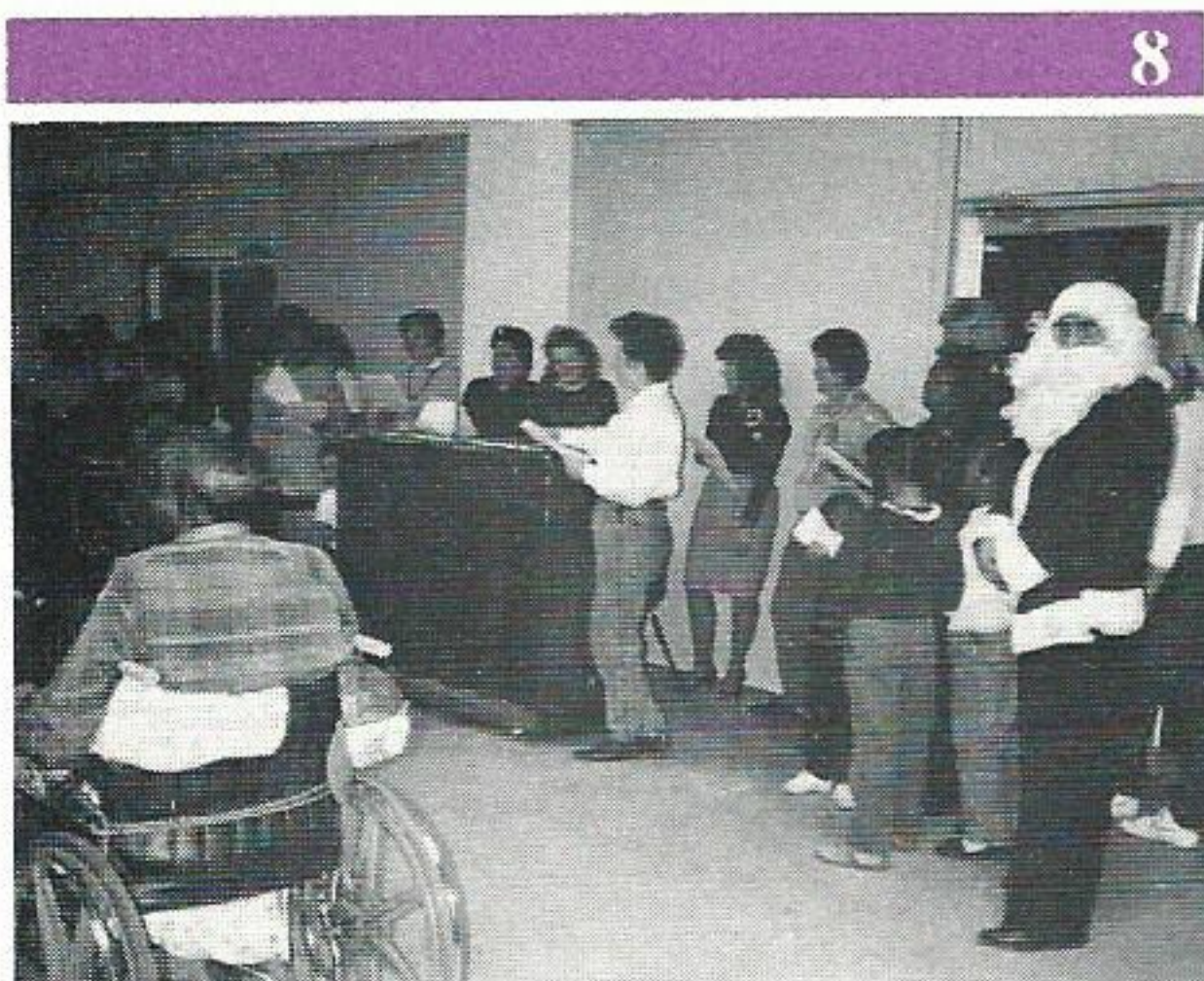
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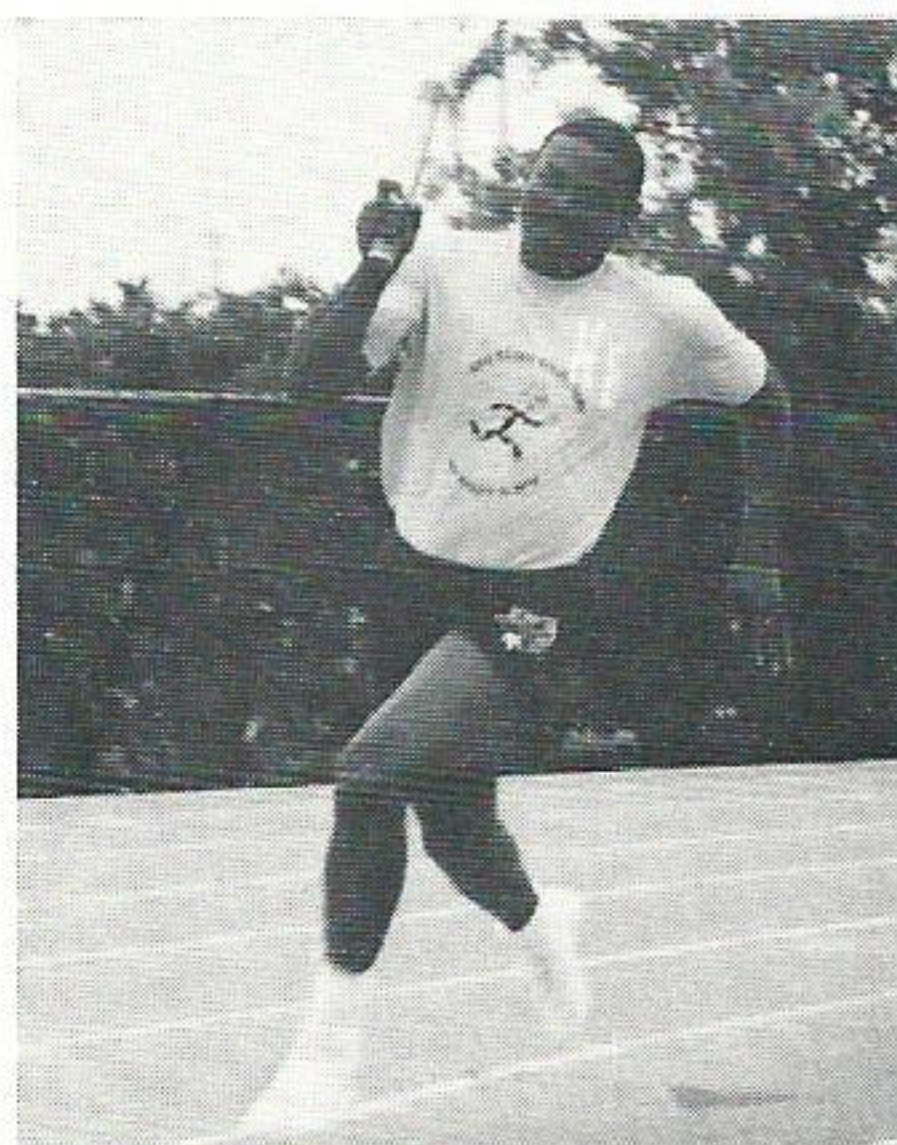
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Students link past and future

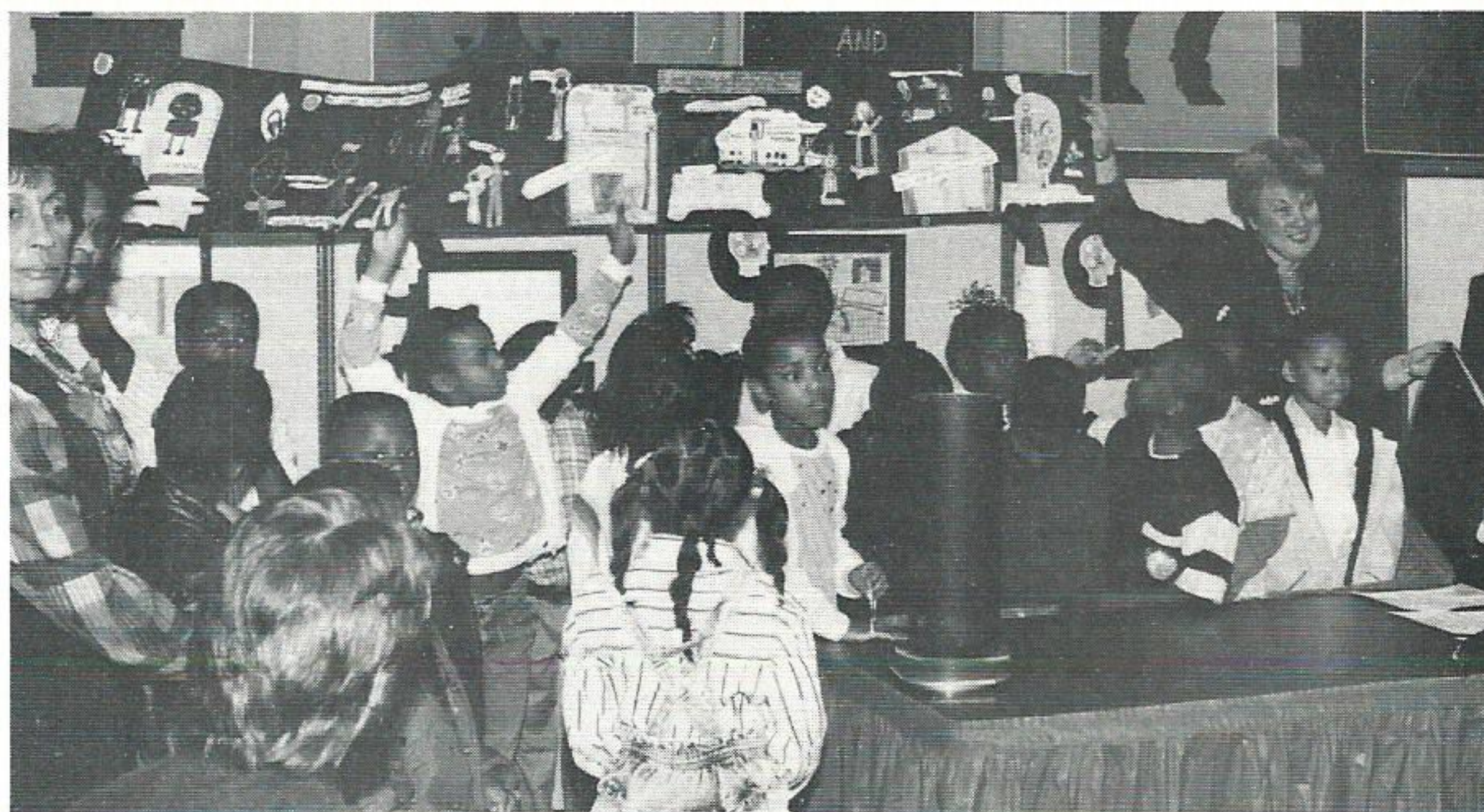
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Time capsules brought Beaumont's West Brook and Central High School seniors and Dunbar Elementary School second-graders together at the Edison Plaza Museum Feb. 11, one group to look at the past and the other to look to the future.

Jo Nell Barrett, customer information coordinator, Beaumont, helped organize the event in which a capsule, sealed by the high school seniors in 1981, was opened and a new capsule, prepared by the elementary students, was sealed.

"One thing that struck me is how similar the issues in 1981 were to the issues in 1991," Barrett says. "Many of the issues talked about 10 years ago are still very timely today, and some—like energy management and environmentalism—have even intensified."

The West Brook students, who were second-graders at Amelia Elementary School in 1981, opened the 10-year-old capsule they had sealed. Twelve of the 17 students in the



Dunbar Elementary first grade students display their drawings before placing them inside the time capsule which will be opened in 2001 when they will be seniors.

original class were on hand to open the capsule, which was sealed in March 1981 during Energy Awareness Week.

The old capsule contained a copy of a GSU residential electric bill for \$48.75, essays focusing on nuclear and other energy sources, a National Geographic magazine with a cover story on energy and a photograph of their second grade class.

"One item from the old capsule that caught my eye was a photograph of a gasoline pump with the 1981 price—\$1.30—visible," Barrett says. "Even with the Persian Gulf war, gasoline prices haven't really changed that much. In light of the war, I expected the 1981 price to be much lower than prices we're paying now."

The Dunbar students contributed futuristic energy drawings to the new capsule. Besides the crayon and marker drawings, the new capsule also contains a \$1 bill marked with a 1991 gas price—\$1.40 per gallon—and an incandescent

light bulb brought by the high school seniors.

Maybe the most timely items the Dunbar students put into the capsule are newspaper clippings about the Persian Gulf War and a letter to a sailor serving on the U.S.S. Saratoga battleship that asked questions about the region and military life.

"I was impressed with the second graders' seriousness when it came to making predictions for the future," Barrett said. "A lot of thought and work went into the drawings and the items they put into the capsule. It wasn't a task they took lightly."

The seniors contributed the light bulb to the new capsule because they had discussed in their classes how lighting may change dramatically in the coming years.

"Many students across the state are involved in energy projects, and these seniors are no exception," Barrett says.

Inside analysis saves bundles



At The Energy Center, the River Bend reload and safety analysis team is: (kneeling from left to right) Craig Green, James Thompson, Joe Miller and Lynn Leatherwood; (seated in center from left to right) Kathy Hugle and John Egan; (standing from left to right) Dave Swope, Tom Oliphant, Phu Vo, Gary Scronce, Gary Boudreaux and Brian Boyle.

story by Rick Harvin
photos by Lynn Vairin

"Doing our own reload analysis is estimated to save \$750,000/year."

"Doing our own fuel management is estimated to save \$1 million/year."

"Plant and licensing support benefits are estimated to be \$1 million/year for the remaining life of the plant."

When you read those statements, the numbers almost jump off the page. When you talk to Joe Miller, director-engineering analysis, River Bend, the planning and work behind those declarations seem to come to life as well.

"We're talking about a lot of money, millions of dollars," Miller comments.

Those millions represent a cost-saving project GSU is

working toward—its own fuel management, reload analysis and associated plant support involved with the 624 uranium fuel bundles that are the life-blood of the River Bend boiling water reactor (BWR).

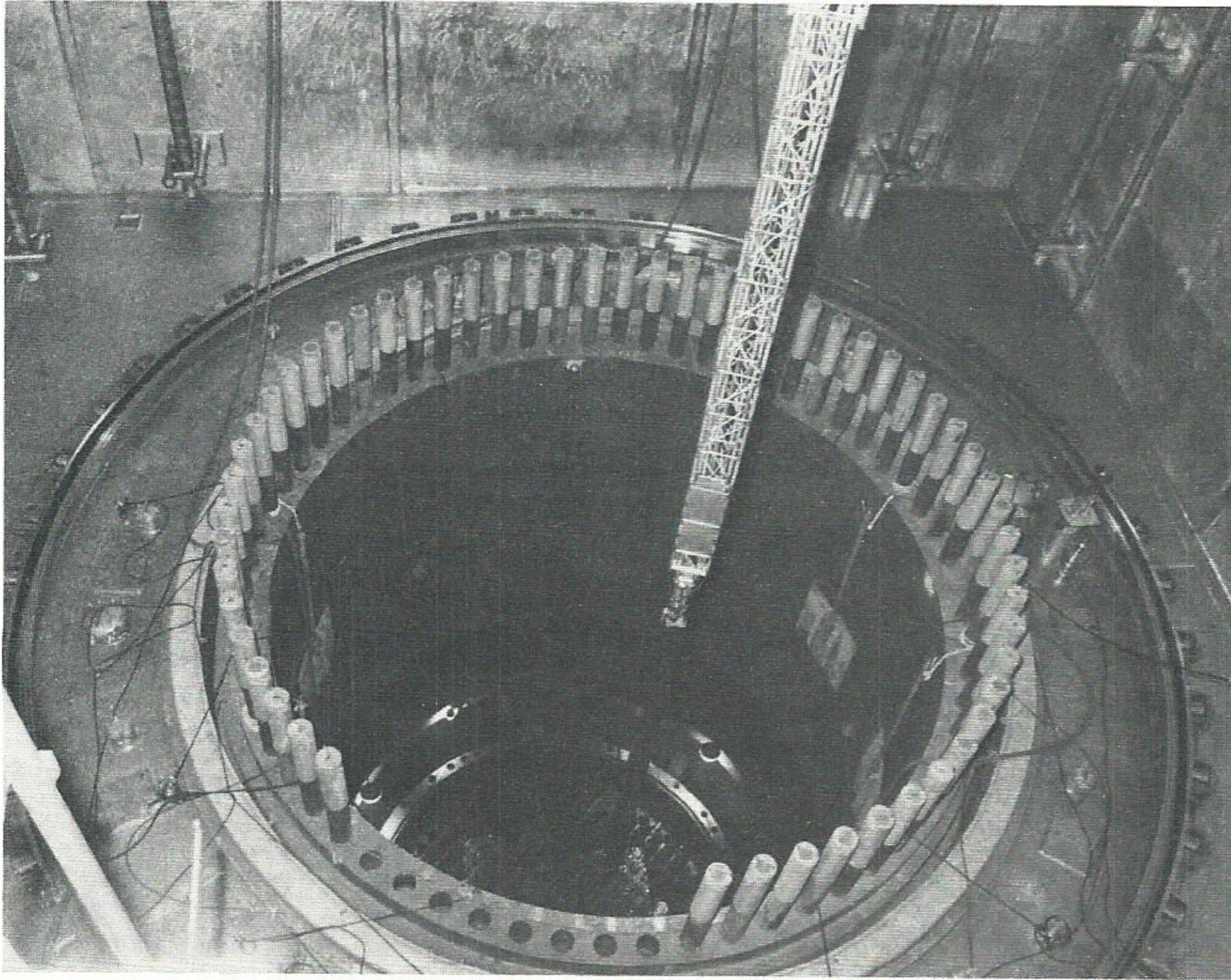
A facility like River Bend usually has a refueling approximately every 18 months. The plant had Refueling 3 (RF-3) completed in December 1990.

From the first fuel load in August 1985 (a time Miller remembers well, because he came to work for GSU the day River Bend received its permit to load that fuel) to the present, General Electric and its personnel have designed the uranium fuel used in the plant's reactor. That is changing for the money-saving better, thanks to

the Gulf Staters in Miller's engineering analysis group.

Miller notes GSU had been working on doing its own fuel management and reloading analysis while the plant was still under construction. "This planning started in 1982, but we really heated up the effort in 1987," Miller states.

That effort is led by Engineering Analysis, which, according to Miller, presently consists of 23 GSUers and four fulltime interns from various universities. The department has three major groups: Core Analysis, supervised by Lynn Leatherwood; Thermal/Hydraulic Analysis, supervised by James Thompson; and Probabilistic Risk Assessment, headed by Joe Burton.



Referring to the replacement of fuel bundles, Miller says, "The key is to knock that down by four to eight assemblies—four assemblies less would save more than \$1,400,000." GSU plans to do Refueling 5, scheduled for the fall of 1993, all in-house.

"We do a lot of planning on fuel loading, trying to find the most cost advantageous way of doing things," Miller explains. Considering the budget of \$70 million to \$90 million for each refueling, this is a good place to save money.

Discussing those numbers, which work out to approximately \$350,000-\$450,000 for each fuel bundle (as some 200 bundles are replaced during each refueling), Miller makes good points about GSU doing its own fuel management.

Referring to the replacement of those 200 or so fuel bundles during each refueling, Miller says, "The key is to knock that down by four to eight assemblies—four assemblies less would save more than

\$1,400,000."

As an example of this, Core Analysis saved eight fuel bundles during the last reload (RF-3), which came to an estimated savings of \$2 million. With a special computer program, Core Analysis also saved four outage days during the refueling, and that meant another savings of about \$1,300,000.

How is this done? The core analysis group looks at assemblies in the fuel core and figures how to shuffle fuel so it can be used one more cycle instead of being replaced, according to Miller. This is an important and money-saving part of GSU's ability to do its own fuel analysis.

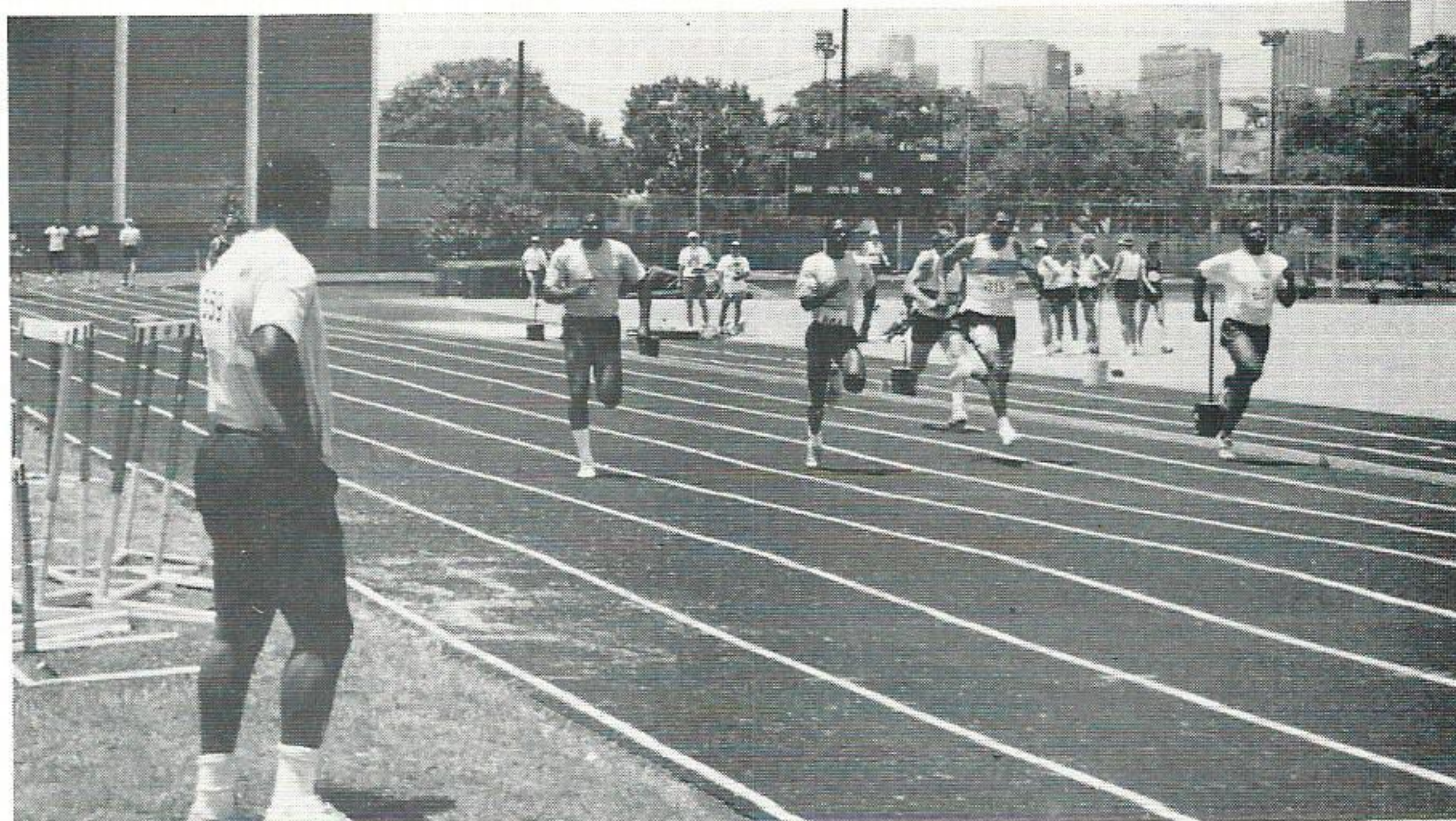
To accompany this work, a

safety analysis is also done for each fuel load. Miller explains this safety evaluation is new for each fuel loading.

What's the schedule for this fuel analysis and in-house work? Miller notes GSU will finish specifications on new fuel by late 1991. He also notes the plan is to do Refueling 5—scheduled for some time in the fall of 1993—all in-house.

"Things we are doing now are worth annual savings of between \$700,000 and \$1 million, and those are conservative figures," says Miller. He points out that the savings should increase as GSU does more of its own fuel planning/analysis/reloading.

GSU tracksters rank second in nation



Left to right, Lightfoot watches Perry and Taylor compete in the 100-meter preliminary race at a meet in Houston.

story by Scott Harper

If the Olympic Games allowed corporate teams to compete, chances are Gulf States would be well represented.

"Our corporate 400-meter relay team is currently ranked second in the nation," says Thomas Lightfoot, senior consumer service representative, Beaumont, and team member. "We competed at the corporate level for the first time last May."

The two-year-old GSU track team was initiated by Willie Taylor, substation mechanic-1st class, and Ed Stewart, electrician-1st class, both of Beaumont.

"I had been running at Masters meets," says Taylor. "Ed (Stewart) got interested in it, too, and the word spread that we were competing in track. It grew from there."

Track team members include Lightfoot, Taylor, Stewart, James Perry, staff accountant; Herb Stein, manager-accounting research and regulatory reporting; Leon Aiena, T&D truckdriver; Craig Lee, T&D helper and Glen Hayes, substation mechanic-1st class, all of Beaumont. Other employees

have participated on a limited basis.

The team has competed in Masters and corporate meets in Dallas, Arlington, Houston, Pasadena and New Orleans. Masters meets are regular NCAA-type events for athletes over 30-years old.

In corporate meets, the team has competed against companies like Dupont, Texaco and Mobil and has won every race. In the 100-meter race, Perry and Taylor placed first and second, respectively.

The team is currently organizing a Texas corporate meet to be held in Beaumont on May 4 at Westbrook High School's Durley Stadium. Later, in July, the team plans to attend its first national corporate meet in Chicago. "We've been invited to the national meet two years in a row," says Lightfoot. "We weren't able to make it last year, but this year we're going."

Members' reasons for participating on the team all stem from a love of running. "I just love running," says Perry, the 1990 Masters State Champion in the 100-meter race. "I love the thrill of competition and the

camaraderie is just great."

Stein agrees, "It's a lot of fun. I enjoy competing and running against other people."

"I just get a joy out of running and winning," laughs Taylor. "I also enjoy seeing my son watch me run."

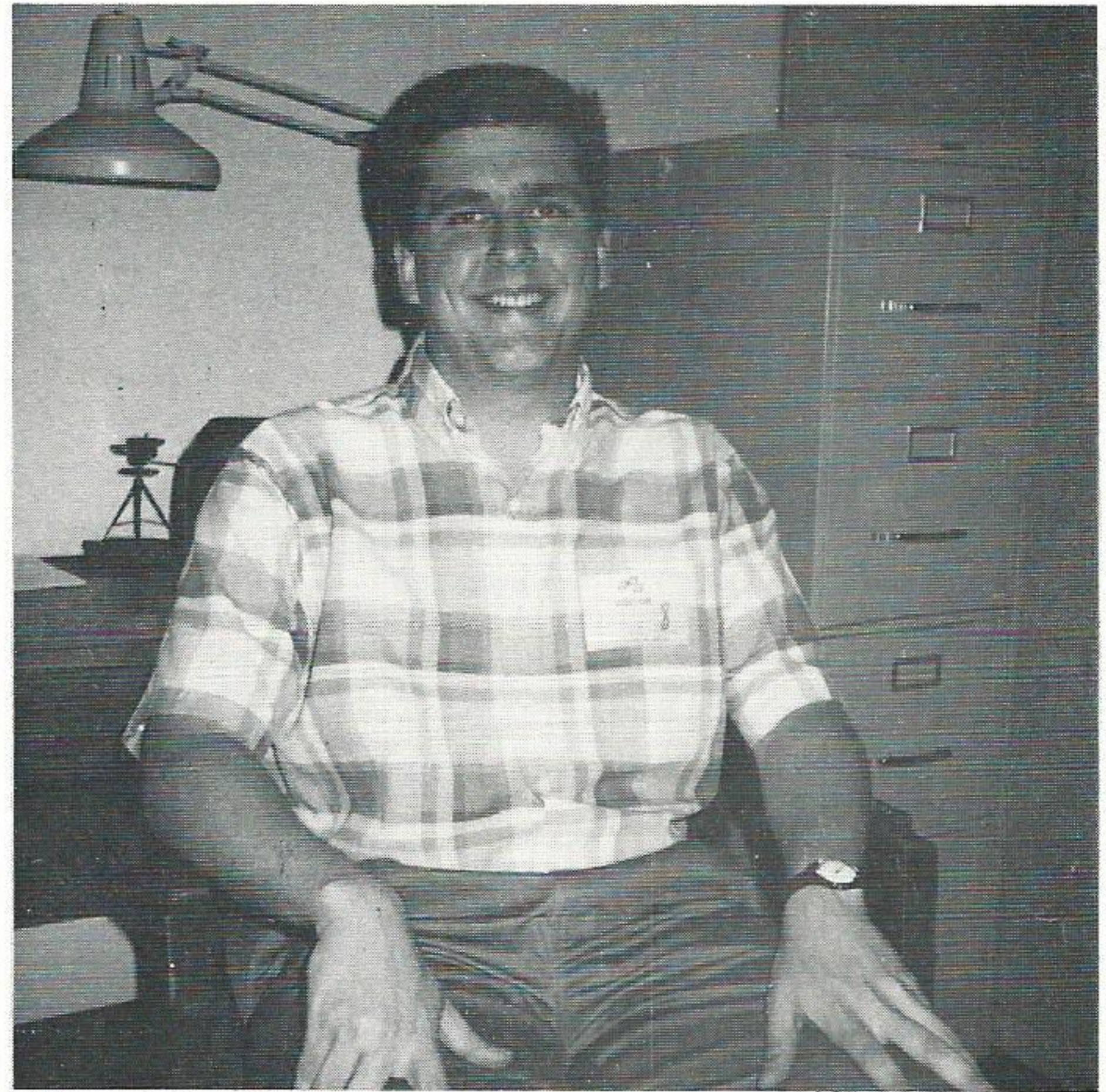
Lightfoot points out other benefits, "It's a great way to stay in shape. I can do something I like and maintain good health."

The GSU track team is a perfect opportunity for anyone wanting to dust off their old track shoes. "We're always looking for new members," says Lightfoot. "Anyone interested in joining can contact any team member."

"People who like to run and compete are welcome," says Taylor. "We'd like to have a larger organized team for the May 4 meet." The team also welcomes competitors in other events such as jumping, shotput and discus throw.

Rest assured, anyone joining the GSU track team will be joining a winner. "Other teams at the meets are noticing us," says Perry. "We're making a name for ourselves!"

Financial assistance provides security for Lamar student



"This scholarship was the main reason that I was able to continue my education....," says Roby, a beneficiary of the GSU scholarship program.

story and photo by Susan Gilley

The death of a parent sometimes limits the educational opportunities for surviving children.

Steven Roby was a sixth-grader when his father, Fain S. Roby, died in October 1979. A 23-year GSU veteran, the elder Roby was an electrical engineer who worked in the Engineering and Relay departments.

Now a senior electrical engineering major at Lamar University, Steven Roby says GSU's College Scholarship Program played an important role in his college education.

Under the program, children of deceased or permanently and totally disabled employees with at least one year of GSU service, receive a \$1,200 award each academic year for up to four years. Students must maintain a good scholastic record.

In a thank-you note to Bill

Barksdale, vice president-engineering and technical services, Roby writes, "This scholarship was the main reason that I was able to continue my education at Lamar University."

The younger Roby worked as a cooperative engineering student at GSU, alternating working semesters with classes. He terms "co-oping" as "great," adding, "That's when I really realized how much I loved electrical engineering. It lets you see what it's like to be an engineer before you actually become one."

Roby, who is the youngest of Fain and Lucia Roby's seven children, said the GSU scholarship "kept me from having to worry about how I'd pay for school and enabled me to concentrate on my studies."

His concentration paid off. Roby earned a 4.0 average last

semester, bringing his overall grade point average to 3.43. He expects good grades for his classes this semester, as well. Besides required classwork, Roby serves as president of Lamar's chapter of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers, helps one professor grade test papers and teaches a laboratory class to underclassmen.

The young man already had a favorable impression of GSU. "In our household, GSU was **not** a dirty word. Dad was proud to work for GSU, and I was always very impressed that he worked for the company," Roby recalls.

This spring marks a time of rapid change for Roby, who turns 23 in March. He will graduate on May 11—the same day that he will marry Angella Redding.

GSU uses bears and bugs to reach future customers



Reddy Teddies like these wait to be handed out to traumatized children in the Western Division by Walker County law officers.

by Scott Harper

Gulf States is aware of its future customers—the children in our service area. Programs geared to reach this young population are already in place. Across the service area, young kids learn about GSU and electricity through a variety of programs.

A new community-oriented GSU team roams the Western Division. The team is not linemen, meter readers or customer contact representatives. It's teddy bears.

The “Reddy Teddies” went into operation this past January. “I got the idea from a utility company up north,” says Renee Stone, customer affairs coordinator, Conroe.

The program works in conjunction with the Walker and Grimes County Sheriff's Department and the Navasota City Police. Gulf States pro-

vides teddy bears with GSU shirts to law officers to give to children who have been through a disturbing incident such as a car wreck. “The policemen carry the bears in their car and decide when they should be handed out,” says Stone.

Walker County Sheriff Dale Myers believes this program will benefit all involved. “This helps the child and the officer involved,” says Myers. “The officer feels good about being able to help and the child has something to hold on to. The bonding is immediate. Hopefully, it lessens the burden of a traumatic situation.”

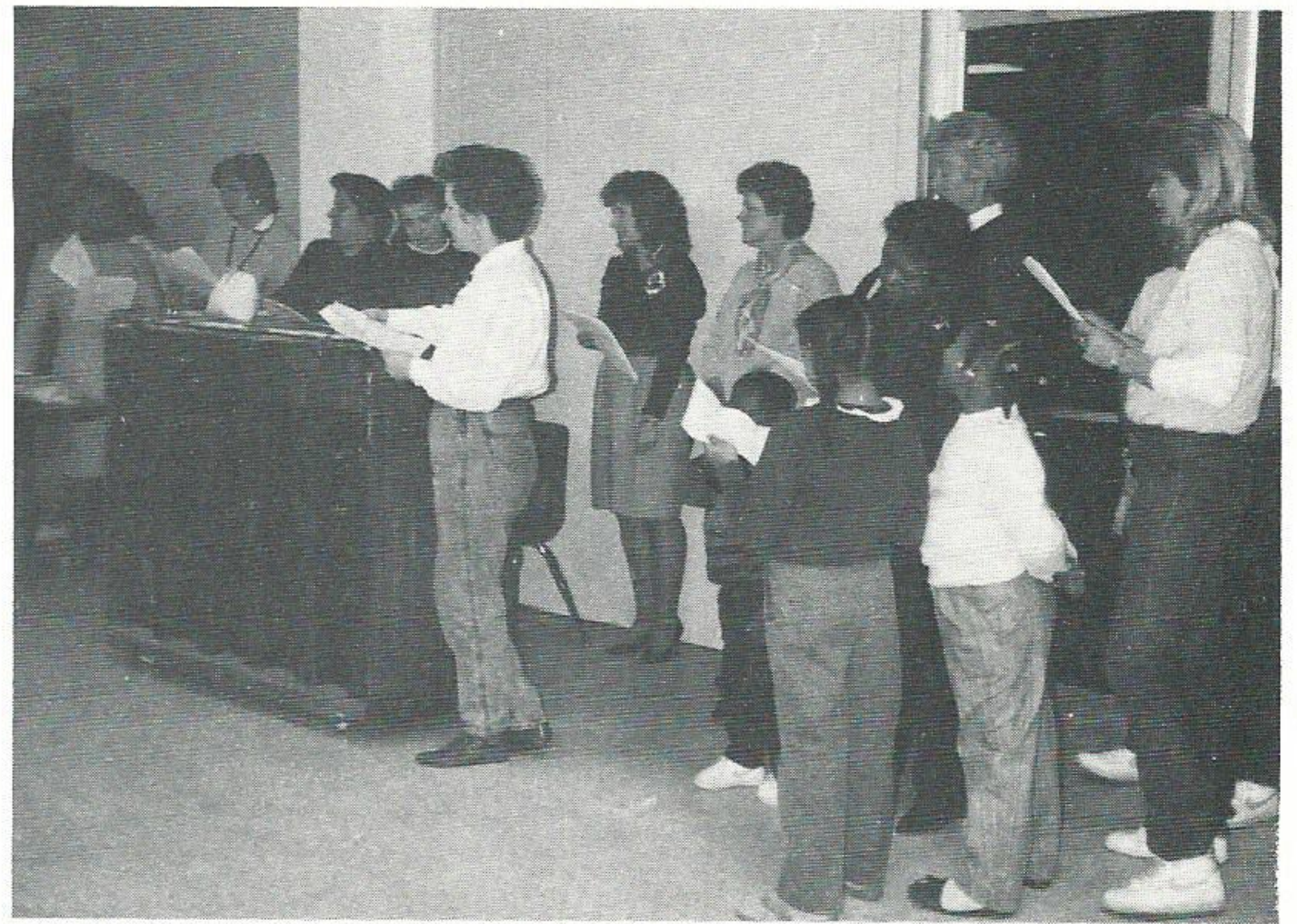
In Lake Charles, employees are partners with students at S.P. Arnett Middle School in Westlake. “Partners in Education is a sharing of resources between the company and the

school,” explains Donna Little, customer information coordinator, Lake Charles.

GSU has been a partner with the middle school for three years. “The program has been received very well by everyone involved,” says Little.

Little says there are a number of projects geared toward improving students' learning skills. These include a “most improved student of the month” award and the ACE project which encourages kids to complete their homework. Another interesting program is the shadow study where students visit work locations like the Nelson Coal power plant, and observe workers.

Students share their resources with GSU, as well. According to Little, the art class displayed shoebox Mardi Gras floats at different work locations.



Left, Sue Williams presents a Project Home Safe inservice training to teachers at an elementary school in Port Arthur. Above, Students from S.P. Arnett Middle School join Lake Charles employees in Christmas caroling at a nursing home in Lake Charles.

Students also work on GSU community projects such as collecting goods for holiday baskets, Christmas caroling and Earth Day exhibits.

"The art class is currently producing yellow support ribbons to wear," says Little. "Employees will be going to the school to work with the kids to create a visible symbol of support for the troops returning from Operation Desert Storm."

When it comes to staying by themselves, most kids aren't as well equipped as the young boy in the hit movie, "Home Alone." However, third graders in Port Arthur should feel safer these days thanks to Project Home Safe, a safety-oriented self-care program designed for children who spend time on their own at home before or after school.

"We've presented home

safety information to over 1,000 children," says Sue Williams, supervisor-customer services, Port Arthur. Project Home Safe, which was piloted in one elementary school in 1989, gives kids home tips on using the phone, basic cooking skills, kitchen safety, handling an emergency and electrical safety.

"Teachers present the information in six units," explains Williams, "and the kids receive a certificate upon completion."

The program, now in four schools, is targeted to third graders because research suggests that's when parents feel students are old enough to be left alone.

"The response from schools has been terrific," says Williams. "Teachers like having the information ready to teach." Project Home Safe is also

presented in schools in Beaumont and Western Divisions.

The Baton Rouge Division Safety Committee sees to it that kids learn about electricity early. "We felt it was important for kids to respect electricity," says Cheryl Dispenza, senior stenographer, Baton Rouge, and committee secretary.

"For the Children's Safety Program, the committee uses a scaled-down model of a house designed by fellow employee Greg Beckstrom. The display also has a child flying a kite, a man with an antenna near a wire and a fire truck next to a utility pole," says Dispenza.

In the program, linemen and servicemen describe what they do and what they use for safety.

"It's been going over well," says Dispenza. "We started off



Left, John Richard, serviceman 1st-class, Port Allen, uses the safety display at a program at the Baton Rouge General Hospital Safety Expo last September. Below, Louie the Lightning Bug greets children at Main Street on the Neches festival in Beaumont.

contacting schools. Now, they call us.”

In its third year, employees also present the program during the summer at the YMCA and summer camps. “We’ve given the program to nearly 15,000 children and visited 75 schools and/or day camps,” says Dispenza.

From bucket trucks to basic electrical safety, Beaumont Division has a prime “spokesperson” in Louie the Lightning Bug. “Kids recognize him right away,” says Jo Nell Barrett, customer information coordinator, Beaumont. “They know who he is.”

One of the safety programs presented deals with the bucket truck. “First, we send out a video about Louie and safety tips for children. Then we go to the school where a lineman tells about the truck and the equipment that keeps him



safe,” says Barrett. “Louie also comes along and reviews the safety tips presented on his video.”

“Louie’s Corner” is a new feature in the Liberty/Pearl building. “This is a place where children can sit and learn about electrical safety while their parents take care of business,” says Barrett. “We hope to make some additions to

the corner that will create more learning experiences for the children.”

To the children, Louie is more than a larger-than-life character. “The children equate Louie with electrical safety,” says Barrett.

From bears to bugs, Gulf States has a variety of programs that reach out to future customers.

Three industry magazines publish employees' story



Left to right, co-authors Al Gahn and Ray Jackson at one of the operator keyboards. Photo by Charlie Flynn.

by Robert Adams

For the third time, a major utility industry magazine has published an article authored by three Gulf Staters. The article, written by Al Gahn, test and electrical supervisor, Louisiana Station; Ray Jackson, general maintenance supervisor, Willow Glen; and Claud Hueszel, controls supervisor, production support, Beaumont, now appears on the front page of **World Cogeneration**.

Jackson says the article first appeared in 1989 in an issue of **Power Engineering** and later in **Industrial Heating**. It describes how Louisiana Station, a cogeneration facility before the term became popular, upgraded and distributed its control systems using several computers located at strategic points throughout the plant.

The article tells how GSU took a "major step toward modernizing the controls of

Louisiana Station and bringing them into the digital world," says Jackson. "It's a classic example of how you can take old designs and tie them together in distributed control systems on a fiber optic network."

He points to two aspects of Louisiana Station to explain why the article has enjoyed enough interest to be reprinted twice: cogeneration and updating analog systems with digital controls.

"I think it's good for the plant," says Gahn. "I like to see the plant get some publicity to show some of the things that we've done over here with the instrumentation and control systems."

All three employees wrote a portion of the article. They sent it to Leeds and Northrop, an equipment supplier, who added more information, edited it and handled the publication details.



*Claud Hueszel with copies of **World Cogeneration**, **Power Engineering** and **Industrial Heating**. The article co-authored by Hueszel, appeared in all three publications. Photo by Scott Harper.*

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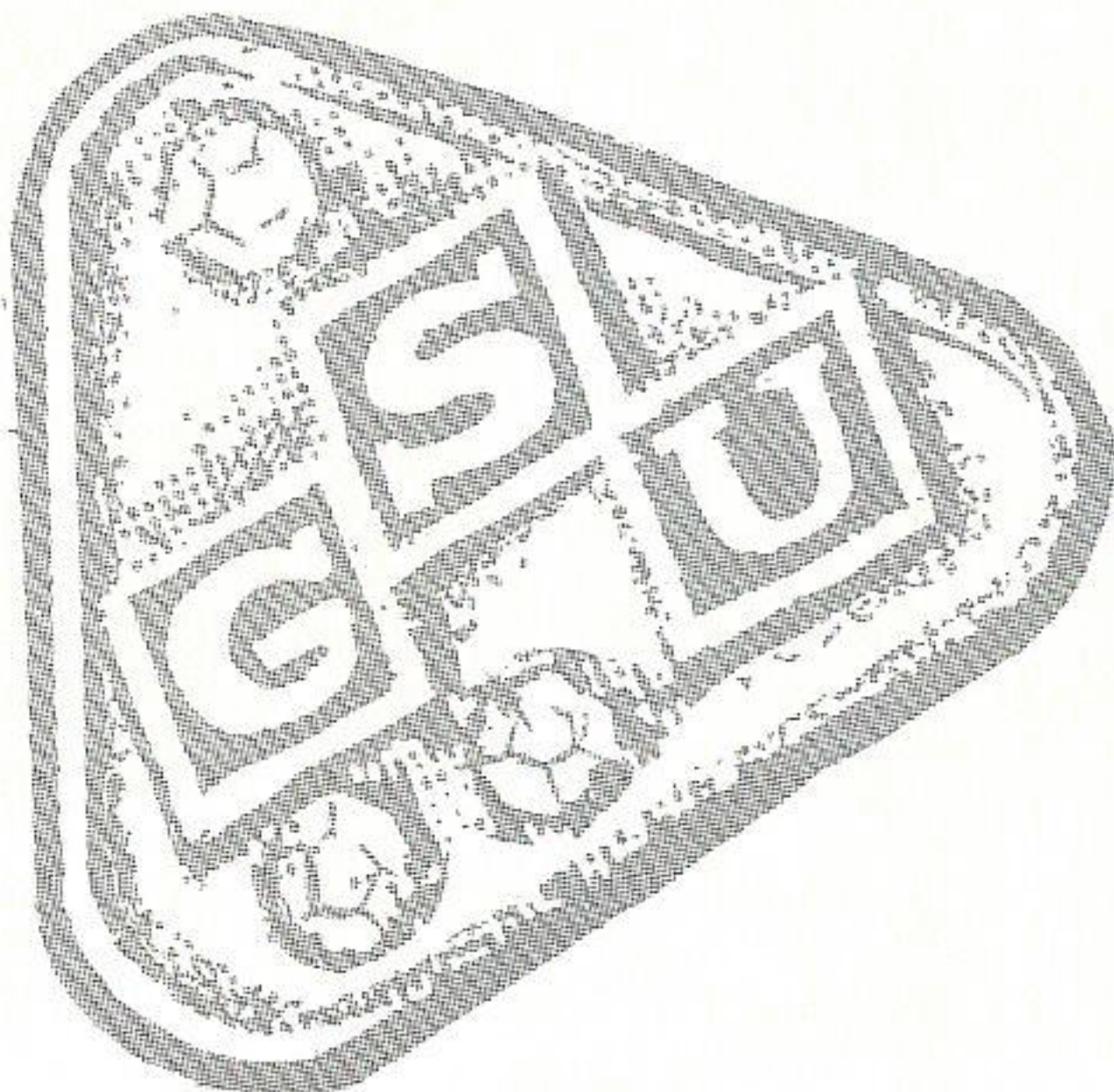
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McCormick at the March of Dimes awards ceremony.

Educational assistance

Joel Jeffcote, general superintendent, Lafayette, received this letter from Babette Stephen, teacher, Opelousas Senior High School, Opelousas:

"On behalf of the Environmental Science Classes at Opelousas High School, I would like to thank you for the wonderful presentation given by **Liz Duhon**. She really did a great job in her lessons on energy and conservation. She gave each student two GSU handouts on 'how to save on your energy bill.' I have found the information so useful that I did reinforce the lesson by including questions and listing on a test. Thanks again for helping in the education career of our young people."

Duhon is customer information coordinator in Lafayette.

Efforts recognized

"I wanted to share with you the good news that **Doug McCormick** is the 1990 recipient of the March of Dimes Award of Distinction for Fundraising," writes Angela Baker, division director, March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation, Beaumont, to **Dr. Linn Draper**, CEO and chairman, Beaumont.

"Doug's first campaign began back in 1986 when he was elected floor captain for GSU's team...After serving in several other capacities, Doug went on to serve as Beaumont's Walk-America chairman for two years. During his tenure as chairman, WalkAmerica raised over \$217,000...We are so appreciative of Doug's tremendous efforts and commitment..."

McCormick is coordinator-Texas communications in Beaumont.

Cordial commendation

"As a customer of many years, I wanted to take a few minutes and let you know about two of your employees," writes Beaumont customer Robert D. Daigle. "**J.B. Flanagan** and **Frank Gammage** were courteous and helpful when they connected my service."

"I think efficiency and friendliness should be commended. If more employees of GSU were as cordial and skilled as these two men apparently are, more good would be thought of GSU."

Flanagan is serviceman 1st-class and Gammage is lineman 1st-class. Both are in Beaumont.

Genuine interest

Shareholder Davis M. Short, Lochmere, New Hampshire, sent this letter in appreciation of **Yvonne Honsberger**, senior stenographer, Beaumont:

"I would like to commend an employee, Yvonne Honsberger, for her courteous, helpful and efficient way of handling a recent problem I had with my account."

"So often a person deals with inefficient people that it was a pleasure to talk to someone who took a genuine interest in my problems and followed it through. I only wish there were more like her."

Expanding company

Marilyn Coleson, clerk, Conroe, received this note from Conroe customer Elda Ramirez:

"...I would like to extend my appreciation for the arrangements you made through the phone. You were very kind and understanding and I realize that it's people like you who help a company expand."

Answering the call

Sharon Holeman, Volunteer Center of Southwest Louisiana, Lake Charles, writes to thank **Becky Watson**, supervisor-customer services, Lake Charles, for GSU assistance in a telethon:

"Please accept our sincere thanks for all that Gulf States Utilitites did for us in making possible the Volunteer Connection Telethon. Your willingness to provide space, phone lines and all the various help that was needed to undertake this telethon is deeply appreciated."

"...I wish to especially thank **Clyde Mitchell**, **Wayne Fails** and **Wiltz Hanks**. They were just great and anticipated every need even before Jackie LeBlanc and I thought of it. Again, thank you and the generous people of Gulf States for all that you did for us."

Mitchell, customer affairs coordinator; Fails, communications foreman; and Hanks, communications serviceman-1st class; are all located in Lake Charles.

Delightful program

"Our Alpha Omega luncheon was a great success due to you and your **Reddy Rhythms**," writes Doris Morrison, Alpha Omega Class, First United Methodist Church, Beaumont, to **Scott Harper**, employee communications representative, Beaumont.

"Everyone enjoyed you very much and told me it was the best entertainment we ever had...Being a former employee of Gulf States, I was especially proud of all of you and cannot thank you enough for your delightful program."

The Reddy Rhythms is a volunteer musical group located in Beaumont.

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March of Dimes says thank you with awards



Left to right, Adams, Lacy, Carliss and Les Jones, accept plaques for their participation in "Footsteps" and "The Hero," two songs written by Les Jones for WalkAmerica.

Gulf States was honored by the Beaumont March of Dimes by being the recipient of the 1990 March of Dimes Award of Excellence for Fundraising. "We presented Ed Loggins (senior executive vice president-operations) on behalf of Gulf States Utilities with this prestigious award at our annual awards and volunteer recognition event," writes Angela Baker, March of Dimes division director.

Baker says WalkAmerica has a solid commitment from the employees of GSU. "Their commitment is outstanding," she says. "Not only was their WalkAmerica team number one in 1990 with 200 walkers raising \$15,750, but several dedicated employees helped organize the event while talented songwriters, producers and performers contributed two very special songs to the event."

Les Jones, customer information coordinator; Carliss Jones, secretary; Robert Adams, audiovisual advisor; Scott Harper, employee communications representative; Frank Shannon, sales and marketing representative, Vari-Tech; Karen Jones, senior systems analyst; Quentin Whitman, supervisor-application systems; Andy Bunn, building technician; Andy Grosze, senior planning engineer; and Oliver Lacy Jr., senior engineering assistant, were all presented special awards for their production and performance of "Footsteps" and "The Hero", two songs Les Jones wrote specifically for WalkAmerica. Adams produced two videos for the walk.

Doug McCormick, coordinator-Texas communications, was also recognized with the 1990 Award of Distinction for Fundraising. McCormick first got

involved with WalkAmerica as a floor captain for Edison Plaza in 1986. He went on to become the chairman of Beaumont's WalkAmerica for two years. Over \$217,000 was raised under McCormick's chairmanship.



Ed Loggins accepts the 1990 March of Dimes Award of Excellence for Fundraising on behalf of Gulf States employees. In 1990, Gulf Staters raised over \$15,000 for the Beaumont March of Dimes Foundation.

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