

Performance to celebrate Black History Month Feb. 16

In celebration of Black History Month, Penn State Wilkes-Barre will present The NOMMO Performing Arts Company on Mon., Feb. 16, at 7 p.m. in Hayfield House. The program is sponsored by the Campus Environment Team as part of its Diversity Series and is free and open to the public.

The NOMMO Players, made up of more than 30 students at Penn State's University Park campus, focuses on integrating the three art forms, dance, theater and music into a unified experience that reflects the culture and traditions of Africans and African-Americans. The material, both traditional and original, that is performed by the company is selected with the intent of educating and informing.

In their concerts, the actors, dancers, singers and musicians provide their audiences with images from traditional African and contemporary African-American life. These concerts, while classified as "entertainment" will, in fact, be part of NOMMO's basic philosophical push.

The name NOMMO was chosen because it implies more than entertainment. Taken from Kiswahili, the word is difficult to translate into English but the concept is that of a seed. The word (play, song, dance, etc.) is a seed planted through the senses into the mind of the observer/participant. That observer/participant then has the responsibility of nourishing the seed and growing in the knowledge of African and African-American culture.

The company performs regularly for many Penn State campus activities, including Homecoming, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration programs, "A Touch of Africa" and hosts the Penn State Kwanzaa celebration. NOMMO also hosts its own annual concert and offers workshops, master classes, residencies and performances at colleges and universities across the country.

For more information on the NOMMO Players performance or other Diversity Series programs, call the campus at 675-9266.



Pictured here with employees of CRI, is Ian Gammage, Executive Vice President, receiving the 'Dock to Stock' award from Karen Drouin and Bob Mulcahey of Moore Documentation Automation Systems.

Coates Reprographics wins 'Dock to Stock' award

The closing month of 1997 will be remembered with gratification by all at Coates Reprographics Inc. in Dallas. During December, the company was recognized independently by two organizations for the quality of its business activities.

In addition to attaining the ISO9002 registration through the British Standards Institution, CRI was presented with a 'Dock to Stock Award' by one of their long standing OEM customers, Moore Document Automation Systems.

For years the quality management systems at CRI had been built around the ISO9001 procedures established in 1990 at Coates Electrophotography, their sister facility in England.

Although CRI has not experienced significant market pressure to possess a "quality badge", the employees had long appreciated the benefits that a documented quality management system brings to its operations, and subsequently to its customers, both internal and external.

In order to maintain competitive advantage and increase marketing and sales opportunities, it was decided to obtain registration to ISO9002, the international standard for quality systems that is recognized worldwide. The scope of this registration

at CRI covers its sales, purchasing, production and customer service processes. This quality management system provides the basic tools for CRI to fulfill its commitment to meet the ever changing needs of its customers through continuous improvement of its products, service and technical support.

Quality improvement within the company has long been driven from the top by group Managing Director, Mike Cockett, and has received continued support at all levels of the organization. The coordinating of ISO9002 activities at CRI was undertaken by the Technical Manager, Tony Nickalls. On completion of this exercise he remarked that "It was hard work, but it has helped us in ways too numerous to mention. Things we thought we were doing beforehand, we are now actually doing".

Sales Co-ordinator, Tom Brody, explained - "At first I thought it was just a lot of hard work, but now we can trace what we've done and why we've done it. We are not just doing things by default".

Jim Collins, Financial Controller for CRI, summed up his thoughts of the ISO9002 system. "It provides the discipline needed for ongoing operating plans and keeps you on track." As a result of the ISO9002 sys-

tem Chris Raynes felt that "we are running a tighter ship and making more presentable products". An operator in CRI's filling and packing department, he reflected that the process of formalising practices within the ISO9002 system "was not earth shattering, but it allows us to focus more on keeping up our operating speeds, without losing accuracy". He concluded that the ISO9002 system "can only do good".

Coates Reprographics is a member of the Coates Brothers group of companies, which is a wholly owned subsidiary of Total, the French oil and gas organization that employs over 57,000 people in operations throughout 80 different countries.

CRI began operations in Dallas in 1978, distributing non-impact printing consumables for use in copiers and high speed printers. Since then it has established manufacturing capabilities within the Country Club Road factory and is now one of the country's leading independent suppliers of toners and jet inks to the USA, Canada and parts of South America.

Coates has been developing non-impact printing materials for over 30 years and the company positions itself within the industry on the basis of the quality and consistency of its products.

Motorcycle Show to be held Feb. 15

Wyoming Valley's Second Annual Motorcycle Show is scheduled for Feb. 15, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Kingston Armory. Proceeds from the event will benefit Wyoming Valley Children's Association, a UnitedWay agency which provides therapeutic services to children who have disabilities. The show, which is sponsored by the George M. Dallas Masonic Lodge #531, the 109th Field Artillery Battalion Pennsylvania National Guard and The Bear at 95.7 and 97.9 FM will feature bikes from Two Jacks, Electric City Harley-Davidson and Rider's World along with bikes from individuals throughout Northeastern Pennsylvania. Trophies will be awarded in a number of categories. Admission is \$3 (children under 12 years old are admitted free) and the public is invited to attend.

Dallas 1978 class reunion meeting

Anyone interested in planning and organizing a 20th class reunion for the Dallas High School Class of 1978, please meet at the Grotto Sports Bar at Harveys Lake on Sun., Feb. 22 at 7:00 p.m.

SENIOR MENUS

Senior Citizens Centers sponsored by the Luzerne/Wyoming Counties Bureau for the Aging offer hot noon meals Monday through Friday to people 60 years of age or older. Donations from participants are gratefully accepted and needed in order to expand this program.

The following is the menu for the week of February 16. All meals include margarine, milk and coffee.

MONDAY - Centers closed in observance of President's Day.

TUESDAY - Turkey divan, seasoned rice, sliced beets, whole wheat bread, vanilla wafers.

WEDNESDAY - Stuffed peppers w/tomato sauce, whipped potatoes, broccoli, whole wheat bread, tapioca pudding.

THURSDAY - Hot dog w/baked beans, tater tots, sauerkraut, tomato juice, hot dog roll, chilled peaches, ketchup, mustard.

FRIDAY - Crab cakes, au gratin potatoes, carrots, cranberry juice, dinner roll, oatmeal cookie, tartar sauce.



Bank donates to BMT library

Summit Bank, 225 Memorial Highway, Dallas, recently held a ribbon cutting ceremony and reception to celebrate the newly remodeled branch office and new drive thru automatic teller machine. A complete branch interior renovation was completed in mid December. To commemorate the event, Summit Bank made a \$2,500 contribution to the Back Mountain Memorial Library's Campaign Drive for the new Children's Wing.

Shown at the presentation, from left are, Gary Lamont, Summit Bank Senior Regional Vice-President; John Gager, Co-chairman of the Back Mountain Memorial Library Fund Campaign for the new Children's Wing; Marilyn Rudolph, Children's Wing Librarian; Karen Shuster, Dallas Office Manager and William Joseph, Summit Bank Wyoming Valley Market Manager.

Audubon Society to hold lecture Feb. 16

"Two is Company", "5.8 Billion is a Crowd," a lecture, slide and interactive presentation, will be the program at the meeting of the Greater Wyoming Valley Audubon Society, Mon., Feb. 16, at 7:30 p.m. at the Dallas United Methodist Church. Marcy Mowery, former director of the Audubon Council of Pennsylvania and wetlands project coordinator and now associated with national Audubon, will discuss the impact of world population growth on the habitat of birds and other wildlife and on the quality of human life. The program is free and open to the public.

Cider Painters to meet February 18

If you like art and painting in miniature feel welcome to come to the next meeting of the Cider Painters of America. Mon., Feb. 16, 7 p.m. at the Waterlily, 4 Main Street, Shavertown.

There is a short business meeting, then an art demonstration with refreshments following.

For more information contact Dan 639-2537 or call the Waterlily 696-0918.

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