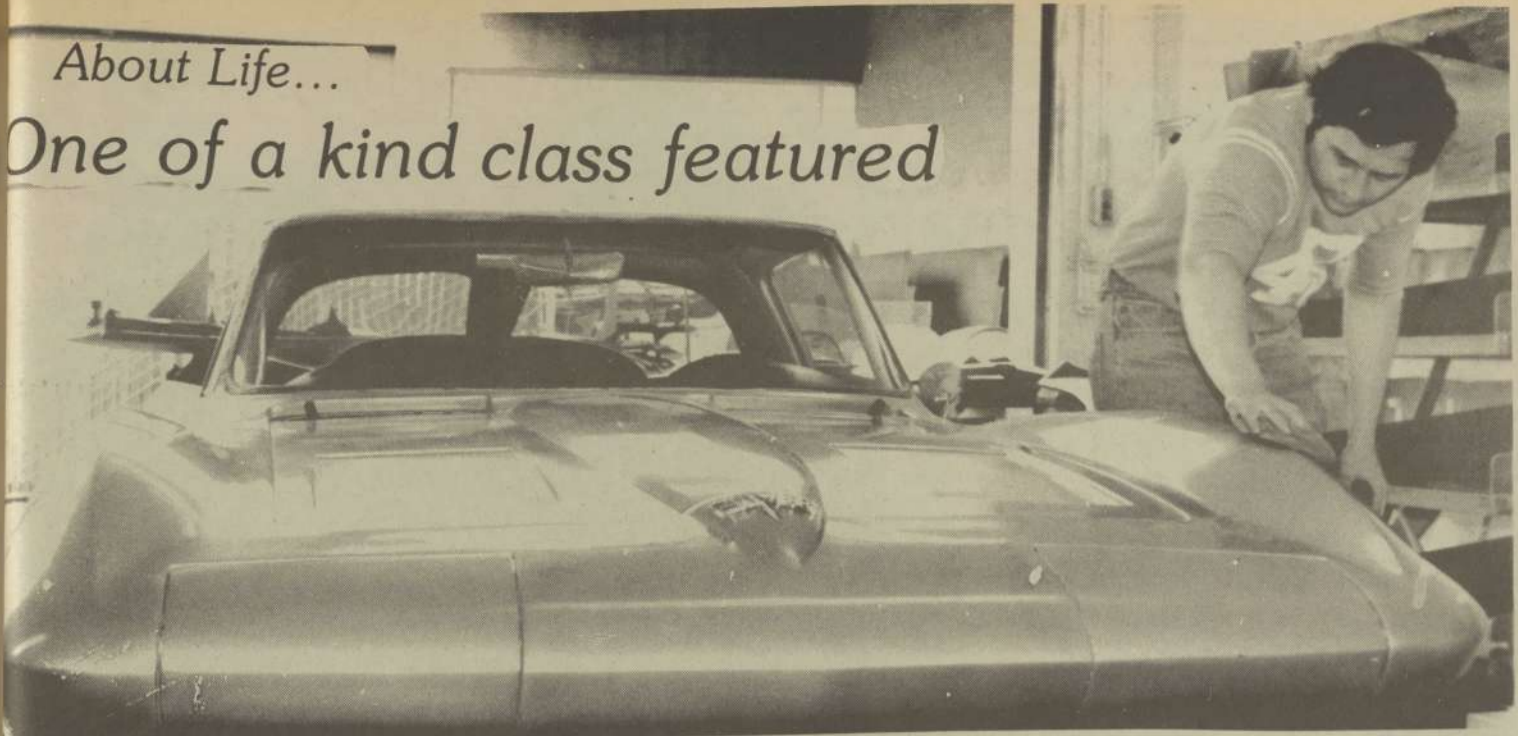


About Life...

# One of a kind class featured



REG WILLIAMS EXAMINES three terms' worth of work on silver '63 Corvette which will be shown at swap meet this summer.

The Auto Body Fiberglass class, the only one of its kind in the United States, which had been given the death sentence for the 1982-83 school year, has been rescued from its fate and will resume fall term at the College.

The class attracts automotive majors, and students from all walks of life and enables them to repair and restore their vehicles. The class is held every other Saturday.

Instructor John Jensen, who years earlier went through the automotive program at the College, does not recommend the class for those who are unwilling to put up with such "minor" inconveniences as "fiberglass itch," fiberglass dust (which permeates every available object), extensive elbow grease, fumes from resins and thinners (which test the olfactory senses), and the 12-hour class period.

Those who are willing to put forth the effort in projects which may last the school year or sometimes even a couple of years, depending on the restoration, are encouraged by occasional visits by "survivors" with their completed restorations. Some "survivors" even come back and go through the process a second time with another damaged car.

Many of the cars are "totaled" and can be purchased by students for a reasonable price. The students consider their hours of labor an "investment" in a car whose value will appreciate if properly restored. But perhaps the most predominant value at the end of a project is that of pride—pride at not only having restored a vehicle—but in having learned and mastered skills in a long and arduous process.

—Story and photo by Laura Henkes—



TOM BELL, CCC GED instructor sands back of a '63 Corvette convertible, which had been totaled.



VICTOR VAN KOTEN and wife Vicki (not pictured), completed a '63 Corvette. Their current project is this '63 convertible.



FLASHY RED '55 draws admiration of class. Bert Lukens' (right foreground) next undertaking is father-son project on '59 Corvette with his son, Kurt.

