

# Swap meet attracts diverse crowd

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The Record Bonanza, a swap meet for music collectors held on the CCC campus Sunday, May 19, brought together people from drastically different circles in our community as they searched for the one thing they had in common: a love of music.

They ranged in age from 16 to 80, and their backgrounds were as varied as could possibly be. Some came dressed in a tailored sportcoat and slacks, another wore cowboy boots while another had sandals, a t-shirt and hair almost down to his waist.

They stood shoulder to shoulder and browsed through

table after table, box after box full of albums, 45 rpm and a surprisingly large supply of 78 rpm records. There were also a few displays of music memorabilia, mostly from the 50's and 60's era, and mostly featuring the Beatles.

Dean Austinson, 16, of Lake Oswego, was searching through albums for soundtrack music from old movies. He knew exactly what he was looking for, "The Cane Mutiny, which is the most rare soundtrack I know of," said Austinson. He explained that only a few copies of the record escaped a mass destruction of the records after there was a dispute over royalty rights. "A

copy may turn up, probably when I least expect it," he said.

Austinson said he became interested in collecting records after he noticed the music more than the screen when he went to go see movies. He also watches television more for the music than the shows. "There is really a lot of good music on t.v.," he said.

Austinson collects records whenever he can, but he takes special advantage of the times when his family goes out of town on vacation.

"We went to Colorado a few weeks ago, and the first thing I did when we got there was open the phone book and

started calling old record shops." Austinson said he is interested in producing films as a career. He and his friends have already filmed a James Bond spoof, which they are now editing. Soon they will add the music, which is what Austinson is really looking forward to.

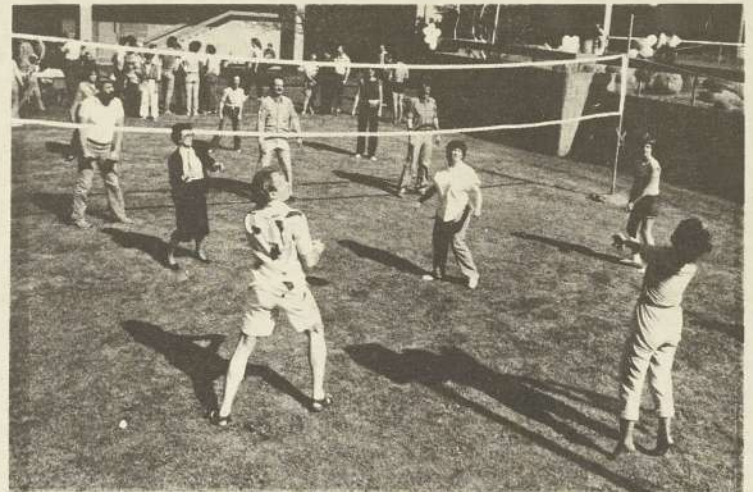
At the other end of the spectrum was 80-year-old Bill Blackburn, who is a retired record wholesaler with what he said is one of the largest collections of 78 r.p.m. records on the West coast.

Blackburn said his collection reaches from floor to ceiling, and stretches 50 feet down his basement wall. The collec-

tion has over 35,000 78 r.p.m. records, with titles dating back to early in the century.

Blackburn said that he enjoys the atmosphere of the swap meets, but he browses with little energy. He said that he really doesn't expect to find anything new that he hasn't already owned and traded away at some point in his career. "I figure that I have had about two million records over the years, so there is little that I would get excited about anymore."

The meet drew about 300 fans from the local area, and one dealer made about \$500 that day, said Don Rogers, organizer of the swap meet.



A BRIGHT AFTERNOON, a shining start-Clackamas Community College's new president shared the sunshine, music, volleyball, and picnic with a crowd of well-wishers that included staff, faculty and students.

Clockwise from upper left: President John Kiser; college folk attempt to complete volley during game; Cyndi Pucci presents Kiser with CCC baseball jacket; members of the band, Jr. Prom and the Twisters, rest between numbers.

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