

## Talent in Abundance at El Camino Proven Through Work of Alumni

Several stars now shining on screen, stage and TV first began to twinkle in theater arts classes at El Camino College.

Paul Comi, for example, has appeared in 14 television plays within the last few months. He starred in two motion pictures, "The Sixth Man" and "Dark at the Top of the Stairs."

Pleased with his dramatic roles, Comi would welcome a holiday from drama, to "clown it up" as he did in "Carousel," "Finian's Rainbow," and other college productions in which he played comic roles.

### TWO MOVIES

Presently, the talented young actor appears in two movies currently showing in Hollywood, "The Outsider" with Tony Curtis, and "Cape Fear," with Gregory Peck in the lead role. Comi "lashed out" in Wagon Train series and thrilled "em in "Ripcord." His next is a weirdy Hitchcock thriller, due on the TV screen any Tuesday.

A graduate of El Camino and USC, Comi says, "A college education is extremely important. Most people in film and television today, are college trained."

Another busy young actor is EC alum Gary Vinson. The blond, blue-eyed thespian was a regular in "Roaring 20's," and played the guest lead part of "Wilson" on March 16 in "Follow the Sun" with Barry Coe as the lead. He is now on location for a film at Review Studios.

While still in high school, Vinson brought the El Segundo Little Theater to life. He produced, directed and played in a series of productions. Among his leads was Sandy Yates, who continued theater arts studies at El Camino College. A few years ago she played the lead in "Stage Door" and "Wonderful Town" at the college. Miss Yates is now on a nation-wide tour, as one of the singing "French Sisters."

### GUEST LEAD

"Judgement at Nuremberg" currently playing and nominated for 11 Academy Awards, features alum Michael (Harry) Parks in a dramatic role. Parks played the guest lead in several "Bus Stop" series on TV; he also appeared in the Robert Taylor "The Detective" series and in other TV parts including guest leads on GE Theater.

A talent scout at MGM, Joe D'Agosta directed "View from the Bridge" and performed in several plays while a thespian at EC.

Gary Pagett is in New York, appearing in television, since he played the lead in the CBS Workshop presentation of "The Brick and the Rose." This original play was written by another Camino alum, Lew Carlinio. From El Camino, Carlinio enrolled at USC and won a scholarship to the Huntington Hartford Foundation. He is now under contract in New York, where he is writing a play.

### DESIGNER

One of the best student designers on campus was Terry Gates, who has since taken an active part backstage at the San Francisco

Light Opera Company. A Yale scholarship winner, his favorite course of study is still scenic design.

At Freedomland, the "Eastern Disneyland," the M.C. is Chuck Cox, who played the lead in EC's production of "View from the Bridge."

South Bayans still on stage in local little theaters are Dave Violetta, and Susan Allen. The latter recently played a dramatic role in "No Exit," produced at the Insomniac in Hermosa Beach.

K. Lye O'Dell, who enacted the lead in "J.B." in a Hollywood Little Theater, recently played King Lear last summer in Colorado, at the Shakespearean Festival there.

### OFF-BROADWAY

In an off-Broadway production of "White Cargo" EC thespian Tony Costano had an important role. Ed

Shaw is busy in television roles. Mary Blahay, known as Melora Conway in the Perry Mason shows, was also a regular in radio soap operas.

Carmelita Mann has taken leading roles in stock theaters for the past two years. Robert Newman is a drama director at a local little theater and teaches drama at Torrance High School. Duane Ryan, a former EC student president and actor, now teaches drama at Brigham Young University in Utah.

Mike Tandy, adept with scenery at the college, and Midge Kohlman a former Thespian Club president, are both on the payroll at the Sombra Theater in Arizona.

During 1960-1961, patrol cars of the California Highway Patrol traveled some 48,428,000 miles on rural and state highways.



RECALLING PAST DAYS on campus are Actor Paul Comi, former El Camino College associated student president and thespian, and Howard Banks, a member of the college faculty. Many El Camino theater arts alumni have made their way to the professional stage and screen.



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Candidate for Mayor

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And it is time for a change . . .

Because the conduct of the incumbent mayor at council meetings has been dictatorial as he refuses to let citizens talk. On the other hand, my record of 12 years on the city council shows I have always been interested in letting all persons be heard.

Because I want a representative policy on commission appointments. The incumbent mayor makes appointments alone, without consulting the city council members.

Because I have always maintained a moderate social and political viewpoint that does not embarrass the 110,000 residents of Torrance.

Because the incumbent mayor has spent \$12,404.17 of your money on city business for expenses during his tenure in office.

Because Superior Judge Gordon L. Files said of the incumbent mayor on Nov. 15, 1961: "It is perfectly clear that he doesn't understand the law or the constitution."

And Because my "special interests" are YOUR interests. I have worked to get more neighborhood parks for Torrance and to curtail wasteful, expensive programs.

I agree with you, the voters of Torrance: It's time for a change. I earnestly seek your support and your vote at the election next Tuesday.

Very sincerely yours,  
Willys G. Blount

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(This message sponsored by the Committee to Elect Blount for Mayor)