

Concern over a continuing erosion of individual and family benefits for members of the uniformed services is becoming increasingly vocal throughout the military.

One area of particular concern is focused on the medical care that soldiers and their dependents are receiving. Some individuals question whether post hospitals are providing maximum medical care and others complain that too much favoritism based on rank is practised. Are medical staffs capable of performing their mission in the best interests of all soldiers? And what is the Army's position on the use of so-called screeners?

In this interview with SP5 Frank Harris for the Redstone Rocket, the Redstone Army Hospital commander, Colonel James M. Feltis discusses medical programs in the modern Army and indicates that the care being provided is top quality.

Q: What percentage of patients are soldiers, retirees and dependents?

A: About one third are active duty military, one third dependents of active military and one third retired and their dependents. It's a pretty even distribution. In-patient percentages are running about 40 per cent active duty, 20 per cent dependents of active duty and the remaining patients 20 to 40 per cent are retired and their dependents. The larger number are active duty.

Q: How many doctors do you have per patient?

A: Well, we have eleven military physicians and two civilian physicians working in the hospital and clinic areas.

Q: Do you consider this adequate?

A: We're providing what we feel is quality medical care. Now there's no doubt that if we had more doctors, that the quality of care would increase, because the doctor or whoever is providing the care now may be only able to spend 10 to 15 minutes, where it would obviously be better if he were able to spend 30 minutes with a patient. That does not mean, however, that what a patient is receiving is not quality care. It just means that in a professional atmosphere, whether it be a doctor, lawyer or whoever, it's obvious that if he could spend more time that the quality would increase. Somewhere there is a point of no return, where he could

spend too much time and just be wasting his time and the patient's. I think we give quality care but certainly we could use more

"The dispensary is very slow and they show favoritism to rank. They don't really care if they cure you or not." a PFC

doctors, there's no doubt about that.

Q: What is the role of the dispensary in treating patients?

A: The Troop Clinic takes care of all active duty patients. Now there is a reason for this. Our mission here, as we see it, is to provide maximum care to the maximum number of people. Now to see a lot of people and not turn them away you have to have

a fairly good system. So what we try to do is to group people into categories. For active duty personnel we try to keep the

initial care in the troop clinic. This allows all active duty personnel to have a physician, allows them a place for follow-up, a place to become familiar with the doctor and in turn the doctor familiar with them, and their problems. If they need additional or specialty care they are then brought in to specialty clinics.

Q: Several soldiers have

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MPs Gunning For Redstone Motorists

Military Police have a gun trained on Redstone motorists. It fires radar beams instead of bullets and spotting speeders with it is as easy as making home movies.

"All you have to do is switch the gun on and point it", says Specialist 4 Keith Morris, an MP accident investigator. Called Speedgun, it is a hand-held radar unit that somewhat resembles a home-movie camera in both looks and the way it is handled. It instantly measures the speed of any vehicle it is aimed at.

For the past two weeks it has been in use here, mostly in the housing areas and at high-accident locations. A second Speedgun has been ordered.

"It's the most accurate speed measuring device a police unit can get", says Operations Sergeant Major

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Taking Aim

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Family Of Eagles

Greg, Bob and Steve Black, (left to right) sons of Mr. and Mrs. Robert O. Black, get together during the holidays to talk of their experiences in scouting. All are Eagle Scouts with Steve of Troop 374 earning the honor most recently. Their father is chief of the Test and Evaluation Directorate.

CG Appoints Board Of Directors

A Board of Directors has been appointed by Maj. Gen. George E. Turnmeyer to establish the MICOM position on current requirements, state-of-the-art and technology base available on missile and rocket systems so MICOM spokesman can speak with one voice when dealing with users of these weapons and with other government agencies.

Anti-tank missiles were the first category to be reviewed by the Board following a briefing based on an exhaustive study by the MICOM technical staff and

project officers.

Field artillery, air defense and heliborne systems are undergoing review and analysis in their areas so the Board can be briefed and establish policies for these systems.

Policies are not locked in concrete, according to Col. Michael J. Dooley, Board secretary. "We alter our position as changes and advancements are achieved in technology and in requirements," he said. "We bounce our capabilities against users' requirements on a continuing basis."

Dooley said the Board is intentionally composed of a small group, none of whom are advocates of any particular system.

Board members are: Turnmeyer, chairman; Brig. Gen. Grayson D. Tate, Jr., MICOM deputy commander; Col. Arthur G. Lange, Chief of Staff; Horace Lowers, chief engineer; Dr. John L. McDaniel, director, Missile Research, Development and Engineering Laboratory; and Dooley, director of Plans and Analysis.

Armed Forces Band Here In February

The United States Armed Forces Bicentennial Band and Chorus is scheduled to perform in Huntsville's Von Braun Civic Center Auditorium on February 14.

The musical unit was established by the Armed Forces to join in the nation's bicentennial celebration. It has already played before a half million people, and it will continue touring throughout 1976.

The band consists of 65 instrumentalists, and there are 24 voices in the evenly divided mixed chorus. The group is directed by Lieutenant Colonel Richard E. Thurston, U.S. Air Force.

The concert will be free to the public. It will feature the best in American music from throughout the first 200 years.

Two-Year Scholarships Leading To Commission

WASHINGTON (ANF)—Active duty enlisted men and women may gain a college degree—paid for by the Army—and a commission by applying for Army ROTC two-year college scholarships beginning this week. The application deadline is April 15.

The two-year ROTC scholarship pays full tuition, books, educational fees and \$100 per month subsistence allowance for up to 20 months. In addition, students receive about \$500 for advanced camp—normally attended between the junior and senior years of college. Along with

the scholarship benefits, winners may also be eligible to receive GI educational benefits.

To be eligible, enlisted soldiers must have at least one year of active duty, be under 25 when eligible for commissioning and have at least two but not more than 2½ years of college credit.

Upon graduation, the former enlisted soldier will be commissioned as a second lieutenant with a 4-year obligation.

Applications and more information may be obtained from Army ROTC Scholarships, Ft. Monroe, Va. 23651.

Black History Dance

The Redstone Non-Commissioned Officers Club's contribution to observance of Black History Month will be a historical costume dance open to all military personnel and their guests at the Club February 7.

Costumes are to cover the Reconstruction period in U.S. history, 1850-1895, and will represent generally what was

typical of that era. Officials in the MICOM Race Relations Office suggest that variations of the kind of clothing worn by slaves and plantation owners might be appropriate.

Music for dancing will be furnished by a Black band from Nashville.

No reservations are required for attendance at the dance, and there is no charge.

The Rocket

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A Better Life For All Races

An overflow crowd filled the Post Chapel last Thursday to commemorate the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The Reverend Joseph E. Lowery, minister of the Central United Methodist Church in Atlanta was the guest speaker.

The Huntsville native spoke of his friendship with the late Dr. King and related some of the important accomplishments of the King-spearheaded movement.

Lowery stressed the fact that color is only skin deep and encouraged people of all races to work together for a better life.



LUNCHEON GUESTS—Maj. Gen. George E. Turnmeyer, MICOM Commander, visited with the guest speaker for Martin Luther King Memorial services at Redstone last week, the Rev. Joseph E. Lowery, right, and his wife preceding a luncheon in Lowery's honor at the Redstone Officers Open Mess. With them is Charles Ray, MICOM EEO Officer.

Retired Military Council

A Redstone Retiree Council to represent the interests of all local retired military personnel has been appointed, and will hold its first meeting February 4 at 9 a.m. in Rm-A-115, Bldg. 5250.

Council appointees, all of whom are retired military personnel, are: Col. Robert J. Bennett, Huntsville; LTC Eldon Borell, Decatur; LTC J. D. Horne, Jr., Huntsville; LTC William Baker, Huntsville; Maj. Allan Metzger, Huntsville; CWO 4 Spencer Ball, Huntsville; MSG Robert Sawada, Huntsville; MSG Harold W. Pierce, Trinity; SFC James H. Varner, Huntsville; SFC William Kyle, New Market; SP 7 William LeMay, Hartselle; and SSG Morris Gibbs, Sheffield.

Two members of the Retired Officers Association will be added and their names announced later.

Council members were selected from retired military personnel in the 10 northern Alabama counties who volunteered to serve.

Training Chief Talks To FEW

The regular monthly meeting of the North Alabama Chapter of Federally Employed Women will be held in the Safeguard Room of the Officers Open Mess, Tuesday evening, January 27.

The guest speaker for the evening will be William Clark, head of MICOM's Training and Development Branch in Civilian Personnel. Clark will talk on "Government Training Programs," giving special emphasis to local applications.

Visitors are welcome to join with FEW members for the meeting and may make reservations with Osie Neblett (881-2012) or Mary Spears (876-4676) by noon on Monday.

Estimators Hear PPG Official

The greater Huntsville Chapter of the National Estimating Society will hold a dinner meeting at the Ramada Inn, Monday evening, January 26, starting at 5:30.

The guest speaker will be Jack Robinson of PPG Industries in Huntsville. Robinson's presentation will be on "Cost Estimating at PPG."

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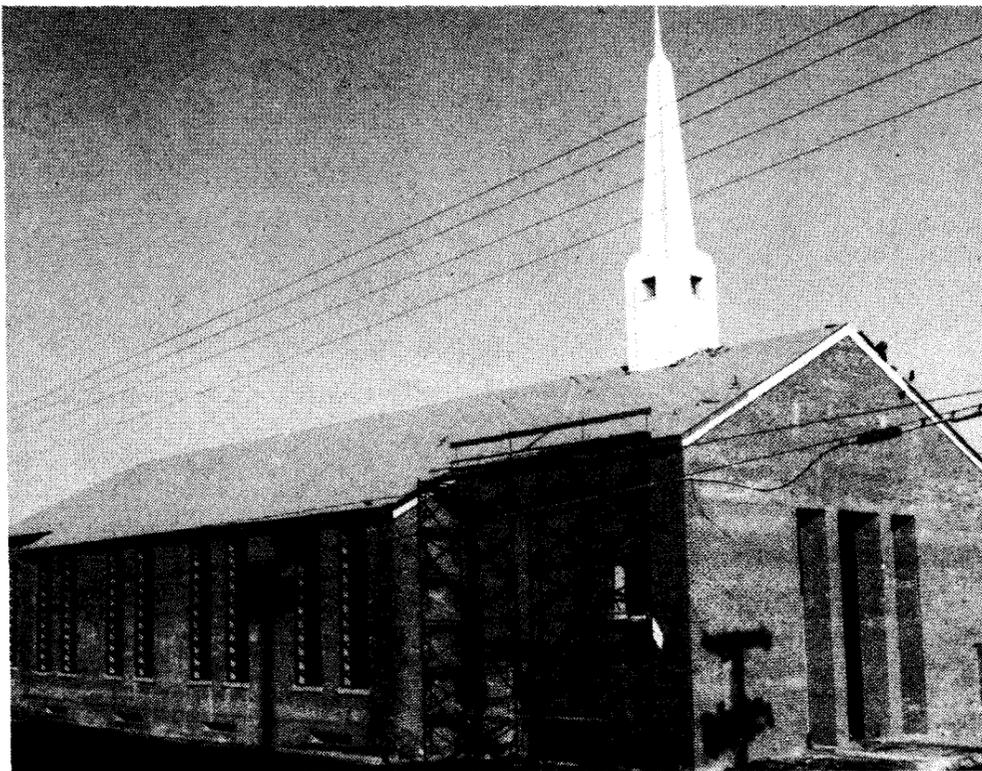


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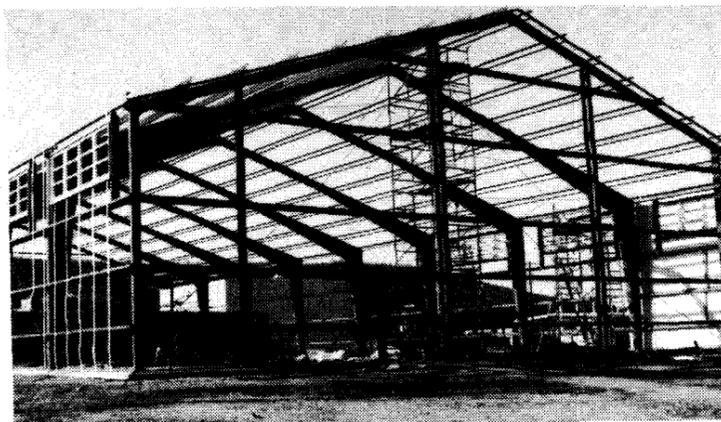
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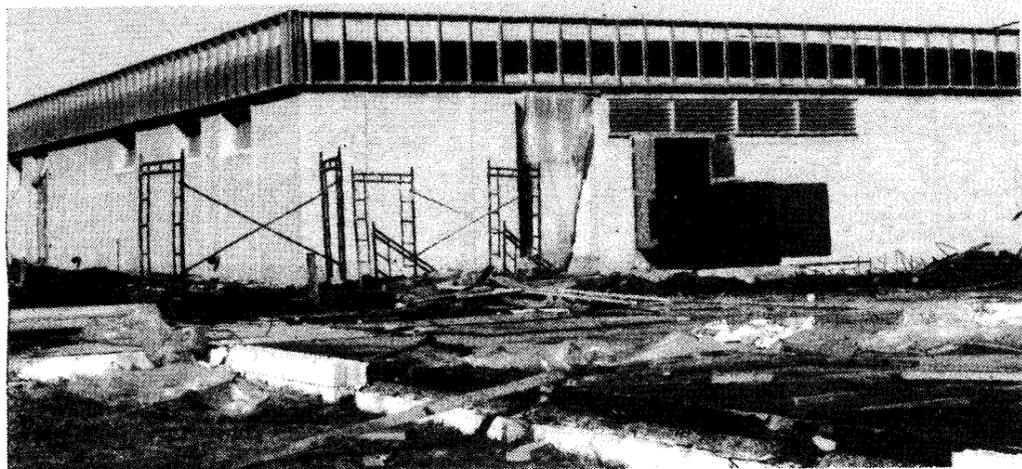
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MPs Gunning For Motorists

(From Front Page)

Franklin Chrisman of Internal Security. It's also the most versatile and easy to use, the MPs say.

"You can read the speed of a vehicle the moment it comes into sight", says Staff Sergeant Gary Jerald, traffic NCO. He reports getting readings at distances of a half-mile and more. The speed registers in miles per hour on a screen before the MP's eyes, in the same manner a digital clock displays the time. "By pulling the trigger you lock in the reading and show it to the violator", Jerald added. A red light flashes on the screen if the vehicle is speeding in excess of 100 mph.

The Speedgun will measure the speed of cars traveling both toward or away from the beam at virtually any angle. Speed measurements taken with the car moving into or away from the beam either directly or at angles up to approximately 20 degrees are totally accurate. Measurements taken at larger angles are less accurate, but the error is always in favor of the driver as the car will register as traveling slower than it actually is. The accuracy of the instrument is verified with a tuning fork before and during each period of use.

The gun, according to Specialist Morris, is essentially a compact version of the larger conventional

radar units police have been using for years. "It has the same size beam and works on the principle as our other radar", he said.

He also pointed out that the new gun requires no set up time, and permits one man and one car to do the same job that requires two men and two cars with conventional radar. "One man can do the whole operation", says Morris, "you don't have to have a stop car. You can stay near the car and use it in the hand-held method, or operate it inside the car from a stationary mount. Of course a partner can use the gun at a location away from the car and communicate by walkie-talkie."

Another advantage of the gun is that a person can learn to operate it in an hour or two, Sergeant Jerald said. In contrast Vascar, which shares many of Speedgun's advantages over conventional radar, requires extensive training. "It seemed like we'd no sooner get people trained on Vascar than they'd get orders out of here", Jerald said.

The first thing Jerald tells an MP starting out to use the Speedgun is, "Don't point it at the sky!", lest the radar beams come in contact with an airplane. It seems that speeds in excess of 199 mph will befuddle the gun's wits.

Cowgill Named CB Club's President

Paul Cowgill, who goes by the name Peanut Whistle on the citizen's band airwaves, was recently elected president of the Redstone CB Club. The club,

which is open to active and retired military and Arsenal civil servants, meets at 6:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday and third Monday of every month at the Chapel

Annex.

Other new officers, with their CB handles in parentheses, are: Chris Christianson (Redman), first vice president; Neal Houston (Green Hornet), second vice president; Jean Shupe (Tiger Lady), secretary; Donne Scoffield (Venus), treasurer; and Larry Robbins (Jaybird), master at arms.

Bloodmobile

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Bicentennial Exhibit Coming

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The exhibit entitled, "Let Us Try," has embarked on a 15-month tour of communities across the country. It will be on display at the Mall Wednesday through Saturday from ten in the morning until nine each evening.

Colonel John Parrish, Division Engineer for the Huntsville Division, will host the 15 minute multi-screen, multi-image, audio-visual presentation of engineering achievements that dot the history of the Corps of Engineers since its beginning in 1775.

Depicted are surveying efforts in the West, dredging of rivers for transportation, construction of the Panama Canal, building of dams and hydroelectric plants, and protection of wildlife areas.

It has an appeal to all age groups and interests from school children to history buffs and environmentalists.



Corps of Engineers Bicentennial Exhibit

Warrant Officer Slots Filled By Senior NCOs

WASHINGTON (ANF)—In its recent review of officer requirements, DA found that about 1,000 authorized warrant officer positions could not be filled now or in the future from the programed

13,000-man warrant corps. And the warrant corps cannot be enlarged without adversely affecting the 85,125 commissioned officer force. Therefore, senior NCOs will step into about 580 warrant officer jobs

converted to enlisted positions. DA is studying further ways to convert the remaining 420 positions.

The warrant to enlisted job conversion will not affect career progression, promotion or the size of the warrant officer corps since the converted spaces cannot be filled from the current 13,000-man warrant force. DA officials emphasize the conversions will not result in a warrant officer RIF.

Affected NCOs are in career fields such as personnel administration; intelligence; communications; supply; weapons and mechanical maintenance; services; and marine operations.

The conversions were designed to mesh with EPMS and in some cases will enhance career progression in enlisted career fields. Care was taken to keep a balanced grade structure in affected fields.

In selecting warrant MOSs for conversion to NCO positions, DA looked at vacancies that would continue unfilled in both TDAs and TOEs throughout the major commands. The shortages by MOS

then were divided among the commands authorized the warrant MOS.

Rotation base, type of unit, availability of NCOs—or additional requirements—to step into the vacancies were considered. One-

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Meeting Notices

Protestant Women

The Protestant Women of the Chapel will meet at 9:30 next Tuesday morning in the Social Room of the Chapel. The program will feature a talk and slide presentation by Mrs. James Cox on the work in L'Abri, Switzerland. L'Abri is a clinic for those with spiritual needs. Mr. and Mrs. Cox worked for three years at the Swiss Clinic before returning to Huntsville where Cox is now the principal of the Westminster Christian Academy.

Diabetes Society

The Huntsville Chapter of the Lay Diabetes Society will meet at 7:30 on Thursday evening, January 22, in the Huntsville Hospital cafeteria. The guest speaker for the monthly meeting will be Dr. William Goodson, MD, director of Clinical Services for the Huntsville-Madison County Mental Health Center. All diabetics, their families and interested persons are encouraged to attend.

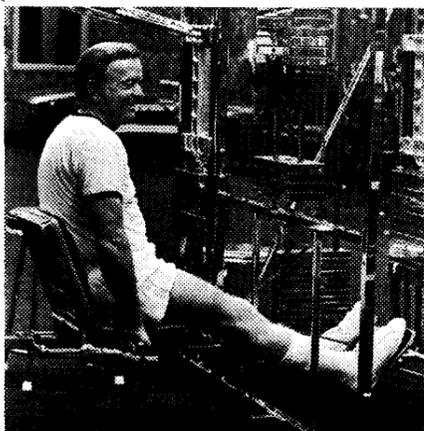
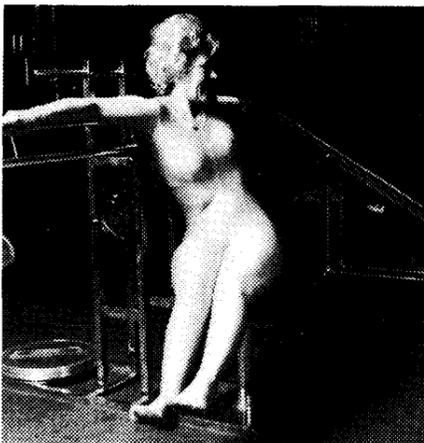
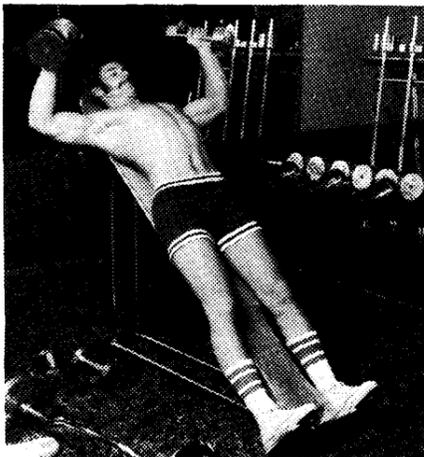
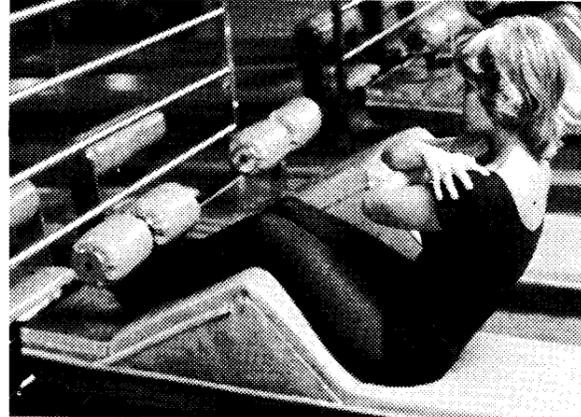
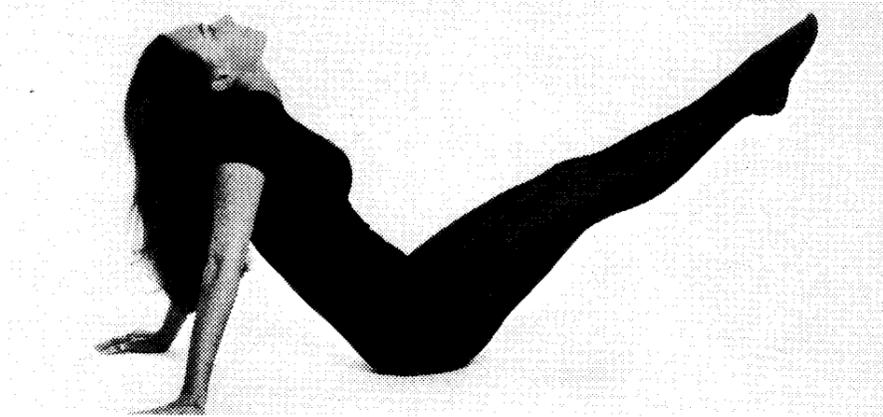
AIAA Meet

A certified hang-gliding instructor will give a talk on the aircraft and the sport at the AIAA annual awards banquet January 22 at the Holiday Inn. Richard T. Heckman, an MSFC engineer, will include local hang-gliding activities in his presentation. Tickets for the 7 p.m. banquet are \$7, obtainable from an AIAA representative.

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Control Systems

There will be a lunch meeting Friday of the IEEE Control Systems Society at the Officers Club. Dr. James C. Hung, a senior member of IEEE and professor of electrical engineering at the University of Tennessee, will speak on "On-line Identification of Parameters in Two Parallel Systems". Hung has worked at the Missile Command several times on a short-term basis. Reservations may be made with Ellen Bufkin, 539-4175, or Sam O'Hannian, 837-7200.



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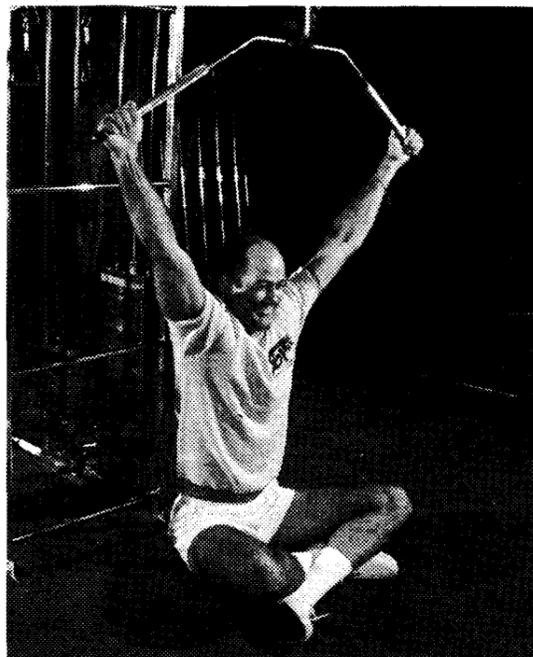
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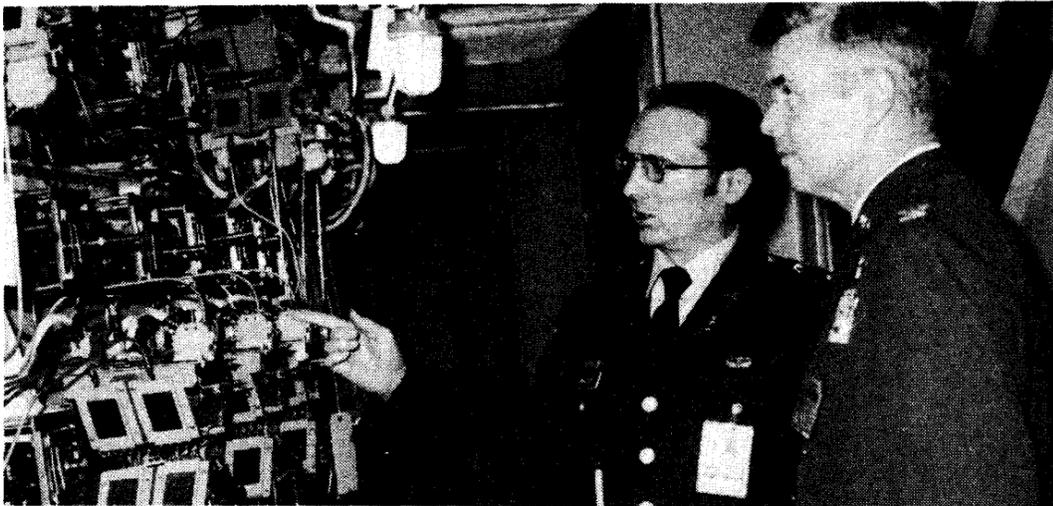


Old Crows Meeting

The Restone Rebel Roost, Association of Old Crows, will hold a technical meeting at two Thursday afternoon January 15, in Room A-215 of building 5400.

The speaker will be Colonel Ed Rock, chief of the Electronic Warfare Division, Tactical Air Warfare Center. Rock will discuss the WILD WEASEL program, electronic warfare activities, and the F-15 aircraft.

Persons planning to attend should contact Darwin Moss (6-1393 or 6-5524) for information concerning security clearance submission. Other inquiries should be directed to Steve Johnston (6-3716 or 6-4595).



THE "PLUMBING" WORKS—Major Clarence Longcor shows Colonel Edward T. Rock the rear side of the target array at the Advanced Simulation Center. Rock, Director of Electronic Warfare at Eglin AFB, toured the center before speaking to the Association of Old Crows at the Officer's Club. The Old Crows is an organization formed to promote electronic warfare.

Old Economic Acronym Applies To Missile Business

To the layman, TINSTAAFL, probably sounds like a typographical error, but to the more informed it is an old economic acronym meaning, "There Is No Such Thing As A Free Lunch."

TINSTAAFL is particularly appropriate to work being accomplished in Foreign Military Sales (FMS) in the arena of International Logistics (IL) at the Missile Command.

Unfortunately, many people, especially those employed outside the realm of the Federal Government and DOD contractors, remember the past history of military sales to foreign governments. The thought "another government freebie of my tax money" always comes to mind.

The so-called "freebie" or grant aid has declined considerably in recent years. The DOD grant aid military assistance program was \$5.7 billion in 1952 and has been \$600 million and less in recent years. On the other hand FMS, which began in 1950, has grown rapidly and sales exceeded \$10 billion in 1974 and \$9 billion in 1975.

Most of the hardware for FMS purchasers comes off the production lines of contractors. Only in unusual circumstances is military hardware diverted from U. S. requirements.

First, one needs to make it plainly clear that DOD regulations are designed to prohibit

the U. S. Government from either making or losing money in its transactions in FMS. In order to obtain an overview of how the system is designed to function, following is the procedure of a sale to a hypothetical country seeking to purchase via FMS a battalion (Bn) of Improved HAWK missiles.

FMS transactions are carried out under provisions of the Foreign Military Sales Act of 1950 as amended. The Department of State makes the decision whether or not a particularly country is eligible to make purchases under the act. A country may actually make a request through diplomatic channels to the Department of State, or through military channels to DOD and then to State. If approval is granted the request flows to DA, AMC, and then to the International Logistics Division at MICOM.

The HAWK Branch of the IL Division analyzes the request in detail to determine who at MICOM is involved. A typical case for an Improved HAWK battalion would have inputs from the HAWK Project Office, Maintenance, Materiel Management, Procurement and Production, and the Comptroller.

Once all information has been received by the FMS case manager, a Letter of Offer (DD Form 1513) is prepared stipulating the terms and conditions under which the sale is proposed. It is the contractual agreement binding the two governments. All Letters of Offer over \$25 million are submitted through channels to Congress for approval prior to being submitted to the purchaser. If Congress objects to the sale, then the Letter of Offer is not submitted.

In order for the terms and conditions to be valid, the purchaser is required to sign the 1513 prior to its expiration date. Once signed by the purchaser the 1513 is returned to the issuing Military Department. Action is then taken to implement the case in accordance with procedures that govern normal U.S. hardware procurements.

How does the sales program impact MICOM? In FY 70 MICOM had \$39 million worth of FMS and for FY 75 it was \$1.1 billion. This is where the acronym TINSTAAFL comes into play. The purchaser not only pays for the materiel being pur-

chased but also for the costs incurred by the U. S. in handling these transactions. As an example, if the purchaser requires the services of a Contracting Officer Representative, then the purchaser is required to pay the actual cost of all services rendered. These costs include the individual's salary, fringe benefits, travel and a proportionate share of all indirect and base operation cost.

In the case of hardware being purchased, the purchaser is responsible for all costs incurred. For example, the purchase price of the Improved HAWK Missile includes the unit price, assembly and checkout of the missile at Red River Army Depot, lot acceptance tests, storage, unfunded costs, amortization of U. S. Government facilities involved, and all Army Industrial Fund costs.

In addition to those costs cited above, the purchaser is also responsible for paying an additional 2% administrative charge. This 2% fee represents a charge to the purchaser for use of the

DOD supply system and is added to the basic sales price of material or services being provided.

Although no specific monetary value is readily available, other economic factors outside the Federal Government must be considered. For example, the employment of contractor personnel and corporate profits of contractors is a benefit of FMS.

Corporate profits also stimulate the growth and strength of the U. S. economy. Any requirement for hardware for FMS can also reduce the unit cost through longer production runs of similar hardware of the U. S. Military.

Likewise, the recovery of research and development costs results in a savings to the U. S. taxpayer. Besides lower unit costs we gain in the area of standardization of military hardware, standardization in doctrine and training, and improved U.S. foreign military relations. One particular advantage which impacts every taxpayer is the improvement of the U. S. balance of payments.

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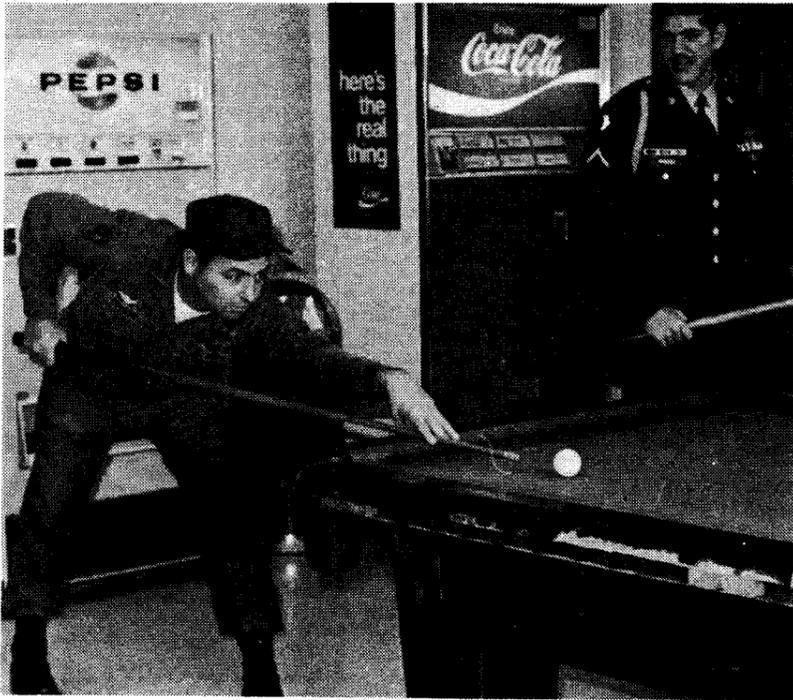
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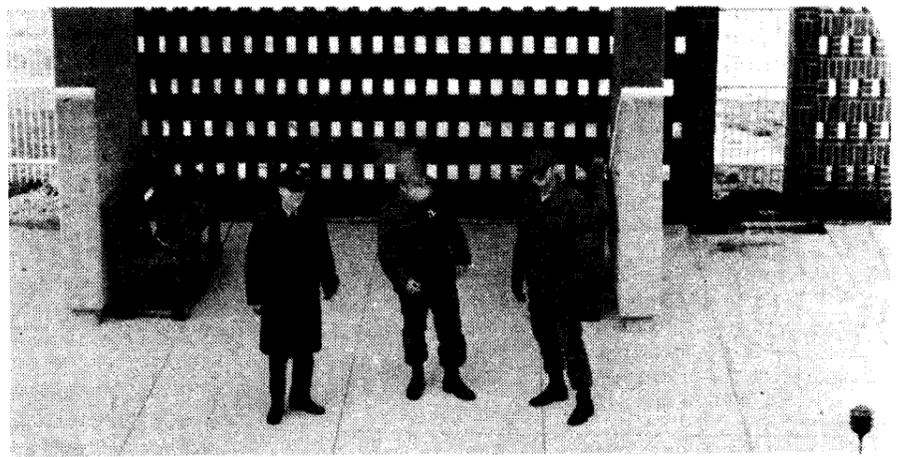
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The three-floor structure was damaged in the 1974 tornado that struck the Arsenal, and since that time has either stood vacant or was under repair.

The first floor is given over to administrative offices, a laundry room and two dayrooms. On the second and third floors are double rooms, some with bath and some without.

Vivid colors coat the cinder block and metal. Some 14 different shades were used to paint the barracks interior.

"The second floor we call our orange floor and the third floor is the blue floor," said Capt. Jon H. Todd, commander of the 5th.

Germans, Italians and Frenchmen inhabit most of the second floor, and above them are Jordanians, Ethiopians, Koreans, Lebanese and Nigerians. "We've had surprisingly few incidents between them so far," said Todd. "They are getting along very well."

The building also houses the missile school's new in-processing center.



Company Commander Inspects

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Missilemen Correct Weaknesses

By Dave Cowan

The sluggish missilemen, after recording one of their poorest starts in recent Intramural League seasons have evidently found and corrected their weaknesses. They've surged from nowhere to a spot one game behind the two league-leading student companies in the Western division.

Better known as the Powerhouse Gang, MICOM captured three wins last week to raise their record to 7-2. One loss separates them from the 4th and 6th student companies, which have 9-1 and 8-1 marks respectively.

The missilemen have performed much like a missile for the past four years. Once they've blasted into the lead, there's been no stopping them. But this season, technical difficulties like poor defense and mishandled balls caused by a complete turnover in players have delayed the countdown.

Now it seems they've found their troubles, and the countdown continues, throwing fear into the two leading student companies, especially the 4th SC, which captured the division crown last year.

While only three teams are contenders in the Western conference, a real donkeybrook is developing among four of six teams entered in the Eastern division.

The 8th SC, Company C and Meddac share first place in that order with two losses each; Company A has three losses. The league tails off with the Marines and the 7th SC. Although the Marines have won only two games, it must be a pleasant surprise for them not to be in the cellar as in past years. The 7th SC, with a 0-7 slate, has that distinction.

Monday

The missilemen opened Monday night's action with a 65-51 win over the 7th SC. The 6th SC edged Meddac, 40-37.

MICOM, which has had trouble

scoring in earlier games, gave scoring leader Bennie Gordon some help in their victory over the 7th.

Gordon led MICOM with 18 points, but for the first time this season two other teammates broke into double figures. Glenn Hitt dropped in 14 and Gary Meece found the hoops for 11. Mike Brinkley continued his razzle-dazzle playing for the 7th with 21 points, aided with 16 more from

Bill Watson connected for 14 for the Leathernecks.

The 8th Students built up a 12-point advantage in the first half against Company C and then had to overcome a final half drive by the C's. Bernie Bains paced the 8th with 21, followed by Walls with 16. The C's had three double-figure scorers in the likes of Charlie Miller, 22; Tim Niewiekowski, 12; and Dave Swain with 11.

TOP 10 SCORERS

Name/Unit	G	FG	FT	TP	AVG.
Rice, 291st MP's	7	72	25	169	24.1
Watson, Marines	7	68	20	156	22.3
Mitchell, Company C	5	38	20	96	19.2
Lockett, 4th SC	8	68	15	151	18.9
Brinkley, 7th SC	6	43	18	104	17.3
Mitchell, 291st MP's	4	27	13	67	16.8
Bains, 8th SC	7	55	6	116	16.6
Griffin, Company A	5	31	17	79	15.8
Miller, Company A	7	46	18	110	15.7
Gordon, MICOM	8	56	5	117	14.6

Bristol.

Jim Whitfield netted 16 points as the 6th SC continued to apply pressure on the 4th with a triumph over Meddac. The Medics loss dropped them into a three-way tie with the 8th SC and Company C, who also lost a game later in the week. In a losing effort for Meddac, Bruce Highberger and Wynn Hoffman had 13 and 11 points respectively.

Tuesday

Dissention, which has plagued the 291st MP's all season, once again bubbled over as the cops forfeited their game to Company A. In other contests Tuesday night, the 4th SC whipped the Marines, 66-28, and the 8th SC upended Company C 60-56.

Dick Anderson set a first-half season high for the 4th SC in their romp over the Leathernecks. Anderson sank 26 points during the game, with 22 coming in the first half, to give the students a 36-13 advantage and eventually the win.

Lewis Lockett and Herb Adams rounded out the Students' scoring with 19 and 10 points respectively.

18 and Bristol nabbed 14 in a losing cause for the 7th.

Bennie Gordon sank 20 points in the final half for a total of 24 in leading MICOM to a 57-43 win over Company B. Gordon's single-handed performance raised MICOM's record to six wins against two losses, while Company B, losing their footing, fell six notches down the ladder in the Western race. Tommy Riggins and Bob Albrecht led the B's with 12 and 14 points respectively.

Thursday

The 8th SC edged the 6th, 55-50, MICOM beat the Marines, 57-40, and Company C outmaneuvered Company B, 41-35, in games played Thursday night at the old post gym.

Trailing 28-24 at halftime, the 8th SC pulled a couple of tricks from their magical hats, including Bernie Bains, to notch a 55-50 upset over the 6th, knocking them from the unbeaten ranks.

Bains, who has kept the 8th in the thick of the Eastern race, pumped in 14 points in the second half—ending an eight-game winning streak for the 6th students. Belt supported Bains with 13 points. Williams, Larry Gopher and Jim Whitfield had 15, 12 and 10 for the

6th. The missilemen nabbed their seventh victory with an easy 57-40 win over the Leathernecks in the second contest. Once again, Bennie Gordon and Gary Meece led MICOM's scoring with 19 and 16 points. Bill Watson and Campbell collected 17 and 11 for the Marines.

In the final game, Company C, after a stinging defeat earlier in the week, took their revenge against Company B, winning 41-35. Charlie Miller paced the C's to their win with 21 points, while Tommy Riggins sank an unlucky 13 for the B's.

INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL

Standings	Eastern		GB
	W	L	
8th SC	7	2	1/2
Company C	6	2	1
Meddac	5	3	3
Company A	4	6	4
Marines	2	7	6
7th SC	0	7	

Western		
W	L	GB
9	1	
8	1	1/2
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Wednesday

The old post gym was the setting for three games Wednesday night. The 4th SC polished off the 291st MP's, 74-53; Meddac demolished the 7th SC, 49-45; and MICOM lashed Company B, 57-43.

The 4th Students won their ninth game in 10 starts in Wednesday night's opener with a bruising win over the MP's. The Students took a 39-22 halftime lead and were never threatened as Lewis Lockett led the charge with 23. Dick Anderson and Niepotter, in supporting roles, hit for 16 and 12 points respectively. Willie Rice posted another fine showing for the cops with 25, followed by Fomby with 10.

Charlie Hardin, who couldn't score a basket with the help of a step ladder in the first half against the 7th SC, pumped in 15 points in the final half to bring Meddac back from a 19-16 halftime deficit to a 49-45 win over the Students.

Almost as cold as Hardin in the first half, were Bruce Highberger and Mickey Rooker, who ended the game with 14 and 12 points for the medics. Mike Brinkley chalked up

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Winning Chances Based On Teamwork

By Paul T. Hornak

A desire to win, combined with a desire to preserve team integrity, sometimes spells conflict and surely means pressure.

Case in point, the Redstone Rockets basketball team, which faces its first opponent, the Jayvee Chargers of UAH at 6 on Friday at the Von Braun Civic Center.

Coach Ralph Santaliz, and the squad itself, are thirsty for victory after a winless season last year. Santaliz is willing to do almost anything to at least break even before the Rockets travel to Ft. Rucker for the TRADOC Western Division Championships in March.

But a strong team is almost as important to Santaliz as coming out on top. So high is it on his list of priorities, in fact, that he's excluded Willie Rice, one of the Arsenal's leading scorers, from the squad.

Rice, who is averaging 24.5 points a game in company-level competition, is a fiercely inde-

pendent athlete. He's forever out front, leaving his teammates in the dust, taking wild shots. The shots usually are good, but his squad—the 291st MP's—loses games because it's disorganized.

Santaliz has said he wants no theatrics. He wants a solid, even-

Rocket Schedule

Jan. 23 — Rockets vs. UAH Chargers Jayvees, 6 p.m., VBCC.

Jan. 24-25 — Rockets vs. Ft. Campbell, Saturday games 6 and 7:30 p.m., Sunday games 1 and 3 p.m., Huntsville High School.

Feb. 7-8 — Rockets vs. Ft. Benning at Ft. Benning.

ly-performing team. When Rice failed to show for practice in December, Santaliz notified him that there would be no joining up once the season was underway. Rice opted for no play.

"We've got more height than last year," Santaliz reflected,

"but with Rice we would be outstanding, and his absence will hurt us a little bit. We have no outstanding player that can score 30 or 40 points per game, but what we need is teamwork, and that's what we've got."

Last season, Rice maintained a 21-point average during the TRADOC tourney at Ft. Benning and on the post team during regular games with college and university squads across the south.

This year, Redstone's in a new division—the TRADOC west—facing tourney opponents even more formidable than last year's Benning and Jackson, both of which defeated the Rockets. Holding invitations to the March 7-12 bout at Rucker are Forts Sill, Bliss, Leonard Wood, Knox, Leavenworth, Benjamin Harrison, McClellan and Rucker, all of which have larger troop populations than Redstone.

As if a lineup like this weren't enough, Redstone probably will face the likes of Alabama A&M, J. C. Calhoun and other colleges

as a prelude. Santaliz emphasizes that his season schedule will be in flux from week to week as he struggles to judge which college teams he can expect to compete against on approximately equal terms.

Santaliz lists his starting lineup this way: Michael Brinkley, 6 foot 2 forward from the 7th SC; Lewis Lockett, 4th SC, 6 foot 6, a forward; Wynn Hoffman, 6 foot 9 center from Meddacc; guard Mickey Rooker, 5 foot 11, also from Meddacc; and Company B's Joe Patterson, a 5 foot 11 guard and the team captain.

"This week, we've really been working hard, running a lot, playing real hard, practicing," Santaliz said recently. "We're developing our four-corner offense—trying to shoot from the outside, and percentage shots, to compensate for our lack of height. Lack of height has been a problem since I came here, and it still is."

"I'm taking the schedule as it comes because we found last year that we just can't compete

against these scholarship boys at the colleges. When we went to Ft. Benning for the TRADOC tourney, we had a losing attitude because we had lost all our college games.

"At Rucker, Redstone will probably be one of the smallest teams. We played the second and third place teams last year before we were eliminated, and won praise for our efforts against the big post teams."

Santaliz, who also is the Arsenal's sports director, keeps a watchful eye on company-level play, scouting for talent. He says he needs to build up his bench. But there will be no "begging anyone to play" for the post team, he said.

"We'll be very competitive," he said. "We're out for the best; nobody's position is sacred. The roster will be open till the minute the bus leaves for Ft. Rucker."

More pressure, for the sake of a stronger team. Santaliz has his hands full.

Post Baseball Team Forms

"We're in dire need of pitchers and infielders," says coach Bill Gore of his Redstone Rockets baseball team, which is forming up for its season opener against Athens College March 11 at Linton Field.

The post team is scheduled to take on about 20 other colleges as well, including Alabama A&M, Gadsden, J.C. Calhoun and St. Bernard, and players are needed.

"We tentatively have a game scheduled against the University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa, and have an offer from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville," said

Gore. "But those offers all depend on whether we can play that caliber of ball."

Gore invites prospective players to come out to the Recreation Services workout facility at 4 p.m. any weekday for tryouts and practice. Practice generally lasts 1½ hours, he said.

"Basically, our program will be indoor-oriented for four weeks for conditioning, base-stealing, defensive plays," said Gore. "Then, it's outside for hitting."

Returnees from last year's squad are center fielder Jay Johnson, third baseman Mike

Spry, catcher Jeff Dixon and second baseman Tony DiFore.

One member of the 1975 team, Bob Hutchison, advanced from second baseman with the Rockets to a spot on the Huntsville Independents last summer and then to a scholarship position on the University of Alabama (Tuscaloosa) team.

"This team offers a good opportunity for soldiers to be exposed to college ball," said Gore.

He noted that a pitching coach, a team manager and a statistician also are needed to fill out the Rockets' ranks.

Rockets Defeat Riverton Faculty, 115-31

The Redstone Rockets came out smoking against the Riverton Faculty in an exhibition game last Friday night and when the air had cleared, it was the Arsenal team over Riverton, 115-31.

The Rockets, composed of intramural basketball members from different units here, took command early in the game and were never threatened again as they shot a blistering 57 percent from the field.

Lewis Lockett and Mike Brinkley paced the post team with 25 and 18 points, followed by Glenn Hitt, 15 and Mickey Rooker and Bennie Gordon with 10 apiece.

In the rebounding department, Lockett and Hitt had 13 and seven, while Dick Anderson and Rooker led the list in assists with six and five respectively. Lockett also blocked two shots. From the free throw line, Rooker hit four of five for a 80 percentage.

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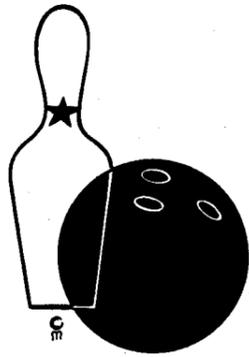
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Wednesday Officers Standings

70'sers	14
ExASPRators	14
Pickups	14
Swingers	12
Lucky Strikes	12
Metracals	12
Strikeouts	8
School Brigade	8
Redrock Injuneers	4
Black Jacks	4
P&P Registers	4
Readiness Group	4
Halo's	2
Kuwait Keglers	0

Week's Results

70'sers 8—Halo's 0
 ExASPRators 8—Kuwait 0
 Strikeouts 6—Redrock 2
 Metracals 6—Black Jacks 2
 Pickups 6—School Brigade 2
 Swingers 4—Lucky Strikes 4
 Readiness 4—Registers 4

Ind. Honors

High Series: Townley, 581 (216); Molepske, 563 (213); Melochick, 547; Agee, 546; Hertzog, 540; Ogozalek, 536; Wilkerson, 528; Dwyer, 522; and Curry with 204 game.

High Game (Scratch): Strikeouts, 926.

Friday Mixed Standings

Four Pins	44
Odd Balls	43
Four Big'ems	42 1/2
Alley Kats	42
Black Velvets	41
Lucky Strikes	41
The Wieners	40
Sandbaggers	35 1/2
Twenty-Two S & A's	35

Ind. Honors

High Series: (men) Ron Price, 646; Jesse Hawthorne, 612; and Steve Smith, 601; (women) Ethel Savage, 566; Mary Wilson, 562; and Mary Doss, 533.

High Games: (men) Price, 254; Johnny Lanier, 234; and Jim Shupe, 233; (women) Barbara Adams, 207; Mary Doss, 205; Fran Heishman, Paula Hawthorne, and Wilson, 200.

High Averages: Jesse Hawthorne, 174; and Mary Wilson, 164.

S&M League Standings (Second Half)

Outcasts	11
Barber-Coleman	7
Outhouse Lounge	5
Reba's	5
Strikers (*)	4
Huntsville Times	4
Clowns	3
Three & Two	3
Doc's	2
Mistis (*)	0

Last Week's Stars

Vern Benson, 576 (234); Buck Wade, 575; John Rayl, 541; Wayne Owens, 536; Greg Arndt, 528; Bob Criss, 527; Jesse Partidge, 525.

High Average: Richard Smock, 181; Buck Wade, 180.

AMC League Standings

Bombers	46 1/2
Sparcs	37 1/2
Lily Flagg	33
Sprinters	33
Fat Cats	33
Cadillacs	32 1/2
Fat Cats	32 1/2
Hughes TOW	31
Alley Cats	30 1/2
T-Birds	30 1/2

Last Wednesday

King Pins-4 — Fat Cats-0
 Alley Cats-3 1/2 — Sparcs-1/2
 Lily Flagg-3 — Bombers-1
 T-Birds-3 — Sprinters-1
 Hughes-3 — Cadillacs-1

High Rollers

Bob Hinson, 547; DeMott Smith, 544; Dick Gore, 535; Lee Lavender, 531; Chuck Lipsey, 524.

Three Selection Boards To Convene Soon

WASHINGTON (ANF)—Three DA selection boards will convene soon to consider eligible lieutenant colonels and promotable majors for command positions that will become vacant between Oct. 1, 1976 and Sept. 30, 1977.

A board meets on Jan. 27 to select combat arms, aviation and foreign area officer-special forces troop commanders while separate boards meet on Feb. 10 to select combat support arms—and

logistics troop and logistic commanders.

Eligible officers will be automatically considered unless a written declination has been submitted—or is submitted to MILPERCEN before Jan. 15. An officer who has previously declined consideration must withdraw the

declination in writing before he can be considered.

Officers who have turned down a battalion-level command either as a principal or alternate will not be reconsidered.

Eligibility criteria and command selection procedures are in Chap. 7, DA Pam 600-3.

Male Deer Only For Hunters

The previously announced either-sex deer hunt scheduled for this weekend at Redstone has been changed to an antlered deer only hunt, according to the post game warden.

The public hunt, the last of the season here, is being limited to antlered deer because of a higher-than-anticipated number of antlerless deer killed in either six hunts earlier in the season.

In last weekend's hunt 59 deer were killed, 46 of them antlerless. In that hunt the biggest buck of the season was bagged, an eight-pointer that field dressed at 170 pounds. It was shot near the military recreation area.

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The date is September 30, 1976. The location is building 3421, Internal Security Building. A long line has formed around the building. People are waiting hours to receive little yellow and black stickers issued by the Registration and Identification Division.

At another location on Redstone Arsenal there is a long stream of cars waiting at the service station. It looks like a going out of business sale at a used car lot.

Is this the sale of the century? No, it's the deadline hour for car inspection stickers.

Although this is a fractionalized account of a future event, it may be realistic if car owners do not start planning for car inspection.

As of October 1, 1976 all cars registered at Redstone will be required to have car inspection decals. After that date access to the post will be denied cars not having an inspection decal displayed on bumpers next to registration decals.

On January 2 only 3,432 cars had been issued inspection decals. That is just a drop in the bucket when compared to the total 42,000 cars registered.

You should start planning to have your car or truck inspected so that you will not have to wait in long lines in September.

The car inspection process can be completed in less than an hour without even leaving the post.

Employees who have their cars inspected at the PX service sta-

tion during duty hours will not be charged leave according to Civilian Personnel. Employees who have their cars inspected off post during duty hours will be charged leave.

The PX Service Station will inspect cars for civilian and contractor employees who normally do not have exchange privileges. The fee charged is \$1.75. The time required is less than 15 minutes.

Only 1,005 cars have been inspected at the PX Service Station according to the manager Ed Lee. He hopes that more cars will be inspected in the next few months so that there will not be a logjam in September.

The station will be inspecting cars from 9-5 Monday thru Friday. You do not need to bring

any forms to the station because they will be provided.

When you arrive at the service station you will be asked to fill out a safety inspection form. Information required will be the make, year and model of the vehicle as well as the state license number and decal number.

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Operation condition of the windshield wipers and horn will be checked next.

Then the inspector will scoot under your car to check the condition of the muffler and exhaust system.

Tie rod ends and tire tread will also be examined. Tire tread must be at least 2/32 of an inch to pass the inspection.

The inspector will drive your car to be sure that the condition of the brakes, steering mechanism, front end pieces and major suspension are in safe operating order.

Doors, windows, rear view mirror, fenders, bumpers and vehicle body must also be in good condition.

Malfunctioning lights have been the most common failure in the inspection process. The tag light is usually the culprit.

If your car passes you will receive a completed inspection form which you will take to building 3421, Registration and Identification Section of Internal Security. This is the same section that issues car decals and security passes.

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Further Cut In Officer Corps Studied By Army

WASHINGTON, D.C.—A study is in progress to find ways to further reduce the size of the officer corps, Army officials said last week.

The study, aimed at trimming the officer corps "to a level required to accomplish peace and wartime missions", includes no plans for a RIF, the officials said.

Guidance from the Office of the Secretary of Defense would reduce the end FY 77 officer force of 98,345 to 94,220 by end FY 80. The OSD strength milestones include a reduction to 96,220 by end (September 30) FY 78 and 95,220 by end FY 79.

Officials say DA is pursuing several options to meet the reductions at a pace that matches the OSD strength levels for each fiscal year.

DA has asked major commands to assess how to meet the reduction quotas and what their impact will be. What form local involvement in the assessment will take is not known at this time, a Micom military personnel spokesman said.

DA officials emphasized that the reduction quotas represent a "worst case" situation and do not

constitute an actual officer reduction.

To meet potential reductions, major commands are to consider reorganization, consolidation, mission reduction and elimination, unfilled officer vacancies and conversion of officer positions to enlisted slots.

Additionally, DA will examine the impact of eliminating TOE officer positions at various levels of organization. Another option to be studied is the impact of a further reduction of the DA staff, and its support activities and field operating agencies.

DA "does not foresee the need for an officer RIF" if the Army is required to carry out the reductions, officials stressed, and reductions would probably be accomplished through reduced officer accessions and normal attrition.

The officials said also that, "Using the impact of various officer force reduction options, DA will be able to assess the impact of out year strength ceilings on mission capability. That information will provide a basis for revision of out year strength milestones for officers if mission capability is unduly affected."

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The plaintiff, unless financially unable, must pay in advance a \$12.50 fee, which can be recovered if the court decides that the defendant should pay for this cost.

After the complaint has been served on the defendant, 30 days is allowed for the defendant to answer. The original of the defendant's answer must be filed with the clerk of the court and a copy sent to the plaintiff. Shortly thereafter, the case will be set on a trial docket and the

plaintiff notified.

If defendant fails to appear in court, or fails to answer the charge, the plaintiff may file an affidavit for default entry and judgement.

If judgement is awarded and not received after 30 days, the plaintiff may request the clerk

to issue an execution directing the sheriff to make collection. If that does not produce results, the plaintiff, for a fee of \$9, may file garnishment or attachment proceedings.

Further information may be obtained from the MICOM Legal Assistance Officer.

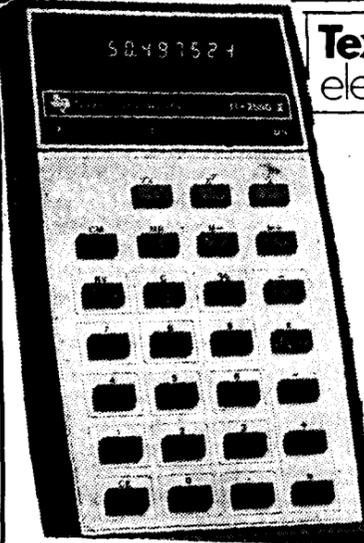
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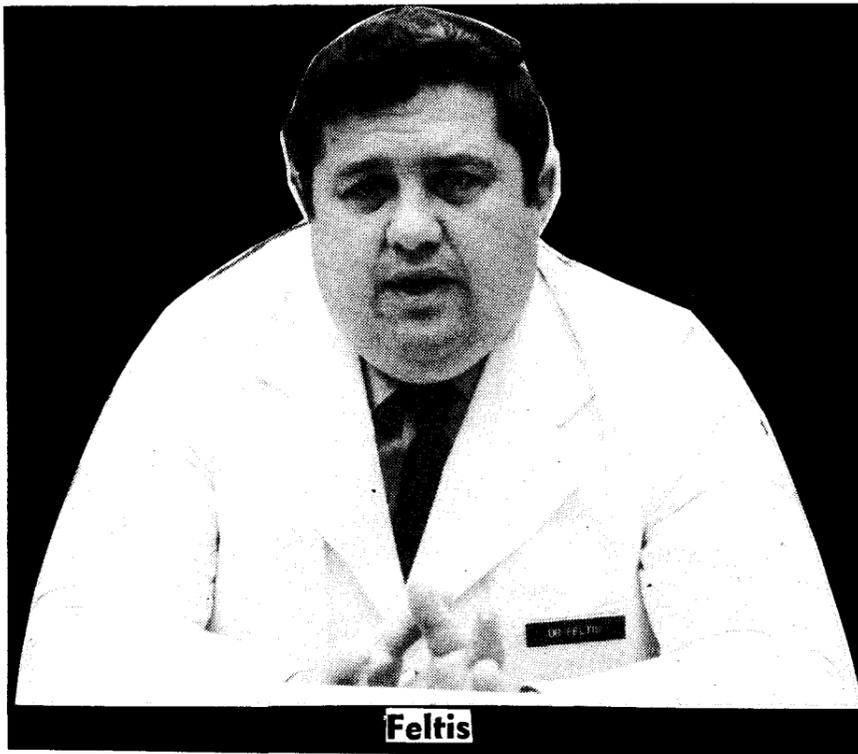
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complained that they never see a doctor at Redstone Hospital or dispensary, but are only examined by screeners. Is this true, and if so, Why?

A: Well, that may be true for several people because for a long time we have had the impression that only doctors can provide certain care. Whereas in fact approximately sixty per cent of the people we see on a daily basis really don't need a physician's care. They have problems which we call minor illnesses or injuries that can be taken care of by competently trained physician extenders. They extend the capability of the physician. These people are taught by physicians, supervised by physicians and their treatment is monitored and audited by physicians. What happens then is that this allows the people who really need to see, and are identified as having a medical problem, to see a physician. The physician then can spend more time taking care of the patient that needs a physician.

Q: How long is the actual training that the physician extenders receive, formal and on the job?

A: The screeners in the Troop Health Clinic are actually in the AMOSIST program. This is a centrally trained program that comes out of Ft. Sam Houston, Texas. They go to school there for a four week period and get their academic and initial type training. Then they come back an additional six weeks of on the job training under the direct supervision of a physician. After this 10-week period, if they pass the examinations and they are



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approved by their supervising physician, they are centrally certified at the Health Service Command at Ft. Sam Houston as an AMOSIST. This AMOSIST then has, as I indicated before, prescribed protocol for every

ficier than an enlisted man? Some officers have said that they have never had to see a screener, whereas some enlisted men have said they have never seen anyone but a screener.

A: No. The system does not

"It's inadequate. Regardless of the reason or lack of personnel, they do not have ample specialists."

system and every disease that he is allowed to treat. Now he is not allowed to treat everything. He is allowed to treat certain specifically identified problems. He always has a physician immediately available for consultation.

Q: Is the screener more likely to believe the complaints of an of-

a Captain

discriminate by rank. The system is that patients are seen by an AMOSIST, and then the AMOSIST, by the patients symptoms, either treats the patient or refers him to a doctor. It should be noted that very few officers and senior NCO's go on sick call and those that do usually have a significant medical problem.

Q: Must all soldiers go to the dispensary?

A: Right, unless they have an urgent or emergency problem, or it's after normal duty hours. Because again if you're going to take care of a lot of people you must have a system. If people just arbitrarily break the system, the system breaks down. If people don't use the system we can't take care of as many people.

Q: We've heard that dependents receive better and more courteous care at the hospital than soldiers. Is this true?

A: I'll tell you what I think, and that is that the grass is always greener on the other side of the fence. I get the same complaint from the other side. I'll tell you right now that the number one priority for medical care is for personnel on active duty. Whatever is left then goes to the dependents of active duty personnel and then to the retired and their dependents.

Q: Is medical care at Redstone comparable to that of civilian hospitals?

A: I have no reservations that the quality of care provided at Redstone is equal to or as good as care received anywhere in the

country. There is no reason to believe it isn't.

Q: Will the Army's new family doctor concept be implemented at Redstone and if so will it improve the doctor-patient relationship here?

A: The family practice concept is what the Army is going towards. The Army is now putting primary emphasis on training family physicians. These physicians will be trained to treat the family as a whole and not as individuals. Right now though we're still in the training process, and as everyone knows it takes several years to train physicians. Redstone certainly, I think, will be one of the key areas where the family concept would work very well. In fact you can almost describe our structure as sort of a family clinic. When family physicians are available I'm sure that Redstone will be a place where they will be utilized. One of our main problems right now is that every military physician at Redstone Hospital is a certified specialist. We have no family practice physicians, we have no physicians who used to be called general medical officers or general practitioners. That person doesn't exist anymore. That is what the Army is trying to reemphasize, and is now training their own.

Q: If a patient has a complaint about medical care, how does he go about communicating it to you?

A: He goes to our physicians assistance officer, located in the main hospital building. We have two officers, and between the two of them there is usually one of them available. After duty hours we have a tape system that records calls. You call on the phone and present your complaint and one of the officers will contact you first thing in the morning to resolve the problem. The assistance officers have the capability to go anywhere in the hospital to solve your problem. If they can't solve the problem then they bring it directly to me.

Q: Would you describe your feeling on the quality of medical care at Redstone, as compared to other Army posts?

A: I can only go on the standard inspections and the people who come in and review and inspect our care. Without exception every inspection, every audit, has indicated that we are providing top quality medical care. The people here, I think, can be reassured that the care they receive is as good or better than most Army facilities. Of course I'm prejudiced in the fact that I am responsible for the medical care. I also feel that the people who come from other installations and people who are constantly inspecting us wouldn't be saying this if it weren't true.

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Picking The Top Instructor

Every three months, non-commissioned officers in charge of the MMCS Land Combat Division's five teaching teams sit in on one class presented by instructors nominated best in their teams. The NCO's scrutinize the instructors' technique and its effect on their students and, by tallying points, select a division Instructor of the Quarter.

An instructor is chosen in other divisions at the missile school as well in varying ways. Some divisions simply choose a man arbitrarily, while others employ procedures as rigorous as those of the Land Combat Division.

By whatever method they are selected, divisional top instructors ultimately compete for the honor of school-wide Enlisted Instructor of the Quarter.

Land Combat Division NCO's rated Staff Sergeant Joseph W. Whittenberger of the Land Combat Service Support team highest on a score sheet covering 11 points of good teaching.

The 32-year-old instructor got together with three of the five men who judged to discuss effective teaching. All of them agreed that a person who can make students learn does so by employing a combination of resources.

Instructor of the Quarter candidates are rated on personal readiness, techniques of oral instruction, principles of learning, knowledge of their subject, delivery, aids and equipment, attitude, questioning techniques, appearance, informativeness and concluding remarks.

Sergeant First Class Marion Amos, one of the judges, said that attempting to pinpoint the most essential trait is futile. "Which is more important in driving a car to town, the steering wheel, the tires, the speedometer or the engine?" Amos asked. "They all support the ultimate objective."

That objective, said Master Sergeant Jesse Owens, is "to get the message to the students."

"There are a lot of teachers who have good technique, who go ac-

ording to the book, but they don't necessarily accomplish this important point," he said.

"You can tell by an instructor's questioning technique and the feedback from the students whether or not they're getting it," said Master Sergeant Jesse Hawthorne.

"And also by posture, gestures



WHITTENBERGER

students make at the table—the silent language routine is an excellent indicator," Amos put in.

Amos was impressed by Whittenberger's use of the blackboard in the Introduction to the Digital Multimeter class he and the other judges attended. "He had the students dictate the drawing that he did," said Amos. "It was a joint project. He'd ask a question, the students would answer, and then he'd put it on the board."

"I like the chalkboard best," said Whittenberger. "I put a figure up and the students are required to copy it down. This way, he learns from the physical act of copying, and from listening, seeing and speaking."

"You've got to teach the soldier to think. You've got to make it clear to him how the hour fits into what he learned before and what he's going to learn in the future. I always make a continuity check—I

ask them how what I'm teaching them fits."

Whittenberger has completed psychology courses at Purdue University and the University of Wisconsin which he believes aid him in understanding how to approach his classes. "I've got kind of an advantage," he said.

"I look at students' files and find out their problem areas and try to level that out and pick on certain people with problems," he said. "I check on students by studying them, by observing them. I learn a lot from listening to scuttlebutt, and I also listen to my fellow instructors."

A native of Waukegan, Ill., Whittenberger entered the Army in January 1967. During the service in Vietnam, he was awarded the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Bronze Star, three awards of the Air Medal, the Bronze Star, the Vietnam Honor Medal and an Army Commendation Medal.

He was formerly a die caster with Johnson Motors in Waukegan. He earned his high school diploma at Waukegan Township High School.

Area Firms Win Support Awards

MICOM placed more than \$1.3 million in orders with Huntsville firms for support goods and services during the past month, and more than \$181,000 went to companies in nearby cities.

Contracts for weapons systems and related equipment ran to more than \$18 million during the same period. Most of these awards go to major contractors nationwide.

Food, items of laboratory and scientific equipment, and office supplies, are among the goods covered by local awards.

MICOM Procurement and Production Directorate personnel execute the contracts and awards.

Soldier Of Month



Specialist 4 Calvin Ross of the 291st Military Police Company is January's Soldier of the Month for Redstone Special Troops.

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Reenlistment Bonuses Cut

WASHINGTON (ANF) — The enlistment bonus program will undergo major changes during the first half of 1976. Bonuses in four MOS's will be eliminated on February 1, enlistment bonuses will be suspended for another five MOS's beginning June 1 and the amount of the bonus will be reduced for four other MOS's.

These and other changes were announced by the Department of Army as a result of reduction in funds available for the enlistment bonus program. The bonus payment to prior service soldiers ended last November.

Effective February 1 bonus payments will end in the following MOS's: 15E, Pershing Missile Crewman; 16D, Hawk Missile Crewman; 27E, Wire Guided Missile System Repairman; and 27H, Shillelagh Missile System repairman.

On June 1 bonus payments will be suspended for: 05C, Radio Teletype Operator; 12E, Atomic Demolition Munitions

Specialist; 15D, Lance Missile Crewman; 16E, Hawk Fire Control Crewman; and 16P, Chaparral Crewman.

Also on June 1 the amount of bonus payment will be reduced to \$1,500 for: 11B, Light Weapons Infantryman; 11C, Infantry Indirect Fire Crewman; 11D, Armor Reconnaissance Specialist; and 11E, Armor Crewman. Enlistees in those four MOS's now receive bonuses of \$2,500.

Other changes to the program include the ending of the acceptance of GED certification for high school education. Beginning June 11 all enlistees must possess a high school diploma and be in mental categories I - III at the time of enlistment.

On June 1, six MOS's will still offer \$1,500 enlistment bonuses. In addition to 11B, 11C, 11D and 11E, they are: 13B, Field Artillery Crewman; and 13E, Field Artillery Cannon Operation/Fire Direction Assistant.

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Senior Executive Awards



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Awards for management ability went to two MICOM and one MMCS employees last week. Willie N. Calcote received the MICOM Senior Executive Award for 1975, and James L. O'Hara, a certificate of achievement for being selected for the MICOM Senior Executive Honorable mention award. Both presentations were made by Maj. Gen. George E. Turnmeyer, MICOM Commander, at the individuals' work sites.

In a separate ceremony at MMCS, Harvey W. Adams, a senior training specialist with the Field Support Division, was presented the School's Senior Executive Award. Adams received the award for his part in implementing several training programs and also for improving maintenance support for missile and munitions systems. Adams was a recipient of the Junior

Executive Award in 1970.

Calcote heads the Directorate for Management Information Systems. He was cited for his innovative thinking to ensure ADP services that served as a responsive managerial tool thus enhancing accomplishment of the MICOM mission, and for his superior managerial ability.

An employee of the Finance and Accounting Division, Comptroller Office, O'Hara's citation said, in part, that he had demonstrated an outstanding ability to identify and resolve problems in management of the Army procurement appropriation and the foreign military sales-customer order program.

Turnmeyer outlined the careful process used in selecting persons for the senior executive awards, as he made the presentation to Calcote and O'Hara.

Laws Protect Your 'Right To Write'

WASHINGTON (ANF)—The right of soldiers and DA civilian employees to correspond with their congressional representatives is protected by the U.S. Constitution, federal law, DoD directives and Army regulations.

And that right is being reemphasized in a recently published circular (DA Cir 600-5, dated Oct. 8, 1975). The DA circular states that no one may restrict a soldier from communicating with a member of Congress—unless the communication is unlawful or violates national security.

Despite the right to write, DA points out that soldiers should seek advice or assistance from within their chain of command before forwarding complaints. Letters concerning a personal problem

inevitably must be returned to the local commander before help can be given.

Soldiers also should inform their families of this fact, DA says.

Effective communication between soldiers and the chain of command is the way to handle personal problems and reduce complaints to members of Congress DA officials say.

Civilian employees, either individually or collectively, also may write to their congressional representatives.

While DA prefers that employees settle problems or grievances locally, any employee who writes to a congressman may not be coerced for exercising that right, according to the circular.

Military University Seeks Medical School Applicants

Ft. Monroe, Va.—The School of Medicine of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences is accepting applications for admission to its charter class of 36 students. The class is scheduled for enrollment at the university in August 1976.

The School of Medicine will provide a four-year medical education to young men and women who, in addition to being outstanding candidates for medical school, demonstrate potential for, and commitment to, careers as medical officers in the Army, Navy, Air Force and public health service.

The faculty of the School of Medicine will include both civilians

and military officers. Faculty members are being selected on the basis of excellence in teaching, scientific investigation and in the clinical departments, including patient care. Major clinical work for students will be conducted at the National Naval Medical Center, Walter Reed Army Medical Center, and Malcolm Grow USAF Medical Center.

Students will spend additional time at the National Institutes of Health, the Armed Forces Institute, the Center for Disease Control, the Armed Forces Radiobiology Research Institute, and the Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases.

They will receive reserve

commissions as second lieutenants in the Army or Air Force, or ensigns in the Navy or public health service, and will be on active duty during the four years of schooling, receiving full pay and benefits.

There is no tuition for attending the School of Medicine, and books and equipment are provided. Upon graduation, students can expect to receive regular commissions and be promoted to captain in the Army or Air Force, or lieutenant in the Navy or public health service.

Graduates are obligated for seven years of active duty following completion of the program.

Time spent in internship or residency training is not creditable toward satisfying this service obligation. Both civilians and military personnel may apply for admission.

The basic requirements include a baccalaureate degree prior to matriculation and completion of

the following pre-requisites: one academic year each of general chemistry, organic chemistry, physics, biology, and mathematics, and six semester hours of college-level english. Additionally, applicants must be citizens of the United States, must be no older than 28 as of June 30, 1975, and must meet the physical and personal qualifications for a commission in the uniformed services. All applicants must have taken the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT).

Interested individuals may request applications from the Director of Admissions, Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, 6917 Arlington Road, Bethesda, Md. 20014. The School of Medicine will have its own applications and will require the submission of MCAT results, official transcripts, letters of recommendation, a service

preference statement and a personal statement.

Interviews will be given to selected applicants prior to final decisions, which will be made by an admissions committee composed of the medical school faculty. Final selection will be based on an overall appraisal of the personal and intellectual characteristics of the applicants without regard to sex, race, religion, national origin or state of residence.

The School of Medicine has not as yet received provisional accreditation from the Liaison Committee on Medical Education. Accreditation as a new school is anticipated in June 1976. Applicants must recognize that if the School of Medicine does not receive provisional accreditation, the charter class will not be enrolled until accreditation is obtained.

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Debra uses such items as a three million year old horse's tooth, 200 year old Hudson Bay trade beads and ancient Egyptian scarabs to make necklaces and bracelets.

The talented designer first became interested in jewelry making by accident while she was studying in Gatlinburg five summers ago. "I had gone to Gatlinburg to take a silkscreening course that the University of Tennessee was offering.

I had some extra time so I took a silversmithing course. The first piece I made was a sterling silver necklace with a pair of boar's tusks and a 550 million year old trilobite bezelled in silver.

"The necklace was selected by the University of Tennessee to be exhibited at the Highland Guild Craftsmen's Fair as an example of what their school could produce.

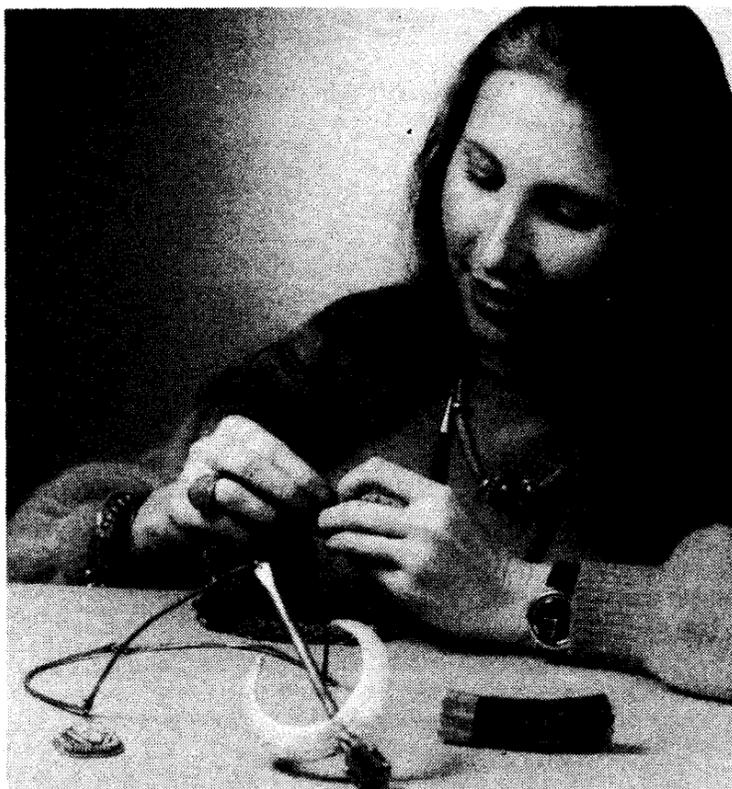
Returning home from Gatlinburg, Debra resumes her studies in Melbourne, Florida, forgetting the silversmithing. Then

in the winter of '72 she began designing with her collection of artifacts for her own personal wear and for Christmas presents for friends.

Since then, Debra's jewelry designing career has flourished. She is presently exhibiting in several galleries and museums, has received several awards and plans a show for this coming spring in New York City at the Alan Stone Gallery.

Debra's penchant for collecting has played an important part in her jewelry designing. Each item is designed directly with an artifact in mind. Nothing is done to damage the original artifact. Sometimes natural objects such as owl's claws antelope antlers or rattlesnake rattles was used. Electroforming and silver forging are used to shape various metals around the objects.

Although Debra has enjoyed designing and making jewelry she is also involved with designing on a larger scale. Debra has been accepted by the Tyler School of Art in Philadelphia and hopes to pursue further studies in electroforming and design at intervals beginning later this year.



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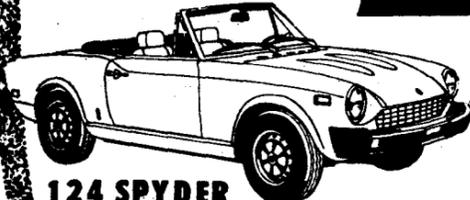
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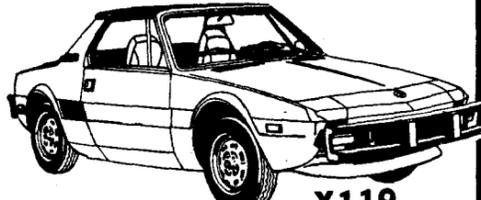
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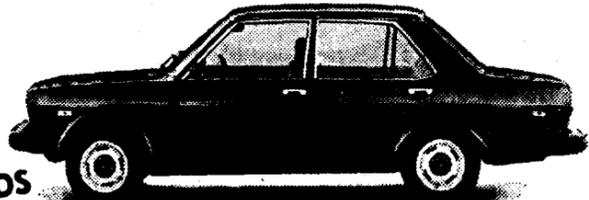


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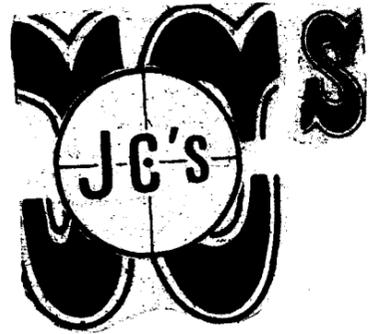
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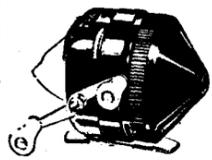
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