

Dedications Set For New Chapel, Children's Center

Dedication ceremonies for Redstone's new Bicentennial Chapel on Goss Road are scheduled for 11 AM Sunday, and the religious education wing of the chapel will be officially opened with a ribbon cutting at four on Friday afternoon.

The Children's Center for dependents of military families was moved into the education wing recently when that portion of the new building was completed.

Dedication services on Sunday will include presentation of the new chapel by Col. Drake Wilson, District Engineer, and acceptance by Maj. Gen. George E. Turnmeyer.

Chaplain (Col.) Sterling A. Wetherall from the Office, Chief of Chaplains will attend, and Chaplain (Col.) Leonard Stegman, DARCOM, will address the congregation. Special music is to

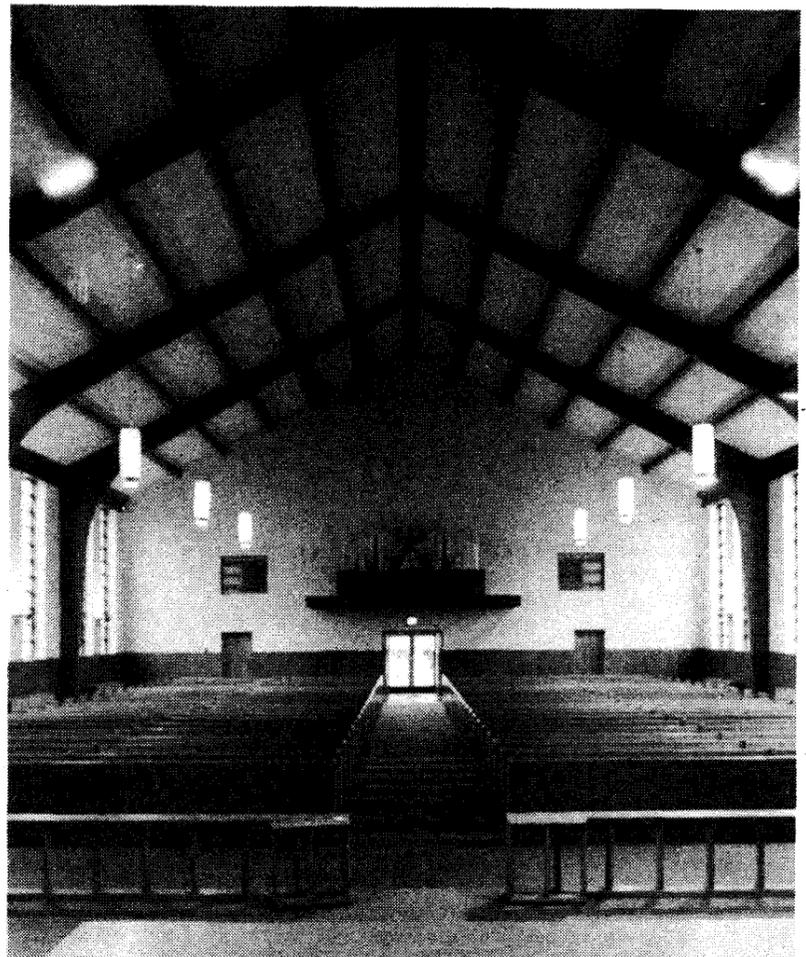
be provided by an ecumenical chapel choir.

Ground for the 600-seat Bicentennial chapel was broken Dec. 23, 1974. The architecture for the new structure follows the standard Army design for chapels.

Portions of the old chapel on Patton Road, opened in June, 1957, will continue in use for religious services and offices for some of the chaplains assigned to Redstone. The south wing of the building is to be occupied by the Family Housing Division of RASA.

Prior to 1957, religious services at Redstone were held in a temporary building, at the north end of the Arsenal, which had been converted for chapel use.

Increasingly crowded conditions at the 275-seat Patton Road chapel necessitated construction of a larger building. Chapel size is determined by the military population supported on an installation.



Interior view of new Chapel

Photo—Bill Kellar

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Seeker-equipped Stinger Slams Drone

The Army Missile Command has unveiled its new Post-Rosette seeker by knocking down and destroying a pilotless drone in the first flight test of the seeker in the New Mexico desert.

MICOM test engineers said the Rosette scan seeker, capable of operating in both the ultraviolet and infrared spectrums, offers the potential for countermeasure immunity and can acquire and detect targets at longer ranges than current operational seekers.

MICOM research and engineering laboratories have worked on the dual detector system since the late 60s.

General Dynamics Pomona Division, under MICOM contract, is developing the seeker for both the Army and Marine Corps for possible use on Stinger and Chaparral

but the system could be adapted to almost any missile airframe.

Lt. Col. Robert Cannon, Concept Team Leader for Air Defense Systems, directs the program in MICOM's Advanced Systems Concepts Office. Ron Eyestone is the project engineer and Don Boster, assigned to the program from the beginning, is the lead representative from the Advanced Sensors Directorate.

Eyestone said the first firing was conducted from the Stinger launch facility at White Sands utilizing a Stinger missile. The missile was not armed with a warhead but knocked down the MQM61-A drone in flames.

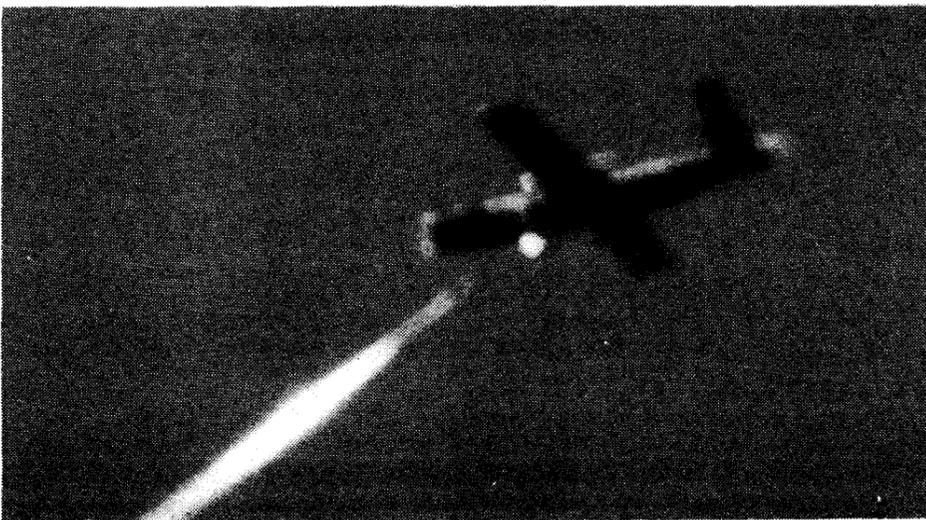
Current Army plans call for a five missile flight program and then the new seeker could be incorporated into one or more missile systems, Eyestone said.



Grand Slam

Seeker-equipped Stinger homes on drone destroys it on impact.

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Summer's Nearly Here

The Tennessee River recreation area and Rustic Lodge opens tomorrow for another season of family and organizational outings by the Redstone civilian community.

Bob DeYoung, chairman of the Civilian Welfare Fund Council, said the recreation area will be available for use by Redstone civilians daily from 10 until 8. The picnic facilities need not be scheduled in advance.

The Rustic Lodge must be reserved, with reservations made through the Area Custodian, S. W. Sturdivant at 876-6862.

DeYoung said the Welfare Fund is continuing to make improvements to both facilities and workers are presently erecting a shelter over several picnic tables, reworking the ball diamond and improving the boat ramps.

The Rustic Lodge has been partially closed in and it is expected that a contract will be let during April to complete the job.

Additional work on the inside of the Lodge is programmed for fall toward the realization of an up-to-date club on the Post for Redstone civilians.

Pine Thinning Gets Go-Ahead

Redstone Arsenal will proceed with a plan to thin approximately 28 acres of starling-infested pine groves following a determination by the Army Surgeon General that soil in the groves is free of disease organisms.

About 85 per cent of the trees will be removed in groves on either side of Goss Road in the military housing area here. The work is scheduled to begin April 12 and is expected to take about five work days, weather permitting.

Based on negative findings in

analysis for disease organisms of two sets of soil samples from the groves, the Surgeon General said the thinning operation poses no threat to people living or working in the area. As an added precaution those working in the groves will wear respirators for protection both from dust and from disease organisms even though their presence is not indicated. The disease concern stems from a common soil organism which when fertilized by bird droppings can cause the lung disease

histoplasmosis if inhaled.

The groves will be thinned by bulldozing swaths through them in a checkerboard pattern.

Felled trees will be pushed into rows, and when dried out will be burned by post firemen as part of their training.

Due to proximity to the groves the Rocket Nursery and Chapel Children's Center will be moved to other locations while the bulldozers are operating. These locations will be announced as soon as they are established.



Easy As 1 - 2 - 3

Bernice Ham hopes to discover the inside secrets of pottery from Dr. James T. Darrow. The University of Tennessee professor conducted a 3-day pottery workshop at the Multi-Crafts Center last weekend.

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Limit of 3 to 5 Percent Set For Pay Raises

WASHINGTON (AFPS)—Military and civilian pay raises due in October will be limited by budgetary constraints to an increase in the 3 to 5 percent range, Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld told Congress in his annual defense report.

Rumsfeld also talked of Congressional and Executive Branch scrutiny over a wide range of other pays and bonuses, including proficiency pays, reenlistment bonuses, terminal leave payments, paid graduate education, commissary subsidies, CHAMPUS coverage, parachute pay, and flight pay.

The Defense Secretary noted that some of these actions have been approved, others are in progress, and yet others need prompt Congressional attention. All told, the cost savings by FY 1980 could amount to a total of \$1.5 billion annually.

The following is a verbatim extract of the FY 1977 Annual Defense Department Report on the subject of pay.

Restraint on Growth

"The growth rate of the average cost per person can be slowed through two types of initiatives: (1) Restraining increases in military and civilian pay and in military retirement annuities; and (2) Reducing or eliminating certain elements within the total compensation package."

"The budget assumes that pay increases for GS civilians would range from 3 percent to 5 percent. Since military pay is adjusted by the average percentage increase given employees under the General Schedule, the military increase also will be between 3 percent and 5 percent."

"On Wage Board civilian pay, the budget assumes that legislation will be enacted to reform aspects of the Federal wage system that result in Defense blue-collar workers earning more than their nongovernment counterparts."

"These changes would be implemented in a way which would assure that no employee would receive less than a 3 percent increase in FY 1977. Defense workers, both military and civilian, would thus receive increases in FY 1977 ranging between 3 percent and 5 percent. In total, these changes will save the Department of Defense about \$2.5 billion."

"Given the constraints on the Defense budget and the major increases that have been experienced in basic pay, several elements of total military compensation and other military personnel costs have come under intense scrutiny, from both the Congress and the Executive

Branch. Reductions have been proposed in proficiency pay, reenlistment bonuses, terminal leave payments, paid graduate education, commissary subsidies, CHAMPUS coverage, parachute pay, and flight pay."

"Some of these actions have been approved and are already in progress, while others are new initiatives which need prompt consideration and approval by Congress if they are to be effective. The annual cost savings expected to accrue by FY 1980 from the actions already approved will be about \$500 million."

More Realistic Prices

"In addition, a saving of about \$1 billion annually by 1979 will result from the new method of allocating military pay raises approved by Congress in 1974. Prior to this change, the entire amount of the matching pay increase was added to basic pay; allowances for quarters and subsistence were not increased and thus fell farther below the fair cost of quarters and subsistence. Under the new law, the percentage pay increase is applied equally to the three pay elements—in two ways: (1) the lower rates of basic pay will reduce retirement costs, and (2) military members who are furnished government quarters and subsistence in-kind in lieu of the corresponding cash allowances in effect will be paying more realistic prices for those items."

"Thus, in addition to the savings generated by limiting pay increases, nearly \$1.5 billion will be saved annually by FY 1980 through adjustments within the total compensation package which are already planned and approved."

"Additional initiatives are now being proposed in the area of compensation and benefits to restrain further manpower cost growth. It has been decided to propose again a phase-out of the subsidy for operation of commissary stores over three years. It is also planned to reduce enlistment bonuses. Other proposals include: a reduction in the pay and allowances of cadets and midshipmen; several adjustments in pay practices for members of the Ready Reserve, including elimination of dual pay for Federal employees who are reservists; and conversion to a fair market rental system for on-base military housing by 1984, achieved by allocating a greater portion of future pay raises to quarters allowances. Most of these new initiatives will require legislative action. If they are put into effect in FY 1977, estimated annual savings for FY 1980 are about \$700 million."

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Hadlai A. Hull, assistant Secretary of the Army for Financial Management, will be the dinner speaker at the opening banquet April 21.

Other speakers include R.W. Gutmann, director, Procurement and Systems Acquisition Division, General Accounting Office; Robert R. Kemps, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Com-

troller); Dr. John L. McDaniel, Army Missile Research, Development and Engineering Laboratory; and Col. Michael J. Dooley, MICOM Director for Plans and Analysis.

Panelists for the seminar will be Richard J. Trainor, Office of the Chief of Research, Development and Acquisition; James Ratliff,

BMDSCOM; Col. George Mooney, MICOM Comptroller; Col. B.F. Register, director of MICOM Procurement and Production; and Frank Buckley, Jr., chief of the MICOM Legal Office.

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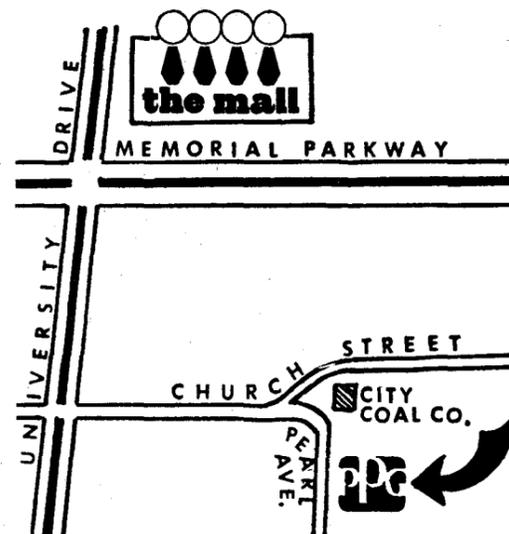
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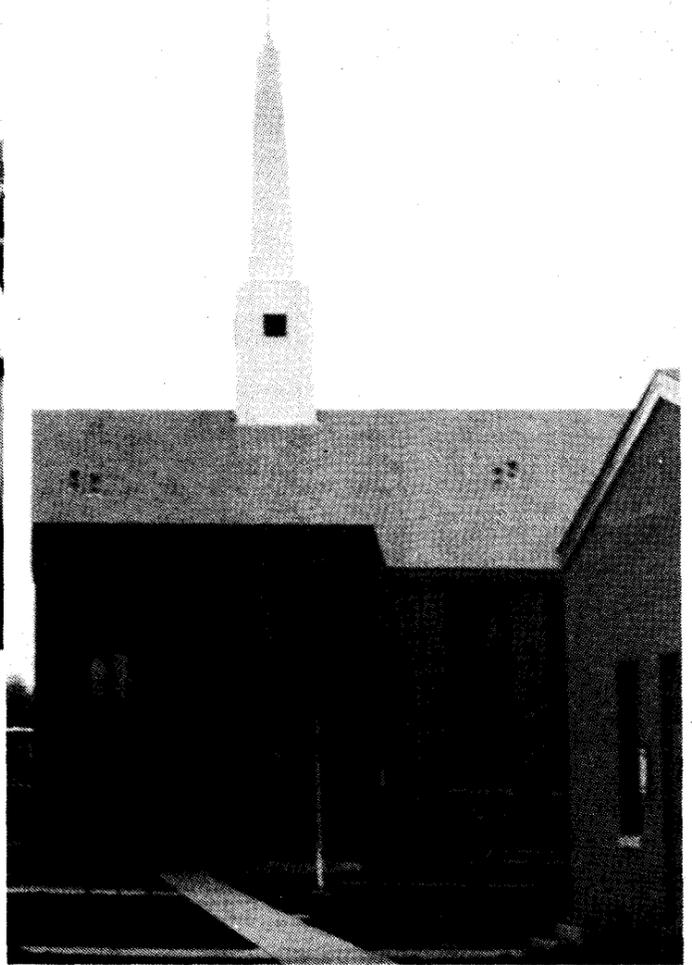
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Inside, Outside

Pews in new Chapel seat 600; building is of standard Army design for Chapels.

Dedication Story on Front Page

Children's Center

Enjoying their new quarters in the religious education wing of the Redstone Bicentennial Chapel are children of military families who attend pre-kindergarten, kindergarten and special first grade classes. Known as the Children's Center, the activity is operated under the supervision of the Post Chaplain.



Photos—Bill Kellar



New Housing Policy Helps Families

Military personnel can now leave their dependents in government quarters while serving short overseas tours in unaccompanied areas.

Service members in grades E-5 through O-5, who have received or will receive overseas assignment to 12 or 13 month short tour areas, are permitted to retain their military family housing at their last permanent CONUS or Hawaii duty station. This applies to personnel whose orders specify either an assignment back to the same installation (homebase assignment) or to another installation in CONUS or Hawaii (Advanced assignment).

Families will be permitted to occupy public quarters until the sponsor returns or reports to the

next permanent duty station not considered an unaccompanied short tour.

Retention of quarters is voluntary on the part of the individuals concerned and must be formally requested as soon as possible after receipt of orders, but no later than 30 days prior to departure of sponsor.

To be eligible for retention of housing, service members must be assigned to government quarters prior to date of departure from installation.

Unaccompanied 12 or 13 month tours must be to areas where dependents are not authorized. Election of "all others" tours, when assigned to accompanied tour area does not qualify for this program.

Personnel retaining military family housing under the homebase-advanced assignment program, who are assigned to the same installation upon completion of their unaccompanied tour continue to retain their quarters assignment in the same manner they would have had the tour not intervened.

Those who do not receive a homebase assignment to the same installation will be required to clear quarters 30 days after the return of the sponsor from a short tour area. Installation commanders will grant up to 60 days additional occupancy in cases where the new installation has a waiting list for housing.

Quarters assignment may be automatically terminated by the installation commander 30 days after expiration of the unaccompanied tour unless the installation commander receives a copy of orders extending the short tour, or subsequent orders indicating a reassignment to the same installation.

Members retaining their quarters under this program are responsible for keeping their family housing office informed of changes in duty stations.

The following individuals will not be permitted retention of currently assigned military family housing, but will be eligible for priority assignment to other quarters, at the same installation, if available:

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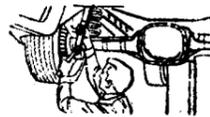
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Soldier of the Year Gives Advice to Younger Troops

A 23-year-old prior Soldier of the Month has been chosen the Missile and Munitions Center and School Soldier of the Year (SOY) 1975.

Specialist 4 Roger A. Duffy, assigned to Company C of the School Brigade, was chosen by a board of command sergeant majors.

Recognized for professionalism and soldierly attributes, Duffy was SOY for December. Selection for SOY was also based on appearance, knowledge of military subjects, current events and world

affairs. Duffy received a Certificate of Achievement, a plaque and a savings bond from Colonel Edwin A. Rudd, commandant of the school.

"Redstone is my station of choice," said Duffy. "I chose this post because of the quality of school it is. Redstone plays a significant part in the defense of our nation."

SP4 Duffy's achievement resulted from school-wide competition among approximately 2,000 cadre and student personnel. His selection was a product of

grueling competition lasting throughout the calendar year 1975.

Entering the Army in April 1974, Duffy completed basic training at Ft. Knox, and was assigned to Redstone under a station of choice agreement.

Presently, an instructor for the Improved Hawk Fire Control course, he was recently chosen Hawk Instructor of the Quarter. Selected for this honor by his branch (Fire Control), he had to give a 20-minute conference before

a panel of senior non-commissioned officers and officers.

Before becoming an instructor, Duffy was acting platoon sergeant of the 8th Student Company, which was formerly named 8th Enlisted Training Company. During this period, he became the first soldier to receive a Letter of Achievement while on student status for his professional performance of duty.

His advise to young soldiers today is "Take pride in the Army,

in what it stands for and in oneself. Then you have to acquire and maintain military bearing."

"I joined the Army because of the educational opportunities," said Duffy, "and I needed something I could take pride in."

The Evansville, Ind., native thinks that the qualifications for entering the Army are too low. "They should be raised," he said. "There should also be more discipline in the school and companies."

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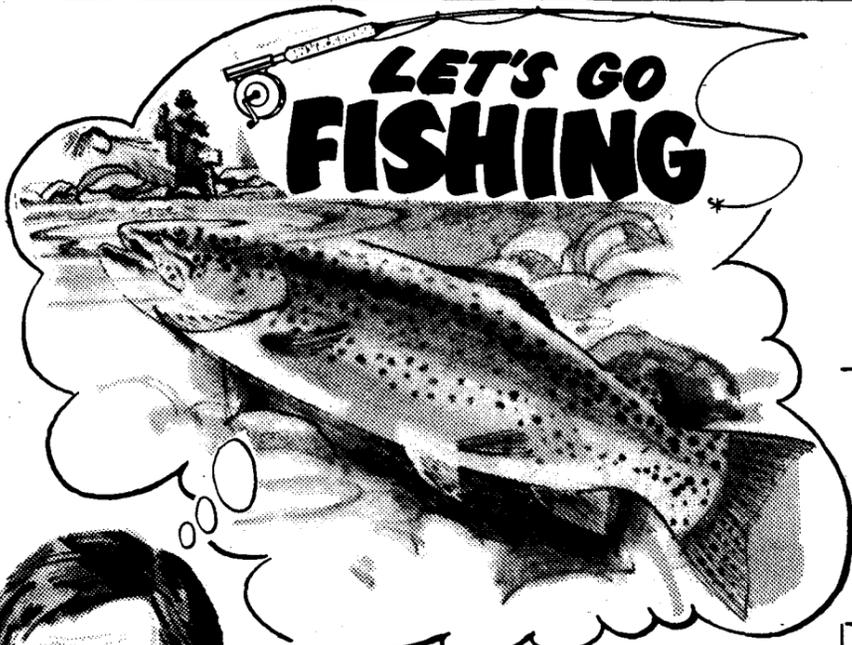
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Army Emergency Relief Kicks-off Fund Drive

Last year 280 Army families at Redstone were helped over financial emergencies with \$38,165 in loans and grants from Army Emergency Relief (AER) funds, yet only \$4,497.49 were collected during the local annual campaign.

"We anticipate a better response this year," Lt. Larry G. Abrams, the Redstone AER officer said last week following the kick-off for the 1976 campaign where Col. Arthur G. Lange, MICOM Chief of Staff, made the opening remarks.

"We've set a goal of \$10,000 this year and are looking for 100 percent participation," Abrams said. "AER is one way of carrying out the tradition, 'The Army takes care of its own.'"

"Three Army families here lost the entire contents of their homes through fires last year, and each received maximum grants from AER for instance."

Maj. Gen. George E. Turnmeyer, MICOM Commander, has designated April 1 through May 17 as the period for the AER fund drive this year. "We cover at least three pay periods during a campaign, so people won't be confined

Vehicle Theft Causes Concern

WASHINGTON (ANF)—DA officials remain concerned over the continued theft, misuse and willful destruction of Army vehicles and equipment.

Unattended and unsecured vehicles were the most frequent targets for ripoffs while secured vehicles accounted for about 10 percent of the total incidents reviewed.

Theft from motor pools also was frequent. A contributing factor was the false sense of security generated by the term "motor pool." Reports show that some vehicles were stolen during duty hours with motor pool personnel present—and at night with guards on duty.

to contributing from just one pay day," Abrams said. "The NCO Wives Club has already made a donation. All contributions are tax deductible.

"Maximum loan or grant is now \$300. Sometimes assistance is a combination of a loan and grant, but cannot exceed a total of \$300. If a situation is critical, and we want to go beyond that amount, we have to have approval from AER headquarters."

There is no interest charge on

loans, which are repaid by allotment from a soldier's pay at rates he can afford. Grants do not have to be repaid, but often are, Abrams said.

AER was established in 1942 to help take care of families in the rapidly expanding Army. There has been an Army Relief Society since 1900 to help widows and orphans of Army personnel. A percentage of the money collected for AER is set aside for the Society.

Abrams said that a soldier in

need of a loan or grant first approaches his commanding officer, then comes to the AER office. In cases where families are living in a community they can apply through the local Red Cross chapter for help from AER.

AER loans may be made to a soldier to pay his initial rent and to cover other necessities until he gets settled on a post or in a community, and under similar emergency conditions.

During 1975 AER provided \$4,680,122 in loans and grants

Army-wide. Since 1942 AER has made loans and grants to 1,077,836 Army members totaling \$128,512,340.90.

No appeal for funds is made outside the Army. AER may receive donations from Army members, their families and friends in memory of deceased loved ones. When that happens, acknowledgement is made to each donor and a letter of sympathy to the bereaved family includes the name and address of each contributor.

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Another highlight of the day will be the dedication of two new aircraft, recently added to the Flying Club fleet, a Cessna 150 Trainer, and a converted Army T-41. The Club now has twelve aircraft ranging from trainers to high speed cross country planes.

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CWF Managers Meet Tomorrow

CWF softball managers will further plan for the coming season when they get together for another meeting in the conference room of Building 5678 at ten tomorrow morning.

Mike Fahey, the league president, said that it is important that all team captains be present.

He said that early indications point to an increase to ten teams for play this summer and a schedule must be arranged for practice sessions at the Rec. Area.

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Still Looking for Win

War Hawks Scalp Rockets

Redstone is still looking for a baseball win after dropping a double-header to Calhoun State College, 13-4 and 7-0, in exhibition games played last Tuesday.

Both contests could have created a smashing hit on Broadway entitled "Comedy of Errors." They committed numerous blunders: pass balls, wild pitches, throwing errors, dropped flies; topped off with weak hitting.

"I know we can play better ball than that," said Redstone's coach Bill Gore.

Calhoun defeated Redstone here two weeks ago, but they didn't walk away with the games. In fact, it was a couple of mental errors that allowed the War Hawks to defeat Redstone, 4-1 and 4-3.

"Redstone played sloppy ball. The lack of hustling by the entire team caused many mental mistakes; what more can I say," said Bill Gore.

In the first game, Tuesday, the War Hawks took advantage of six walks, five errors and a mere five hits—all singles—in the second and third innings to roll up a commanding 11-1 lead.

Redstone got one run back in the bottom of the third. Randy Wiese and Mike Spry walked and then Wiese scored when Ken Chance cracked a base hit to right field.

The Rockets chalked up three more runs in the fourth when Ralph Tepe, Jeff Dixon and K.C. Manning walked to load the bases. Tepe scored on a wild pitch from War Hawk pitcher Terry Asher, followed by Dixon and Manning when Mike Spry slapped a double down the left field line.

Calhoun added a run in the final two innings to eliminate the Rockets, 13-4.

War Hawks 7.. Redstone 0

In the final game, the War Hawks staged an uprising in the second inning, scoring four runs to eventually whip the Rockets, 7-0. The old saying: "You give a team an inch and they'll take a mile" was the case with Redstone.

The War Hawks got things started in the first inning on hits by Stuart Campbell, Randy Sanders

Rocket Baseball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Place	Time
March 11	— Athens	Away	3:00
March 16	— Calhoun	Home	1:00
March 24	— Calhoun	Away	1:00
March 28	— Gadsden	Away	1:00
March 30	— Athens	Home	3:00
April 10	— Gadsden	Home	1:00
April 15	— Athens	Home	3:00
April 17	— Huntsville A's	Home	1:00
April 24	— Calhoun	Home	1:00
April 27	— Calhoun	Away	1:00
April 30	— Huntsville A's	Home	7:00
April 31	— Huntsville's	Home	1:00

Marty Evans led the War Hawks with two hits and four RBIs with Asher picking up the win. Left-hander Kelvin Poole went two and a third innings—yielding four hits and four walks—and was charged with the loss.

and Keith Cullefer, but Redstone pitcher Mike Arndt was able to quell the uprising.

However, two throwing errors by Mike Spry—after Arndt had retired the first batter—allowed Calhoun to score four unearned runs, capped off by Campbell's towering homer to left field.

The War Hawks wrapped up the game with three runs on four hits in the final inning for the win. Sparks went the distance for Calhoun, giving up only three hits, and four walks.

Arndt took the loss for Redstone, yielding 12 hits and two walks. Mike Spry collected one of three hits for Redstone with a double, while K.C. Manning and Ken Chance added a single each.

Randy Sanders blasted three base hits, Campbell had two, including his second-inning homer, and Hargrove added a pair for the War Hawks.



Pitching?

Redstone Coach Bill Gore Looks On

Invitational Mat Tourney Slated

For some it's breath-taking and for others it's a show of muscles, but for a wrestler it's an art. He makes one mistake and punishment is swift. This is what will happen when torso twisters compete in the third annual RSA Invitational Wrestling Tournament Apr. 24 and 25 at the newly-completed Post gym.

Interested wrestlers should register for the tournament Apr. 12 at the Sports and Athletic Training Office, Bldg 3474. According to Sport Director Ralph

Santaliz, prospects should begin their individual training to enable them to compete in their respective weight divisions.

Weight classifications are: 115, 118, 126, 134, 150, 158, 167, 177, 190 pounds, supplemented with high school modifications will be used in governing the competition.

For further information, contact the Sports and Athletic Training Director, Ralph Santaliz, at 876-2943.

UNA Here For Golf and Tennis

Redstone's golf and tennis teams will compete against university of North Alabama in exhibition matches Apr. 9 here. Both events start at one with tennis play at the enlisted and officer's tennis courts. The golf match will be contested over the Arsenal greens.

The Tennis event consists of match play—six single and three double matches. Mal O'Neill will head Redstone's team, followed by members Sid Roberts, Larry Weldron, Tom McLaughlin, Chuck Addicott and Mike Drinkwater.

In golf, medal-match play will govern with team captain Pat Fogel leading Redstone's eight-

member squad.

In forthcoming weeks, Redstone will play other college teams such as Calhoun, St. Bernard, North Alabama, UAH and Alabama A&M.

Interested persons may still tryout for both teams by calling respective coaches Maj O'Neill at 876-5269 and Pat Fogel at 876-6661.

According to Sports Director Ralph Santaliz, the exhibition matches have been scheduled to prepare the post teams for the respective Training and Doctrine Command tournaments scheduled later this summer.

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By Dave Cowan

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Indeed, he was right. The Reds are a great team, but it was also a great World Series, highlighted by heroics and controversies.

Remember? Rookie sensation Fred Lynn preserved one victory for the Boston Red Sox with an unforgettable catch in center field. The Cincinnati Reds responded with a marvelous youngster of their own—Rawly Eastwick, a 24-year-old right-hander who won two games in relief and saved another.

Of course, lets not forget veterans like Boston's Carl Yastrzemski and Rico Petrocellie and Cincinnati's Joe Morgan and Tony Perez, who also performed heroically during the series. And finally, the most captivating figure of all—Red Sox pitcher Luis Tiant.

Those exciting moments are now fond memories and a new season of "melodrama" is upon us. But, is the melodrama going to consist of great baseball as witnessed in the past, or is the melodrama going to be another feud between players and their owners.

For the third time in five years, a contractual dispute between the 24 major-league club owners and the players' union is disrupting baseball. The lockout of the players from spring training was the result of the owners' dissatisfaction with current negotiations to modify the reserve clause.

However, the owners' chances of getting the kind of agreement they want are about as good as the San Diego Padres' of winning the 1976 World Series—slim to none.

The owners' action was hard to understand because it would seem to antagonize the players precisely when their organization is holding the trump card.

But low and behold, a miracle, disguised as Bowie Kuhn, stepped in like a good Samaritan and ordered the opening of spring training camps. A move, he declared, would guarantee the opening of the regular baseball season on time.

According to Kuhn, the fans were the ones who were suffering from all the bickering among the owners and players.

Not so, said Arnie Burdick, sports editor of the Syracuse Herald Journal.

"Okay, Bowie Kuhn, so you opened the camps. Fine, but why not tell it like it is. You didn't do it, as you said, for the poor, under-nourished fans who are thirsting to see their heroes play ball.

"Instead, you did it for the owners, each of whom would have dropped a bundle if the 1976 season wound up as a blank page in the record books."

"For Joe Fan," said Burdick, "Pfooy! He's already had his pocket picked unmercifully by the sports promoters and owners, Inc. He's caught in one of the worst waves of ticket increases and rising prices of all time."

"And with the tossing out of the reserve clause," added the sports editor, "it will bring on a flock of free agent athletes demanding more money than there is in the U.S. Mint. Only the Lord knows how much it's going to cost to 'Take Me Out to The Ball Game.'"

His point is valid. The NFL and NBA have already raised their prices. Their tickets have skyrocketed from \$5 to \$7 to \$10 to \$15. Even the Washington Redskins announced recently a new \$18 fee for next Fall.

"Baseball over the years has been able to pretty much hold the line and keep the tab within reasonable limits. A guy could take his kid to a game on a nice summer's day, enjoy it, and not have it cost him his week's pay. He could even afford some hot dogs, beer and parking," said Burdick.

While many believe the blame lies with the owners, fans should take a look at the players.

In the old days, a \$100,000 ballplayer was about as scarce as the .400 hitter. For example, stalwart Willie Mays drew a bundle of money from the San Francisco Giants.

However, he never threatened to quit because the club wouldn't pay him higher fees. He didn't need to. The Giants recognized his talents and paid him accordingly.

The problem nowadays is that players want to start at \$100,000 or they don't want to play. As a result, club owners have had to raise ticket prices to meet the demands. If the Giants had a team consisting of all Willie Mays, the owners would be glad to pay every player his worth in gold. Of course, they would have to build a new stadium twice the size they have presently. Fans like superstars, and a superstar team would draw mass audiences.

"It's one thing for the Commissioner of baseball to order that spring training gates swing open," said Burdick, "but it's also about time, Bowie, that you start taking that Louisville Slugger off your shoulder and begin swinging it with some power....keeping cost, and therefore, prices down, so that Joe can still afford to be a fan.

"Frankly, the fan is tired of overpaid, high-priced, unappreciative athletes, complaining about how hard they work three hours a day, six months a year.

"He's tired of pictures of players tooling up to practice in a Rolls Royce, and then, less than 24 hours later, hearing the same individual moan about what a shoddy pension plan the owners offered," he said.

Is America's No. 1 past-time sport for the fans? It might have been. Now it seems the owners want more profits, and the players want more wages.

Both: the owners and players are using the fans for their own selfish advantages. Once termed a sport, baseball can now be classified as a big business.

You, the private citizen, have no choice but to pay the price, or go without. And going without baseball would be like going without hot dogs and coke. But then again, hot dogs and coke are rapidly exceeding the range of the poor working stiff.

Post Volleyball Team In FORSCOM Meet

In an unusual turn of events in sports at Redstone last week, Sports Director Ralph Santaliz announced that the post will field a volleyball team for the FORSCOM Volleyball Tournament at Ft. Bragg in May.

The startling announcement came as a surprise for Redstone, since the post is normally affiliated only with Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC) sports events.

According to Santaliz, the Training and Athletic Branch here decided to accept FORSCOM's (headquartered at Ft. McPherson) request for the vacant spot in their tournament, since the Arsenal recently sponsored a team in the Huntsville Volleyball League.

Redstone will be competing against teams not associated with TRADOC tournaments such as

Bragg, Campbell, Jackson, McPherson and Polk.

The Arsenal will send a men's and women's team to the tournament, and according to Santaliz, both squads have an excellent chance of winning. "We have two all-Army players, one from each team," said Santaliz.

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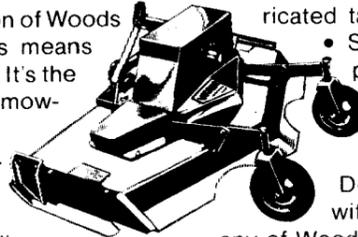
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Soccer Players Keep Redstone Winning

They say soccer may become a truly American sport someday. But until that day arrives the game of soccer, as far as Redstone is concerned, will have to rely upon the foreign students at the Missile and Munitions Center and School to keep it alive.

The student players—mostly Germans, Danes and Italians—have been doing just that and winning at the same time.

In action last week, the Post team dumped the Birmingham Soccer Club, 5-2; and then tied the University of Alabama, 4-4, to win their fifth straight after losing their opener.

The recent wins have inspired the Arsenal team in its preparation for the 1976 Pensacola Invitational Soccer Tournament Apr. 10 and 11 in Florida.

Redstone will be competing against such stalwarts as the University of Alabama, University

of South Alabama, Georgia Tech, University of Georgia, Mississippi State, Tulane, Maxwell Air Force Base, Pensacola Naval Air Station and Ft. Benning.

In their game against Birmingham, the Rockets fell behind early in the contest when BSC's Terry Hace scored a goal with four minutes elapsed.

Birmingham came back with another goal 35 minutes later to take a 2-0 advantage into halftime. During the first 40 minutes of play, Redstone was held scoreless by the brilliant goaltending of BSC's Peter Propper.

At halftime, Redstone's coach Helmut Achilles used the 15-minute rest period to fire-up his club. As the final period got underway, Redstone looked like an entirely new ball club—dominating the game and the earlier untouchable Propper of Birmingham.

With 12 minutes gone, the Rockets got their first goal of the game on a power-play by forward Jensen from 10 yards out. Trailing 2-1, Redstone knotted the game at 2-all with 70 minutes elapsed when Bodo Strohlein hit Jensen with an air pass, which he blazed past Propper and into the net.

The Arsenal team broke the deadlock five minutes later when Strohlein—using his head—physically—rammed the ball pass Birmingham's goalie.

In complete control of the game, the rockets took a commanding 4-2 lead two minutes later with perhaps the best goal of the day by Manfred Maise. It was a kick in the pants for BSC as Egon Harms ignited the drive, maneuvering the ball into position for Maise, who then booted it into the far corner of the net.

Redstone's final score came on

some fancy ball handling between Harms and Jensen. Jensen faked out BSC's defense and then went in untouched for the goal.

Redstone faced the University of Alabama later in the week in a rematch of an earlier game against the Tide in Tuscaloosa where the Rockets suffered their only defeat of the season.

When the dust had settled neither team walked away victorious as they ended the game in a 4-all deadlock—thanks to a last-minute goal by Redstone's Bodo Strohlein.

Typical of most Arsenal sports teams, the Rockets grabbed the early advantage when Jensen shot the ball past the Tide goalie. Egon Harms picked up an assist on Jensen's goal. Two minutes later Redstone blew an opportunity to increase their lead when Bodo Strohlein missed a penalty kick.

Alabama took advantage of

Redstone's misfortune. They immediately drove down the entire field to score and notch the game at 1-all. With the Rockets still stunned over the previous happenings, Alabama, seconds later, scored once more on a long shot to take a 2-1 margin.

Leading 2-1 at halftime, the Tide continued their dominance in the final period, taking a 3-1 lead with seven minutes elapsed. However, Rocket's Manfred Maise cut Alabama's lead to one point five minutes later on a penalty kick.

Alabama countered with another score to take a 4-2 edge, but minutes later, Maise rallied to Redstone's S-O-S, booting another penalty kick into the net to cut the Tide's margin to 4-3. With five minutes left, Strohlein, on a pass from Maise, fired the ball past Alabama's goalie to produce the final results—a 4-all deadlock.

Intramural European Team Handball League Opens Season

The Intramural European Team Handball League opened another grueling season last week with three teams posting perfect records.

Leading the seven-team league were the 4th and 8th Student Companies and the Marine Detachment—all with 2-0 record.

In the league's openers on Mar. 17, the 4th SC defeated Company A, 14-6 and the 8th SC eliminated the 6th, 10-3.

Ace post basketball star, Lewis Lockett, netted seven goals in the 4th's win over the A's. Lockett sank three goals in the first half, along with goals from Jim Wells, Dave Donnelly and Herb Adams, to give the students a 6-3 advantage over

the letter company. In the final period, Lockett sank four and Adams followed up with two goals to eliminate the A's.

Gary Schanz paced the A's with three goals; two coming in the final period of play.

Ramon Pangelinan scored four goals in the first half; then added two more in the second stanza to help enable the 8th SC to defeat the 6th, 10-3.

Pangelinan's four goals in the first half enabled the 8th to jump off to a 5-3 lead after the 6th SC netted three with shots by Arthur Johnson, John Greer and Paul Holzworth. The 8th Students held the 6th scoreless in the final period, while Michael Ford netted two

more goals for their win.

Monday

In Monday's action, the Marines edged the 6th SC, 11-9, and the 8th SC walloped Company A, 11-4.

Dean Bachman sank four goals in the final half to lift the Marines to a 11-9 victory over the 6th students in Monday's opener. The Leathernecks jumped off to a 4-3 advantage in the first half.

However, the 6th stayed with the Marines throughout the contest on the six-goal performance of Fred Coleman. It was Bachman's final two goals that enabled the Marines to pull off the win.

The 8th students chalked up their second win against no defeats as they lambasted Company A, 11-4, in the finale. Phillip Thompson netted four goals in the first half to give the students a commanding 4-1 lead, while student Michael Ford sank three in the final period to wrap up the 8th's win. For the A's, Gary Schanz netted three in a losing cause.

Tuesday

Company A beat the 6th SC, 11-6, and the 4th SC trimmed the 291st MPs, 15-4, in the only games slated Tuesday night.

Donald Bray netted five goals as Company A chalked up their first win of the early campaign with a 11-6 victory over the 6th SC. The A's grabbed a 6-2 halftime lead and then outscored the students 5-4 in the final stanza for the win.

For the winning letter company, Roye Locklear sank three and Gary Schanz added two. Arthur Johnson, Charles Young and Paul Holzworth scored two goals apiece for the 6th.

The 4th students once again showed their awesome power; defeating the 291st MPs 15-4 in Tuesday's finale. The students bombarded the cops with nine goals in the first half and then added six more in the final period for the walk-away win.

Lewis Lockett led the 4th win five goals, followed by Stanley Randall with three and Jim Wells and Herb Adams with two each. Bob Cooke netted two, while Ray Bernal and Jim Layler had one each for the MPs.

Wednesday

In Wednesday's game, the Marines squeezed out their second win with a 11-9 thriller over the 291st MPs. The cops outscored the students in the final half, 5-4, but

the 4th's 7-4 advantage in the first period proved to be the winning factor.

Ken Swearingin blasted home three goals for the 4th, while students Dave Bachman and Rick Fromme added two each. Bob Cooke and Ry Bernal sank three apiece, followed by two goals from Tony Patrick for the MPs.

In a bizarre finish to last week's action, the missilemen from MICOM dropped out of the league. According to Sports Director Ralph Santaliz, MICOM will be replaced by the German Air Force at the Missile and Munitions Center and School.

TEAM HANDBALL

Standings	W	L
8th SC	2	0
4th SC	2	0
Marine Detachment	2	0
Company A	1	2
6th SC	0	3
291st MPs	0	2
German Air Force	0	0

LEADING SCORERS

Name/Unit	G	Goals
Lockett, 4th SC	2	12
Bray, Co. A	3	7
Schanz, Co. A	3	7
Coleman, 6th SC	3	7
Bachman, Marines	2	7
Ford, 8th SC	2	6
Pangelinan, 8th SC	2	6
Cooke, 291st MPs	2	5
Thompson, 8th SC	2	5
Fromme, Marines	2	5

April Kickoff For MMCS League

The Missile and Munitions Center and School Golf League will open its regular-season play Apr. 13 at Redstone's 18-hole golf course. The announcement was made last Thursday by league president Bill Koontz.

The league will be composed of 10 teams playing each Tuesday through June 8 with a position round scheduled for June 15.

Koontz stated that all members must establish a handicap and have it recorded with the secretary prior to the start of the season.

During the Thursday meeting, Jim Willis was unanimously named secretary of the league, while Bill Napier was selected chairman of the tournament committee.

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Standings

	Won
76'ers	70
Swingers	52
Metrcals	52
Lucky Strikes	50
Strikeouts	48
Readiness Group	48
School Brigade	46
ExASPRators	42
Kuwait Keglers	40
Pickups	38
Redrock Injuneers	38
Black Jacks	34
P&P Registers	30
Halo's	20

Results

ExASPRators 8 — Halo's 0
 Strikeouts 8 — Pickups 0
 Lucky Strikes 8 — Redrock 0
 Readiness 6 — Black Jacks 2
 School Brigade 6 — Metrcals 2
 Kuwait 6 — Registers 2
 76'ers 4 — Swingers 4

Ind. Honors

High Series: Hertzog, 586 (204); Bryan, 573 (234); Dwyer, 551 (211); Prewett, 551; Lyko, 549 (201); Townley, 544 (214); Young, 541; Wilkerson, 538 (218); Pencola, 531 (207).

AMC League

Standings

	Pts
Bombers	67 1/2
Spares	60 1/2
Alley Cats	53 1/2
King Pins	53 1/2
Hughes TOW	52
T-Birds	52
Cadillacs	52
Lily Flagg	50 1/2
Fat Cats	50 1/2
Sprinters	48

Last Wednesday

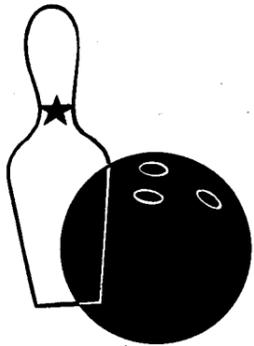
T-Birds-3 — Sprinters-1
 Lily Flagg-3 — Bombers-1
 King Pins-3 — Fat Cats-1
 Cadillacs-3 — TOW-1
 Spares-2 — Alley Cats-2

Big Team Efforts

Two teams passed the 3000 pin total with Lily Flagg surpassing their own high season total with 3093 and the King Pins shooting a 3045, third best in the league this season.

Honor Roll

Steve Stevens was the top gunner in the Lily Flagg attack stringing together games of 205, 187 and 233 for a 625 total.



High Shooters

Dave Cowan, 571; Art Frederick, 562; Dick Gore, 562; Danny Koklas, 561; Eulas Gilbert, 558; DeMet Smith, 544; Bill Wickett, 544.

S&M League

Standings

	W	L
Outhouse Lounge	32	16
Barber-Coleman	31	17
Clowns	31	17
Misfits	28	20
Strikers	27	21
Outcasts	22	26
Reba's	21	27
Three & Two	18	30
The Doc's	18	30
Huntsville Times	12	36

Last Week

Barber-Coleman-4 — Strikers-0
 Reba's-4 — The Docs-0
 Three-Two-3 — Times-1
 Outhouse-3 — Clows-1
 Outcasts-2 — Misfits-2

Honor Roll

Richard Smock sandwiched a 225 game between 195 and 189 for a 609 total that sparked Barber-Coleman in a sweep of the Strikers.

Other High Shooters

Chuck Sloan, 547; Al Rossi, 539; Buck Wade, 536; Jesse Partridge, 529; Les Washburn, 521; Frank Parks, 512 (233).

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BEST BOWLERS—Kneeling from left: Craddock, Ward. Standing: Grizio, McCarron, Brouse Gerhauser, Ogle, Shelton, Oie. Photo—Bill Kellar

Bowling Bantams Score In No-Tap

The nine top scorers in the no-tap tournament held by the Redstone Bantam bowling teams have been presented trophies.

Top scoring boy Bantam was Allan Ogle with a 412. Terrence Ward got a trophy for a 344 and Bryant Shelton for a 327.

Trophy-winning girl Bantams

were Susan Craddock, 345, Frances Brouse, 318, and Carrie Gerhauser, 394.

David McCarron and Karl Grizio both rolled 291 to tie for high score in the 8-years-old and younger Banty Bantam group. Michelle Oie with a 218 led the Banty-Bantam girls.

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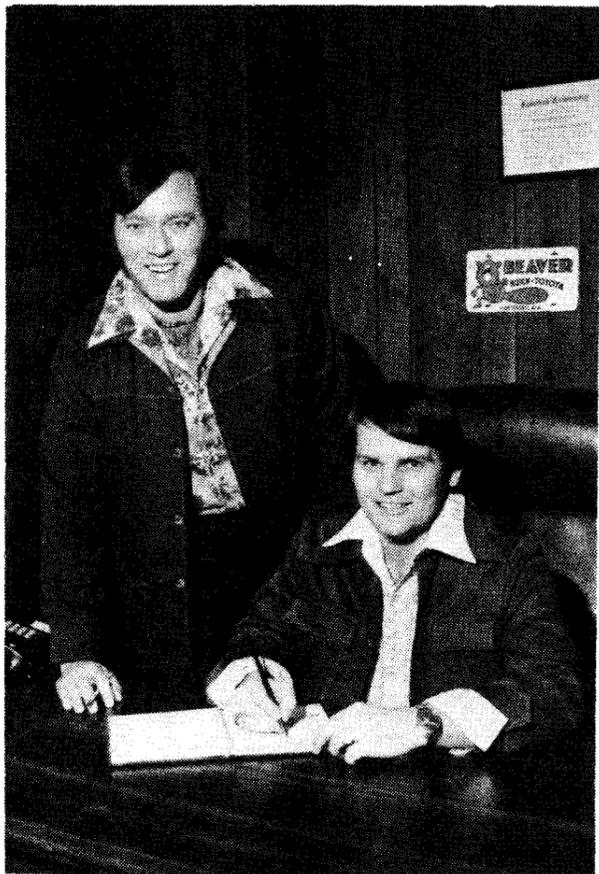
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Selected reservists are defined

as Army and Air Force reservists and members of the Army or Air National Guard who perform inactive duties for pay, usually referred to as weekend drill or unit training assemblies, for a period normally less than 72 hours.

Unlimited exchange use is considered to be one exchange day per drill day. The House Armed Services Committee decided that it might be a hardship to require reservists to use exchange facilities on the same day as drill.

This privilege is only issued to the cardholder not the dependents. The dependents may accompany the reservist but the reservist has to purchase the items. This regulation varies from the active duty training privileges where the dependents are entitled to buy at exchange facilities.

Selected reservists must have the following documents to use exchange facilities: a red ID card DD form 2A or state issued card; competent order published training schedule, or letter of authorization authenticated by the unit or installation commander identifying by name, rank, social security number, duty organization, dates of training and whether training is conducted by selected reservists.

Other members of reserve components have limited and unlimited use of exchange privileges depending on duty status.

Members of reserve components other than selected reserves, during days when they are performing selected training, can buy certain items that are not subject to state taxes. For example, they couldn't buy cigarettes or liquor.

Reservists with red ID cards can use the Military Clothing Sales Store at any time but they are not permitted to use other services without the proper documents.

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McDaniel, Day Head Reorganization Teams

MG George E. Turnmeyer last week made several "tentative" assignments to key posts in the two new commands to be formed from MICOM later this year.

Turnmeyer said the individuals were to oversee planning and coordination for the respective new commands during the reorganization and to address relationships between the two.

The assignments cover the reorganization period only and, in effect, set up teams to make decisions and give guidance and direction formerly given by

policy groups representing the interests of each of the two new commands. The policy groups have been disbanded.

Turnmeyer named Dr. John L. McDaniel, deputy commander of the Missile Research and Development Command (MIRADCOM) and Col. Harvey C. Day Jr., deputy commander of the Missile Materiel Readiness Command (MIRCOM). He charged the two to report to him weekly on the progress or organizing the new commands.

Named to the MIRADCOM co-

ordinating group with McDaniel were Col. Michael J. Dooley, chief of staff; Michael F. Deegan, deputy comptroller; Robert Whitley, director of product assurance, and James K. Fowler, deputy director of procurement and production.

Directing MIRCOM organizational activities with Day will be Col. Arthur Lange, chief of staff; Col. George Mooney, comptroller; Col. Benjamin Register, director of P&P; Col. Ivan R. Prince Jr., director of materiel management, and Ernest A.

Young, director of maintenance.

In other developments related to the reorganization, 53 people assigned to the Stinger Project Office moved from Bldg 5250 to Bldg 7120 last week. Forty others in the Technical Data Management Division of the Systems Engineering Directorate, R&D, shifted from 7120 to 7444.

Moves underway this week include Hellfire Project (55 people) from 5250 to 4505 and the Patent Office (21 people) from 4505 to 5250.

Shifts projected to begin April 15 include: Pershing Project (85) from 5250 to 7172; U. S. Roland Project (75) from 7172 to 4505 and Lance Project (62) from 4505 to 5250.

Projected moves later next month include: International Logistics Directorate (101) from 5681 to 5250; Chaparral/FAAR Project (54) from 7172 to 7101; Targets Management Office (42) from 4488 to 7172 with a planned later move to 5250.

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The Missile Command has awarded \$125,397 to Abilities Development Center (ADC) of Huntsville for Dragon tracker carrying bags.

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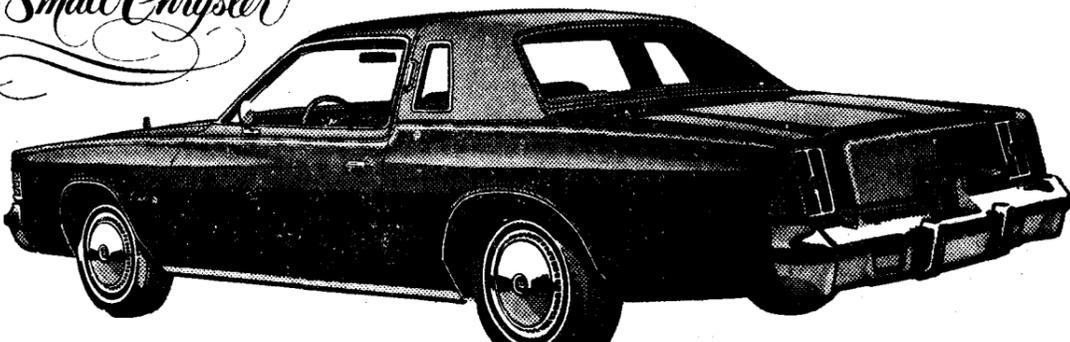
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Mayor Burwell Wilbank of Madison admires the White Sands Missile Range's travelling Army Bicentennial exhibit while Sergeant Jerry Blessing presents a briefing. More than a hundred people toured the 45-foot van while parked on the Arsenal Friday. The exhibit featured the missile range's vital role in the Department of Defense research and development, test and evaluation programs. Redstone was the exhibit's third stop, after displays in Washington, D.C. and Aberdeen. Its next exhibit will be at Ft. Polk, La.

Time In Grade Eligibility Clarified

WASHINGTON (ANF)—MILPERCEN has restated and clarified DoD's temporary suspension requiring soldiers to serve two years' time-in-grade before being eligible for voluntary nondisability retirement.

Soldiers promoted to the top three enlisted grades after the March 31, 1975 suspension incurred only a six-month service obligation

if the retirement was effective on or before June 30, 1976. Special instructions on DA special orders announcing promotions to E-7-8-9 during April 1975 through January 1976 told soldiers they were locked in for at least six months active duty before they could retire.

Soldiers who were not retirement eligible as of June 30, 1976 or who did not choose to retire at six months TIG continued to incur a two-year service obligation.

However, senior NCOs with a

two-year obligation may apply for voluntary retirement and request a waiver of the remaining service obligation—generally for hardship reasons. Requests for waiver must include a copy of the DA orders announcing the promotion which together are to accompany the retirement application.

More information outlining requests for voluntary retirements may be found in AR 635-200, "Personnel Separations—Enlisted Personnel."

Cool Buildings Late This Year

Air Conditioners in Arsenal buildings will be turned on a little later than usual this year, according to a Facilities Engineer spokesman.

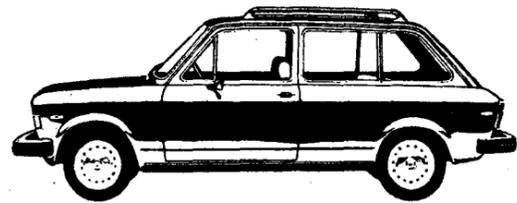
"We haven't been meeting our quotas on electricity and if we delay turning on air conditioners we can make up for some of the deficit during the time when it will cause the least discomfort", the spokesman said.

Thermostats will be set between 78 and 80 degrees when the air conditioners are turned on, he said.

Meanwhile, a second phase of the computerized energy management system is expected to be ready in a short time. It will add 75 buildings to the computer, bringing to 200 the number of buildings here with computer controlled climate.

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Whether you are an Independent, Republican or Democrat makes no difference regarding my message. What is important is that you are willing to examine the facts of the political situation in Madison County and make an honest personal evaluation of the health of our county government.

I believe that we have an unhealthy situation when one political party completely dominates any government body. The evils of one party control are well documented and are as detrimental in Republican Nebraska as they were in the the Democrat "Old" South. Candidates of the dominant party become so heavily indebted to the party machine when elected, it is nearly impossible for them to make critical decisions based solely on merit and the overall interests of the governed, if they intend to remain in office. This situation results in many incumbents remaining in county government positions for fifteen or twenty years.

YOU, the voter, are entitled to the opportunity of true choice not merely the endorsement of the party machine's candidate.

Though I make no charges of gross incompetence or corruption in our county government, there is certainly complete domination by one party.

My prime reason for qualifying as a candidate for election as Chairman of the Madison County Commission (Position 5) is to present you with the opportunity to elect a fully qualified proven leader with extensive management experience in positions of great responsibility.

As your commissioner my decisions will be made objectively in the interests of all Citizens of Madison County because I owe no political debts or party favors.

I do need your financial support to help finance my campaign to bring issues to the people. Please send what you can afford and mark your check as a political contribution.

With your support, and working together we can make Madison County Government a worthwhile model of efficiency and integrity.

Your vote in the May 4th Primary and the November General Election will be greatly appreciated.

Most Sincerely,

Surprises At Surplus Property Sales

A young lady attending a Spot Bid Sale at the Rocket Auditorium was surprised to find out that her bid of \$65 was the highest on a car. It seems that the young lady had intended to buy a typewriter but had mixed up the item numbers. Well—at least the story has a happy ending. The young lady's husband was very elated to have a car, especially for such a low price.

Not everyone attending the spot bid sales has the "luck" of the young lady, but every effort is made by Redstone's Defense Property Disposal Office to please its customers.

Although the primary mission of the disposal office is to find new customers for excess supplies, it involves more than just spot bid sales. In fact, the spot bid sale is usually the last resort for most items.

The Defense Supply Disposal System is composed of 200 offices similar to the one at Redstone, feeding data about excess supplies to a central computer system at Battle Creek, Michigan. These items are divided into four basic categories that determine the disposal of the item. They are supplies screenable: by DoD only; by the General Services Administration only; by Department of Defense and GSA; and within the local area only.

Screenable refers to the fact that there is a predetermined "pecking order" for various government agencies, depending on the category the item might fall under. DoD is the top dog in that hierarchy followed by other Federal agen-

cies, State Education organizations, private donation groups such as the Red Cross and then finally the general public.

For items screenable by DoD, a computer generated booklet is distributed to over 3,900 offices in the federal government. Annually, more than one-half billion dollars worth of excess property is published in these weekly listings.

Reutilization of excess supplies is a big business for Uncle Sam particularly in these days of lean defense budgets. Redstone's Defense Property Disposal Office reutilized \$4 million and sold over \$400,000 worth of goods in FY '75.

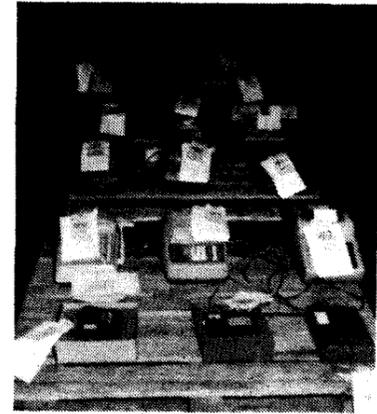
Henry Vaughn, the Defense Property Disposal Officer at Redstone is responsible for the disposal of over 2500 items every quarter. Sometimes this is not an easy task, especially considering the wide range of items turned into the local office.

For example, four railroad boxcars are for sale. They've already been sold twice but the buyers defaulted because of removal problems. Although Redstone has stated that the cars were on tracks that didn't go anywhere, the buyers didn't realize the expense and trouble of removing the cars by trailer.

The boxcars are just one of the many excess items handled locally. An airplane was recently reutilized by the fire department for training; two Armored Personnel Carriers shipped to Luke Air Force Base in Arizona for target practice; MMCS recovered fifty mattresses; a missile van was



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issued back to R&D for storage; and the first and second stage motor cases of the Pershing were sold to Thiokol.

As Ruby Massey, a reutilization specialist explained "We've handled everything from silver knives to diesel locomotives."

Besides handling reutilization items, scrap metal and lumber sales, the disposal office also sells cars abandoned on post and goods damaged in military household shipments. Many of these cars and household items become real "finds" for the do-it-yourself hobbyist.

Another spot bid sale is planned for April 13. Bobby Burke, marketing specialist, urges interested customers to inspect the bargains at building 7432 on April 12-13 from 8 to 3 o'clock.

A "roach coach", oriental dresser, assorted vehicles, tires, office machines, furniture and electrical equipment will be among the 200 items in the April sale.

The Disposal Office usually conducts a spot bid sale about every six weeks. Watch for the announcements in the Rocket and Daily Bulletin so that you'll be aware of the items for sale.

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Observers gave high marks to School Brigade's Company C, to the WAC marching unit and to the 14th Army Band of Ft. McClellan, commonly called the WAC Band, which played for the parade.



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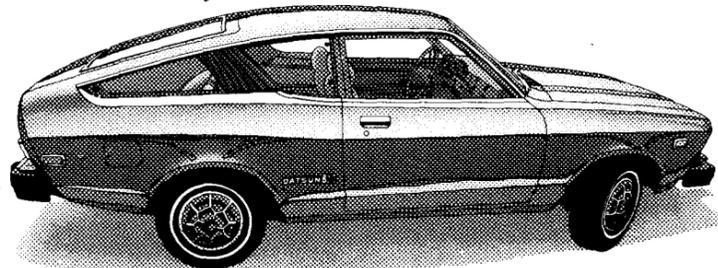
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