

# MMCS - OCS Merger Studied

WASHINGTON—The Army said last week that it will make another study before deciding whether to merge the Ordnance Center and School at Aberdeen with the Missile and Munitions Center and School at Redstone.

The news came in a package of 18 "candidate" base closures or reductions the Army identified as under study to cut non essential

overhead and support personnel and associated costs.

The announcement issued April 1 identified a proposed movement of the Ordnance School to Redstone and consolidation there with MMCS as the "candidate" action for study. Secretary of the Army Martin Hoffmann told newsmen explaining the proposed actions: "We indicate the one we presently

prefer."

The statement and comment by the Secretary were the first public indication by the Army that it preferred a specific course of action in the school consolidation which has been studied repeatedly for the past three years.

Newsmen who pressed for an explanation of why the Ordnance School move to Redstone was listed

as the proposed "candidate" for study, however got this answer:

"Our prior review indicated consolidation at Redstone to be the more economical alternative. The detailed studies we are now undertaking will examine both alternatives and provide basis for decision as to whether consolidation is appropriate and where the consolidation should occur."

"Both alternatives" in that context means consolidation at either Redstone or Aberdeen is still an open question. So is whether or not there will be any merger at all. One alternative in any of the past studies has always been to leave both schools as they are.

What it all seemed to boil down to is this: If the new study shows the Army can save substantial by consolidating the schools at Redstone, that could happen. If the study shows that substantial savings would result from consolidating at Aberdeen, that could happen. And unless the study shows substantial savings could be achieved from either of those actions, nothing will happen.

About nine months, according to the Army announcement last week, will be required to complete the new study, consider any inputs from Congress, local officials, union leaders and the public, and come to a decision.

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### Army Reduction Affects 3600 Civilian Positions

WASHINGTON—The Secretary of the Army announced April 1 proposed management actions to improve Army combat capability by reducing non-essential overhead and support personnel and associated costs through 18 base realignments.

Secretary Martin R. Hoffmann said, "The candidate actions, if finally approved and implemented, would result in a reduction of approximately 3600 Army civilian positions, an annual net savings to the Army of at least \$42 million and release to active combat units of about 1400 paid military personnel spaces now associated with support assignments."

Last week's announcement begins studies by the Army to evaluate all aspects of the actions. Following are the Army candidate actions included:

Possible closure of Ft. Hamilton and Ft. Totten, N.Y.; Ft. MacArthur, Calif.; Jefferson Proving Ground, Ind.; Arlington Hall Station, and Vint Hill Farms Station, Va.; and Ft. Buchanan, Puerto Rico; Family Housing Activities at Schilling Manor, Ka; and termination of most Army activities at Ft. Indiantown Gap, Pa.

Also: closure of Savanna Army Depot, Ill.; relocation of aircraft maintenance from New Cumberland Army Depot, Pa. to Corpus Christi, Tex.; and relocation of the Toolset Assembly Mission from Rock Island Arsenal, Ill. to Anniston Depot, Ala.

Also: conversion of the base operations support function to contract operations for Army activities at Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Mich., and Stewart Airport, N.Y.; consolidating activities now at Ft. Story, Va. with those at Ft. Eustis, Va.; reduction of base operations support at Ft. Detrick, Md., and concurrent use or lease by other government agencies or by industry of facilities at Oakland Army Base, Calif.

Also: studies of possible consolidation of the Ordnance School, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. with the Missile and Munitions School at Redstone Arsenal.

The Army Security Agency Center and School at Ft. Devens, Mass., will be studied for consolidation with similar activities at other locations. If that happens, the Army will also consider the possible relocation of several troops from Ft. Devens.

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**KEY TO HEAVEN—Chaplain (Col.) William I. Wetzel accepts key to the new Post Chapel from Maj. Gen. George E. Turnmeyer, during dedication ceremonies Sunday. Looking on is Chaplain Stegman.**

"We're giving you this building—now you make it a chapel," Major General George E. Turnmeyer, commander of the Missile Command said Sunday during the dedication ceremonies for Redstone's new Bicentennial Chapel. More than 600 people attended the services.

"In accepting this key, it proves the technical excellence of the engineers who built this structure," he said.

"For 200 years, the Army of the United States have defended the right to assemble. It is fitting to move into this building."

"But when you come here, pause for just a moment and thank God for this country—for the privilege of being in America," he said.

"I accept this building and promise it will be in every way possible a house of prayer and a house of worship," said Chaplain (Col.) William I. Wetzel.

The dedication address was delivered by Chaplain (Col.) Leonard F. Stegman, staff chaplain, Army Materiel Developments and Readiness Command.

"The birth of independence has always been associated with divine destiny and providential power," Chap. Stegman said. "Religion and democracy have walked hand in hand."

"The message from Redstone Arsenal should be 'you ain't seen nothing yet, dear God—we got plenty to give you in the future.'"

"This chapel is designed to be a multiutilization facility and multiministry for people of all faiths," he said.

"In dedicating this chapel, I challenge you to expect great things from God."

The Combined Chapel Choirs provided the music for the ceremony and ushering was done by men of the Protestant and Catholic ushering teams.



### AVSCOM Stays In St. Louis . . .

## Electronics Command Moves to Capitol

WASHINGTON—The Army announced April 1 its "preferred" locations for the headquarters elements of two new research and development commands to be established within the U.S. Army Materiel Development and Readiness Command.

The preferred alternatives are still under study with final decisions due sometime in late August.

This is the way it shaped up last week:

The U.S. Army Electronics R&D Command headquarters will be sited at Harry Diamond Labs in

Washington. The Electronics Warfare Lab and some related functions would be consolidated in existing facilities in the Washington area reporting to the R&D Command. About 500 jobs will be moved from Monmouth to Washington and 275 others eliminated at Monmouth.

Most electronics R&D now being performed at Ft. Monmouth would remain there as will electronics readiness functions.

The U.S. Army Aviation R&D Command will be established in St. Louis with the R&D personnel and functions now in the Aviation

Systems Command there.

The Avionics Lab at Ft. Monmouth will be an element of the Aviation R&D Command but will remain at Monmouth as will other aviation R&D activities elsewhere which will become part of the new command.

Aviation materiel readiness functions in AVSCOM will be merged with the Troop Support Command, also in St. Louis, and become the U.S. Army Troop Support and Aviation Materiel Readiness Command. About 400 civilian jobs will be eliminated in the consolidation.



**Addresses Joint Meeting—General Fred Weyand, the Army's Chief of Staff, will be the guest speaker when the local chapters of the Reserve Officers Association and the Association, U.S. Army, hold a joint meeting at the Officers Open Mess, Friday, April 16.**

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## Are You Registered?

Fourteen states and the District of Columbia will hold state primary and/or presidential primary elections during May.

If you are a resident of one of the states with upcoming May elections, you should make sure you are registered and qualified to participate.

Lt. Greg Jones, the Missile Command's voting counselor, has the particulars on registering in the various states. He can be contacted at 876-2286.

MAY 1976

### State Primary (SP) and Presidential Primary (PP) Elections

- May 1—Texas: SP and PP
- May 4—Alabama: SP and PP; District of Columbia: PP; Georgia: PP; Indiana: SP and PP
- May 6—Tennessee: PP
- May 11—Nebraska: SP and PP; West Virginia: SP and PP
- May 18—Maryland: SP and PP; Michigan: PP
- May 25—Arkansas: SP and PP; Idaho: PP; Nevada: PP; Kentucky: SP and PP; Oregon: SP and PP

## ANSWERS

(Editor's Note: The MICOM Information Office conducts a question and answer program for job-related questions of general interest. Such questions may be telephoned to 876-4161 or 876-4400, or mailed to AMSMI-G. Some questions are selected for publication in the Rocket. Names are withheld. It is not intended that this program take the place of the usual supervisor-employee relationship which is the proper channel for specific job-related questions.)

**Q.** Is data to be collected from the full scale wage survey now in progress in the Huntsville wage area to establish comparison of wages paid blue collar workers by industrial firms with those paid government employees, to be fed into the President's Panel on Compensation report which recommends that clerical-technical employees be paid according to the pay for similar employees in local industries?

**A.** There is no provision in the current wage area survey for collecting data for matching government clerical positions with those in private industry. The wage survey in the Huntsville area is to establish comparison of wages paid blue collar workers in industry with those paid government employees, only. As for recommendation in the President's Panel on Compensation report, none have been approved for adoption. Unless adopted by law, no action will be taken to implement any part of the recommendations.

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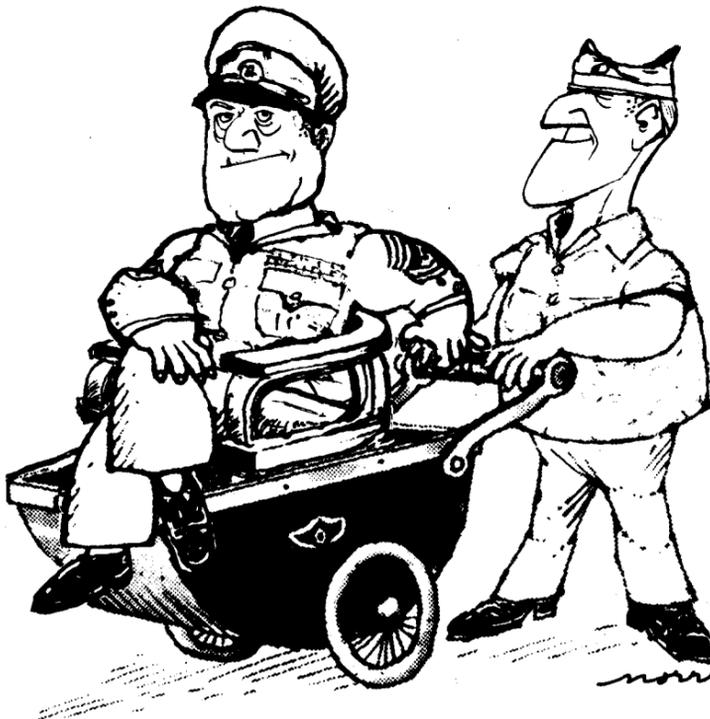
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## Beats Walking!

Redstone has many capable writers who contribute various types of articles for publication. The Rocket does not have the space to print many of them. However the March edition of Army contained a short humorous story by MICOM's Chief of Staff, Colonel Arthur G. Lange. This story may give hope to those individuals who are concerned with gas economy and the energy crisis.

Here is the story in its entirety:

In 1953 as a battalion S4 at Camp Atterbury, Ind., I was constantly told by company supply people that they did not have the transportation to pick up supplies.

I soon got tired of this complaint and, remembering the "old days," got out the supply catalogs and discovered that company carts were still being issued.

For those who have never seen a company cart, it is a two-wheeler, much like an old-fashioned peddler's pushcart.

I ordered one for each company and soon received five new ones which I issued with the admonition that I no longer wanted to hear that they did not have transportation.

A short while later, a food service meeting was held at regiment which all mess sergeants were required to attend. When I called each company to tell them of the meeting, the Headquarters Company mess sergeant replied, "But sir, I do not have transportation."

I replied jokingly, "I just issued your company transportation," and hung up.

A little later I noticed my people going outside laughing, so I went out to see why. There, coming down the company street, was a brandnew company cart being pushed by a big KP, and sitting in the cart on a chrome-and-vinyl easy chair from the dayroom was the Headquarters Company mess sergeant.

As he went by he waved and said, "Sir thank you for the transportation!"

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## CPI "Kicker" Appears Doomed

WASHINGTON (ANF)—Retirees may lose the additional one percent adjustment to their retired pay if proposed legislation is approved. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB), as a part of the President's FY 77 budget, is drafting legislation to end the adjustment add-on.

The one percent adjustment began in 1969 as an effort to prevent loss of purchasing power because of the administrative time lag between the Consumer Price Index (CPI) rise and receipt of the retired pay increase.

However since 1969 the one percent add-on feature, due to the compounding effect, has resulted in adjustments to retired pay that are greater than increases in the CPI.

Adjustments to retired pay since 1969 have had a cumulative rise of 63 percent but the CPI, on which those adjustments were based, has risen only 50 percent.

The proposal, if approved, could result in a significant cost avoidance each year. The add-on feature has cost approximately \$854 million since its implementation.

## AER Drive Underway

The Army Emergency Relief (AER)-Army Relief Service fund campaign has begun at the Missile and Munitions Center and School.

The motto of AER is "The Army Takes Care of It's Own." The organizations attempt to uphold this motto through financial aid to needy active and retired Army members and their families.

In times of personal and family

crisis, military members can receive loans and-or grants from AER.

Last year, through contributions of both military and civilian personnel, MMCS raised \$26,000, over half of the Arsenal total.

During Apr. 1 through May 17, key personnel in each major department of MMCS will be collecting contributions.

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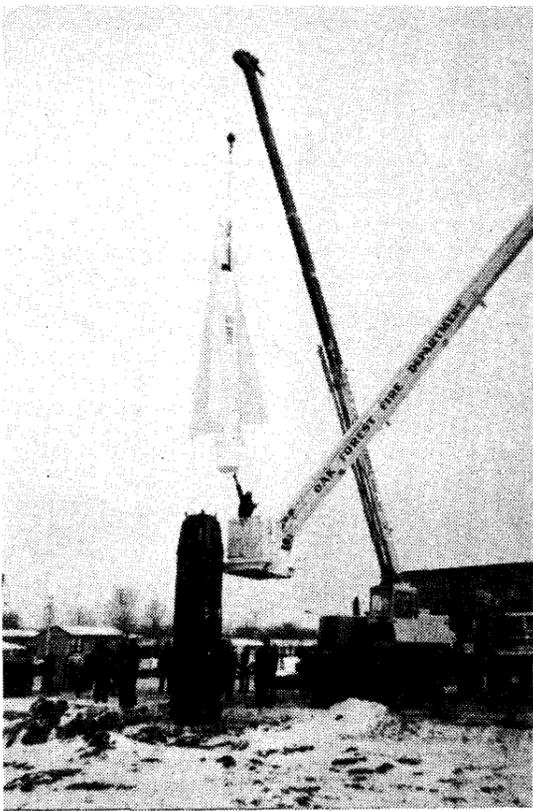
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## A Hercules Bicentennial

A resurrected Nike Hercules now stands tall at Oak Forest, Illinois. Retired from its duty of defending cities from aircraft, it's the principal attraction for that city's bicentennial activities—the E pluribus unum of former Army missiles now in cities and towns throughout the nation. Typical of many cities which

have picked up the surplus missiles, Oak Forest citizens banded together to haul and install the Army's big bird. They obtained the missile through the Data and Programs Branch, of Materiel Management. Then, they cajoled a ride for it from Letterkenny. Using base installation drawings available from RASA's Fa-

cility Engineers, the citizens built the base on a do-it-ourselves plan. Working through some bad winter weather they emplaced the finny missile in time to kick off the bicentennial year.

It now stands on Central Avenue in front of the Oak Forest Park District Building. The group intends to add other defense hardware to the area.

Meanwhile in Kewanee, Illinois, the Destroyer Squadron No. 48 of the U.S.S. Kidd Association has obtained a Herc for emplacement in the Veterans' Memorial Park there. Though they have not yet moved the bird from Letterkenny, they have obtained other parts from Seneca Army Depot.

The citizens of Kewanee hope to celebrate the Fourth with the Hercules standing sentinel-like nearby.

## RBA Enrollment . . . Premiums Down, Benefits Up

The Redstone Benefit Association announced an enrollment campaign offering its Group Life Insurance Plan to all Arsenal employees not currently members of the Association.

Al Muller, RBA president, stated that the enrollment campaign will be conducted throughout April and approved new members will have their insurance become effective May 1. Application is easy and no medical examination is required.

All Department of the Army Civilians at Redstone are eligible for the insurance. Each employee will receive a personally addressed enrollment brochure by mail within the next week. The brochure describes the plan in great detail and includes a perforated enrollment card. Instructions for completing and mailing the enrollment card are in the brochure. If an employee does not receive a brochure he should contact his supervisor.

There have been several major changes and improvements in the plan since last offered according to Muller. Premium rates for employees under age 50 have been substantially reduced, some age brackets by more than 25%. At the same time all insureds have had their insurance protection increased by 20% at no cost to the individual member.

The premium rate reduction was negotiated by RBA officials last November making it more attractive to younger employees.

The 20% additional coverage represents a dividend resulting from continuing favorable claims experience. Muller pointed out that the continuation of the additional coverage in the future depends on claims experience in future years.

Illustrating the changes Muller said a 34-year-old GS-14 will now have \$24,000 life insurance

and an equal amount of accidental death insurance for \$16 quarterly premium, or less than \$70 a year.

The same employee may insure his or her spouse for \$6,000 and all children for \$1,000 each, for an additional \$5.10 quarterly premium.

The Redstone Benefit Association has offered its group Life Insurance Plan to employees since 1962. Currently there are more than 1,700 employees and their families covered under the Plan, with an excess of \$33,000,000 life insurance in force. In the 14 years RBA has been responsible for the payment of more than \$3,112,000 to beneficiaries of deceased employees.

In 1967 a dependent life insurance package was added by RBA allowing insured employees to cover his or her spouse and dependent children for one low premium. The dependent life package may be obtained with the same enrollment card used by the employee.

Muller said the enrollment brochure contains information on levels of coverage together with premium rates. Should persons have questions not covered by the brochure they should call Mrs. Dot Brooks, Secretary-Treasurer of RBA, at 876-5767. Her office in Room 39, Building 7101, is open daily from 8.30 to 12:00 noon. If Mrs. Brooks is not available questions may be directed to D. E. Starnes, Jr., representative of the Home Life Insurance Company, at his office 536-0011.

Starnes will be located in the cafeterias of a number of MICOM's buildings during the first two weeks of April to assist employees with enrollment and answer any questions about the Plan.

**Read The Wantads**

## Ground School Starts Tuesday

The Redstone Flying Club has scheduled a new session of the ground school course leading to the private pilot license examination will get underway Tuesday, April 13.

The course will involve two weekly classes over an eight-week period at the Learning Center, Building 3209.

Persons eligible for Club membership are welcome to attend

the course and may register any afternoon from 12:30 to 2:30 at the Club located at the southwest corner of the Arsenal airfield.

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# Covell Heads Metrology

When Colonel Charles Covell was named director of the Metrology and Calibration Center he took over direction of an organization that is assuming an increasingly responsible role in the management of the Army's calibration program.

Covell succeeded Colonel James Walsh in March after having been transferred to the Missile Command from the Ballistic Missile Defense Systems Command where he was chief of the Requirements and Validation Division.

A native Californian, he is a veteran of 27 years commissioned Army service. He is a graduate of the University of California and received a Master's degree in engineering from Purdue University.

In his new position, Covell will oversee the world wide activity of the Army's center of metrology science consisting of the primary laboratory here and nine reference labs at CONUS depots, in Europe and in Korea.

Operating out of these depots are over a hundred mobile transfer teams providing on-site calibration support throughout the life cycle of Army material.



Covell

Since being assigned to the Missile Command in 1967, the Center has established an effective A level program and assigned responsibility for the C level mission.

With the latter, Covell will be responsible for fielding a new standards set that will provide calibration support for maintenance units in the field.

## Yard of Month

# Judging Starts Soon

Spring clean-up is already underway in the family housing area and Redstone families are hoping for a lot of sun this weekend in view of the initial yard-of-the-month competition another week away.

The YOM program is intended to promote the beautification of the housing area and to recognize occupants for outstanding achievements.

Four winners are selected monthly, April through August, split evenly between the enlisted and officers areas. Single and duplex quarters compete for one monthly award in each area and multiple quarters the other.

The officers area judging is handled by the Junior Officers Council while the NCO Wives Club perform the duty in the enlisted areas.

Judges consider general appearance, lawn, flowers, shrubs and police of the family quarters in selecting winners. Individual initiative counts heavily in the final judging.

Monthly winners receive a Certificate of Appreciation; a free family meal at the appropriate open mess for those sponsors who are members of the open mess system; and a plaque denoting "Yard of the Month" winner, to be displayed for 30 days following the month selected. An appropriate award will be provided those

sponsors not members of the open mess system.

Quarters occupants can pick up such items as shovels, hoses, rakes, and sprinklers from the Quarters Furniture section in Bldg 3653, and top soil and lawn mowers from the Housing Maintenance Office, Bldg 1103, off Goss Road across from the Guest House.

## Dr. Sayles Cited

A BMDTAC employee who holds the largest number of individual patents in the Defense Department has been nominated for an engineering award.

Dr. David Sayles, an engineer with the Missile Directorate at the Ballistic Missile Defense Advanced Technology Center, was nominated for the 1976 Outstanding Personal Achievement Award in Chemical Engineering.

Before joining BMDTAC in 1970 Sayles worked for the MICOM Propulsion Directorate.

# AUSA Membership Time

A-U-S-A Join Now! will be the number one cheer heard 'round the Tennessee Valley this spring.

The local chapter of the Association of the United States Army (AUSA) is conducting spring drill for its annual membership drive roundup on June 30th.

The Tennessee Valley Chapter hopes to be number one in the nation by successfully putting 3,000 paid members on the rolls.

Local unit membership drive chairmen started working on new game strategy the first of April, in hopes of fielding the number one chapter.

"Assistant coaches" throughout the valley will be encouraging former AUSA members and future prospects to join the AUSA team.

Colonel Michael J. Dolley, Chairman for the 1976 membership drive, urges all potential "first teamers" to contact their local unit chairmen for AUSA membership forms.

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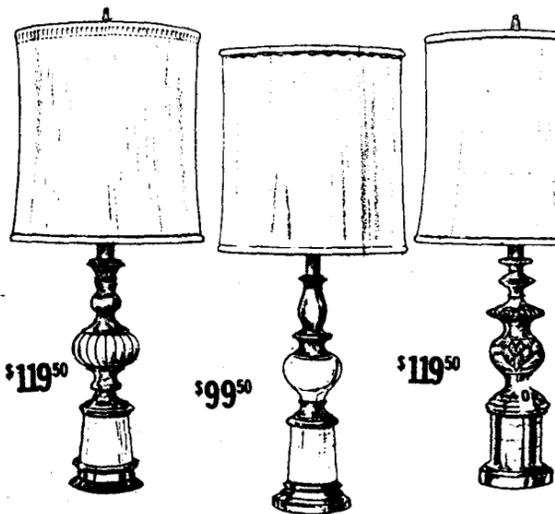
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# Savings: Not Exactly Insignificant

WASHINGTON (ANF)—Commissaries have been a benefit to military families for over a hundred years. They were originally established for soldiers who were stationed far from civilization where the high cost of transportation combined with the low pay put daily staples out of reach for the average soldier. The Army paid for the shipping cost and then sold the food at costs to soldiers to feed their families.

That practice continues even though the pay of today's soldiers has become more comparable to civilians, and modern transportation systems move food items to the far reaches of the country without adding significantly to the cost. There are still some posts over-seas and in places like Alaska where food costs on the commercial market would place a burden on today's soldiers.

### What Dollar Value

Most soldiers agree that some money is saved by shopping at the commissary. An argument arises when an effort is made to place a dollar value on the savings.

Some service families shop only at the commissary because they have always heard that the prices are cheaper. Other families shop for some items at the commissary and go off-post for other items because they are cheaper or better quality. And some service families only shop off-post because they feel the commissary savings are insignificant and would rather not endure the hassle of standing in line for a basket, getting a check

cash, checking out, and carrying the bags to the car.

The value of the commissary, like many other benefits, is difficult to assess, and the answer is rooted in the family's preferences, economic level, and their perception of the savings. If a service member thinks the savings are insignificant and shops elsewhere, then more importance is placed upon intangibles rather than money saved. But how much money is saved?

An answer to that requires much clarification. The figure often quoted is about 20 percent. That means that soldiers could save about 20 percent by shopping at the commissary. However there are many facets to every statistical diamond which must be studied with a jeweler's glass before the real value can be determined.

Every three years Army commissaries conduct a survey which compares prices on and off-post. A list of 89 items is drawn up and the prices of those items are studied closely to determine how much lower the commissary prices are. The results of the 1972 survey indicate an overall price differential of 32 percent or a 24 percent savings for shoppers at 75 Army commissaries in CONUS, Alaska, Hawaii and Puerto Rico.

As would be expected, a higher savings occurs in Alaska with an average of 34 percent and Puerto Rico with 29 percent. In Hawaii, although the savings were higher than the Army-wide average, the savings were actually less than some areas of the CONUS.

### Offsetting Charges

These surveys do not include the 4 percent commissary surcharge or state and local taxes for goods bought at the local supermarket. In many areas those two offset each other. Also not included are the loss-leader or sale items designed to draw the customer into the supermarket or the reduced items at the commissary.

A study last year of ten commissaries using 103 items concluded that 24.55 percent could be saved. Similar studies by the Navy and the Air Force indicate that their savings are in the same range. All of these studies do not consider surcharge or sales taxes. With the 4 percent surcharge and sales taxes taken into account, the savings are between 20 and 22 percent.

But how much of a savings do soldiers think there is? In January of last year a study was conducted of about 20,000 people to determine the perceived savings. The largest group, 28 percent of the officers and 27.8 percent of the enlisted members believed that the savings were about 5 to 10 percent. The next largest group believed that the savings were between 1 and 5 percent.

About 63 percent of the officers and 74 percent of the enlisted personnel believed the savings were zero or less than 10 percent.

### Savings Vary

The actual savings can vary from none to as high as 30 percent depending on the buying habits of the individual soldier's family. If the more expensive brand names in the commissary are compared with the house brands off-post, then there may be no savings at all.

However if the lower price brands and items from the troop issue section of the commissary are compared with the more expensive brand names off-post then the savings can be significant. But each family must make their own judgment.

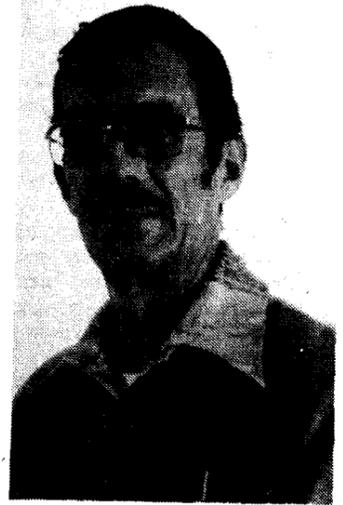
There may be little taste difference between the more expensive brand name string beans compared to the supermarket house brand, but in some items, such as ice cream, the quality difference may be more apparent. Remember that brand name manufactureres often make the

house brands sold by supermarkets.

In the final analysis the individual soldier determines how much is saved by shopping at the commissary. The exact figure will vary from week to week and depend upon numerous variables such as the geographical location, distance traveled, and how often shopping trips are made.

If the Army wide average holds for the average soldier's family, a significant savings should be realized. A family of four who would spend about \$50 per week off-post would save about \$520 in a year shopping in the commissary.

A savings of over \$500 in a year's time is definitely a benefit.



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## Metalsmith Visits Center

A craftsman from Ft. Huachuca will conduct a metalsmithing workshop at the Post Multi Crafts Center this weekend.

Al Scholfield, Chief of Arts and Crafts at Ft. Huachuca will teach the fine art of metalsmithing, including forging and soldiering.

Scholfield is currently featured in an extensive article on jewelry making in the March issue of Soldier magazine.

Anyone interested in participating in the workshop from April 9-11 should contact the crafts center by calling 876-3314.

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# Redstone Post Hospital Accreditation Continued

The Redstone Army Hospital has recently received a certificate of accreditation following an on-site inspection by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals, the group that inspects all hospitals, military and civilian.

Col. James M. Feltis, Jr., hospital commander, said that many people don't realize that Army hospitals have to meet the same standards as civilian hospitals in order to be accredited.

Regulations require that Army hospitals be inspected every two years. Other hospitals are surveyed only when they request it.

## REDUCTION

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Feasible and practical alternatives to the candidate actions will also be considered as part of the study effort. Comments may be sent to Headquarters, Department of the Army, ATTN: DACSDMA, Washington, D.C. 20310. No administrative implementation of any of the above candidate actions will take place until at least 30 days after completion of the necessary studies.

In addition to these realignment studies, the Army will take immediate action to reduce the workforce at Picatinny Arsenal, N.J., 280 civilian jobs and at Ft. Ord, Calif. by 506 civilian jobs.

Further, the Army will reduce the U.S. Army Recruiting Command by closing seven district recruiting headquarters, an action affecting 76 military and 80 civilian jobs.

Project MASSTER will be reduced and redesignated as Training and Doctrine Command Combined Arms Test Activity, affecting 103 military and 49 civilian positions.

"An inspection isn't something we can get ready for in a month or two. The inspectors, who are all physicians and hospital administrators, go back over our entire records for the previous two years, and look at everything that could have an adverse effect on patient care — about a thousand different things," Feltis said.

"We're judged on the quality of professional care and environment in health areas. Inspections have become more stringent with the increasing number of government support health programs, and standards have become stiffer.

"There is more emphasis on quality. With standards so hard to meet, we're especially proud of our accreditation. It reflects that we're meeting the standards for quality care throughout the country. Only about half of all hospitals in the U. S. are accredited."

The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals is a Chicago-based, non-governmental, not-for-profit organization.

The Army Hospital at Redstone has been accredited since 1968.



LEGION OF MERIT—Col. Henry F. Magill, who retired at the end of March as Roland Project Manager was awarded the Legion of Merit. Magill was recognized for his leadership in organizing and staffing the project office and obtaining approval to begin the technology transfer, fabrication and test phase of the Roland program.

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## Goes to MIT Rhoades Wins Fellowship

Dr. Richard G. Rhoades, director of the Propulsion Directorate in the Missile Research, Development and Engineering Laboratory has been named an Alfred P. Sloan Fellow by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Rhoades will follow a 12 month course of studying, starting June 18, leading to a master of science degree in management.

Another MICOM engineer, Dennis Vaughn will return to the Stinger Project Office in June at the conclusion of his study at MIT as a Sloan Fellow.

The course is designed for young mid-career executives with 10 to 15 years of successful experience, still young enough to learn, but senior enough to relate their studies to the complex needs of their organization.

Rhoades has been at Redstone 12 years. He earned a bachelor of science degree in chemical engineering in 1960 and a doctorate three years later, both from Rensselaer Institute in New York.

He is one of 55 individuals from industry, medicine, government and universities selected as Alfred P. Sloan Fellows this year.



DR. RHOADES



## Procurement Interns See Other Side

Interns in the Procurement and Production Directorate are finding out how the other half lives through visits to the Defense Contract Administrations Services Office in Huntsville and to three local industrial plants—Teledyne Brown, IBM and Chrysler.

Directorate officials consider this an innovative approach to intern training. "We felt, since our main business is dealing with contractors, it would be a good idea

for interns to see how they operate, first hand," Col. B. F. Register, head of the Directorate said.

The interns are being divided into groups with different groups

visiting the contractors.

While at DCAS, interns learned how the work they do interfaces with the operations there. Both Patricia Moll, and John Kongs, interns who have been to DCAS and to Teledyne Brown, said they were impressed with the assistance rendered by DCAS. "They solve a lot of problems we'd have to deal with otherwise," Kongs said.

DCAS made arrangements for the interns to visit some small local industries. "We now understand their situations and problems—the set-up they have for tooling and machinery," Moll said.

The interns find out how industry prepares proposals for contracts according to Army requirements. They were given an in-depth view of the procurement operations at Teledyne Brown.

P&P officials believe MICOM is the only command where interns are being sent to contractor plants as part of their training.

### Contract Managers Hear DCAS Deputy

The regular monthly dinner meeting of the National Contract Management Association is planned for Thursday evening, April 15, at the Officers Open Mess.

The guest speaker for the evening will be Major General Henry Simon who is deputy director for contract administration services of the Defense Supply Agency. Simon will discuss the responsibilities of the DCAS administrative contracting office.

Reservations may be made with Louise Cooksey (876-5126) or Becky Robertson (539-1745).

### Official Visits German Troops

Colonel Lothar Hippler, commandant of the German Air Force Air Defense School at Ft. Bliss mixed business with pleasure in his visit to the Missile and Munitions Center and School last week.

A spokesman for the German Liaison Office at MMCS said Hippler's main purpose for the visit was to inspect the German soldiers and tour the School area, including classrooms.

During his three-day visit, Hippler met with MMCS's commandant, Col. Edwin A. Rudd, participated in a promotion ceremony.

Promoted to their present ranks were Major Klaus Metauger, First Lieutenant's Karl H. Becker and Rudols H. Schier, and Warrant Officer 2 Willi Fehling. Fehling was previously a sergeant major.



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The lens froze them forever in the half-at-attention posture soldiers use in the presence of generals who tell them to relax.

In this most famous of the pre-invasion pictures, General Dwight D. Eisenhower stands in the midst of young men soon never to be young again, the Supreme Commander of the allied armies for the invasion of France, saying farewell to some paratroopers of the 101st Airborne Division about to make their first combat jump.

Ike knew, and they knew, and the thought went unspoken. Some of the unsmiling soldiers, their faces smudged with camouflage had but a few hours to live.

Then they loaded, the planes took off and Eisenhower, hands thrust deep in his pockets watched the C-47s carrying the paratroopers fade into the dusk. A correspondent nearby saw the general's eyes fill with tears. Ike had been warned to expect 80 percent casualties among the airborne soldiers who formed the point of the spear thrust into Europe on June 6, 1944.

World War II was the first in which soldiers dropped from the skies on their enemies. This once the critics who say that armies always prepare to fight the next war with the weapons and tactics of the last were wrong. The machines of 1944 did not match the bravery of the volunteer warriors who rode them into combat.

Two decades later, the helicopter made vertical envelopment a routine operation, but the parachutes and flimsy gliders of World War II made each airborne assault an undertaking of great risk and danger. The Germans had pioneered the new tactics with the successful airborne invasion of



*Eve Of The Invasion*

Crete in 1941. One of the lessons of that bloody fight was that if the landings were opposed—and allied planners expected these in France to be heavily opposed—the attacking troops were committed, as one enlisted glider pilot put it, to a one way ride to Hell.

Three full divisions, two U.S., one British, some 18,000 allied soldiers would parachute and crash land just behind the invasion beaches on the French coast in the pre-dawn darkness of June 6. The veteran 82nd Airborne with combat drops in Sicily and Italy, and the

untried soldiers of the 101st had vital assignments. The Germans had flooded large areas behind Utah Beach, westernmost of the allied landing sites. A few narrow causeways lead inland from Utah, causeways the paratroopers had to hold open until troops landing from

the sea could get inland. Previous air assaults produced a wild mix without flanks or real small unit actions at ordered control was in it was in the first view Normandy.

Just after midnight, C-47s carrying paratroopers swept in from the sea Cherbourg Peninsula feet and ran into inland fire. The planes were turned aside from the drop zones scattering of paratroopers plunging out into the

Some of the paratroopers before they reached shot as they dangled their chutes. Others enough to land almost German troops were captured almost at once slipped off into the night heavy loads of radios their mission not to mark six landing zones small French town Eglise. They had one ready to guide in the

A few minutes before artificial thunder engines drowned out the scattered firing on the hundreds of C-47s roaring east across the Peninsula and stre human loads into the Some, but not many paratroopers came down

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drop zones. Thousands of others fell miles off the mark as their carrier planes dodged flak. Burdened with sacks of grenades extra ammunition, hundreds of paratroopers fell in to the flooded areas behind the invasion beaches, some actually into the sea. They drowned, tangled in their parachute shrouds, often in less than three feet of water.

The paratroopers were scattered for miles in an area defended by three German divisions. There was confusion everywhere. Sudden, violent firefights erupted in the darkness all around St. Mere Eglise, wild outbursts of firing, and in the lulls that followed the night seemed alive with the chirp of thousands of toy tin crickets, the recognition signal carried by each paratrooper.

Drawn to the sound, small groups of men began to come together in the night for the work they had come to France to do.

While fighting flared around them lighting the sky with sudden spurts of flames, some of the paratroopers worked frantically to clear obstacles and mark the two landing zones for more than 100 gliders due in at 4 a.m. with reinforcements, heavy weapons and the additional ammunition the armed paratroopers needed to stand off certain German counterattacks that would come with daylight.

The gliders had two big advantages over parachutes. They could carry heavy equipment and

the men who rode them needed no special training. There was only one real requirement for jumpers and glider troops, uncommon courage.

Years later those who survived would pass it off saying they volunteered for the extra pay. Never in its 200 years did the U.S. Army get a higher return for a dollar paid.

A U.S. troop glider was a square nosed, high winged brute with a wing span just a foot shorter than the twin engined C-47 that towed it on a 300 foot nylon rope. The Waco CG4A appealed to the Army not so much for the ease with which it flew but for the ease with which it could be built. Before the war's end, 14 pre-war furniture manufacturers turned out 13,000 CG 4As. Made of aluminum tubing and wood, covered with fabric, the glider carried 15 fully armed soldiers on canvas seats or an eight man squad and a jeep.

Flight in a troop glider was an experience conducive to prayer. While the pilots fought to keep the thing upright in the turbulent wake of the tow plane, the unhappy passengers fought to hold down their last meal.

Cast loose at low altitude over a landing zone, the pilots had only seconds to line up and glide into the preselected area, a process complicated greatly by dozens of other gliders trying to do exactly the same thing at the same time. With a full combat load, flight was forward and down, with emphasis

on the down, landing a bone-jarring smack followed by a wild slide on two wheels and two belly skids. Any solid object met before the brakes took hold shattered the glider and its contents. Jeeps often tore loose on first impact with fatal results for the pilots who sat perched just ahead of the load in the very nose of the craft.

Appalling training losses had led most commanders to forbid infantry to fly in gliders except in actual combat drops.

Late in the war, most gliders were flown by well qualified pilots, but the frail silent craft that fluttered into Normandy were piloted by young soldiers with only a few hours of training that included, at most, three or four practice landings in daylight. Very few had ever landed a glider at night. In the 101st Division gliders, riflemen rode in the co-pilot's seats. A few of them became instant glider pilots as a wall of fire rose out of the ground to meet them and dead or wounded pilots slumped in their seats beside them.

Incredibly, the 101st gliders made it down with very few casualties. The 82nd had no luck at all. Less than half of their gliders came down in the proper landing zone, the remainder crashed into hedgerows and trees, smashed into buildings or plunged into the flooded areas. Some touched down in apparent safety only to hurtle headlong into stout posts—"Rommel Asparagus"—planted by the Germans in every field. Captain Robert Piper of the 505th Regiment never forgot the glider he saw slam into the chimney of a house, cartwheel across the yard and smash into a stone wall. Not

even a moan came from the wreckage.

The wide dispersal of their glider train was a calamity to the embattled 82nd paratroopers, but as daylight approached, the survivors of the two airborne divisions fighting with the weapons they had, moved in small groups to their principal objectives, determined to hold until relieved.

Far to the east, the British airborne troops had better luck. They too were in place protecting the left flank of the invasion beaches as the assault boats carrying the first waves of the cross channel attack came roaring out of the mists at 6:30 a.m.

In their first 24 hours in France, the 82nd and 101st airborne divisions lost about 2,500 killed, wounded and missing, a heavy price but far less than the allies had been prepared to pay for a foothold in Europe.

About 11 a.m. on D-Day, scouts of the American 4th Division pushing inland from Utah beach began to meet grimy, weary paratroopers. Most had been fighting all night.

Sgt. Thomas Bruff of the 101st feeling very old and very tired watched as a 4th Division rifleman walked up to him and asked:

"Where's the war?"

Bruff replied: "Anywhere from here on back. Keep going, You'll find it."

That morning, the 1,000 year Reich of Adolf Hitler had less than 11 months to live.

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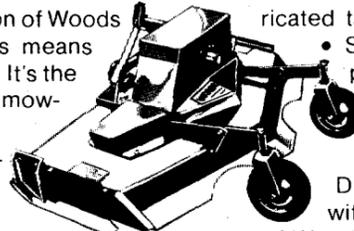
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## Soccer Rockets Win 5th In Row

The Redstone soccer team recorded its fifth straight win last week, defeating the Birmingham Soccer Club, 6-2, here.

The win upped Redstone's record to 5-1, and was the last game prior to the Rocket's journey to Florida to compete in the 1976 Pensacola Invitational.

In the contest against Birmingham, the Rockets fell behind 1-0 with only 15 minutes elapsed in the game when BSC's Nick Russinovic slammed the ball into the net on a misguided pass from Redstone's Wolfgang Peterson.

Redstone tied the game at one-all with 22 minutes gone on a hand shot by Manfred Thomas from 25 yards out and then took a 2-1 margin four minutes later when Rocket player Bodo Strohleim outmaneuvered the BSC goalkeeper on a high-speed ball for the score.

Birmingham's goalie, Peter Propper, had his problems with 34 minutes elapsed when Redstone's

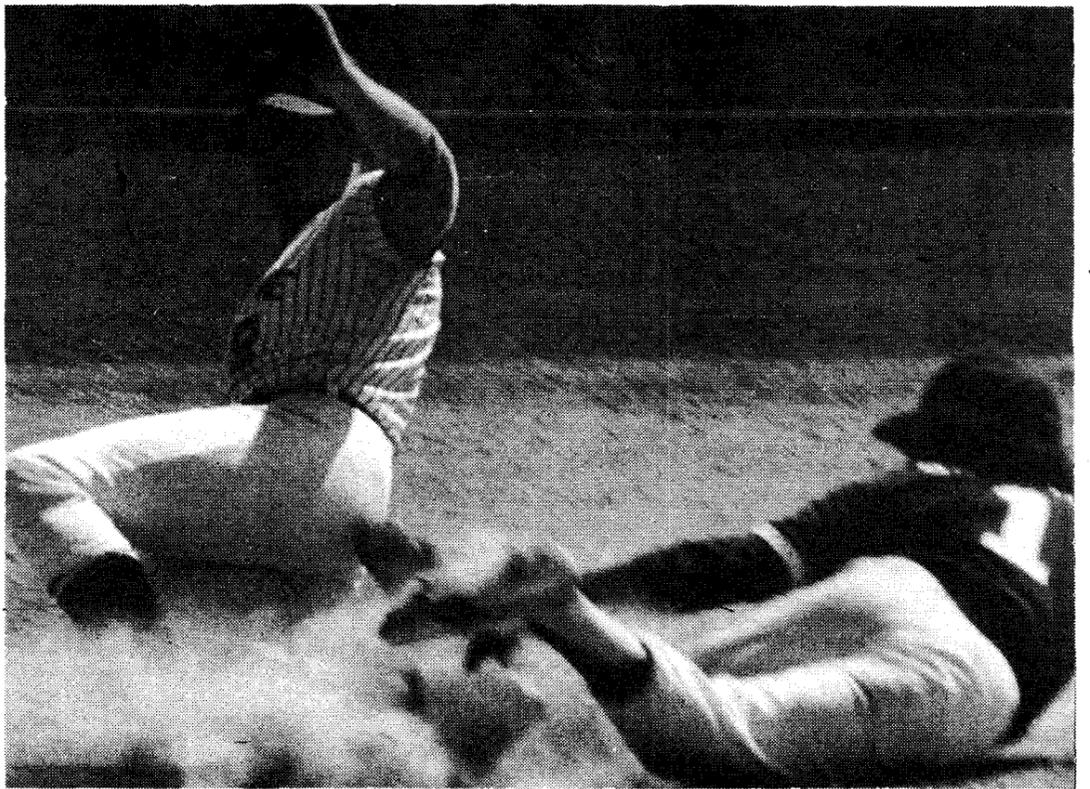
Egons Harms kicked the ball pass Propper on a difficult angle to give the post team a 3-1 advantage.

Birmingham's Russinovic scored his second goal in the game on a quick power play to cut Redstone's lead to 3-2 at halftime.

Redstone came out fired-up in the final half. With 12 minutes elapsed, Helmut Achilles, player-coach, gave the Arsenal team a 4-2 margin; ramming the ball into the net with his head after taking a corner kick from Kieter Hohner.

A savage attack on Birmingham's Propper five minutes later resulted in another goal for Redstone and a 5-2 advantage. Harms got credit for the score, his second of the game, on a pass assist from Hohner.

Birmingham's woes continued as they fouled up in their own penalty area, allowing Redstones Manfred Hadewing to boot a successful penalty kick for a final 6-2 win.



## Helmer Seeking Title Defense

The Post bowling roll-offs got underway yesterday at the Redstone lanes with participants vying for positions on the Arsenal squad for the upcoming TRADOC Bowling Championship at Ft. Leonard Wood.

Keglers will roll 21 games over a three-day period. The six men and two women with total scratch pin count will make the trip to Missouri.

Among the participants in the roll-offs are Fred Helmer and Dave Cowan, members of the Post

team for three consecutive years. Also shooting for a spot on the team is John Goltz who recently returned from Korea.

Helmer and Brent Bofenkamp led Redstone to a first-place finish in the men's double event last year, defeating Knox's Bobby Booth and Jim Stawniak in a sudden death roll-off.

Helmer also took the singles event and high series with a 659, which included the tournament's highest game—a 286.

## Confederates Crush Redstone Militia

Eddie Griffith tags Redstone's sliding Randy Wiese in the first of two games played Saturday at Gadsden State Junior College. The Confederates took both ends of the double-header from the Rockets, 4-0 and 7-0. Redstone will try to avenge their losses when they meet Gadsden again this Saturday in a pair, starting at noon on Linton Field.

## OWC Golfers In Season Tee Off

The OWC Ladies Golf Group will tee off 8:30 Wednesday, April 14 for their monthly 9 hole play day.

A social hour and luncheon follows at 11:30.

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## Army Wrestlers Pin Marines

The Army, in a rare show of strength, outmuscled the Marine Corps in wrestling, while defeating the Air Force in basketball, to take respective interservice championships last week.

At Sheppard Air Force Base in Texas, the Army captured three wins against no losses to win the basketball tournmanet. The "Green Machine" defeated Navy, 109-76; the Air Force, 86-75; and the Marines, 84-62.

The Air Force ended the interservice competition with a 2-1 record. Their only loss was at the

hands of the Army.

The Army came through with another win, taking the interservice wrestling meet at Ft. Dix, N.J. The Army defeated the Leathernecks in the Greco-Roman category, 87-52. However, the Marines came back in the Freestyle event to nip the Army, 73-69.

In the overall results, the Army finished first with 156, the Marines grabbed second with 125, Navy with 72, and finally the Air Force with 68 points.



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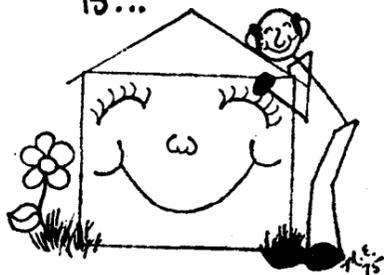
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# CWF Tennis Lineups

(Opening HITL Matches)

**B Division** **Reds vs. Central Bank**  
**Blues vs. Brown Engineering**

- Singles**  
 1. Malcolm O'Neil  
 2. Bill Dunlap  
 3. Bill Evers  
 4. Art Jones  
 5. Emil Luft  
 6. Don Reesman
- Doubles**  
 1. Dunlap—Phil Adair  
 2. Dick Mohlere—Dennis Mack  
 3. O'Neil—Irv Kellogg

- Singles**  
 1. Howell Riggs  
 2. Brent Pope  
 3. Mike Burns  
 4. John Pettitt  
 5. Jim Winning  
 6. Mike Drinkwater
- Doubles**  
 1. Pettitt—Rick Dudley  
 2. Bob Ward—Ralph Limmor  
 3. Riggs—Hugh Nicholson

**Grays vs. Alabama**

- Singles**  
 1. Mike Davis  
 2. Joe Craft  
 3. Jay Robinson  
 4. Tom Norwood  
 5. Jim Burt  
 6. Jim Kofskey
- Doubles**  
 1. Robinson—Frank Fleming  
 2. Davis—Burt  
 3. Craft—Kofskey

**D Division** **Reds vs. Northrup**

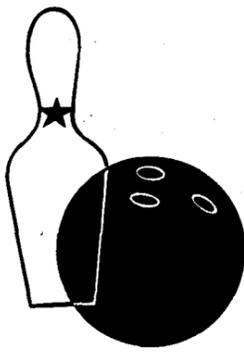
- Singles**  
 1. Tom Cook  
 2. Hal Peterson  
 3. Jerry Penland  
 4. John Chipser  
 5. Ed Hahn  
 6. Jerry Chaikin
- Doubles**  
 1. Dean Reese—Penland  
 2. Chipser—Chaikin  
 3. Hahn—Peterson

**C Division** **Blues vs. Sperry**

- Singles**  
 1. Dick Henthorne  
 2. Bill Sholes  
 3. Charley Northrop  
 4. Jim Madderra  
 5. Grady Todd  
 6. Larry Welborn
- Doubles**  
 1. Henthorne—Madderra  
 2. Northrop—Sholes  
 3. Todd—Welborn

**Greens vs. CSC**

- Singles**  
 1. Jim Wilson  
 2. Don Yarborough  
 3. Bob Elias  
 4. Jerry O'Donnell  
 5. George Dawson  
 6. George Dezenberg
- Doubles**  
 1. Wilson—Yarborough  
 2. Elias—Hubert Anderson  
 3. Benny Rushing—Bob Peagler



## AMC League

**Standings**

Bombers	Pts
Spares	68½
Hughes TOW	63½
T-Birds	55
Alley Cats	55
Lily Flagg	54½
King Pins	53½
Cadillacs	53½
Sprinters	53
Fat Cats	52
	51½

**Last Wednesday**  
 Sprinters-4 — King Pins-0  
 Hughes-3 — Bombers-1  
 Lily Flagg-3 — Fat Cats-1  
 T-Birds-3 — Alley Cats-1  
 Spares-3 — Cadillacs-1

**High Rollers**  
 Karl Bayer, 544; Dave Blackwood, 543;  
 Jack Patterson, 538; Burt Dempsey, 530;  
 Bob Brock, 529.

## S&M League

**Standings**

Outhouse Lounge	W	L
Barber-Coleman	35	17
Clowns	34	18
Misfits	32	20
Strikers	31	21
Outcasts	28	24
Reba's	23	29
Three & Two	22	30
The Docs	20	32
Huntsville Times	20	32
	15	37

**Last Week**  
 Times-3 — Clowns-1  
 Misfits-3 — Reba's-1  
 Barber-Coleman-3 — Outcasts-1  
 Outhouse-3 — Strikers-1  
 Three-Two-2 — Docs-2

# Bowling News

**High Scorers**  
 Garland Kinslow, 589; Jim Madewell, 588 (222; 208); Neil Donaldson, 562 (206); Hugh Mauney, 557 (220); Gus Schrotke, 543 (207); Gary White, 542; Bob Criss, 537; Vern Benson, 533.

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 Kuwait Keglers  
 Pickups  
 Redrock Injuneurs  
 Black Jacks  
 P&P Registers  
 Halo's

## Wed. Officers

**Standings**

76'ers	Won
Lucky Strikes	72
Swingers *	56
Strikeouts	54
Metrecals	54
Readiness Group	54
School Brigade	52

**Postponed Match Results**  
 Strikeouts-6 — Metrecals-2  
 Kuwait-6 — Swingers-2  
 Sch. Bde.-6 — Registers-2  
 Lucky Strikes-6 — Halo's-2  
 Readiness-6 — 76'ers-2  
 EXASPRATORS-4 — Black Jacks-4  
 Pickups-4 — Redrock-4

**Ind. Honors**  
 High Series: Curry, 579 (213); Bolton 549 (223); Aldrup, 543 (202); Molepske 540; Lyko, 530; Prewett, 526 (218).

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**World of Sports**

By Dave Cowan

**Is the Word 'Dynasty' Dead In Professional Sports?**

For nearly four years now, I have spoken about dynasties and how they have often played an important role in big-time sports and at Redstone.

The Post sports crop has produced several outstanding teams throughout the years; Meddac, MICOM, Company A, 291st MPs and the former Unit Training Command (UTC) and now the 4th Student Company.

Although they are amateurs, they have made dynasties in sports like pro baseball had its Yankees, pro football its Browns and pro basketball its Celtics.

All of these dynasties were created by the team stars, the men who won championship after championship for their clubs, like Ruth, Gehrig and DiMaggio for the Yankees; Taylor, Graham, Brown and Grosza for the Browns; and Russell Cousy and Havlicek for the Celtics.

I can hear sports fans saying, "Yeah, they were dynasties, all right!" However, you're wrong. The word dynasty has often been perverted by sportswriters, broadcasters, owners, general managers, coaches and players including me, this writer.

The truth of the matter is that the word "dynasty" should never have been applied to sports in the first place. I'm as guilty as the rest since I have unknowingly misused the word—meaning absolute power or empire.

When you think about it, how many teams actually rule an empire? None, to be perfectly frank about it.

However, there has been one so-called semi-legitimate dynasty in the history of American

professional sports. And that belonged to the New York Yankees, who ruled baseball from 1921 to 1964, winning 27 American pennants.

The next stronghold in sports probably belongs to the Montreal Canadiens, who have given their fans the most successful National Hockey League (NHL) team, winning the most Stanley Cups. They have dominated, but not ruled, hockey for more than a quarter century.

Only then do we come to the Boston Celtics and the Cleveland Browns the legendary teams of pro basketball and pro football, respectively. The Celtics won 11 championships in one 13-year stretch, while Cleveland owned the All-American Conference and continued to dominate after being admitted to the National Football League.

If the word dynasty is used in the wrong context in sports writing, maybe, we need an Act of Congress, or something, to expunge the word "super" from all pre-season and post-season games and interviews.

Call it dynasty or empire or even super, but nonetheless, a team which is capable of winning 11 championships in 13 years—like the Celtics—has certainly established a dynasty for itself. In the Celtics case, they won their last three titles without finishing first in the regular season.

Obviously, things have changed in the field of journalism as well as in sports and you don't need a Ph.D. in Hoopology to see why. The word dynasty has become almost oblivious in sports.

Lets face it—the most that can happen in any pro sport now is a temporary period of dominance. The

reason is that in the past, pro teams were a select group of stars. There was only one level of competition—the professionals.

Back to the Celtics once again. When Boston dominated basketball, there were only eight teams at the time in the National Basketball Association (NBA). Now the NBA has expanded to 18 clubs. Meanwhile, the American Basketball Association (ABA) has started another league, consisting of seven clubs.

The same holds true with the NHL. They have expanded from eight to 18, while the World Hockey League—now involent—had 12 teams. You can go on and on, but the point made, is that major sports now have tripled in size—more players, more teams and more leagues.

High caliber players are now stretched like rubber bands through complicated draft procedures—this eliminating any chances of a particular team acquiring numerous possible superstars at one time.

The draft works in such a way that teams finishing last in their respective divisions the previous year, have first choices of promising stars coming up from the college ranks.

Of course, there are other draft procedures. For example, swaps, deals and trades are made among clubs prior to the draft meeting, which could affect the rotation of picks.

By now, you should be able to draw a conclusion about sports and the word dynasty. Not only are dynasties dead in professional sports, but even dominance is doomed.

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## Captain Cited

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Heer, cited for his efforts in instructing a free German language class at the Madison Recreation Center, taught a group of 66 students two hours a week for six weeks.

The German soldier began the class at the request of Terry Chance, a former soldier assigned to Redstone. He is presently director of Parks and Recreation in Madison.

"I learned a lot about the way Americans feel about their country," Heer remarked. "I found that Americans are very independent and have a great deal of pride.

"Individuality counts a lot in this country and they are eager to spread their ideas to others," he said.

Assigned to the School's German Liaison Office since August 1973, Heer will leave in April to return to Cologne, Germany. He will work with the German Air Force Material Depot.

## Commanders Selected

Major General Bennett L. Lewis and Brigadier General William E. Eicher will command the Armament Research and Development Command at Picatinny Arsenal, and the Armament Readiness Command at Rock Island respectively.

Current plans call for the two commands to be activated October 1, 1976.

Lewis currently commands the Armament Command, and Eicher, who has been nominated for promotion to the rank of major general, now serves as the Deputy

Commander.

Prior to assuming command of ARMCOM in September 1975, Lewis was assigned to DARCOM (then AMC). He is a member of the 1950 class of the Military Academy and holds a master of science degree from Harvard University.

Eicher, who reported to ARMCOM in January, holds a master's degree in business administration from Syracuse University. He was formerly Director of Maintenance for DARCOM.

## Redstone Wives Meet

The monthly luncheon for the Redstone Officers' Wives Club is scheduled for Tuesday, April 13, at the Officers Open Mess.

The Rock of Ages, a senior citizen's band, will be the guests of the Club with the ladies of MICOM serving as hostess for the luncheon. Reservations may be made by calling one of the following

ladies before noon on Friday: A—E, Mrs. Harry W. Griebing, 837-0708; F—L, Mrs. Russel E. McCoy, 852-3611; M—R, Mrs. Clinton A. Hodder, 837-0707; or S—Z, Mrs. H.L. Childress, 837-8906.

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WASHINGTON (ANF)—A proposed change to the Army leave and pass regulation could mean soldiers getting a headstart on their leave without losing any leave time.

In a change now being studied, soldiers would be allowed to sign-out on leave after noon on the day of departure and have that day counted as a day of duty.

The soldier could sign-in anytime before noon on the day of return and have that day also counted as a day of duty. The soldier would, however, have to work the other half day on the departure and return day.

The changes would place the primary responsibility as to whether the day is counted as a day of leave or a duty day on the soldier's immediate supervisor. The change states that the leave approval authority will determine if the member is considered to have performed a "day of duty" on either the day of departure or the day of return from leave.

If the supervisor feels that the soldier performed "duty" for more than one-half of the normal working hours then the day will not be charged to leave.

The soldier would be able to sign out at some time after half of the duty day had been performed and start travel to the leave location. He can sign in on the morning after return from leave, work for the remainder of the day and the day will be counted as a duty day.

Under present rules if a soldier signs out after work, leave is charged for that entire day. And on return the soldier must sign in before midnight to save an extra day of leave.

Other changes connected with the policy proposal specify that if the day of departure or return are a non-duty day then the entire day will be charged to leave regardless of the hour of the member's departure.

Also if the soldier departs on leave and returns for duty the same day, the soldier will be charged for one day of leave unless recalled to duty by reason of military necessity.

Other changes proposed involve leave in conjunction with PCS or TDY, plus details on how the leave form DA Form 31 will be filled out to reflect the changes. The revised regulation will also clarify

provisions for granting extensions of pass periods, passes during periods of TDY and the disposition of AWOL reports for soldiers returning late from leave or pass. The changes are currently being

staffed and if approved could be in effect by this summer. Initial reaction from DA staff and MACOMs has been favorable.

## Murfree Named to College Board

Dr. James A. Murfree, a research chemist in the Propulsion Directorate, has been named to the advisory committee of Calhoun State Community College.

Calhoun, located at Decatur, is in the process of establishing a two-year curriculum in chemical technology and Dr. Murfree has

been asked to advise and assist the school in that capacity.

Dr. Murfree teaches night classes at Calhoun in chemistry and physical science.

He has been employed by the Army at Redstone since 1961 and has spent most of that time working in liquid propulsion.

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