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Today 9 to 3

Rec Center

Six Soldiers Nabbed On Dope Charges

Military authorities here have arrested six soldiers on charges of possessing or selling marijuana following an extensive investigation by Special Agents of the Redstone Resident Agency, U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command.

The arrests came on the nights of November 30 and December 2-3, capping several weeks of investigation and surveillance by the CID agents. Covert buys were made from the individuals charged with selling.

Arrested by Special Agents and charged with sale of marijuana were: Specialist 5 Herman D. Wright, 24, Company A; Specialist 5 Henry Scott Jr., 25, 7th Student Company; and Private First Class Thomas J. Griffith, 21, Company A. Two others had not been formally charged at press time.

Apprehended for possession of marijuana was Private Ernest L. Love, 20, Company A.

The arrests result from an intensive drug suppression drive being carried out here, with Military Police investigators concentrating on cases not involving sale and CID agents going after sellers.

In several previous cases this year in which selling was an included offense, commanders recommended special court martials and the offenders received bad-conduct discharges and jail terms at hard labor, along with reduction in rank and forfeiture of pay.

As part of the drug suppression effort, surveillance has been increased and agents are working closely with local police agencies in developing and pursuing leads and cases, said Ruben Young, Special Agent-In-Charge of the Redstone Resident Agency. "In cases where there is soldier involvement in drug offenses off-post, or civilian involvement on-post, we have the full cooperation of state and local authorities and the Drug Enforcement Administration, and they have ours", said Young.

"More apprehensions are forthcoming", he said.

Viper Tests Complete Success



Viper is 10 for 10 following its Redstone debut.

The Missile Command and General Dynamics Corporation, Viper prime contractor, have flight tests the first 10 Viper rounds and all 10 rocket hit the (seven and a half foot) target.

"Tests were completely successful," said Colonel Hubert Lacquement, Viper Project Manager, "and verified General Dynamics' design predictions in missile roll rate, velocity and trajectory."

The contractor's Engineering Design Tests are being held at Redstone to demonstrate and evaluate his design, identify weaknesses, if any, and make the necessary refinements.

The 10 rounds were fired from a fixed launcher and carried an inert warhead.

"We have two motor case designs," Lacquement said, explaining that five rounds featured fiberglass motor cases and five had steel. "If we achieve the same success in future flights' we'll make the decision early next year which case we'll select for continued development."

The fiberglass motor would be lighter and less expensive, he said.

Viper is the Army's new light anti-tank weapon now in engineering development. It is substantially more powerful, accurate and effective than its predecessor, the M-72 LAW. Light, compact and shoulder-fired from a throwaway case that serves as launcher, Viper will weigh less than 3.2 kilograms (7 pounds).

It will be the first MICOM system to be developed using the metric system.

Spot Bid Sale

A spot bid sale of government property will be conducted at Rocket Auditorium tomorrow. Open to all persons, registration begins at 8 and the sale an hour later.

The property is located in Bldg. 7426 and at the Property Disposal Vehicle Yard on Warehouse Road.

Items for sale include office machines, electrical and electronic test equipment, wardrobes, sedans, and pickups. The items may be inspected until 3 this afternoon.

Union Seeks Halt To Realignment

The Army responds tomorrow in federal district court to a suit by the union representing MICOM employees trying to delay or stop realignment of the command.

Judge Sam Pointer will hold a hearing in Huntsville tomorrow morning on a request by the American Federation of Government Employees for an injunction to halt the realignment.

Tomorrow's hearing could be the opening round in a prolonged legal contest. It could end the whole thing, but chances are that won't happen.

The government, represented by the U.S. Attorney, will probably introduce affidavits and perhaps testimony by MICOM officials to establish that MICOM

acted properly and legally in using transfer of function procedures to shift 7,300 civilian employees to jobs in the two new commands being set up at Redstone.

AFGE lawyers, on the other hand, argue that MICOM acted improperly for reasons that had as their real purpose a deliberate attempt to abridge the rights of its civilian employees.

Judge Pointer's eventual decision will determine whether job offers made recently to 7,300 Army civilian employees here remain valid and could also impact similar realignment actions being carried out throughout the Army Materiel Development and Readiness Command.

The RIF Room

"The people in what we call the RIF room—the room where job offers and changes in them are being constantly reviewed—make every effort to get the right person into the right job based on circumstances we weren't aware of when the Nov. 22 letters were prepared," one counselor said. "It certainly isn't possible to change every assignment, but they do what they can when there is a good, legitimate reason and the rights of all employees involved are protected."

There was a case where an offer had been made to a person who had had an illness and could not perform the duties covered in the new job, lifting heavy material and climbing to high shelves. A different job was found for that individual.

Many inquire about their eligibility to retire, many ask about their rights.

Some people come to counselors because they are concerned about continuing in their present car pools after reassignment.

Then there are more serious problems that have to do with how the new assignment is going to affect employees' careers. In each case, the counselor makes a record of what is discussed and advice is given as to what can be done within regulations.

Counselors have access to a list of vacancies, in each CL and each series, that occur daily due to promotions, transfers, retirements and resignations.

Counselors are there to help and will willingly field any questions employees have about their job offers.

Have questions about your job

offer? Civilian Personnel Division counselors can help you.

More than 250 MICOM employees of some 6,000 who got letters offering them new jobs have been by CPD to ask questions and get advice.

Appointments for counseling are made by calling Judy Tidwell (876-3031) for those being assigned to MIRCOCOM. Those slated for MIRADCOM should call Jerri Knox (876-2133).

According to the counselors, people are bringing in questions and problems that vary from simple to complicated.

There are those who merely ask to see the description for their new jobs. Others ask which building they'll be working in and what the hours of work will be. Another question is how an employee was placed on his or her job.

The Civilian Personnel staff emphasizes that they are fully aware that they are dealing with people, not pieces of paper.

Counselors have talked with people who are asking for different assignments, in many cases for legitimate reasons. One person who had been a file clerk for years was slotted into a new job that would involve extensive typing, something that individual had not done in years although typing appeared on the qualifications used in making the selection. The counselor made careful notes of the interview and sent the information to the group making amendments to job offers, as appropriate. A satisfactory adjustment was made to fit the person's current qualifications and experience.

COUNTDOWN



Activate MIRCOCOM and MIRADCOM:

January 31, 1977

Situation on December 13:

Proceeding as planned . . . Federal Judge Sam Pointer will hear opening arguments from the AFGE and Army tomorrow on the union's suit to stop the realignment.

Questions? Call 876-4161

Education Best Path

WASHINGTON (ARNEWS) — What does it take to become one of the Army's top enlisted men—the Sergeant Major? DA officials released a promotion profile of the 859 men and women selected to fill top slots throughout the Army.

Today's SGM is better educated. Of those selected from the primary zone, 266 (34 percent) had one or more years of college. In the secondary zone, 49 (57 percent) had one or more years of college. Twenty-eight from the primary zone had a BS degree or higher.

An interesting statistic is that—of the soldiers eligible in the primary zone with one or more years college—49 percent were selected. It appears that education may be the best way for the soldier to improve the odds.

The average time in service was between 20 and 25 years for the primary zone while the majority of those selected from the secondary zone had between 16 and 18 years. The profile also

showed that one individual selected from the primary zone had less than 12 years total time in service.

Time in grade was low. About 626 from the primary and 85 from the secondary had less than six years TIG out of a total 859 selected for promotion.

The average age of primary zone selectees was between 40 and 44 years old. The secondary zone average was between 35 and 39. One individual was selected from the primary zone in the age group, under 29.

Soldiers selected for promotion know their job. Of the soldiers selected in the primary zone, 616 (80 percent) had EERWA scores of 124 or higher. In the secondary zone, 83 (98 percent) had 124 or higher.

Due to the recent inception of the Sergeants Major Academy, many of those soldiers selected did not have a chance to attend. A total 136 selectees completed the academy, or 15 percent of those selected for E-9.

The Rocket

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Luncheon Meeting

The Huntsville Section, Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers will hold a luncheon meeting at the Officers Club, Friday, December 17.

The guest speaker will be W. W. Holbrook, director of test operations for Wyle Laboratories. His subject will be "Breakwater Seismic Model Test for an Offshore Nuclear Power Facility."

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SQT Takes Over

By Jeanie S. West

Does the thought of taking an MOS test make your eyes cross, your knees turn to jelly, and your liver quiver? Fear not, you've got a reprieve—for at least a little while.

All Army MOS testing comes to a halt on Jan. 1 as the Army prepares to introduce its new Skill Qualification Tests (SQT). SQT testing should start sometime next year.

According to Betty Lashley, test control officer for Redstone Arsenal, subsequent to Jan. 1 all MOS testing as we know it now will end as SQT's are phased in. Detailed information on use of the tests is expected soon, she said.

The SQT will still be computer-graded, but will be designed to more accurately reflect a soldier's knowledge of his MOS.

The Army hasn't yet decided if a soldier's Enlisted Evaluation Report weighted average will be used in place of a test score this year, or whether other methods of evaluating a soldier's job performance and skill level will be employed temporarily, she said.

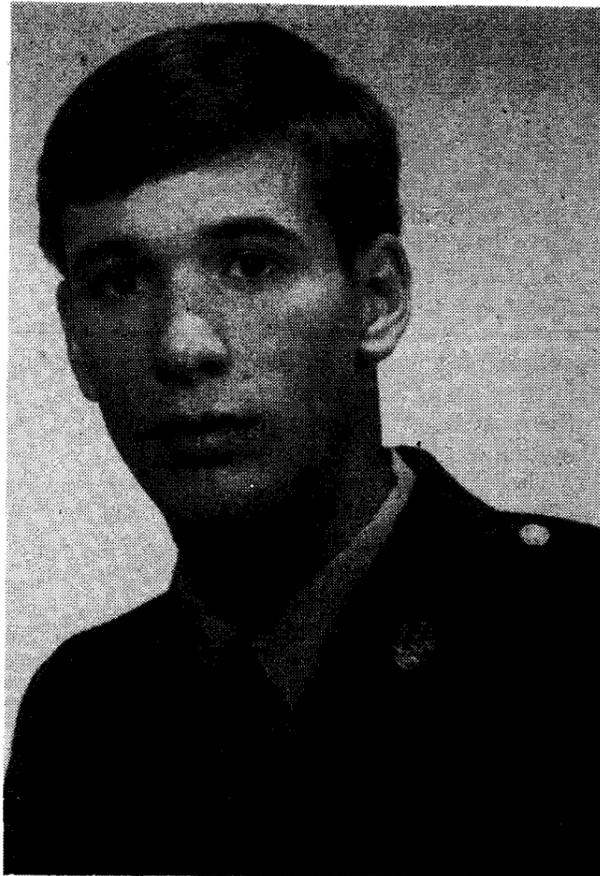
The test control officer did say, however, that those who are in need of reenlistment qualification tests will have the tests administered to them on demand.

Two trial SQT's have been administered at Redstone for soldiers in MOS's 11B (infantryman) and 95B (special agent). Scores from those tests were used only as an indication of how effective SQT's are. No results were placed in military 201 files.

The uncertainty about the starting date of the new testing program need not bother soldiers. They will be given 90 days notice prior to their scheduled testing dates.

When a soldier is notified of his test date, he'll receive a copy of the new soldiers manual for his MOS as well as a copy of the SQT Study Guide.

The soldiers manual is a reference guide to information necessary to pass the test. In the past, soldiers were given MOS study guides that forced the soldiers to search out regulations. However, the new manual with its reprints of pertinent portions of regulations, should spare the soldier this trouble.



DAY

School Picks SOM

Pfc. Charles Day of Huntsville has recently been selected the Missile and Munitions Center and School Soldier of the Month for December.

Day, a 1975 graduate of Butler High School, entered the Army last April. After completing basic training at Ft. Jackson, S.C., he came to Redstone to study HAWK missile launcher repair at MMCS.

Day attended the University of Alabama at Huntsville, where he worked as a lab technician in the physics department.

He became Soldier of the Month after competing with other soldiers before a selection board of four command sergeants major, who based their selection on appearance, military bearing, job knowledge, and current events.



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Somnambulant Conversations Rack WACs

By Jennifer L. Garren

Dreams. Everyone has them at least once in a while. They come in all varieties—funny, sad, exciting, weird, frightening, boring. You name it, and it's been dreamed about.

Like many things that have to do with the human mind, dreaming has been under study by scientists. They first gave serious attention to the phenomenon in 1861. The point of the countless experiments that have been performed from then on is to get to the bottom of dreaming. Why do people do it? Is it healthy? What does it mean?

When a person dreams, he usually sees things. Of course, he can't tell anybody about it until he's awake again. Scientists have tried tracking dream patterns by watching the skittish eye movements—they call them Rapid Eye Movements—of sleeping subjects. They have attached wires to the heads of sleepers to check for electrical activity.

But these methods have resulted only in lists of statistics and piles of graph paper with squiggly lines. The sleeper still is the only one who can say what happened.

It's too bad the experimenters don't come to Redstone. The WAC's of Company C wouldn't have to be awakened to relate their dreams. They tell what they were dreaming

about while they're asleep. The majority of them habitually talk in their sleep.

Is this because women in general are more apt to talk in their sleep? That's another question for the scientists, but venturing a guess: no. Men do it, too. Only in the case of Company C and in particular the WAC's of Company C, sleep-talking is epidemic.

The WAC barracks consist of 10 two-person rooms where 13 women reside. Although over half the girls have their own rooms now, they have all had roommates in the past.

Roommates then, and now, are constantly waking up to ask "Huh?" or "What did you say?" only to be answered by the steady, even breathing of their sleeping colleagues.

"Once I heard my roommate tell me to turn off the TV. So I started to get out of bed, then I remembered we didn't have a TV," said one WAC. "I looked over at her just to see if she was putting me on. But she wasn't. She was really asleep. I guess she was watching TV in her dreams."

"I know I talk in my sleep," another WAC said, "because it wakes me up sometimes. It's really weird. Once I woke up laughing so hard, tears were coming down. I laughed for a few more seconds until I realized it was the middle of the night. I just rolled

over and fell asleep again. You know, I don't even remember what was so funny."

One WAC must have been dreaming about a tour overseas, or maybe she talked to a foreign student earlier, because she said quite loudly in her sleep, "How's things in Istanbul?" But, we don't have any students from that country, do we?

A new permanent party WAC says he's a light sleeper and frequently hears her roommate talking while asleep. "I really don't mind," she said, "because my sister used to do the same thing. At least she doesn't snore—that I couldn't handle."

It certainly seems that if a scientist came here, he's be quite appreciative of all the information for his dream studies. But the fact is—the Company C WAC's aren't preoccupied with dream behavior. Waking up several times in the night and listening to your roommate mumbling tends to get less interesting each time it happens, as one WAC points out. She said her roommate woke her up at about three one morning, yelling, "No more PT—I won't do any more."

Tired and slightly irritated, hoping her sleeping roommate was at basic training somewhere in dreamland, the wide-awake WAC replied, "This is your drill sergeant. Shut up!"

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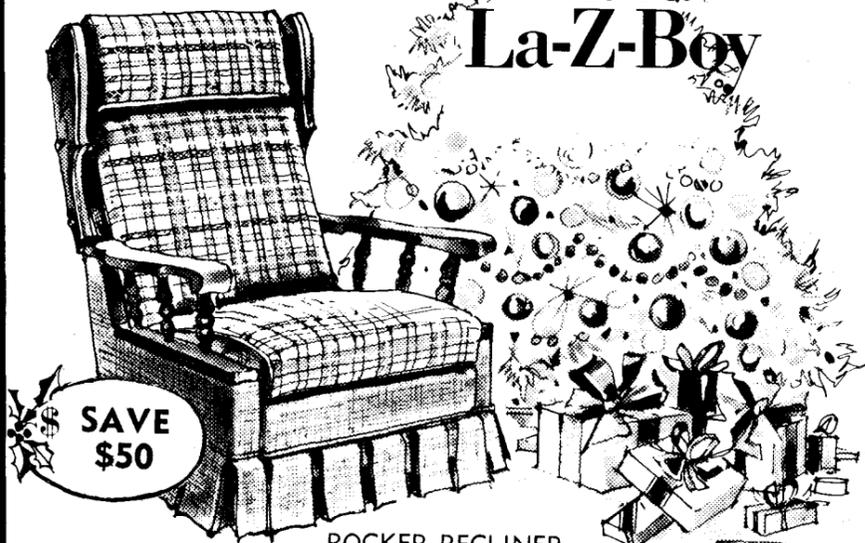
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WASHINGTON (ARNEWS) — The number of family units available to dependents of servicemembers assigned to unaccompanied tours has been reduced by more than half with the announced closure of Schilling Manor Sub-Post near Salina, Kan. Applications for Schilling Manor have been suspended since November 23 eliminating 738 family units from the previous list of over

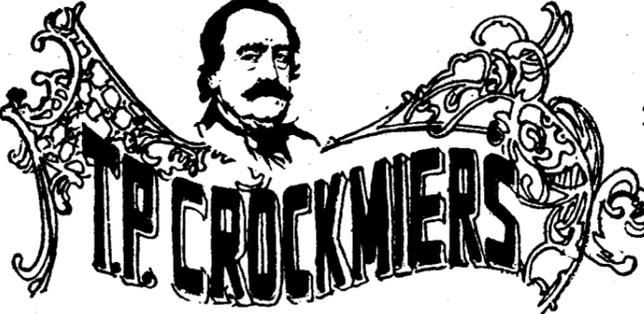
1,100 units. The remaining housing units, mostly Capehart and Wherry, are located at ten CONUS installations. The locations include: Glasgow AFB, Montana, 12 units; Ft. Monmouth, New Jersey, 50 units; Roswell Housing Authority, Roswell, New Mexico, 144 units; White Sands Missile Range, N.M., 12 units; Niagara Falls International Airport, New York, 41 units; Army

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Soldiers With Degrees

WASHINGTON (ARNEWS) — The Army is looking for enlisted soldiers with college degrees to fill various jobs throughout the Army. Most jobs require an engineering degree in Electrical, Electronic, Civil, Mechanical and Chemical Engineering. Other degree requirement jobs are in Mathematics, Physical Sciences, Biology and Chemistry. There are

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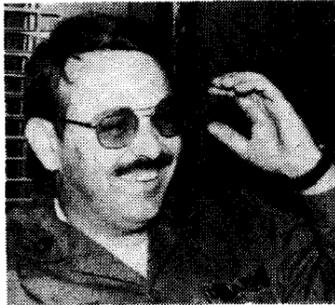
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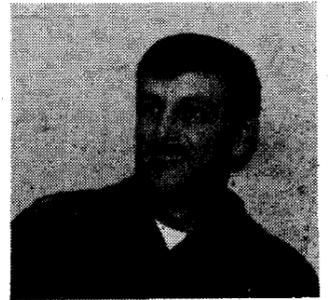
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Spec. 4 Ray Hunt, 6th SC — "I don't even use it. It's too expensive. The only thing I buy at the commissary is cigarettes, bread and eggs."



Sgt. 1st Class Jack Milford, 4th SC — "What I would like to talk about is the express and "soldiers only lane" in the commissary. They've come out with a new policy that if you have food stamps or a check you cannot utilize these lanes. That is a hindrance to the customer because most of the people pay by check. If I go in the commissary for a few items after work, especially on Friday, I have to wait in one of the long lines for just maybe one or two items. Also, I would like to know why the baggers in the commissary have to purchase their own uniforms."



Spec. 5 Jane Lecorn, 6th SC — "On a scale of one to ten, I would give it a five. I can never find what I am looking for at the PX, and that is why it only gets a five."

Spec. 4 Robert Davis, 4th SC — "Poor. You go into the PX to buy something and you have a hard time finding the right size and exactly what you want. The way they have things spread out in so many different stores, it's hard for people to get around to them."



Sgt. 1st Class Jewell Hayes, 4th SC — "Very poor. For one thing they haven't got the best grade of meat in the meat department of the commissary. I can go downtown and buy most things cheaper than in the commissary. The only things you can get cheaper in the commissary are milk, bread and cigarettes."



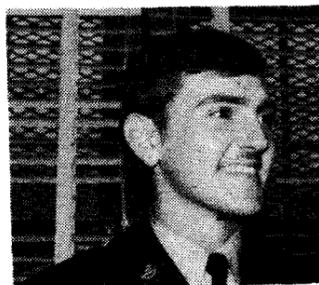
Sgt. David Corter, 6th SC — "The PX is real fine if you want the one specific brand they have in the items they carry. They need a larger PX with more variety. We should be able to order major appliances through the PX catalog, such as refrigerators, TV's and stoves, and things like that. Even if you don't have PX privileges, you can buy most things just as cheaply downtown."



Spec. 4 Tyky Moten, 6th SC — "The PX and commissary are relatively small, especially the PX. Its all right I guess. The merchandise is excellent."



Pfc. Paul Rupert, 4th SC — "I never shop at the commissary but the PX has everything I need. Just having to provide for myself, I have money to spend so I don't have to worry about where to shop like a married person does."



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Area Firms Get MICOM Business

Approximately \$700,000 worth of Missile Command business went to Huntsville firms during the past month to cover goods and services needed to support the missile and rocket programs at Redstone.

Companies in nearby cities received more than \$120,000 in orders during the same period.

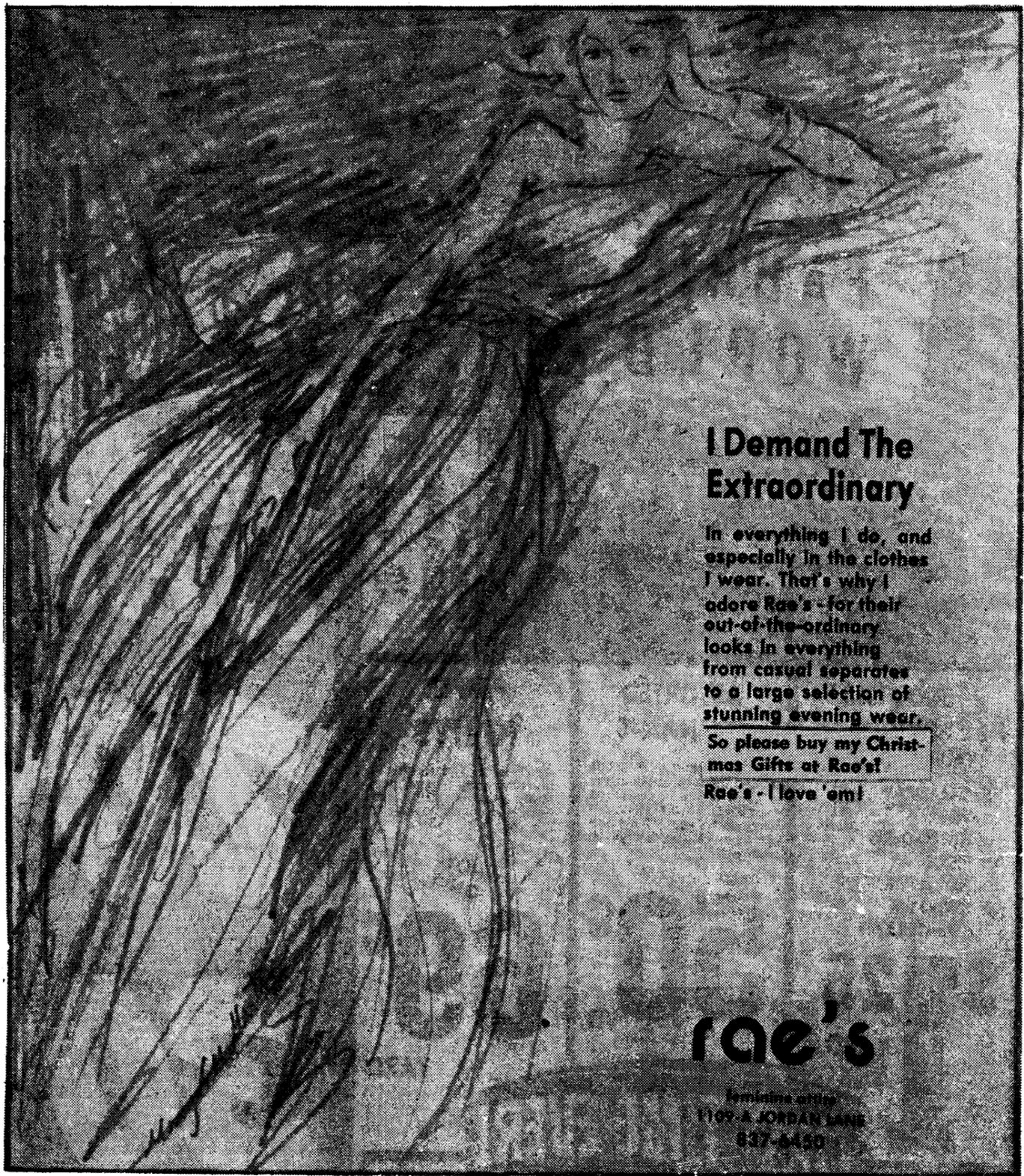
The awards are for equipment repairs, office and laboratory supplies, food, dry cleaning, tuition, electronic devices, and small construction projects among other items.

Contracts for major weapons systems to producers nationwide came to \$19,059,650.

The MICOM Procurement and Production Directorate executed the contracts and small awards.



After years of asking subjects not to mug the camera, Photographer Bill Kellar recently wanted the face-on effect from a raccoon in a tree on the lawn in front of Missile Command headquarters. But the subject wouldn't cooperate, keeping its eyes closed and head tucked between its forepaws. After a time it cautiously faced the camera for an instant then scurried out of range.



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ON BEHALF OF THE POLICE — Sgt. Richard Ottman of the Huntsville Police Department presents Col. Edwin A. Rudd, commandant of the Missile and Munitions Center and School, a plaque on behalf of the International Association of Bomb Technicians and Investigators. The association is made up of graduates of the hazardous devices course taught at the school. Since the course's inception in 1971, more than 2,500 students have graduated, many of them policemen.

Academy Admits NG, Reserve NCOs

WASHINGTON (ARNEWS) — Reserve Component E-8s and E-9s will now get a crack at the 22-week Sergeants Major Academy in Fort Bliss, Tex. The resident course is scheduled for July 1977, according to DA officials.

National Guard and Army Reserve NCOs with less than 24 years' service and an MOS score of 100 or better may apply for the course.

Applications should include the following: field 201 file, DD Form

722, a special EER, the commander's evaluation, a full-length photo, and a 250-word essay telling why the NCO wants to attend the course.

NG applications should be sent to: Army National Guard Schools Branch, ARNG Operating Activity Center, Bldg. E4430 Edgewood Area, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. 21010. Applications should be made on NGB Form 64.

USAR NCOs should send their applications through regular channels to the Reserve Component Personnel Center, 9700 Page Blvd., St. Louis, Mo. ATTN: AGUZ—PMTD.

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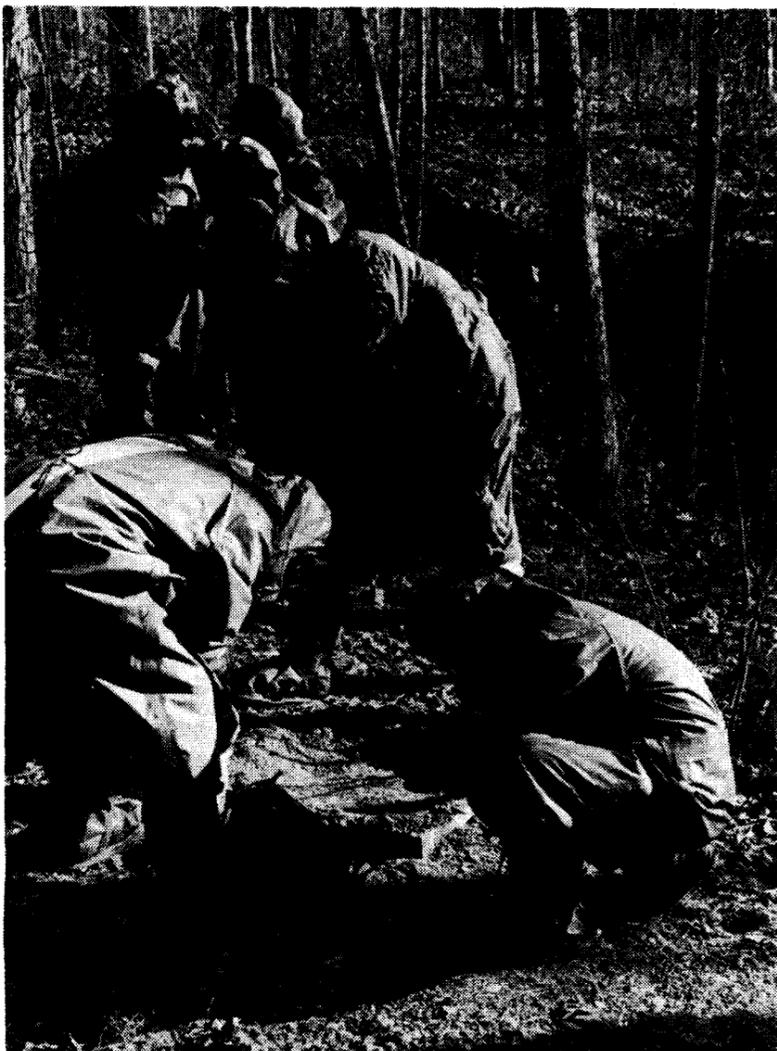
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Tinge of Blue



PRACTICE — Students on a chemical training field exercise seek to establish communication with their base station. At center is Air Force Technical Sgt. Robert Allen, an instructor in the EOD course.

On an Army installation you usually run across a lot of green. In fact, you see people in green uniforms every hour of the day. But at Redstone there's some variety for your tired eyes, a bit of blue among the green.

Three Air Force sergeants and a captain instruct the Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) course here and two other NCO's keep house at the 8th Student Company for the approximately 450 Air Force students being trained as EOD specialists.

Master Sgt. Gerald C. Kitzmiller is an NCO at the 8th Student Company barracks where he handles administrative chores.

"I'm sort of a mother to Navy students, Air Force students and Army students alike," Kitzmiller said. Assisting Kitzmiller with paperwork at the barracks is Air Force Staff Sgt. Jimmy L. Freeman.

Capt. Erick G. Flack has charge of three Air Force EOD instructors, Technical Sgt.'s Robert H. Allen and Lawrence G. Childers, along with Staff Sgt. Robert V. Pelfrey. Flack also teaches some of the courses.

The EOD division here offers inter-service training which includes both officers and enlisted soldiers. The standing force of EOD personnel in all services amounts to about 5,000, 600 of which are in the Air Force personnel, nearly all of whom received training here.

Why is the field so small?

"It's hard to maintain minimum requirements," Kitzmiller explained. "There's no easing into the course. People who have been out of the academic environment for years assume they know how to study and take notes when in reality they don't. This course is also taught at a higher educational level than most military courses."

The normal military school has a student loss rate of about 25 per cent, while at times the EOD course has a student loss of about 75 per cent.

Kitzmiller has been in the training business for over five years, and tries to provide academic guidance and supervised study to supplement company study areas for EOD students assigned to his unit.

There are three phases to the EOD course presented over 19 weeks. The phase offered at Redstone phase one, is chemical EOD, consisting of handling and disposal of hazardous chemical ordnance.

The other two phases, taught at Indian Head, Md., are conventional and nuclear EOD. The conventional ammo phase includes domestic and foreign munitions. Students who are members of the Army are not allowed to take the nuclear phase of EOD training until they reach the pay grade of E-5.

The EOD course as now set up is presented in seminar form with demonstrations and four days of field exercises. In some field exercises, live chemical agents are used. Students are taught to neutralize and dispose of them. Beforehand, they are taught with painstaking care how to put on a protective suit and use other protective equipment.

"There is no safe way to handle hazardous ordnance, only the way which is least dangerous, and that's what we're teaching our students," Allen said. "Explosives are very unforgiving and fear promotes respect."

How do you tell a well-trained EOD graduate?

"We could pick up any internal fuses and tell them to sketch the inside workings and they could do it," Kitzmiller said.

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SUITING UP — Technical Sgt. Robert Allen, an Air Force instructor in the EOD course here, aids one of his students don his protective suit for a field exercise in neutralizing live chemicals.

Tinge of Blue

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Units specifically for handling unexploded ordnance were not organized until World War II, when the Germans started using long-delay and anti-disturbance devices in their bombs. The first bomb squad, formed in 1941, consisted of 46 volunteers, but by January 1942 all but eight had been fatally injured.

Over the years, development, research, training and experience have improved the EOD specialist's chances of survival.

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Have room for one rider from the Mastin Lake Rd.-Pulaski Pike area in northwest Huntsville. Arrive at Building 5250 via Research Park and Rideout Rd. approximately 7:45. Call Kelly 876-4119 (work) or 852-3467 (home).

January Hopes Up

WASHINGTON (ARNEWS) — Promotions for grades E-5 through O-6 are up again for the second straight month. DA officials say that January promotions will total 5,972. There are 5,653 December hikes planned.

Total enlisted promotions number 4,984 and will include 3,500 to E-5; 1,034 to E-6; 313 to E-7; 117 to E-8 and 20 to E-9. After the January hikes, 6,102 names remain on the E-7 list; 1,567 on the E-8 list and 696 names remain on the E-9 list.

Promotions to E-5,6 are made from local lists per DA published monthly promotion cutoff scores for each MOS.

DA officials forecast that

January officer hikes will total 988. There were 712 December promotions and about 494 officers promoted in November.

Officer promotion schedules call for 48 hikes to colonel; 145 to lieutenant colonel and 225 to major. Also tabbed for promotion are 476 to captain; 20 to WO-4 and 74 to WO-3.

After the January office promotions, 532 names will remain on the O-6 list; 1,133 on the O-5 list and 1,322 on the O-4 list. The hikes to O-3 will exhaust the current captain's list. Promotions from the new list will begin February 1. Ninety-eight names remain on the WO-4 list and 521 on the WO-3 list.



MRDEL Party

Personnel of the Missile Research Development and Engineering Laboratories have scheduled a Christmas party for Friday evening and invited their friends to join in the festivities.

The party at the Officers Club, starting at 7, will be "the same as last year, only better," according to Inez Sivley, chairman of the planning committee.

There will be two bands to provide music for continuous dancing, door prizes, gag gifts and hors d'oeuvres throughout the evening.

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All-Army Tryout Camps

WASHINGTON (ARNEWS) — Soldier athletes hoping to play on an all-Army sports team this coming year had better start working out. Tryouts for several sports will be held during the first few months of 1977.

The Army plans to field teams in the following sports: basketball, wrestling, boxing, team handball, track and field, volleyball, bowling, softball, tennis and golf.

If you think you're good enough to play, jog on over to the post sports office (Bldg. 3491). Tell them you want an Army trial camp application. The form can be found in the appendix to AR 28-1.

This application must be completed and sent through proper channels to the DA sports office. Army sports officials request that all applications be submitted at least six weeks before the camp starts.

DA officials want boxers to take note that the usual boxing camp will not be held this year. It has been replaced by an all-Army elimination tournament.

Retirees

Retired military account for about five percent of the total Federal work force. Although it seems like more, there are 141,817 retired military out of almost three million Federal workers.

The Air Force retirees lead the pack with about 50,000. The Army is second with almost 45,000 and the Navy comes in third with about 36,000.

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CFW Cagers Take Christmas Break

Civilian Welfare Fund basketball players wind up the 1976 portion of their 76-77 schedule tonight with a strong possibility that a two-team deadlock will greet the cagers when they resume play on January 4.

The first round was concluded last night in a triple header and tonight's three-game card at Evangel School kickoff the second round.

Metrology and the Missile School are the 5:45 game opponents. Product Assurance will try to derail the Commissary in the 7 o'clock encounter. This year's play concludes with a Nike RD&E battle.

Only one three-game card was played last week with Nike, the Engineers and the Commissary chalking up victories.

Nike sprung somewhat of an upset in nudging the Missile School, 45-41, the Engineers encountered more opposition than anticipated before downing PAD, and the Warehousemen ran over Metrology, 76-29.

That left the Engineers, the Warehousemen and RD&E all boasting of five wins and a single loss.

Nike outscored MMCS, 9-5, in the last three minutes of



their nip and tuck struggle to claim the victory. The score changed hands on eight occasions and was tied eleven times, the last time at 36-36.

John Kremler hit a pair of jumpers in the late rally and ended with a game high 18 points. Willie Jones topped the School scorers with 15.

Product Assurance jumped off to an early 12-2 lead but was unable to sustain the momentum as the Engineers regained their composure and prevent another form reversal.

Alfred Tippins topped the Engineers with 17 points and Claude Steele added 14 more. John Maples fired a game high 22 points in the losing cause.

The Warehousemen got back onto their winning stride after a setback doled out by RD&E the week before with their runaway win over Metrology. The Commissary five was out front 30-4 at the half.

Roosevelt Williams continued to pace the Warehouse scorers with a 21 point production and Mason Hammonds was close behind with 19. Ray Wernle accounted for over half of the Metrology points with his 16 point output.

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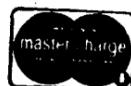
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Fourth Captures CG Trophy

The 1976 Commanding General's All-Sports Trophy was presented to the 4th Student Company of the Missile and Munitions Center and School in ceremonies at the Post Gym Friday.

The trophy was presented by Maj. Gen. George Turnmeyer to 4th SC recreation NCO Staff Sgt. Danny L. Meenen for the company's overall point standings in intramural and post team sporting events.

All companies are in competition for the award. They receive points for entering a team, participating, and winning intramural and post team sporting events like slo-pitch softball, flag football, and basketball.

Each team is awarded points for entrance into the different events, and may obtain added points by winning championships. Should a team not enter a particular event, points are deducted from their overall point total.

This point subtraction also occurs when a team forfeits any games during the regularly scheduled season.

Competition for next year's trophy started Monday with the onset of intramural basketball.

This is how units did in point breakdowns and total from last year.

COMPANY	TEAM			FLAG	TRACK
	BASKETBALL	HANDBALL	BASEBALL		
4th SC	25.0	23.3	19.2	15.0	25.0
TOURNAMENT PTS.: 63.3	PENALTY PTS.: -0		TOTAL PTS.: 171.7		
291st MP's	12.4	10.6	25.0	20.0	8.8
TOURNAMENT PTS.: 76.7	PENALTY PTS.: -15		TOTAL PTS.: 138.5		
8th SC	25.0	23.0	7.6	10.0	15.0
TOURNAMENT PTS.: 58.0	PENALTY PTS.: -5		TOTAL PTS.: 133.8		
Co. A	4.0	14.2	22.1	25.0	17.5
TOURNAMENT PTS.: 40.2	PENALTY PTS.: -10		TOTAL PTS.: 132.0		
6th SC	20.8	7.0	25.0	20.0	22.5
TOURNAMENT PTS.: 30.2	PENALTY PTS.: -20		TOTAL PTS.: 105.5		
Marines	10.3	17.8	13.4	15.0	20.0
TOURNAMENT PTS.: 27.6	PENALTY PTS.: -0		TOTAL PTS.: 104.1		
Meddac	18.7	00.0	19.2	25.0	2.5
TOURNAMENT PTS.: 48.7	PENALTY PTS.: -25		TOTAL PTS.: 89.1		
7th SC	10.3	00.0	10.5	10.0	12.5
TOURNAMENT PTS.: 12.9	PENALTY PTS.: -30		TOTAL PTS.: 26.2		
Co. C	18.7	00.0	16.3	5.0	00.0
TOURNAMENT PTS.: 23.7	PENALTY PTS.: -50		TOTAL PTS.: 13.7		
Co. B	8.2	00.0	22.1	5.0	00.0
TOURNAMENT PTS.: 25.0	PENALTY PTS.: -50		TOTAL PTS.: 10.3		
HHD MICOM	16.6	00.0	16.3	00.0	8.8
TOURNAMENT PTS.: 16.5	PENALTY PTS.: -55		TOTAL PTS.: 3.2		
95th Calibration	4.0	00.0	12.0	00.0	00.0
TOURNAMENT PTS.: 00.0	PENALTY PTS.: -150		TOTAL PTS.: -134.0		

AMC League

Standings

Team	Pts
Spares	33
T-Birds	32
Hughes TOW	30
Lily Flagg	29
Bombers	26
Cadillacs	26
Alley Cats	25
Patriots	24
Fat Cats	21
Hopefuls	15

Last Wednesday

Hopefuls-4 - Bombers-0
Cadillacs-3 - Lily Flagg-1
Patriots-3 - T-Birds-1
Alley Cats-3 - Fat Cats-1
Spares-3 - Hughes-1

High Rollers

John Helland, 578 (212); Bob Brand, 547 (214); Joe Hyatt, 543; John Mellgren, 527; Carl Bayer, 526.

Wed. Officers

Standings

Team	Pts
Strike Outs	71
ExASPRators	71
76'ers	69
Bushwackers	68
Blackjacks	65
Q-8 Keglers	65
Swingers	54
P&P Registers	50
School Brigade	45
Meddac	42
Readiness Group	38
Lucky Strikes	34

Results

Bushwackers-8 - ExASPRators 0
Meddac 8 - School Brigade 0
Swingers 8 - Lucky Strikes 0
P&P Registers 6 - Strike Outs 2
Blackjacks 4 - Q-8 Keglers 4
76'ers 8 - Readiness Group 0

S & M League

Standings

Team	W	L
Misfits	37	19
Outhouse Lounge	36	20
Reba's		
Enterprises	35	21
S. C. I.	35	21
City Auto	33	23
Clowns	26½	29½
Barber-Coleman	23½	32½
Ponds II	20	36
Black Sheep	18½	37½
Ponds I	15½	40½

Honor Roll

Another pair of over 600 totals went into the books last Wednesday with Joe Cyr and Ernie Pace authoring the feats. The former shot a 622 in sparking the City Auto assault to their clean sweep while the latter rapped out a 610 series in guiding the Misfits into first place with another sweep.

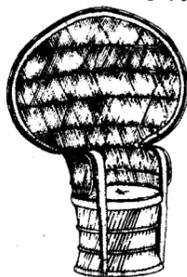
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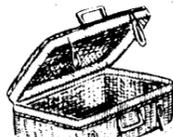
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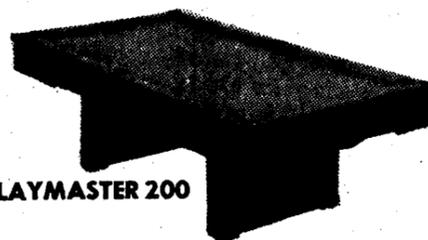
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Students Lead In Pre-Season Tourney

Permanent party teams took a shellacking from strong student squads in the first week of the intramural Pre-Season Holiday Tournament which finishes up tomorrow night.

At the top of the list was the 7th Student Company, which inundated Company B Wednesday with a 70-23 performance. Leading the student tidal wave was Anthony Starks with 16, and Henry Scott and Mike Noble with nine each.

Bucking the relentlessly steady advance of the 7th was Thomas Hobson of the losers, who tallied 12 points.

The trend was evident as well in games between the 4th SC and Meddac (62-35), 8th SC and Company C (65-41), 6th SC and the Marines (52-36) and the 7th SC and Meddac (53-41).

The tourney rundown:

Monday

Willie Rice and Charles Davis, performing like identical twins, netted 17 points each to pace the 291st MP's to a 53-42 victory over MICOM. The perennial scoring leader Rice returns for his third season with the cops.

Supporting him was Richard Mitchell with 10. Richard Gates got 13 and Jimmy Ford 9 for the missilemen.

The Commanding General's trophy-winning 4th SC easily polished off outclassed Meddac,

62-35, behind 18-point performances by Terry Adams and Myron Manuel. Meddac leaders were Ernest Nance and Bruce Highberger, both with 10.

Leatherneck Kenneth Miller scored 16 to power the Marines to a 55-43 triumph over Company A. Close behind him were teammates Joseph Holder and Larry Kozloski with 15 each. Richard Bolt of the losers made a masterly 21-point showing, but he was a one-man band against a symphony orchestra as the Marines' tight teamwork claimed the win.

Company B, failing to muster a full squad, forfeited to the 8th SC, 2-0.

Tuesday

Human dynamo Willie Rice pumped in 27 to almost single-handedly capture a 42-31 win over the 95th Service Company. Rice left his teammates in the dust as he dominated every quarter with fast, precise scoring plays.

Struggling to keep up, Steven Slocum managed 13 and David Mierick nine for the 95th.

By contrast, the 6th SC spread the glory around as they doggedly pushed the score past a flagging Marine squad for a 52-36 win. Vance Hunter, Lonnie Henderson and Wayne Paige shared the honors, netting eight apiece.

8th SC standout Lewis Lockett fired 28 to catapult his team to a 65-41 victory over a surprised Company C. Lewis Bryant got 14

and Dwayne Watts took 10, also for the winners.

Tim Niewierowski's 18 and James Morris's 10 paced the foul-prone losers.

Terry Adams scored 15 and Myron Manuel got 14 in a 4th SC win over the 7th, 48-32. Anthony Starks contributed nine to the 7th's effort.

Wednesday

The Marine cagers edged Micom in the first contest Wednesday night, 56 to 45. Larry Kozloski was the high shooter for the Marines with 13 points, closely followed Ladell Myles, who was good for 11. Micom's Buchanan also gave his team 11 points.

A face off of two evenly matched teams, from Company A and 95th Service Company gave fans a bleacher edger as Company A squeaked by the 95th 40-38. Chandler from the lettermen scored 11 points, while Steve Slocum scored 14 and David Merick dumped in 13 points for the calculators.

Meddac's superman, Bruce Highberger piled up 19 points for his team as they steamrolled past an unsuspecting Company C 60-47. Lettermen high scorers included James for 13, Dave Swaim for 12, and consistent backboardsinker, Tim Niewierowski, 12.

Thursday

In the first contest in Thursday nights action, the MP's chalked

up another victory as they stormed passed the 6th SC 55-45. Willie Rice, powerhoused 20 points, Charles Davis, added 14 and Richard Mitchell was good for 11 all for the winners. Wayne Paige led his team scoring with 11 points for the students.

The 4th SC fell to the hands of the 8th SC by a score of 47-23. Highgainer Lewis Lockett fired 14 for the 8th with Kershaw Washington following closely with 11 points. Dunlap was good for 9 for the losers.

The Marines dumped the lettermen from Company A, 47 to 37. John Davis of the Marines was a human cannonball on the court as he scored 18 points for his team. Ken Miller added 9 for the victors score.

Chandler and Williams pulled identical point totals for Co. A with 8 apiece.

In the final game of the week's play, the 7th SC barreled passed Meddac 53-41.

Powerhouse Anthony Starks fired for 16 points followed by Anthony Patillo for 10 and Walter Higgans for 10, for the winners.



UAH Tickets

Recreation Services is offering Redstone soldiers reduced price tickets to University of Alabama in Huntsville home basketball games this season.

Acting director Ralph Santaliz said tickets are on sale at Bldg. 3491 for \$1 each. Season passes covering 10 remaining home games cost \$7.

Games are played at the Von Braun Civic Center. The next UAH game is Dec. 18 against Huntingdon College.

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Brighter Outlook

The outlook for promotion to E-6 for soldiers in MOS 75B (Basic Clerk) has brightened somewhat. Since November 1, E-5s may be advanced to E-6 in: MOS 75C (personnel management specialist), 75D (personnel records specialist), and 75E (personnel actions specialist).

The only real requirements needed are Commander's recommendation and unit promotion list status. Eligible 75B troops no longer need the formal MOS training or a correspondence course diploma. (AR-NEWS)

Dislocation Allowance

WASHINGTON (ARNEWS) — Married service couples stand to lose part of their dislocation allowance in the near future because of a new interpretation of the allowance law.

The Comptroller ruled that when both spouses are in the service, neither can claim the other as a dependent. Most of the families will get one allowance at the without dependents rate when making a PCS move. The new interpretation reasons that when only one household moves, only one allowance should be paid. In the case of children or other family dependents, one of the two service spouses can draw a with-dependents allowance.

Couples now receive two allowances—each at the without dependents rate. These payments exceed the with-dependents allowance paid to a household with only one spouse in the military.

The allowance paid to one spouse-in-service couple will remain the same.

Dislocation allowance is the equivalent of one month's basic allowance for quarters (BAQ).

NG Reenlistment Policy Changed

The reenlistment policy for career National Guardsmen has been changed, according to officials from the office of the Chief of the National Guard.

After December 31, reups or extensions by NG personnel with 12 or more years' service will only be for a minimum of three and not more than six years.

Current policy allowing Guardsmen to reup for a minimum of one year or for an indefinite period—up to age 60—will continue in effect for those with less than 12 years service.

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College Grad Slots

By Jennifer L. Garren

The Army Educational Requirements Board (AERB), a Department of the Army-level panel, has validated 415 enlisted positions that call for persons with college degrees. The jobs, at Army posts and stations worldwide, involve work requiring training beyond that obtainable in military service schools.

The positions can be filled with soldiers who meet the requirements. Enlisted personnel with a college degree who are interested in being considered are urged to submit copies of their college transcripts to the Department of the Army, DAPC-ETP-S, 2461 Eisenhower Ave., Alexandria, Va., 22331. (See degree listing below.)

The search for qualified soldiers for these jobs underscores the importance of an updated 201 file that includes college credits. DA has an Enlisted Master File that

holds information on every soldier in the service. It is currently being modified to hold codes for college degrees.

Until the change is completed, soldiers are encouraged by DA to mail in their college records if they want to be considered for one of the AERB positions.

There's a possibility that the enlisted undergraduate degree program, Bootstrap, will be re-activated next February if the positions cannot be filled with soldiers currently possessing degrees.

Bootstrap was an educational program that allowed enlisted men to attend school full time for up to 18 months to finish work on a degree.

There were several requirements a soldier had to meet before being accepted for Bootstrap, including a GT score of at least 119 and an MOS score of 110. The program ended in late 1974.



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An Australian officer, Lt. Col. Richard J. Hill, from the Army Logistics Management Center at Ft. Lee, Va., has visited Redstone last month and this to observe the Logistics Management Development course conducted by ALMC for the first time on the Arsenal.

Hill explained that this is an intensive four-week course for practicing and potential middle managers. MICOM had 45 employees participating with approximately 15 ALMC instructors and seven from MICOM conducting the training.

Ralph Stout, ALMC, the course director, coordinated the training as well as teaching portions of the course.

"I hope people at MICOM who took this course will continue their career development and go on to attend the 19-week course, Logistics Executive Development," Hill said. "MICOM students worked hard, and after talking with them I feel they've found the course very worthwhile."

Hill is the Australian Exchange officer at ALMC. He and his wife and four children arrived at Ft. Lee in December, 1974, and will return to Australia next December. He is a graduate of the Australian National University, the Australian Staff College, and has graduated from the Logistics Executive Development course at Ft. Lee. He is a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Management.

Graduation ceremonies for students in the Logistics Management Development course were held after lunch Thursday at the Officers Club. Chaplain (Col.) William I. Wetzel of MICOM and Col. Harvey Day, Director of Maintenance, were on the program with Hill and Stout.

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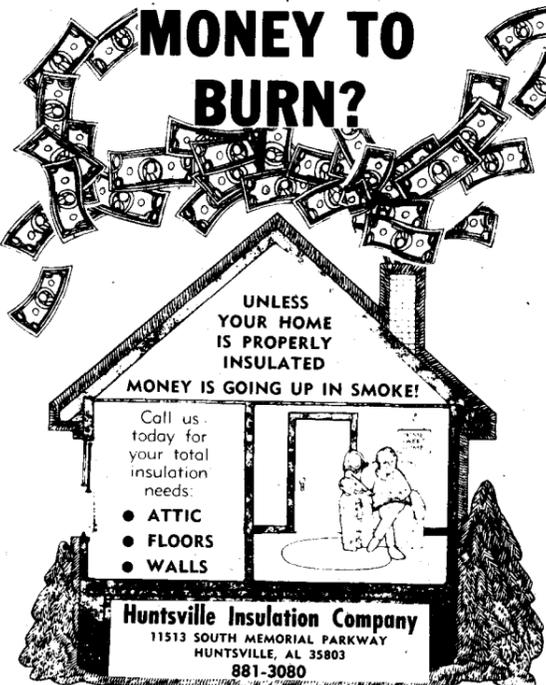
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