

# The Redstone Rocket

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(Photo-Larry Paul)

**Instructor Kelley helps a Hawk student**

## Soldier of Year

"I like to look into things, take advantage of what's around. It's kind of foolish not to. In this life you have to knock on people's doors, they won't knock on yours."

It is this aggressive attitude that helped Sp4 William Kelley achieve the honor of being named Soldier of the Year at Redstone Arsenal. Kelley had previously been named June's Soldier of the Month.

Kelley, who formerly was a member of 8th Student Company and is now assigned to Company B as an instructor at MMCS in the Hawk system, comes across as an ambitious person. His accomplishments bear this out.

Kelley first found out about the Soldier of the Month competition through a former instructor of his at MMCS who had been chosen Soldier of the Year, 1977. His appetite for the award was further whetted when he found out a fellow student was applying. "When I found out this other student was going up for Soldier of

the Month, I figured if he can do it, so can I."

From that point on Kelley spent all of his available time poring over the study guide for the military questions asked by the examining boards which choose Soldier of the Month.

### Wife helps

"I studied the guide for a month-and-a-half for Soldier of the Month and three months for Soldier of the Year," said Kelley, adding with a laugh, "My wife helped me with the questions so much I think she could have passed the test if I didn't."

Kelley said to win Soldier of the Month he had to go before two examining boards: at batallion, then post level. The questions asked were basically of two types, military and current events. The military questions concerned all aspects of being a soldier. The current events questions dealt with events that should be picked up by careful daily reading of the newspaper. When he faced the post examining board, he was also

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## Readiness man is honored for overseas work

By DEBBIE GEHLBACH

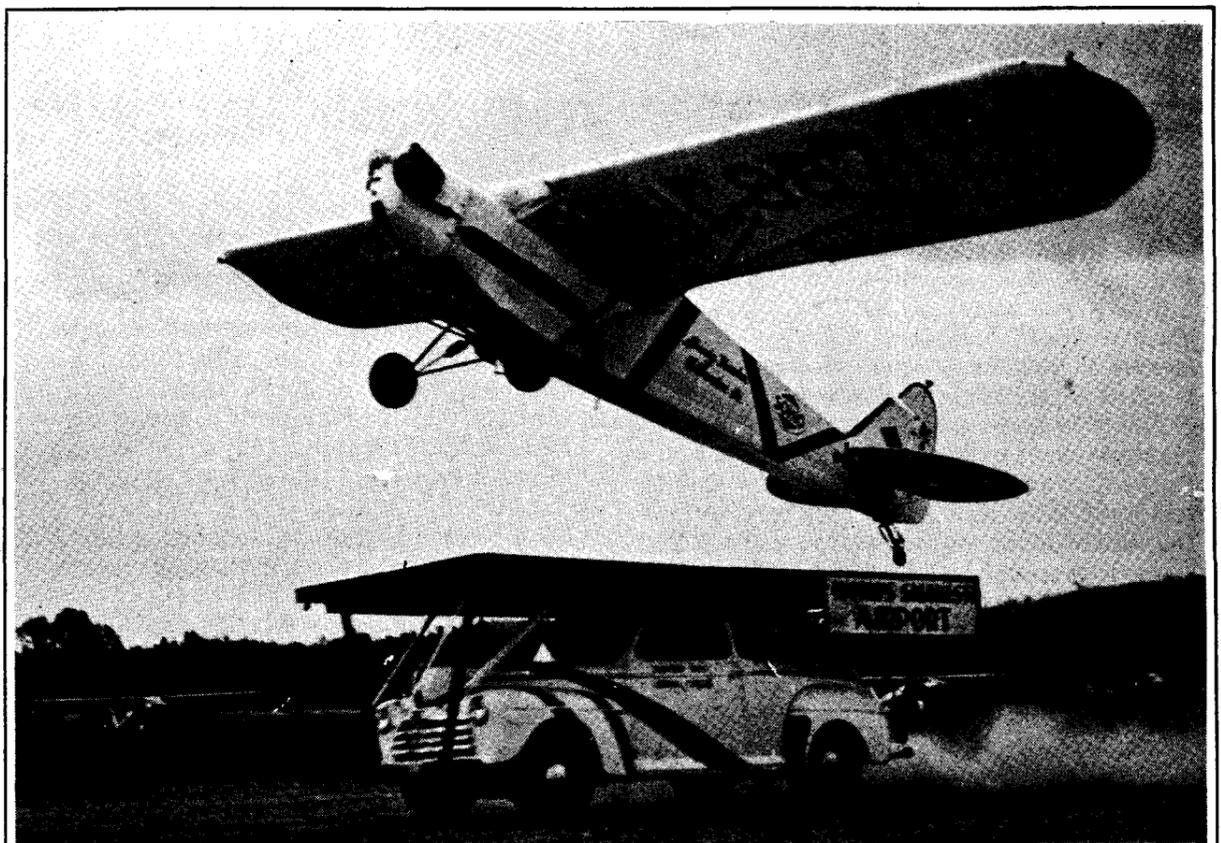
A MIRCOCM civilian expert on the airborne TOW missile system has been named to receive two top honors.

Sherman C. Hines Jr., an equipment specialist based at Feucht-Nurnberg, Germany, received U.S. Army Europe's DA Civilian of the Year award March 31. He will come home to get the Army Aviation Association's DA Civilian of the Award honor in Atlanta later this month.

The Army Aviation Association award, was established three years ago to recognize the civilian who contributed most significantly to Army Aviation within a calendar year. Hines was selected for his contribution during 1978 for the help he gave air units of the 2d Armored Cavalry Regiment in Feucht, Germany.

Hines is in his 13th year of Federal service. He has been in Europe since 1975. His duties there as an equipment generalist have encompassed maintenance

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### UP AND AWAY

Derring-do aerial stunts that had never been performed before earned Grady Thrasher a national reputation as a stunt pilot in the 1940's. The MIRADCOM P&P

team chief recalls his days with the Thrasher Bros. Air Show in an article by Glen Adams on pages 10 and 11.

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# Two operations here studied for contracting

BY HELEN REED

Two operations now done by Army civilian employees at Redstone Arsenal were included in a list of support functions at 75 bases that the Army said last week may be contracted to civilian industry.

Last week's announcement said Redstone's laundry and motor vehicle maintenance functions would be "studied" to find if the work could be done at less cost to the government by continuing with government employees or by contracting the job to industry.

Thirty-one civilian workers here are involved. Several months will be needed to do the study.

The study consists of preparing an

estimate of cost to perform each of these functions in-house, then comparing the estimate with bids received from contractors through normal procurement procedures.

If the comparison shows that performance of a function in-house is more economical, then it will continue to be performed that way. But if the work could be done cheaper by a commercial firm, a contract would be awarded for that function, and government employee spaces associated with it would be eliminated.

## 10 percent required

Conversion of existing in-house activities would occur only if a savings of at least 10 percent of the estimate of the government personnel costs will result from contracting.

Career employees affected by a conversion to contractor operation would be given maximum assistance through assignment to other federal positions.

In addition, in cooperation with the Department of Labor and state employment agencies, assistance would be given in locating positions in private industry.

Where appropriate, employees would be given the chance to enter training programs to qualify for positions available in the local job market.

In instances of contracting out, prospective contractors would be encouraged to hire as many of the displaced in-house personnel as possible. The contractor would be under no obligation to do so.

Under Office of Management and Budget direction, all federal agencies must review periodically all functions that might be performed by contractors to see if in-house operation is the most economical. The

recently announced list of installations and activities for study are part of that continuing procedure. The actual reviews are conducted at installations and audited by an independent Army Audit Agency.

## 6-12 months needed

A study and review normally takes 6 to 12 months depending on the complexity of preparation.

DA said some of the reviews will commence in FY '79, but most will not be completed until FY '80.

"Although the FY '80 plan is not complete, initial planning indicates that contracting of these additional functions could result in the elimination of up to 5,738 civilian and 1,178 military personnel positions and estimated annual savings of almost \$13 million," the Army said.

According to officials in the MIRCOCOM Comptroller Office, the study at Redstone will begin with preparation of the scope of the work being performed by the Arsenal activity and a cost estimate of what it takes to do that work in-house.

Then approval is obtained from DARCOM to proceed with requests for procurement to contract out the work.

After this is approved, the in-house cost estimate is submitted to the Army Audit Agency for audit.

When the audit is returned, Redstone's cost estimate is sealed like any contractor bid.

Contractor bids are evaluated, and the best and final offer received. The in-house and contractor bids are opened, and if the in-house bid is lower, the procurement action is canceled and the work remains in-house.

If determination is made that a contractor bid is lower it takes approximately six months to the award date. After that the takeover by the contractor usually takes 90 to 120 days.

## Report fraud, waste on toll-free 'hotline'

WASHINGTON (ARNEWS)—A toll-free number will operate for 30 days starting April 2, for anyone to report fraud or waste in DOD transactions with the General Services Administration, a DOD spokesman said.

This "Defense Hotline", the spokesman added, is being operated by the Defense Investigative Service with assurance that the anonymity of any caller will be respected.

Callers may use the toll-free number 800-424-9098 from anywhere in the continental United States, Washington D.C. Metropolitan area. Callers may use the local number 693-5080. Authorized callers may use autovon 223-5080.

# Soldiers ready for 'soyburgers'

BY GLEN ADAMS

The Department of Defense announced last week that beginning in June the military services will use "soy extended ground beef" in the military dining facilities. DOD said this was necessary because of spiraling beef prices.

This synthesis of beef and soy will be made up of approximately 20 percent soy. DoD pointed out that the use of soy will not result in any loss of nutritional value. Defense officials expect to save at least 22 cents per pound which could reduce the annual DoD food bill by \$6.2 million. The soy extended beef will be used in recipes calling for bulk ground beef. It will also be offered on an optional basis for use as patties.

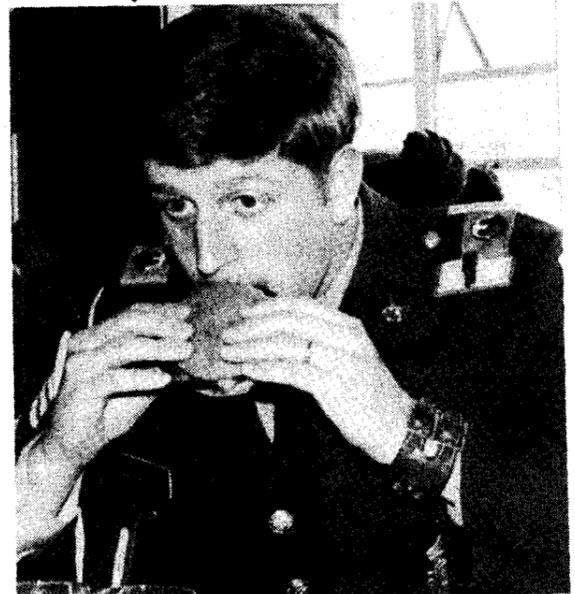
DOD has tested the soy extended beef at selected military dining facilities with favorable results.

Reaction to the news among soldiers here at the arsenal was generally favorable. PFC Robert Phillips said: "Long as it tastes good, that's all that matters to me."

PFC Koby Rockwell: "If it saves money and is better protein I think they should do it."

Sp 5 Hector Figueroa: "Sounds good to me. I'll taste it first to see if it's good enough to eat."

PFC John Thierry: "I really don't have that much to say about it. Just as long as they cook it, its ok with me."



**BIG BITE**

MP Sergeant D. J. Bateson samples an "unextended" burger

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# Army announces base closures, transfers

BY HELEN REED

The Army has announced completion of detailed base realignment studies that include closing one post, disestablishment, inactivation or transfer of some air defense units, and alterations of some activities to be finally decided after 30 days review.

Final decisions have been made on the following:

- Ft. MacArthur, Calif., will be closed.
- The 31st Air Defense Artillery Brigade in southern Florida will be disestablished and subordinate units will be transferred to Ft. Bliss, Texas and Ft. Bragg, N.C.
- The 1st Battalion, 43rd Air Defense Artillery (Nike Hercules) in Alaska will be inactivated.
- The 4th Battalion, 62nd Air Defense Artillery (Nike Hercules) Ft. Bliss, will be inactivated.

The following alternatives have been selected and decisions will be made after a 30-day public review period:

- At Ft. Dix, N. J., close the Army Training Center and transfer the training missions to Ft. Jackson, S. C., Ft. Knox, Ky., Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., and Ft. Bliss. Other current activities not associated with the training center will remain at Ft. Dix, and the post remains a candidate for stationing part of the 2nd Infantry Division.
- At Ft. Bliss, convert to one station unit training.
- At Ft. McClellan, Ala., establish an Army Nuclear, Biological, and Chemical

Defense School to include certain chemical training operations to be relocated from Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. This results from a completed study first announced in 1978. If this happens, it would mean transfer of the existing Chemical Directorate from Aberdeen to McClellan with no personnel spaces eliminated, but 250 military and 42 civilian positions transferred from Aberdeen to McClellan.

## Redstone ruled out

The proposed realignment resulted from an extensive review of training requirements and a subsequent study of possible alternatives including establishing the NBC Defense School at Redstone Arsenal or at Aberdeen.

Other actions being considered:

- At Corpus Christi Army Depot, Texas, consolidate aviation maintenance and transfer related functions from New Cumberland Army Depot, Pa.
- Close Ft. Monroe, Va. and relocate the Army Training and Doctrine Command Headquarters to Ft. Eustis, Va.
- At Ft. Indiantown Gap, Pa., terminate active Army use and pass control of the installation to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
- At Ft. Meade, Md., consolidate Army Intelligence Command Headquarters there, and close and excess Vint Hill Farms, Va. and terminate Army occupancy of Arlington Hall Station, Va.
- Close Douglas, Utah, except the U.S. Army Reserve functions which would remain.

—Close Ft. Totten, N.Y. except for Reserve activities.

—Close Ft. Wadsworth, N.Y., and relocate the Chaplain School to Ft. Monmouth, N.J. Reserve activities would remain.

At Ft. Komehameha, Hawaii, reduce the mission of the Theater Communications Security Logistics Support Center, Pacific, to a minimum essential level.

—Consolidate the finance and accounting functions of the Military Traffic Management Command at Bayonne, N. J. from Oakland, Calif.

Other previously announced realignment studies are still under way. They are:

- Ft. Sheridan, Ill., closure.
- Presidio of San Francisco, reduction.
- Letterman Army Medical Center, Calif., reduction.

In addition it is planned to station one engineer battalion from the non-divisional units in Korea at Ft. Drum, N.Y. Provided withdrawal plans continue, it would be stationed at Drum regardless of where the Division goes in the U.S.

If finally put into effect, the final and preferred realignments would reduce annual costs by \$82.7 million and eliminate about 3,100 military and 2,280 civilian personnel positions. These resources would be used to increase the Army's combat effectiveness and readiness.

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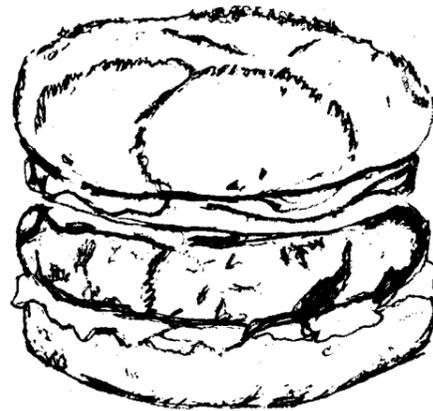
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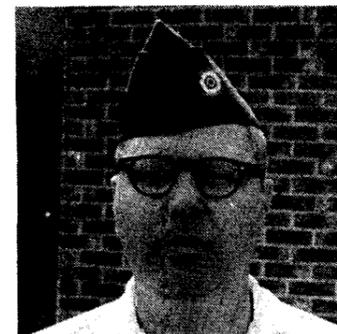
**Could the Arsenal's Athletic Facilities be improved in any way to accommodate your interests?**



**Sp5 Albert Ware, MIRCOCM**—"I think the facilities are pretty nice. I just got here three weeks ago from Germany. The only problem I find here, is the tennis courts by the gym aren't regulated. There's no scheduling of court time and some take a court for more than an hour. But they seem to have adequate facilities for other sports."



**Sp4 Donald Peebles, USACC**—"Not really, for me anyway. I like to ride my bike a lot and run a bit. I guess they could use more racquetball courts and longer hours. For night shift people, like myself, it would be nice if the gym were open earlier than 10 a.m."



**SFC Malcolm Medley, Med-dac**—"Yes, but the only activity I participate in is bowling, I'll go over to the alley one night, and the lanes are dry, and the next night, they've been dressed. Unless you're a pro, it's very hard to adjust to the difference and roll a consistent game."



**Pvt. 2 Wendy Aiello, Co. B**—"Yes, whenever you go to find a sports field to play on for the weekend, good luck. They should publicize sports more on post, there's not enough participation."



**LCpl Pauline Sullivan, USMC**—"Yes, the gym needs to be bigger than it is. If a few girls want to go out and shoot basketball, the men usually have the courts more, or have a separate court or section for them, or the men need to let the women join them more."

**1st. Sgt. Johnnie Blank, 6th SC**—"Yes, what we need is a dirt track, something along a cross-country run. They could mark off a 2 mile or 5 mile track by utilizing the wide areas of the streets, where the gravel is, and put some sand there. Then, signs could be put up warning motorists that this is a Run for Your Life area. I've seen it inexpensively and successfully done at Ft. Campbell, Ky."



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# MMCS companies made inactive

BY RAY ROWDEN

Officials at the Missile and Munitions Center and School have placed two companies in inactive status as part of a series of steps to make better use of the facilities and personnel that are available.

According to Lt. Col. Arthur G. Woodle, Jr., School Brigade executive officer, the 5th Student Company and Company C remain as authorized assets even though no soldiers will be assigned to them. The former members of the two units have been reassigned to other MMCS companies.

Woodle said, "The primary reason we're doing this is to tailor the organization of School Brigade, MMCS to our 'real world' situation." He noted that the number of students here is lower than usual while the 515th Ordnance Company, a FORSCOM unit attached to MMCS last summer, is beginning to fill to its authorized strength. He also said there are more bachelors being assigned to MMCS's permanent party units and explained that this increases their billeting requirements.

The 515th Ord. Co. has moved to the north wing of building 3480 which housed the 5th Student Company. The quarters vacated by the 515th will be used by the Foreign Student Support Office and permanent party soldiers.

Woodle said the changes improve the command and control within the brigade and provide a more equitable distribution of the available billeting.

He also pointed out that although two companies are now in inactive status they are not deactivated. If future events dictate activation of one of the companies it can be accomplished in a short time.



## AGREEMENT SIGNED

Maj. Gen. Louis Rachmeler (left), MIRCOM Commander, and Brig. Gen. Frank Ragano (right), MIRADCOM Commander, sign a collective bargaining agreement with Raymond Swaim, President of Local

1858, American Federation of Government Employees. The agreement, signed Friday, covers approximately 1,200 professional employees at the two commands.

## Workers wanted by local concern

The Alabama State Employment Service Office in Huntsville is seeking applicants for jobs with a local firm.

The jobs are assembly line work on the second shift paying \$3.20 - \$3.85 per hour. No experience is needed, but applicants must be aged 18 and above.

"The employer is located near Redstone Arsenal and it may be a good opportunity

for military dependents to obtain employment close to home", said an official at the state employment office.

The firm is an equal opportunity employer.

Interested persons should contact Ms. Graviett or Mr. Tatum at the employment service, 539-2141.

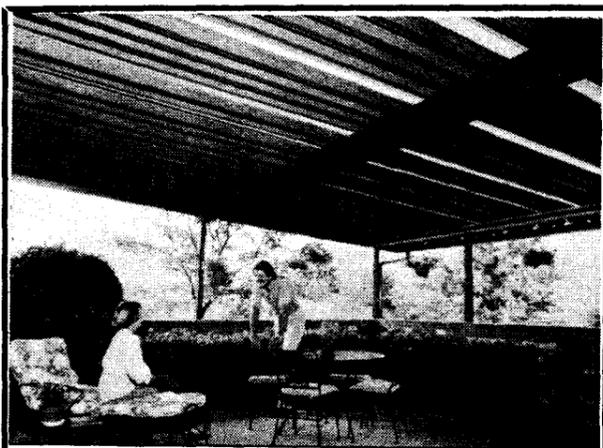
## Give blood Friday; take afternoon off

A few free hours off work on Friday can be yours for giving blood, notes Edgar Croomes, who heads MIRADCOM's blood program.

By being a donor at Engineering Laboratory's blood drive on Friday, said Croomes, you can get the customary af-

ternoon off and extend your weekend.

The blood drive will be in progress April 6 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the high bay at Bldg 5400 with parking provided inside the fence. Donors should call Lawanda Dorsett, 876-4768 or 876-2963 for an appointment.



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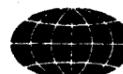
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# Sergeant sets sights on pro racquetball

BY LARRY PAUL

For many, getting involved in any sport brings imaginative images of becoming a pro and earning top prize money in tournaments and regular play.

But for the majority of sports enthusiasts it is only a dream that is fulfilled in some type of amateur or semi-pro competition.

For Dennis Ervin, a staff sergeant assigned to Co. B Missile and Munitions Center and School the reality of being a pro maybe just around the corner.

Recently, Ervin, who teaches computer subjects at the Common Subjects Dept. at MMCS, competed in the Alabama International Racquetball Association's (IRA) State Championship and took first place honors. One of the stepping stones to turning pro.

But, Ervin's story doesn't begin with this win. His story began eight years ago when he was a student assigned at Redstone Arsenal. During this time, Ervin said, "... a couple of classmates and I would get together and play racquetball on the old courts here. We were all just picking up a racquet for the first time, and we played rotten," he added. This was back in late 1970.

### Job in gym

Upon completion of his class, he was sent to Ft. Riley, Kansas. There, because he was excess in his section he landed a job at the post gymnasium. During his two years at



### RACQUETBALL CHAMP

Ervin readies himself for a play against the back wall.

Ft. Riley Ervin played a lot of racquetball. He played four hours a day while assigned there.

In February 1973, Ervin was again assigned to Redstone and became involved in the infrequent tournaments held in the area. He also met an intercollegiate player, John Hennon, who was then the Tennessee State Racquetball Champion.

"Back in 1974, I got wind of John Hennon and heard he lived in Chattanooga, Tenn. So, one day I called him up long distance and introduced myself and asked if I could get a match with him," Ervin reminisced. To my surprise, he said yes and we had a match that weekend at 7 a.m. in the Chattanooga YMCA" after that, match, the two became good friends and held personal matches for about a year, until Ervin received orders fro Germany.

### 'Z' ball

According to Ervin, "During that time, John taught me an awful lot about court strategy. One particular shot I learned from him was the 'Z' Ball."

He added, "He also taught me the value of a good racquet and some of the clothing apparel which had been adopted for the game."

While stationed in Germany, Ervin began to consider racquetball in a more serious vein. He entered every European tournament he could attend.

He said much of his motivation came

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## Fast paced game, racquetball grows quickly too

BY LARRY PAUL

The game of racquetball is fairly new to the general public. Although it has been around since the 1950s, the game was never played or organized on a national basis until 1968.

Milwaukee, Wisc. hosted the first national tournament that year under the old name of the game, Paddle Racquets. During this event, several organizers of the tournament met and decided to organize a committee to set up a rule book and future plans for the sport.

In 1969, under the rule of the new commission, the International Racquetball Association sponsored its first international tournament at St. Louis, Mo. Many of the competitors for the event were avid paddle ball players who decided to put down their heavy wooden paddles for a racquet.

### Growing fast

Since that first IRA tournament, the sport has consistently grown at the estimated rate of 100 per cent per year. This rate of growth is not expected to change for the next several years.

Racquetball is played in an enclosed 40 foot by 20 foot by 20 foot four-walled court, with two to four players. The object of the game is to place the ball in a position where your opponent will not be able to get to it

before it hits the floor more than one time.

Once the ball makes contact with the floor, a player must hit it towards the front wall before it touches the floor again. If the ball hits the floor twice, the play is stopped.

All four walls and the ceiling are used during the game, and only the server is awarded points. If the server hits a shot that cannot be reached by his opponent before hitting the floor more than once, the server is awarded the point. If the server misses a shot by his opponent, the opponent is awarded the next serve until he misses a shot.

### Burns calories

There are many reasons for racquetball's popularity. The game is played indoors and is not affected by bad weather. The racquet is usually light, balanced and easy to adapt to. The ball is large enough to follow easily, and since the game is played in an enclosed court, ball chasing is virtually eliminated. Approximately 800 calories are burned up during one hour of normally paced play. And, the game is easy to learn and good exercise.

An additional plus for racquetball is the reasonable price to get started in the sport. At an average retail store, it would cost less than \$60 for a racquet, can of balls, tennis shoes and any other accessories such as

sweat bands, eye protectors or a gym uniform.

Many public clubs charge fees, usually \$1 to \$5 an hour, for the use of their courts. Here on post, the gym offers four courts and will loan out racquets and balls to active duty and retired military and dependents.

So, if you're looking for a fun way to help get into shape or stay in shape, pick up a racquet and give the sport a try. You may be surprised.



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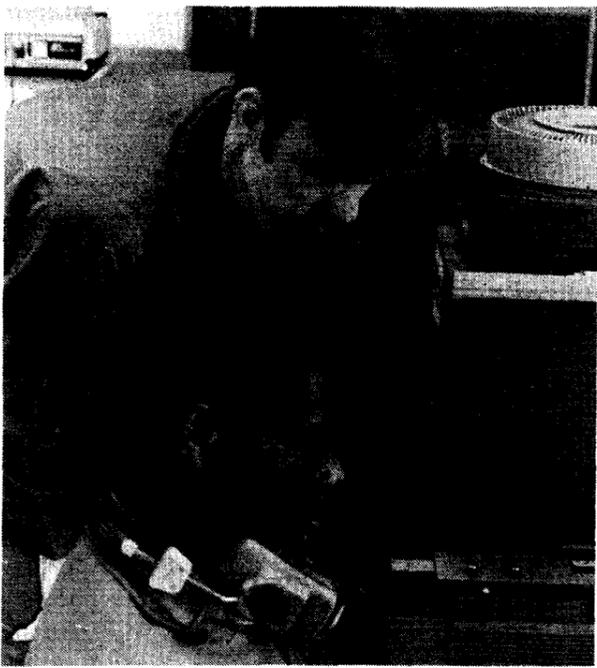


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from the fact that the two top players in the European Racquetball Association (ERA) Regional Tournaments, were flown stateside to compete in the International Racquetball Association tournament.

While serving his three year tour in Germany, Ervin competed in three European Regional tourneys. Although not placing well during the first years, Ervin's

drive for a title went undaunted.

In June 1977, shortly after his second try for an ERA title, Ervin took a military hop from Frankfurt, Germany, to McGuire Air Force Base N.J., and back.

From McGuire AFB, Ervin hitchhiked round trip to West Point, N.Y. to compete in the Interservice Racquetball Championship. While there, he made it into the finals, and placed second in the Men's Open Singles Division.

In his third stab at the ERA title, Ervin finished third in the finals, one notch down from the free flight back to the IRA tournament stateside. But, once again, his drive to play brought him to another tournament. The following month after the ERA tournament, May 1978, the Nationals tournament was slated for play at Denver, Colo.

**More hitchhiking**

Taking advantage of the military hop system, Ervin again flew from Frankfurt to McGuire, only this time, his round-trip hitchhiking would take him further than one state. Ervin hitchhiked and made it in time for the Nationals at Denver.

After losing his first match in the Nationals, Ervin bought one of the few remaining tickets to watch the pros at work. "For four days," commented Ervin, "I did nothing but watch their moves, mannerisms, and techniques. I absorbed information like a sponge."

According to Ervin, the 14 standard plaster and one glass back wall court at Denver was one of the biggest and most extravagant facilities he has seen to date. At the time, according to Ervin, Europe had

about eight 2 court facilities and it wasn't uncommon to travel four hours by car to a European tournament.

After arriving back in Germany, he received orders for a third stop back at Redstone. It was here that Ervin became a member of a local athletic club and got involved in the Alabama state tournaments.

For the last two years he has given lessons in racquetball and has distinguished himself as a top racquetball competitor. According to Ervin, racquetball was the first sport he played successfully. "I never played sports in school," he related, "I tried, but never had the ability."

**Aims for nationals**

But, his ability in racquetball has shown through. At present, Ervin plans to attend the Regional Championships this month, and then aim for the Nationals at Las Vegas in May.

After more than nine years of service in the Army, Ervin plans to hang up his uniform in June to turn pro. He attributes much of his skill and prowess on the court to his eight years of experience in racquetball, and entering the sport when it was still on the ground level of public acceptance.

"I'm a racquetball addict," Ervin commented. "Even if I don't win the regionals, I'm going to the Nationals on my own power." Although regional champions are sent to the Nationals, the competition is open to anyone who wishes to enter.

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## MIRADCOM's Grady Thrasher

# The death-defying feats of a daredevil

BY GLEN ADAMS

Sundays filled with repeated brushes with death, deafening applause, and seemingly impossible achievements. A new town every weekend. Spreads in the Washington Post and other papers proclaiming his skills. Fame.

This was once the life of Grady Thrasher, who is now a team chief in the MIRADCOM P & P Directorate. From 1945 through 1950 Thrasher was part of the Thrasher Bros. Air Show. Their achievements were such that pictures of their stunts now hang in the Exhibition Room of the National Air and Space Museum of the Smithsonian. And according to Thrasher, three of their feats may soon be listed in the Guinness Book of Records.

These three feats, which were the highlight of the air show, are, as far as



**Grady today**

Thrasher knows, world records. First, the Thrasher brothers originated the "World's Smallest Airport," which consisted entirely of a platform positioned on top of a car. Thrasher took off and landed on top of the moving car 284 times with only a couple of mishaps.

### A little trouble

"We did get in a little trouble in Athens, Tennessee," Thrasher recalls. "We ran out of runway and the car was still moving. He had to put on the brakes and the airplane kept going. I went over the fence at the end of the runway, bounced once and took off."

Another time the car pulled out from under the plane on take-off and the plane fell to the ground, damaging the landing gear.

The second feat was the human pick-up, which consisted of Thrasher picking up his

brother Bud from off the top of the moving car and then depositing him back on the still moving car. This was performed 260 times without accident.

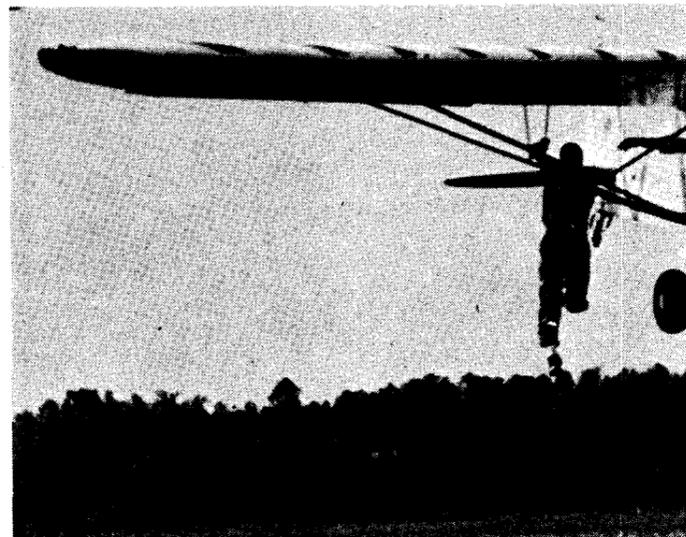
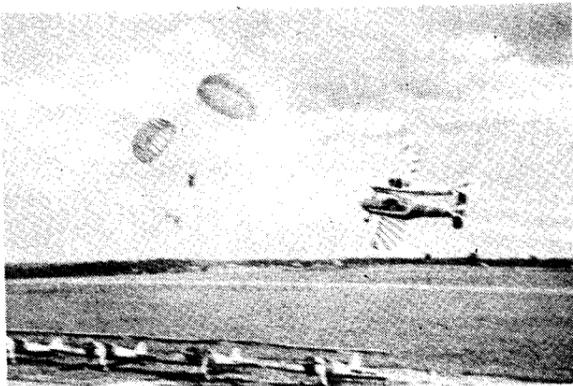
About this stunt, Thrasher said: "There were no safety catches. Several people have tried this act and several people have been killed. Their mistake is using a rope ladder," which doesn't provide enough support when the man jumps on it. The Thrashers used a steel ladder with a hinge and a universal joint at the top so that it could swing freely.

A new and highly different plane Thrasher invented was the third feat. At times it was called the Twin Engine Er-coupe, other times the Siamese plane. It was, says Thrasher, "the first light twin in U.S. history, and has not been duplicated to this date." It consisted of two planes bolted together with necessary alterations for

safety. The Siamese plane could cruise at 120 mph, maintain altitude on one engine and do loops and other tricks.

Thrasher recalled a humorous incident concerning the Siamese Plane. "The first time I flew the plane a skywriter who was above me at a higher altitude saw me. He must have thought he was seeing things because he quit in the middle of the word he was skywriting and flew down to get a better look."

The Thrasher brothers were also the first



**Grady pilots while Bud is flown over**

aerial show that had an organized program. "We planned our show for the spectator," said Thrasher. "We put on a show in two hours and had it run like clockwork. We had a good show with a sound system that would cover the largest airport."

Besides the Thrasher brother, others in the act were Phay Daughtry, who did aerobatics; Ben Huntley, who also did aerobatics; Jack Huber, who performed a parachute stunt; Ted Woods, who was the PR man and drove "The World's Smallest Airport"; and Haskell Deaton, the announcer.

Thrasher said that in some respects Deaton was the most important person in the show because it was up to the announcer to explain what was happening and to add drama to the stunts. "He was our only contact with the audience."

### Aerobic stunts

The show included nine different features, most of which were aerobic stunts. One particular favorite was the comedy act,



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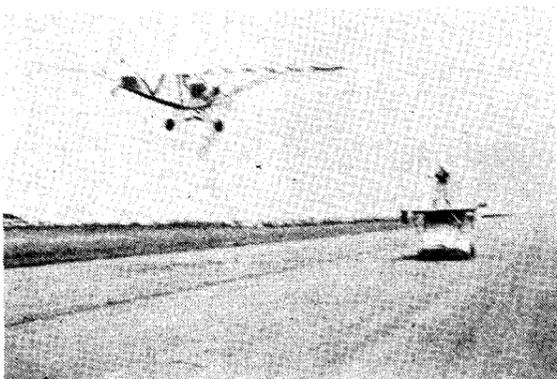
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the field hanging from the struts.

which was an aerial version of the old circus routine in which a drunk comes out of the audience and does miraculous feats on the back of horse. In the Thrasher version, the premise was that they had a radio-controlled airplane that could be flown by anyone, no matter how inexperienced. To prove this they would ask for a volunteer from the crowd to fly the plane. But, of course, Grady would always be the one chosen. After getting the plane aloft they would pretend something had gone wrong and Grady would put the plane through



erratic maneuvers. When he got close enough for the crowd to hear, he would hang outside the cockpit (always keeping one hand on the controls) and scream for help. His brother Bud, playing the part of the experienced pilot, would run out to help when the plane got close to the ground. But as soon as Bud grabbed hold of a strut, Grady would open up the throttle and the plane would zoom off with Bud hanging from a strut, and then would make several passes at the runway. Somehow, they were always able to eventually land the plane.

The show also included two parachute jumps. While performing one of these jumps, Bud Thrasher suffered the show's only serious injury. In one of the jumps Bud used two parachutes. The accident occurred when one parachute opened into the other, collapsing both. Bud broke his back in the fall.

Bud's accident was the cause for the show's best piece of publicity. While Bud was mending, the show needed a substitute. To find one, Grady put the following ad in the paper: "Wanted—Male or Female who is tired of living and has no specific object in life. All you have to do is jump out of a plane going 150 mph and land on top of an automobile." The response was so good that they continued to use the ad for publicity even after Bud had returned to the show.

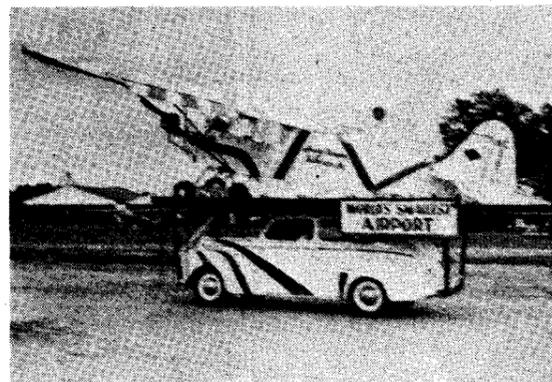
### Hits power line

One other close call for the Thrashers happened during the comedy act. In this instance Grady hit a power line which broke and wrapped around one wing. The plane was pulled around the power pole three times, like a toy airplane on a string. Luckily, just as he was preparing for a

crash landing attempt, the line broke and he was able to fly away.

Strangely enough, Thrasher said the "biggest problem we had was getting the equipment to the show." Thrasher said that because of bad headwinds it once took three days to fly one of the planes from their home base in North Carolina to a show in Houston.

Thrasher said their air show put on a

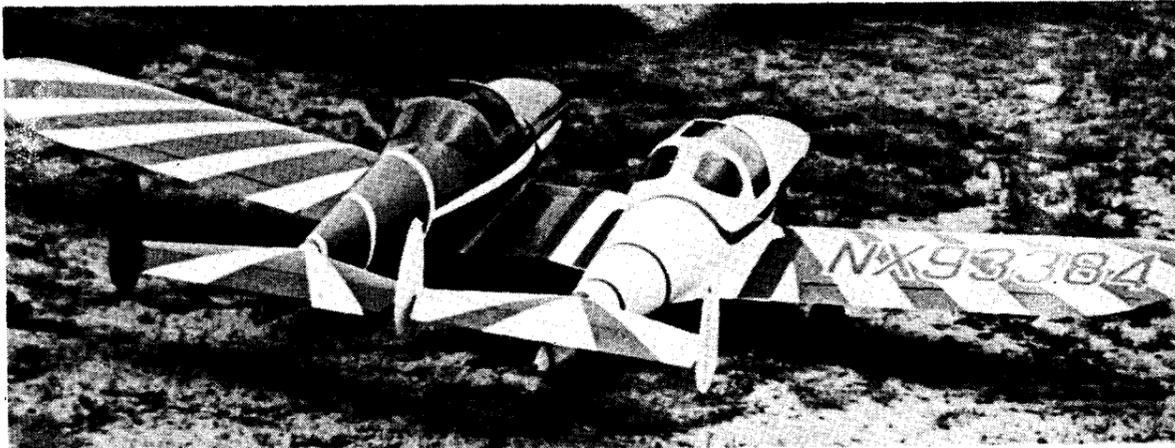


performance every Sunday for five years.

During those years, the Thrasher Bros. Air Show twice played the National Air Races in Cleveland, which was considered the Super Bowl of aerobatics. Thrasher said it was considered a great honor to be invited.

Thrasher, who learned to fly in the Army Air Corps during WWII, first tried to make a living in commercial aviation by running his own airport in Elberton, Georgia. When this didn't work out, he and his brother began flying to small towns and "hopping" the citizens for \$2 a ride. To gather

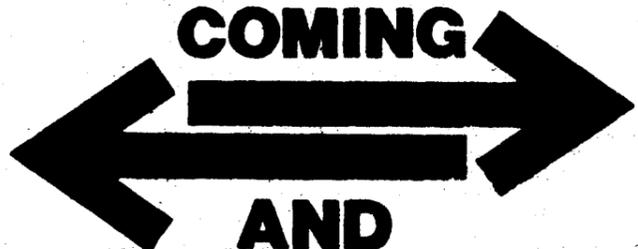
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Col. Benjamin Pellegrini, MIRADCOM Project Manager for Ground Laser Designators, has tri-service responsibility

for development and production of all ground laser equipment.

MIRADCOM has two other laser programs under development, or in production. The Laser Target Designator (LTD), a hand-held unit that weighs 16 pounds went into production about a year ago. The Modular Universal Laser Equipment (MULE) for the Marines is currently in engineering development.

The GLLD has been tested extensively at Redstone, White Sands Missile Range, N.M., and Fort Carson, Colo., and has demonstrated compatibility with Hellfire, Copperhead, Maverick, laser guided bombs, and airborne tracking devices. In fact, GLLD will be compatible with all U.S. and NATO laser guided systems.

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## Daredevil

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customers they would begin with several stunts. From these stunts "The World's Smallest Airport" evolved which evolved a year later into the Thrasher Bros. Air Show. Thrasher said that they usually made \$2,000 a performance.

### No life insurance

Thrasher said he quit stunt flying because to continue wouldn't have been good business. "I couldn't get any life insurance or bank loan. One accident would have bankrupted me. I just thought it was time for me to enter a sane business."

So on November 19, 1950, Grady Thrasher parked his equipment and didn't touch it again for over two years. He said that since then he has done practically no stunt flying.

During the fifties, Thrasher worked for Southern Airlines and before leaving them became vice-president in charge of contract management. He has been with the Army since 1962. He and his wife Mildred have lived in Huntsville since 1964. Because of illness, Thrasher was grounded four years ago.

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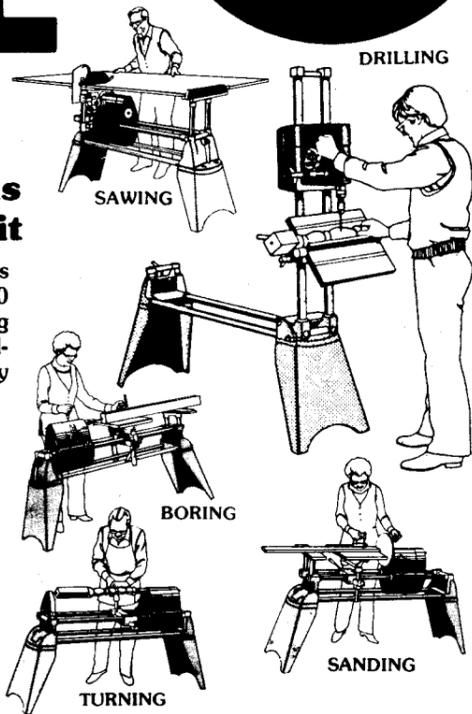
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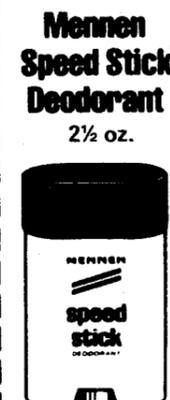
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# New uniforms in road show

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"Army Uniforms of the 1980s" features the women's Army green uniform ensemble and mess blue uniform, the men's enlisted mess blue uniform and the men's and women's black windbreakers.

Two women's ensemble designs are being

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# Readiness man

(From front page)

engineering on the FAAR Radar System, the Redeye and Stinger Missiles and technical assistance for ground and air-borne TOW Missile Systems.

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the world, wrote Maj. Curtis H. Downs, Commander of the Air Troop, 2d ACR. "He is unquestionably the most dedicated and resourceful technical representative I have had the pleasure to work with."

Hines federal career began in 1966, when he served as an electronic training instructor at the US Army Missile Munitions Center and School at Redstone. Following that, he worked as an electronics technician

for the Federal Aviation Administration in Atlanta from 1970 to 1972 when he returned to Huntsville to work as an equipment specialist on the Safeguard missile system. Hines' last position here was that of a Maintenance Assistance and Instruction (MAI) team member for the Redstone Readiness Group.

Hines received a BS Degree from Alabama A&M University in Huntsville.

## Information Requested

Anyone who observed any part of an incident involving military police and a yellow 1972 Datsun at the Martin Rd. Gate entrance to RSA on Thrus. March 15, 1979 approximately 8 a.m. Please call Bob James 876-4861 /1489. Your kind response will be greatly appreciated.

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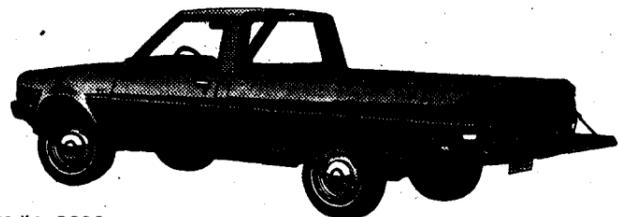
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# Soldier of Year

(From front page)

asked current events questions that required personal opinion. "They look for the well-rounded soldier," observed Kelley.

For Soldier of the Year, competition is along the same lines but much more detailed knowledge is required of contestants.

Kelley, a native of Boston, learned to be independent early in life. "I never really wanted to ask my parents for money. I paid for my own car in 1974. I did everything on my own. My parents encouraged me to be independent."

To earn money after completing high school, Kelley worked in a nursing home. He eventually became the kitchen service supervisor. "I was in charge of everything connected with keeping the kitchen in shape. We had to feed 750 patients."

Because a friend spoke highly of military life and "because I was interested in the benefits the Army offered," Kelley enlisted in the summer of 1977. After 10 months training in MMCS, Kelley became an in-

structor there. About his teaching methods, Kelley said: "I try to work real closely with the students. They feel more comfortable around you if they get to know you . . . I teach the way I do because I have to have plenty to do. If I don't, I go crazy."

"This is one of the reasons I go to college and work at night (at the Redstone Bowling Alley)."

## Accounting major

Kelley is majoring in accounting and hopes to have his degree in a year. "I want to eventually be a CPA . . . I'm also applying for Officers Candidate School," he said. "Then I'll have three options: staying in the Army and working either as an accountant or in the HAWK system, or leaving and becoming a civilian accountant."

To prospective Soldiers of the Month, Kelley said: "I encourage soldiers to get involved. It's a big plus on your record." But he emphasized; "You must always prepare, preparation is the big thing."



## HAPPY MOMENT

Sp4 William Kelley and his wife, Regina, are all smiles, as is Maj. Gen. Lewis Rachmeler

# Top soldier reaps rewards

Getting to be Soldier of the Year has involved a lot of hard work for Sp4 William Kelley, but the rewards appear to have made it well worth the effort.

They include:

—An expenses - paid trip to Hawaii, provided by TRADOC for being selected MMCS Soldier of the Year.

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—A dress blue uniform, compliments of AUSA.

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—A free one-year membership in the NCO Club.

Kelley's wife, Regina, can accompany him on the trips to Hawaii and Washington, with her expenses also paid by the sponsors.

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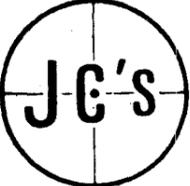


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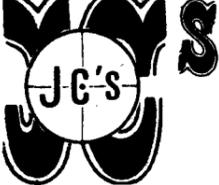
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**WHAT** — Programs the Local Establishes. There presently are no positive programs being persued by the Local. Our representation at all briefings is a must for proper representation of employees. Establishment of a building program to better serve the membership. Reorganization of the Local's internal representational system so it will be more effective. Insist that management abide by all contractual agreements. I will work to get more members actively participating in Local functions.

**WHERE** — Your dues are spent. I will establish a voucher system controlled by your finance committee for all expenditures. I will stop expenditures for useless trips (example: To take COFEPE money to D.C. — Georgia state council meeting) which could be accomplished with a phone call or by the U.S. Mail. I believe that with proper management there will be no need for a dues increase.

**WHEN** — The Local Acts. Action should be taken before the horse is out of the barn. Your Local officials at present are only putting out brush fires not working to correct wrongs before they happen. I will establish a positive action program which will correct potential problems before they happen.

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**ROSENBLUM**  
 For President Local 1858  
 On  
**APRIL 9, 1979**

## Announcements

### Logistics engineers host get-together

The local Society of Logistics Engineers is holding a "free wine and cheese get-together" on Thursday, April 5, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Pershing Room at the Officers Club.

All members and interested visitors are invited.

### Aetna changes visit schedule

The Aetna insurance representative, M. Charles Weatherbee, is changing dates for visits to Redstone from second and fourth Mondays each month to second and fourth Wednesdays. Hours are from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. in Room 50, Bldg. 7442, Civilian Personnel Division.

### Hypertension is program topic

The Alabama Cooperative Extension Service is holding a "Hypertension Awareness" program on Thursday, April 12. Kathy Kirby, extension health educator, will conduct the program. For details call 536-5911, ext. 257.

### Golf club social

The Officers Wives Golf Club has planned a cocktail get-together for Saturday, April 21, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the Officers Club. For reservations call June Young, 881-7413, or Goldie Holt, 883-0820.

### Conference on women slated

Olympic track champion Wilma Rudolph will headline the sixth annual Sewanee Conference on Women, "Women in Sports," to be held Tuesday and Wednesday, April 10 and 11.

The conference will be in Convocation Hall at the University of the South in Sewanee, Tenn.

The program will begin with Rudolph's lecture at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, and continue on Wednesday.

The program is open to the public free of charge.

### Railroad club holds 'run night'

The Redstone Model Railroad Club invites all persons interested in the hobby of model railroading to visit the club in Bldg 3463 on Tuesday, April 10, at 7:00 p.m. This is the monthly "run night," and anyone wishing to bring an engine or train to run is invited to do so.

For more information call Frank Stebins, 883-7543, after 4:00 p.m.

### Surplus sale

There will be a local spot bid sale of government surplus property on April 11.

Some of the items for sale are typewriters, calculators, electrical and electronic parts, a trombone, a TV game, display cases and wall shelving.

Sedans and pickup trucks will be on sale also.

The sale will be held in the Rocket Auditorium (Bldg 7120). Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. with the sale starting at 9:00. The property is located in Bldg 7426 and the vehicle yard located on Warehouse Road, and can be inspected daily between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Anyone can buy.

### Contract managers meeting is tonight

The local chapter of the National Contract Management Association will meet today at 6:00 p.m. at Michael's Restaurant upstairs at the Ramada Inn.

Joel Feidelman, partner in a law firm with offices in New York, Washington and London, will give a talk entitled "Bid and Proposal Protests Before the GAO and the Courts: An Illusion of Meaningful Relief".

The meeting is being held jointly with the local Federal Bar Association and National Estimating Society.

Members and visitors can make reservations by calling Charlotte Gibb, 837-8340, Lynda Tidwell, 881-2200, or Betty Martin, 453-0392.

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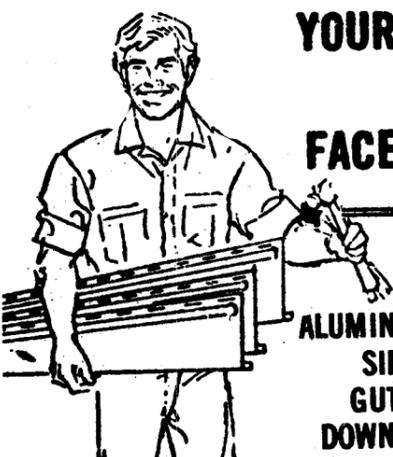
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 Raymond C. Watson, Jr.; B.S., M.S.E., M.S.; Southeastern Institute of Technology  
**Textbook:** None required

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 A study of signal processing theory and techniques. Characteristics of discrete-time signals; probability and random signals; spectral analysis; detection and estimation of signals in noise; time-varying signals. Background: basic knowledge of signals.

**Instructor:** Mervin C. Budge, Jr.; B.S.E.E., M.S.E.E., Ph.D.; Dynetics, Inc.  
**Textbook:** Signal Processing, by Schwartz and Shaw; McGraw-Hill

**17-501 COMPUTER METHODOLOGY** MW 6:50-9:00 p.m.  
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**Instructor:** Robert R. Covelli; S. B., S.M.; System Development Corporation  
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**17-651 ADVANCED MICROPROCESSOR SYSTEMS** MW 4:30-6:40 p.m.  
 A detailed study of microprocessor systems and their applications. Microprocessor hardware elements, instruction sets, and I-O features; software techniques; microprogrammable processor components and architectures; high-level program implementation; future developments. Background: basic knowledge of microprocessors.

**Instructor:** J. B. White; B.S.E.E., Ph.D.; NASA Marshall Space Flight Center  
**Textbook:** Special materials from Southeastern

**21-642 PSYCHOLOGY OF ABNORMAL BEHAVIOR** TT 6:50-9:00 p.m.  
 A seminar on abnormal behavior in the work environment. Symptoms, dynamics, and prevention of abnormal behavior and mental illness; recognition of mental health problems; effects of job stress on mental health; treatment methods. Background: studies or experience in management.

**Instructor:** Bartley E. Bess, Jr.; B.A., M.A., Ph.D.; Redstone Arsenal Medical Department Activity  
**Textbook:** To be announced

**24-551 GOVERNMENT CONTRACTING** TT 6:50-9:00 p.m.  
 A study of contracting by and with the Federal government. Contracting authority; types of contracts; contract modifications; accounting for contracts; cost principles; pricing and profit; make-or-buy and subcontracting; contract performance; terminations.

**Instructor:** Eugene R. Andrzejewski; B.S., M.B.A.; Teledyne Brown Engineering  
**Textbook:** Special materials available from Southeastern.

**24-614 BUSINESS STRATEGY AND POLICY** MW 6:50-9:00 p.m.  
 An intensive study of the role of central management in developing strategy and policy. Determining company strategy; defining major policy; organizing for action; guiding the execution; achieving balance. Background: studies or experience in business management.

**Instructor:** George P. Psihas; B.S., M.B.A., D.B.A.; Chrysler Corporation, Huntsville Division  
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**27-644 SYSTEMS ANALYSIS AND PLANNING** MW 4:30-6:40 p.m.  
 A study of the concepts and procedures of systems analysis, emphasizing defense applications. Selecting objectives; criteria and measures of effectiveness; uncertainty; technological considerations; resource and cost-sensitivity analysis; models, simulation, and gaming. Background: knowledge of quantitative methods desirable.

**Instructor:** Truman W. Howard, III; B.S.M.E., M.S.I.E.; U.S. Army Missile R&D Command  
**Textbook:** Systems Analysis and Policy Planning, by Quade & Boucher; Elsevier

**31-504 QUANTITATIVE METHODS FOR MANAGERS** Short Term: May 14-25; 8:30 a.m.-12:00 noon  
 A survey of quantitative concepts and processes useful as management tools. Probability; decision-making strategies; discrete analysis; network techniques; game theory; inventory concepts; linear programming; transportation applications; queuing models; Markov analysis; simulation. Background: knowledge of algebra.

**Instructor:** Raymond C. Watson, Jr.; B.S., M.S.E., M.S.; Southeastern Institute of Technology  
**Textbook:** All materials provided by Southeastern Fee: \$300 total

**31-561 NUMERICAL COMPUTING** TT 4:30-6:40 p.m.  
 A study of numerical methods for use in scientific computing. Floating-point computations; matrix analysis; interpolation; numerical integration; boundary value problems; transcendental equations; least squares; Monte Carlo methods. Background: basic knowledge of calculus and computer programming.

**Instructor:** W. Gene Cantrell; B.S., M.S., Ph.D.; Science Applications, Inc.  
**Textbook:** Computer Methods for Mathematical Computations, by Forsythe et al; Prentice-Hall

**34-656 OPTICAL SYSTEMS ENGINEERING** TT 4:30-6:40 p.m.  
 A detailed study of systems engineering practices in developing precision optical systems. Thermal, structural, material, and dynamical control design practices; error budgeting and tolerance analysis; optical design practices; manufacturing and assembly techniques. Background: basic knowledge of optical systems.

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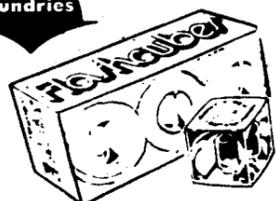
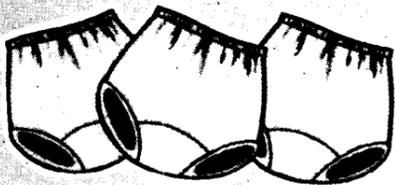
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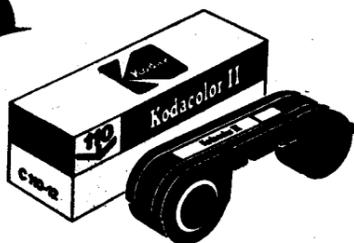
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