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CFC surpasses \$600,000 goal

This year's Huntsville Area Combined Federal Campaign did even better than last year's record and passed its \$600,000 goal.

By last Friday afternoon, the final campaign day, \$622,000 was reported collected. This eclipsed last year's total of \$576,000.

"This is not a final figure," said an elated George Thurlow, chairman of the Huntsville Area CFC Coordinating Committee. "But it's close to it."

The donations from federal workers will go to 101 local, national and international voluntary health and service agencies that participated in the campaign.

Designated contributions will go to the agencies they were designated to. Undesignated funds will be distributed as determined by the principal combined fund organization which, in this case, is the United Way of Madison County.

"We passed the goal and I think it was a job well done by a lot of people involved in the campaign here," Thurlow said. "From the leadership General (Robert) Moore gave as fall

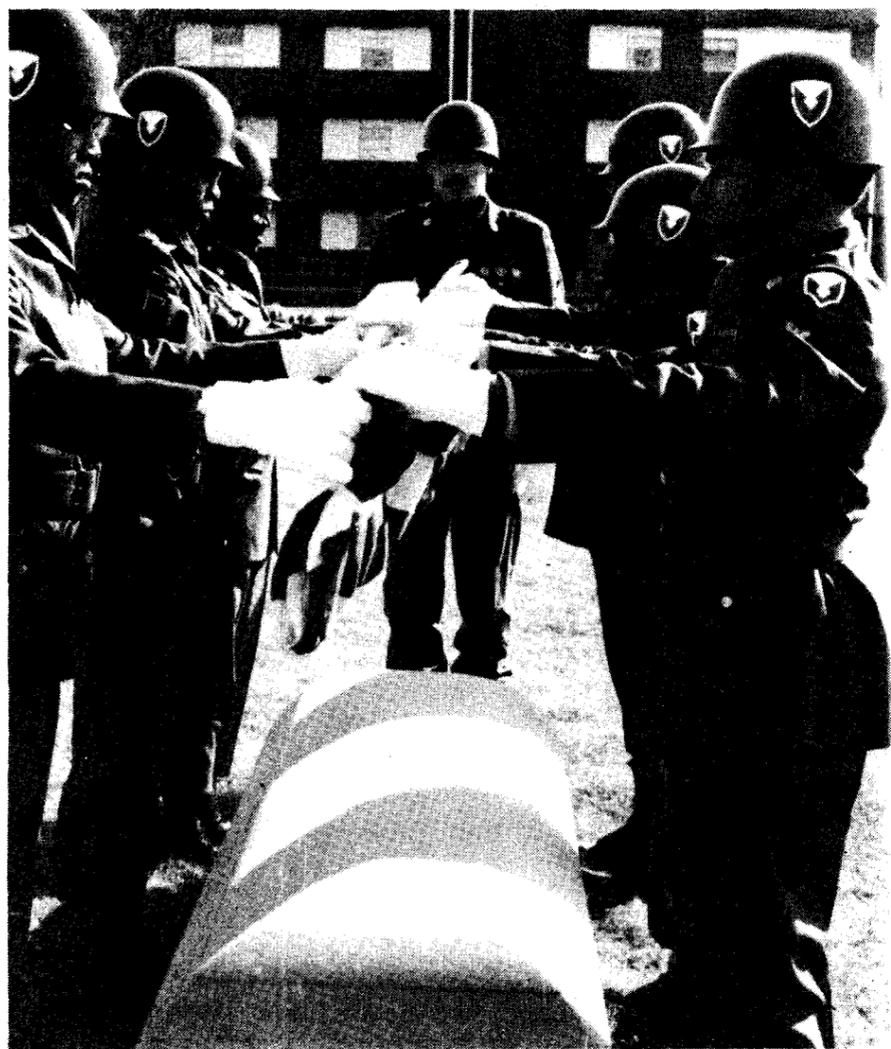
campaign chairman right down the ranks.

"Just about every federal agency had an increase in giving over last year. It was an across-the-board increase," he added. "Not any one agency caused the increase. Everyone seemed in the mood for supporting this and the needs of the community in these different volunteer agencies."

The coordinating committee chairman praised the support he got from the committee members and everyone else involved. "I got nothing but a positive feedback from all those helping to conduct the campaign," Thurlow said.

Sept. 27 was the official opening day for the six-week campaign. Maj. Gen. Robert Moore, MICOM commander, repeated as campaign chairman after last year's successful campaign.

"I'm really happy over it," Thurlow said. "I think a lot of people have contributed and I think the real thing that comes out is the concern of government employees for the needs of the community and those less fortunate than themselves."



Pallbearers from MICOM's ceremonial detail platoon practice folding the colors over a casket loaned to them by a local funeral home. For more information about the casket and the platoon turn to page 16. (Photo by Maggie Cummins)

Space available flights are free, but no frills

BY SKIP VAUGHN

Soldiers, who don't mind a possible wait for a seat or a possible unpressurized cabin, can sometimes fly home for free from Redstone Army airfield.

They can fly on a space available basis to wherever in the United States a military aircraft might be enroute from here. This usually means central or east coast destinations.

"There's not really any other advantage to going

military except the fact that it's free. But really that should be enough," says MSgt. Ellis Austin, NCOIC for the flight operations division here.

After a flight is requested by an Army agency here, there may be an extra seat available on the military plane. It's up to the requesting agency whether an extra passenger can go but the agency normally doesn't object, Austin says.

An active duty military member can fly space available as long as he or she is in uniform with

identification card and ID tags, according to officials.

Personnel interested in a seat should call the flight operations office 876-2186/2187 to find out if one is available to a given destination.

"He needs to start early. A couple of weeks in advance would not be too early," Austin says. "Until we get a flight, then he'll have to just keep waiting."

From one to two aircraft usually fly out from the airfield daily. "Very seldom do they go to the west coast," adds Austin.

There are three operational aircraft that might carry space-available passengers from here. They include a Caribou two-engine propeller aircraft that can carry 23 passengers; a VC-6 and U-21H, both two-engine turboprop Beech aircraft. The VC-6 can carry six passengers and the U-21H, five.

Extra passenger space, if any, is limited. "On most cases, it'll be just one seat that's available that we can carry a passenger," says the airfield NCOIC.

Only the VC-6 is pressurized and don't expect the "frills" available on commercial flights. But there is the cost benefit.

"It doesn't cost anything," Austin says. "All it would cost is the time that's involved in waiting."

Statements itemize soldiers' pay, benefits

Redstone Arsenal soldiers will find out just how much their jobs are worth when Total Value Compensation Statements are distributed later this month.

According to an Army News Service release the statements will itemize pay, allowances, tax advantages and other military benefits to get a total monetary value for military service for the 12 months ending Oct. 31, 1982.

A local military pay official says that the statements have not been received by the finance office but when they are they will be sent out to units for distribution to individuals. Statements not picked up by soldiers will be held at the unit for 30 days, and then destroyed. The finance office will not keep a record of the statement.

The Total Value Compensation Statement will be divided into three parts. One part will show a soldier's direct compensation — base pay, quarters allowances, separate rations and other allowances and pay. The second part will show the value of benefits such as retirement, medical and dental care, Social Security coverage and death and survivor privileges, education programs and recreational activities. The estimates are to be based on how often these benefits are used.

According to a Department of the Army spokesman, all military services are being directed by Congress to issue statements to servicemembers to insure that they understand the full value of their pay and benefits.

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Opinion

MMCS gave with a smile

BY HARRY SARLES

We're nearing the end of the 1982 Madison County Combined Federal Campaign and no one is happier about that than campaign solicitors. But, being a solicitor for CFC gave me an insight into some Missile and Munitions Center and School people which I hadn't had before.

Solicitors are the foot soldiers of CFC. They're in the trenches, contacting people, collecting pledge sheets and money and forwarding reports. It's a thankless job, one that many of us didn't ask for.

Still, we're out there doing our best and trying to give everyone the opportunity to contribute. And the people here have made our job easy.

This isn't my first time as a collector for CFC. I'll have to admit that I went into the job with a great deal of apprehension. I've walked into offices in the past and seen people cringe and try to mask their presence from my eyes, and I've seen friends and co-workers avoid my company because they didn't want to be bothered with CFC. I haven't seen that here.

Personnel at the Missile School seem to understand the real contributions being made by this campaign. Most of the people that I've talked with had already decided to give to CFC before I saw them. Collecting from willing givers is a welcome change.

Maybe the pressures are different here than where I've been before, but I think that the reason people are giving is that they really care. Many of the contributors I've contacted have designated their donations to organizations such as the American Heart Association, Red Cross or Myasthenia Gravis Foundation because they have had a relative or friend who was helped by that organization. There seems to be a deep understanding of the work that National Health Agencies, International Service Agencies and National Service Agencies supported by CFC do for local people.

Moreover, we are sitting in the heart of the "Bible Belt" and people here seem to have a greater commitment to helping their fellow man than the parts of the country and overseas service areas where I've been stationed before.

Whatever the reason, people did give and give freely. In the missile school we have collected more than \$73,000 as of Nov. 2. According to a school official, about \$75,000 will be raised this year. That's an increase of nearly 13 percent over last year's contributions.

When I walked into an office this year people smiled and dug out their CFC forms. They wrote checks, started allotments and handed over cash. People smiled as they made their donations and it was clear that they really wanted to give.



Veterans

Veterans Day is an important time in our national life. It is our opportunity to say "thank you" again to those who stood ready to give nothing less than their lives to guarantee the quality of ours.

Our veterans are very special people, notable for collectively giving the United States the proven finest fighting force the world has known in this century, and also for their individual bravery, selflessness and other acts of devotion to country and fellow citizen.

Equally notable to my mind is the fact that they are of us — everyday Americans of all backgrounds, colors and classes. Americans like you and me, like our neighbors, our co-workers, our kinfolk.

We as individuals and as a nation pay grateful tribute to them tomorrow. I am pleased that activities at the national level, in Washington, are keyed this year to Vietnam veterans. I also feel good about the fact that no less than four community events honoring veterans are going on locally this week.

The parade downtown tomorrow will bring together tomorrow's veterans — the men and women in uniform today — and veterans as individuals and in organized groups, along with the non-veterans whose steadfast homefront support has been and continues a key ingredient in our military success. Attend if you can. You'll have a good time with people you know.

Robert L. Moore
Major General, USA
Commanding

Letters

Medicare tax

Editor:

I feel that most all Federal employees are aware of the recent tax bill passed by the U.S. Congress authorizing 1.3% of your gross pay beginning in January 1983 to support medicare. The American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE) is supporting Bill HR 7023 which if passed, will repeal

this unfair medicare tax on Federal employees. If you disagree with the above, drop by AFGE Local 1858, Building 7132, and/or contact your shop steward, and sign a petition for the U.S. Congress.

We need your signature on a petition by Nov. 30 so we can forward it to our national headquarters in Washington.

Hershel D. Cramer
AFGE Local 1858
Vice President Non-Professional Unit MICOM

Not nepotism

Editor:

The Nov. 3, 1982 Rocket contained an article on Halloween in which I noticed a CO-OP student and her mother both working for MICOM. I understood it was against regulations for CO-OP spaces to be

filled by relatives of current employees.

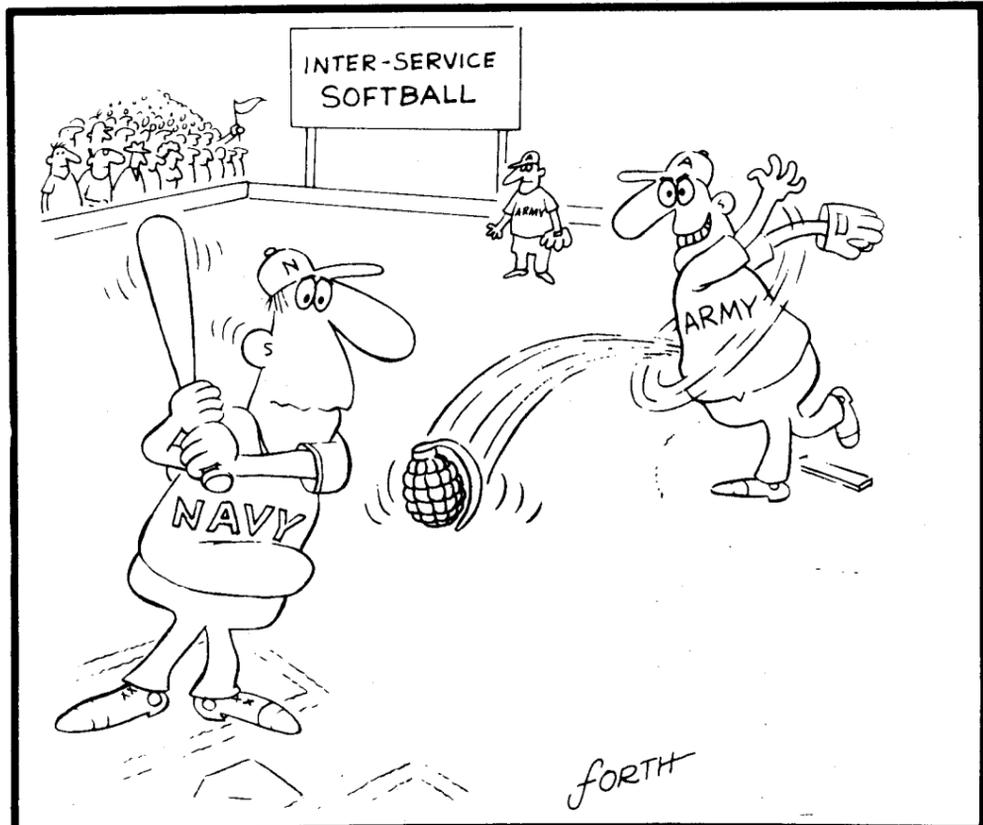
Bill Strickland
DRSMI-FCA

Editor's note: The CO-OP in this instance is in engineering, a "shortage" profession exempted from the restriction mentioned in the letter. The exemption is provided for in FM Letter 308-15 of August 27, 1979.

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Arsenal archaeological site not significant

Archaeologists examining a proposed construction site here found scattered Indian artifacts but apparently nothing significant.

They found "lithic scatterings" containing "parts of projectile points, flakes from flint cores and a

nutting stone but nothing significant as far as I can tell," said Bill Schroder of the Facilities Engineering environmental office.

The artifacts will be washed and identified as to age and type by New World Research, a Louisiana archaeological group doing the survey under con-

tract to Redstone. They will write a report which will become a part of the substantial body of archaeological knowledge compiled here in recent years.

The survey site near the Goss Road and Vincent Drive intersection is the proposed location of a new ball field.

"There's a (archaeological) site there but there doesn't appear to be any subsurface stuff. I guess they can make a ball field out of it," Schroder said.

Federal installations are required by law to study proposed construction sites for potential archaeological impacts. Recent studies in this connection have documented on present-day arsenal lands an extensive Indian presence over several thousand years.

Among many archaeological sites discovered here are an Indian mortuary cave on the south arsenal containing ancient human burials, and an apparent ceremonial site near Huntsville Spring Branch that contained bear and elk bones and other artifacts.

Medicare tax starts in January

All federal employees will have 1.3 percent of their salaries deducted for Medicare beginning with the first pay period in January 1983.

This means they will be eligible to collect from the old-age health-care plan upon retirement.

The tax will be on up to \$35,100 pay which comes to a maximum \$456 a year, according to the Office of Personnel Management.

OPM provided a chart showing the biweekly rates for the deduction for each grade and step level. A

worker at grade 1, step 2 would have \$4.48 deducted for medicare every two weeks, for example.

Workers at grade 5, step 2 would have \$6.91 deducted from their paychecks; at grade 9, step 2, \$10.46 deducted; and at grade 12, step 2, \$15.17 deducted.

How long a person must contribute to Medicare before he or she can retire and get benefit of it is being decided by the Health Care Finance Administration, part of Health and Human Services (formerly HEW).

Soldiers honor Triana for field day support

BY MAGGIE CUMMINS

Lt. Col. William Greer, 2nd Battalion commander, presented the citizens of Triana a plaque Thursday honoring the city's support during the battalion's Field Day exercises at Flamingo Park.

Joe Fletcher, Triana town chief, received the plaque on behalf of the city. He organized firemen and medical personnel to assist the battalion during their training. An emergency medical vehicle was also provided in support of the exercise.

SSgt. Walter Meckley said Flamingo Park was chosen for the training because of its location. The site for the field day had to have a good shore for landing rubber rafts, high banks for the 'slide for life' exercise and open fields for quick field maneuvers.

Meckley saw the park while water skiing on the Tennessee River. He told Capt. Hugh Cook, 7th Stu-

dent Company commander, and arranged a meeting with Fletcher to discuss possibilities for the field day training.

In August Cook, Meckley and 1st Lt. Loretta Starkey, 7th Student Company executive officer, met with Fletcher at Triana's Municipal building. They arranged for medical support, sanitation, and drinking water for the exercise.

Because of the carefully planned day, Meckley says that there were no complaints and the community is looking forward to the next field day.

"This training gave the civilians an opportunity to see what the Army does while going through training," says Meckley. "I think that this was good for the GIs and for the civilians."



Chief Joe L. Fletcher receives a plaque for the citizens of Triana from Lt. Col. William B. Greer as

Capt. Hugh Cook and SSgt. Walter C. Meckley observe. (Photo by Maggie Cummins)

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'Must be accountable,' says new director

BY BOB HUBBARD

James Shepard says the bottom line of his new job as MICOM's product assurance director is that Army missiles and rockets must work when needed.

"Hardware that we give our soldiers must be the best possible equipment, both in quality and performance, and I can't emphasize that point too strongly," said Shepard, who succeeds former director Laurie Atkinson.

Shepard hopes to motivate the 210 men and women of the directorate "... as team players, a vital part of the MICOM team developing and fielding weapon systems, and responsible for what goes out of this command.

"Systems going to the field have our name on them," he said, "and we must be accountable."

Shepard said he hopes to instill a sense of pride and accomplishment by patting folks on the back for doing a good job, rather than waiting to slap

them on the wrist for a bad job.

"A tremendous amount of good work goes on in the MICOM community, people doing a super job, and they need a pat on the back."

Shepard, a transplanted Missourian with 15 years of government service here, brings to the job a broad background in Army missile programs. In addition to approximately one year in product assurance, he has worked with Safeguard, Patriot, Hellfire, Stinger and U.S. Roland project offices.

A graduate of the University of Missouri at Rolla with a degree in mechanical engineering, he holds a master's in administration science from UAH. Elsewhere, he completed the 20-week program manager's course at the Defense Systems Management College, and has done extensive work toward a master's in aerospace engineering.

"MICOM's reputation is built on delivering good products," Shepard said, "and I intend not only to



Shepard

continue that good work but, hopefully, enhance it with my background and experience."

Preventing problems is one of his priorities.

"A good engineer solves problems," Shepard said, "but a good manager avoids problems."

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Hunting program expands volunteer role

The role of volunteer workers in Redstone's hunting program has been expanded to include assisting military game wardens.

They will be limited to non-enforcement type duties such as carrying emergency messages to hunters in the field or looking for hunters who fail to report in on time, according to Bobby Noles, Security Directorate's road and range chief.

"The volunteers should help improve our whole hunting program," said Noles. "They're really going to be an extra set of eyes and ears for our game wardens and will sometimes ride with our game wardens as number two man.

"But volunteers won't check licenses and permits. They won't have apprehension authority. They won't have authority to check your license or to take you out of an area."

In previous years hunting program volunteers worked mostly inside at the Outdoor Recreation Center signing hunters in and out. "They help us process hunters through the center during peak periods. With their help we're able to put all hunters in the field in 35-40 minutes instead of three or four hours as it would take without the volunteers," said Joe Hopkins, arsenal recreation director.

"But the biggest single thing I believe is the help and time they put in during the holidays," continued Hopkins. "We not only need them in the way we're processing people through, but because our people on board also want off at that time."

The volunteers are mixed military and civilian. They don't get paid but are allowed to sign up early for hunts, and civilian volunteers are accorded "military" hunting privileges, meaning they can hunt everyday. Normally civilians can hunt only on designated "civilian" days or at other times as the escorted guest of a military member.

Noles sees the volunteers giving a "continuity" to

the game warden operation that it lacks now. "A lot of the civilians are here year after year, where my military people by their nature rotate frequently. I'm lucky if I have the same game warden two years in a row."

Also, he continued, "most are vivid hunters and can be a good information source for our game wardens on illegal actions, breaks in fences, where concentrations of game are — this sort of thing."

Noles said too he expects the volunteers to help police a "tremendous problem of hunters signing out one area and going into another, sometimes through ignorance, sometimes through intent.

"Some hunters like to tear down the signs and wander into another area and plead ignorance," he said.

When in the field in a working capacity the volunteer game warden assistants will wear identification badges.

"I think the volunteers will make our jobs easier and we'll have a better hunting program," Noles said. "It's a pilot thing, but I see no reason it can't work. It's going to depend on coordination and cooperation among everybody involved.

"We're going to do our best to make this thing work," he said.

Sgt. Jeff Marksberry, head military game warden, hopes the volunteers will help with some of the "administrative burden" the military wardens work under. He mentioned specifically the volunteers can make sure hunting areas are marked properly, can look for hunters not reporting in on time and can assist in policing poaching and out of season hunting.

"But our biggest problem is that we can't be everywhere at the same time and we hope the volunteers can take some of the burden and give us more mobility," the sergeant said.

He said a new rule that will be enforced this year



is that drives in which hunters herd deer by walking through the woods hollering and banging on pots and pans won't be allowed until after 10 a.m.

"It interrupts a lot of people not hunting with drivers and takes hunting away from non-drivers," Marksberry said. Anyone driving deer before 10 a.m. faces a 30 day suspension of hunting privileges. Arsenal gun deer season begins Nov. 19.

Volunteers assisting the hunting program this year are:

Civilians — William A. Cobb Jr., Russell W. Litz, Jerry A. Lankford, Charles T. Turner, David G. Harris.

Military — SSgt. Henry Wunderlich, CWO 3 Donald J. Shield, Sgt. Mitchell F. Magee, Capt. Robert L. Gore, WO 1 Richard R. Martinez.

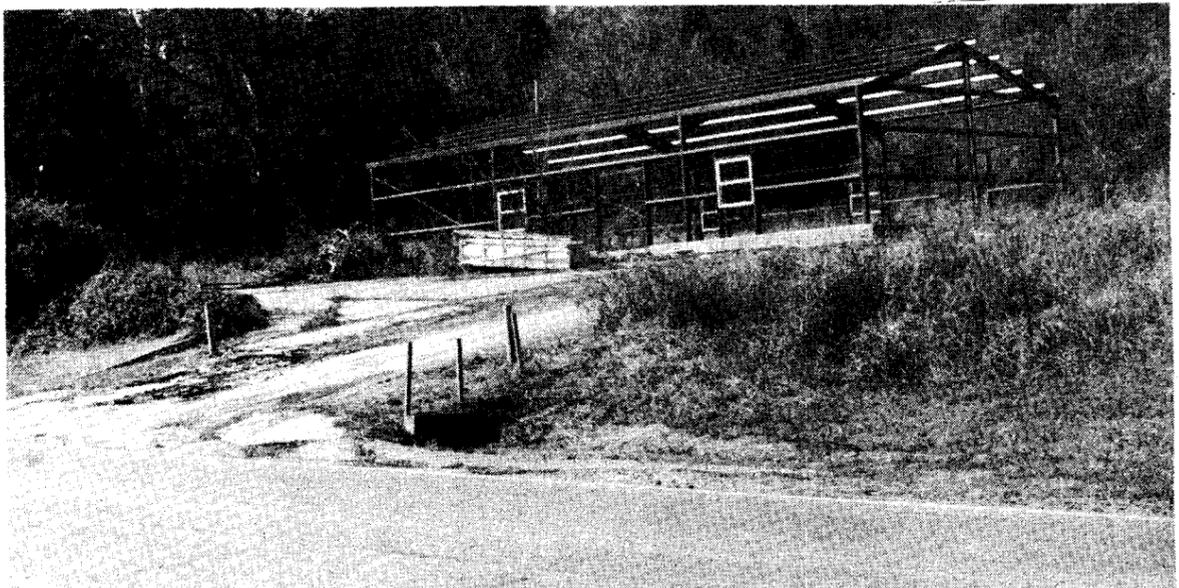
Military retired — Maj. Garry B. Washburn, CWO 3 Paul R. Tougaw, MSgt. Jesse L. Owens.

CVF basketball deadline near

Deadline for teams to enter the 1982-83 Civilian Welfare Basketball League is Wednesday Nov. 17.

Coaches must submit rosters by that date listing players, organizations, badge numbers and telephone numbers.

For information, call Mose Hall at 876-8147.



Good building spot

Present-day arsenal planners share a judgement of years ago in deciding this knoll off Neal Road is a good place to build. The new metal administrative building being put up is on the same spot where the

school house stood that served the Hickory Grove farm community in the years before the Army established Redstone Arsenal. After the Army came the old school building was used for office space. It was torn down several years ago.

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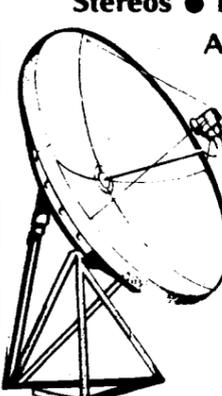
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Picker favors Sun Devils

BY SKIP VAUGHN

The Arizona State Sun Devils have been heavenly so far this season.

They haven't lost a game, including home victories over Stanford 21-17 and Southern Cal 17-10. Last week they whipped Oregon State 30-16.

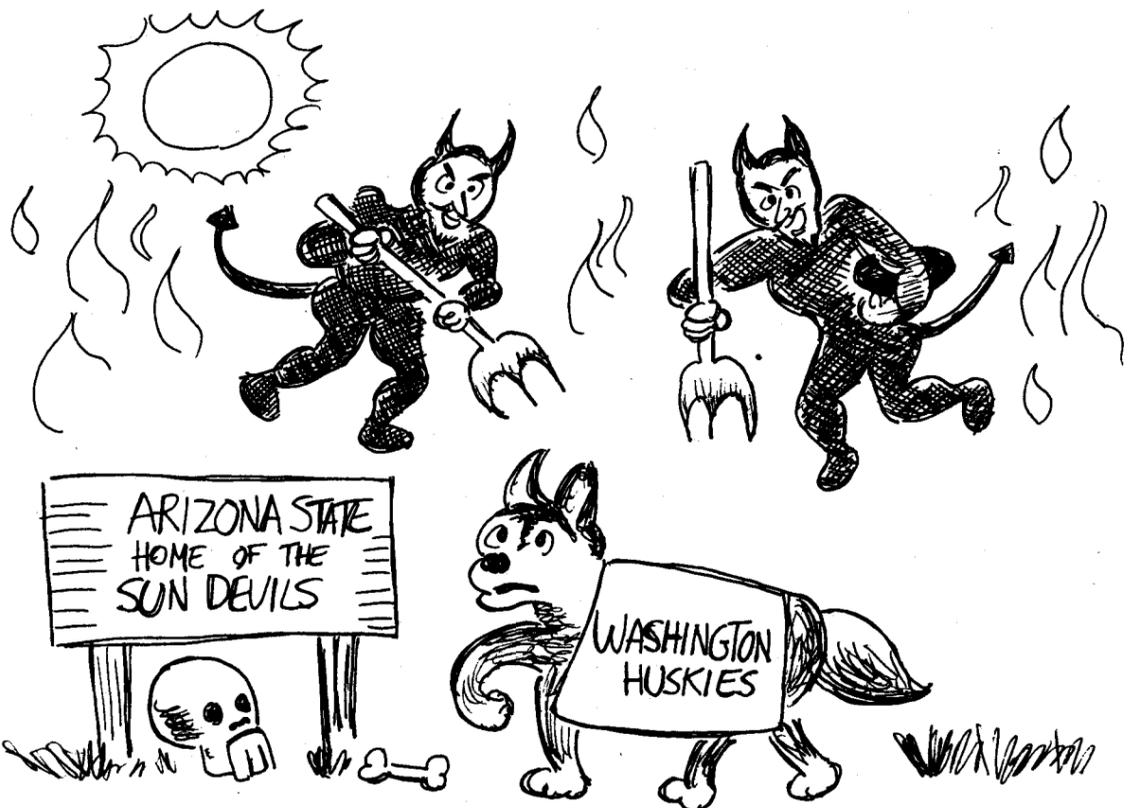
In fact, the Sun Devils have been flawless at home since 1980. They'll face another tough test this weekend when the Washington Huskies come to town, fresh from a big 10-7 win over UCLA at home.

Will the Huskies muster enough offense to take another victory over a top team in consecutive weeks? Nope. The pick here is Arizona State.

Skip's Picks last week delivered a 22-6 record, making the season totals 201-62-8 for 76 percent. Here's this week's forecast of selected games in upper-level, college football:

- Pittsburgh at Army — Pitt by 21
- Syracuse at Boston College — BC by 10
- Navy at South Carolina — Navy by 1
- Penn State at Notre Dame — PSU by 7
- West Virginia at Rutgers — W. Va. by 10
- Illinois at Indiana — Illinois by 14
- Wisconsin at Iowa — Iowa by 10
- Nebraska at Iowa State — Neb. by 21
- Oklahoma State at Kansas State — KSU by 13
- Purdue at Michigan — Michigan by 17
- Missouri at Oklahoma — Okla. by 10
- So. Miss at Alabama — Bama by 7
- Georgia at Auburn — Georgia by 4
- Clemson at Maryland — Clemson by 3
- Duke at N. C. State — Duke by 7
- Florida at Kentucky — Fla. by 10
- Georgia Tech at Wake Forest — Tech by 7
- Louisiana State at Miss State — LSU by 4
- Louisville at Florida State — FSU by 28
- Tennessee at Ole Miss — Tenn. by 3

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- Virginia at No. Carolina — UNC by 10
- Virginia Tech at Vanderbilt — Vandy by 14
- Southern Cal at Arizona — USC by 17
- Texas A&M at Arkansas — Ark. by 10
- Texas at Texas Christian — Texas by 21

- Southern Methodist at Texas Tech — SMU by 13
- San Diego State at Brigham Young — BYU by 7
- Stanford at UCLA — UCLA by 14
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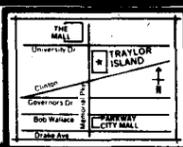
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Youth Sunday service planned

A special service for Youth Sunday will be held at the Bicentennial Chapel on Nov. 13 during the regular 10:45 a.m. worship service.

Nov. 14 is also Viet Nam Veterans Sunday and children of Viet Nam veterans will lead the service.

Chapel youth make many contributions to church programs and represent the "church of today," explained Chaplain (Capt.) Guy L. Lindsey. "Redstone chapels are blessed with fine young people and we are glad to honor them in this way," he said.

Youth participating in the service include Dessa Callaway offering the prayer, Tony Baasen reading the scripture, and Katie Baasen leading the responsive reading. Other junior and senior high school students will also take part.

Two youth choirs, including children from first through eighth grades, will be presenting music led by choir directors Nancy Johnson and Gay King.

Following the service, during fellowship time in the activity room, the youth choirs will be holding a bake sale. Proceeds will be used to buy tables and chairs for the pediatric ward of Fox Army Community Hospital.

Exchanges offer holiday reductions

DALLAS — Increased exchange sales have made possible \$10 million in price reductions on selected items at exchanges worldwide between Oct. 27 and Dec. 24.

Categories with price reductions will include personal care appliances, fragrances, watches, typewriters, men's, women's and children's clothing, appliances, luggage, toys, cameras, radios, recorders and music systems.

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) board of directors voted to support the special holiday dividend of \$10 million. The board also voted to give the Army and Air Force morale, welfare and recreation funds an additional \$5 million before the end of the fiscal year. This brings the total fiscal '82 contributions to \$103 million.

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Planning to send your buddy in Iceland a pair of fluorescent jogging shorts this Christmas? Are you counting on a bundle of Christmas goodies from home reaching you on Okinawa by Dec. 25th? Or maybe you're readying your own package of Christmas pres-

ents to send back to Butte or Buffalo from Italy.

Whatever the case, the key word for mailing Christmas packages and letters is EARLY, whether you expect to receive them from the U.S. or send them home from overseas.

The chart below shows the dates by

which the Postmaster General recommends parcels and letters be posted in the U.S. in order to arrive overseas by Christmas 1982. The postal folks say the same dates would probably apply if you are mailing things from overseas to the U.S., but they

have no control over that and make no guarantees.

Note that the method you use to mail a parcel affects the deadline.

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CHRISTMAS MAILING DATES

DESTINATION	PARCELS				LETTERS
	Surface Mail	Space Available	Parcel Airlift	Priority Mail	
Africa	Nov. 8	Nov. 8	Nov. 15	Dec. 6	Dec. 6
Alaska	Nov. 29	Nov. 29	Dec. 6	Dec. 13	Dec. 13
Hawaii	Nov. 29	---*	---*	Dec. 13	Dec. 13
Australia	Oct. 25	Nov. 8	Nov. 15	Nov. 29	Nov. 29
Caribbean, West Indies	Nov. 12	Nov. 22	Nov. 29	Dec. 13	Dec. 13
Central and So. America	Nov. 8	Nov. 8	Nov. 15	Nov. 29	Nov. 29
Europe	Nov. 8	Nov. 19	Nov. 29	Dec. 10	Dec. 10
Far East	Oct. 25	Nov. 19	Nov. 29	Dec. 10	Dec. 10
Greenland	Nov. 22	Nov. 22	Nov. 29	Dec. 6	Dec. 6
Iceland	Nov. 22	Nov. 22	Nov. 29	Dec. 13	Dec. 13
Mideast	Nov. 1	Nov. 1	Nov. 8	Dec. 3	Dec. 3
Southeast Asia	Nov. 25	Nov. 28	Nov. 12	Nov. 29	Nov. 29

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Savings bond interest now tied to market

As of Nov. 1, interest on U.S. savings bonds is no longer set at a fixed rate but changes with market rates.

Bonds held at least five years will earn 85 percent of the average return on five-year Treasury securities. As the rate on five year Treasury securities changes, so will the interest rate on savings bonds.

"There will be a guaranteed floor of 7½ percent," added Richard Steiger of the Treasury Department in Washington, D.C. This means that bonds held at least five years will be guaranteed a minimum interest of 7½ percent.

"So they're protected," Steiger said. "As the rates go up, their bonds go up more. Then again, if the rates drop drastically they're still guaranteed that 7½ percent."

Savings bond interest will be calculated by taking 85 percent of the average of all the five year Treasury security rates in a six month period.

Unofficially, the average five year Treasury security rate is 13.3 percent for the first six months of the market base rate. This means that a bond purchased under the new system five years ago would return 11.3 percent interest for this six month period.

Bonds held less than five years would get a fixed rate of interest that would depend on how long they were held. A bond held for one year would get 5½ percent, two years 6 percent, on up to a guaranteed 7½ percent after five years.

A bond could be cashed after a six month holding

period. It would earn over 4 percent interest after six months.

The new floating interest rate applies to all outstanding bonds, as long as they are held for five years past Nov. 1, 1982. The only series E bonds that are ineligible for the new rate are those issued before November 1947. This is because those bonds will reach final maturity and stop earning interest before November 1987.

Besides the interest rate change, final maturity for bonds is now 10 years instead of eight years. This means the maximum time someone could hold a bond and still earn interest without an extension is 10 years.

President Reagan announced the interest rate change brought about by legislation passed by Congress. The previous interest rate for bonds was fixed at 9 percent if the bonds were held for eight years.

"It guarantees bond buyers and bond holders an equitable return on their money," said Steiger, a writer and editor in the Treasury Department's savings bonds division.

"Basically there's no risk involved when you purchase a bond now and the opportunity is there to get very high returns."

Contracting changes announced by DOD

WASHINGTON — In an effort to further combat waste, fraud and mismanagement, Secretary of Defense Caspar W. Weinberger has recently announced key changes to defense contracting regulations.

One change prevents contractors from receiving

DOD funds as reimbursement for the costs of their lobbying activities. In another change, contractors will not be reimbursed by DOD for legal costs should the contractor have to face criminal or civil fraud proceedings. Contractors that violate federal statutes involving fraud will have to pay legal defense costs out of their own funds.

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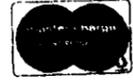
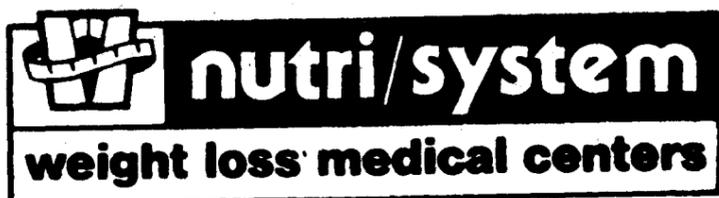
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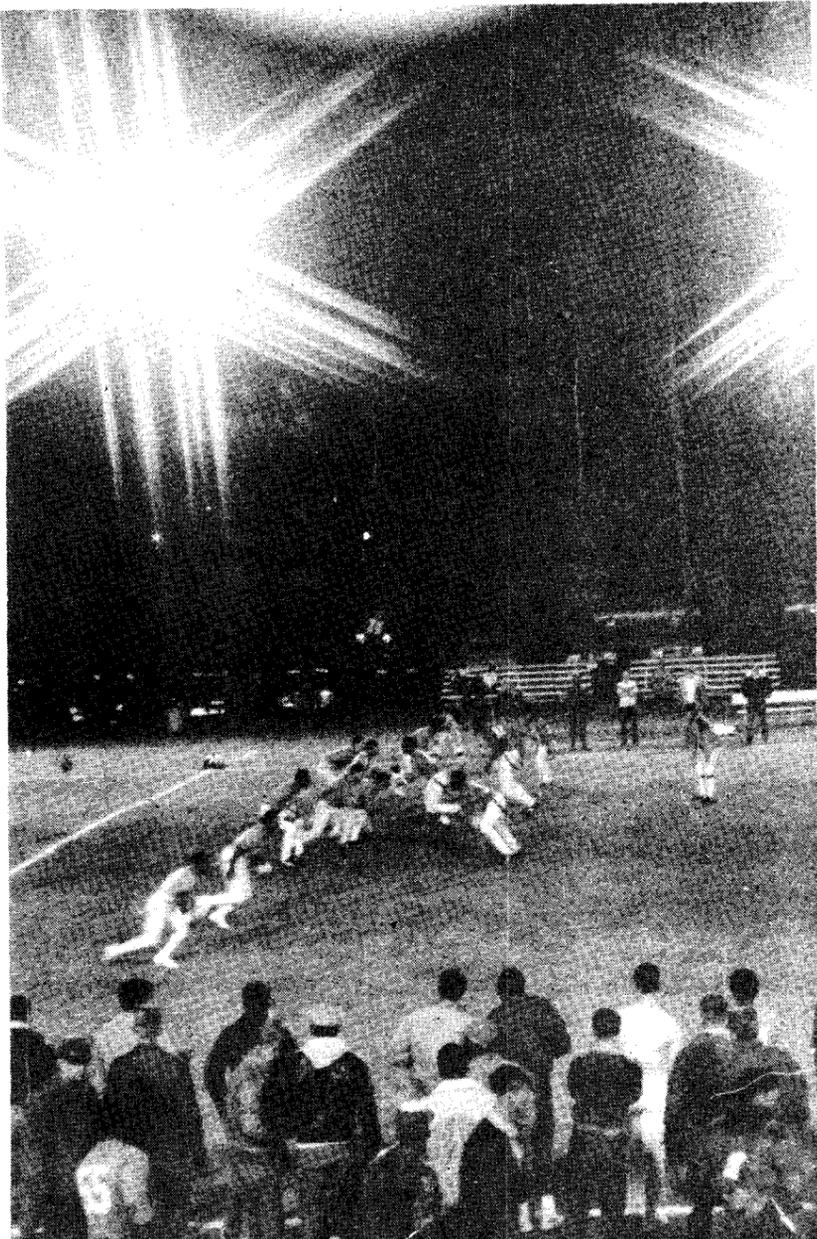
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Company B and the 4th Student Company square off Friday night at the post football field. Conditions weren't ideal for football with cold

temperatures but no wind. During the week teams had played in almost all weather ranging from warm nights to cold and rain.

A Co leads football tourney

Three teams were still in the running for the post flag football title as tournament action ended Friday. Company A, the 4th Student Company and the 95th Service Company survived the first week of tournament play and were set to go to the final two games of the tournament early this week.

Company A is the only team which hadn't lost in the tournament. They beat the 95th in the winner's bracket semifinals Friday to advance to the championship game. Quarterback William Kelly led Company A to its semi-final victory. He ran for two touchdowns and passed for three more as his team handed the 95th its first loss in the tournament, 30-14. Raysus Davis, Johnny Colvin and Prophet Burns were the targets for Kelly's scoring passes. The 95th scored on a punt return by Donald Lovett and a run by Brian Parrish.

The 4th Student eliminated Company B from competition in the loser's bracket quarter-final with a 22-6 record victory. Roosevelt Jenkins, 95th quarterback, led the winners with two touchdown passes and one touchdown run. Leroy Simmons and Maurice Stallworth made receptions for touchdowns and Stallworth also caught a pass for a two-point conversion. The 4th scored first when their defense caught B Company quarterback Joe Young in the end zone for a

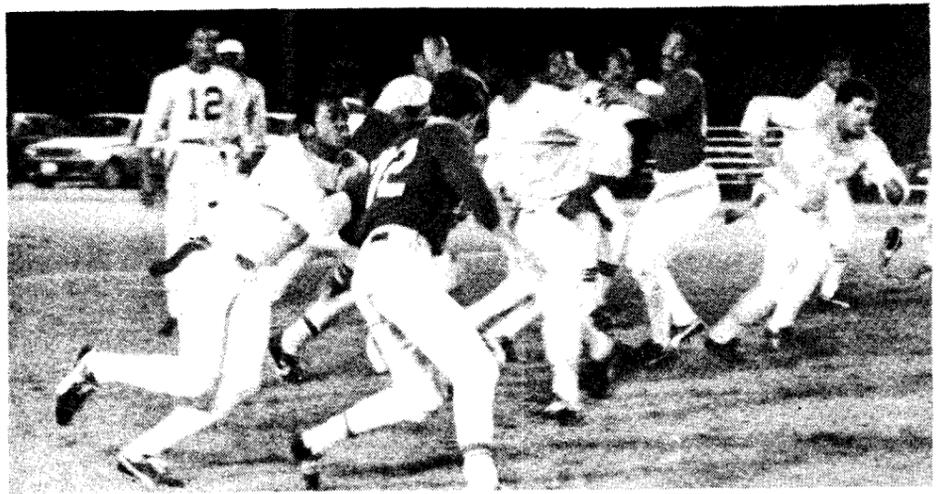
safety. B Company's score came late in the game on a pass for Young to Earnest Hobson.

Tournament action began Nov. 1 with six teams seeing action. HHC MICOM was the big winner on that day. They blasted the Marine Detachment 58-0 in the opening game. Other winners were the 95th Service Company over the 515th Ordnance 12-0 and the 4th Student Company 8-0. Loser's bracket play also began on Tuesday and the Marines were the first team eliminated from the tournament losing to the 515th Ordnance Company 20-0.

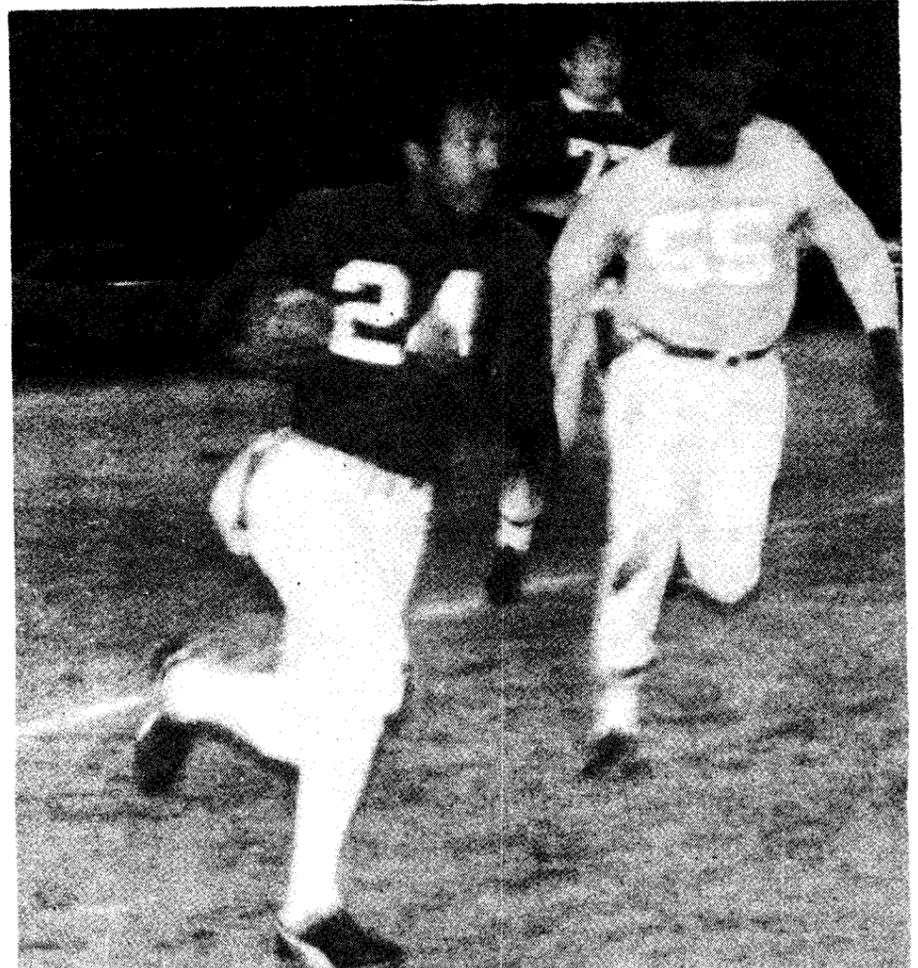
In Wednesday night action the game belonged to the weather with intermittent rain and cold driving winds. The 95th Service Company slipped by HHC 26-18 and the Company A knocked off the 4th Student Company 36-8 to win their way to the winner's bracket semifinal game. In loser's bracket play Company B eliminated the 7th Student Company with a 22-7 win.

On Thursday pre-tournament favorite HHC MICOM was eliminated from the tournament in a 12-8 upset by Company B. The 515th Ordnance Company also saw their last action losing to the 4th Student Company 21-20 (in overtime) leading up to Friday's games.

Tournament action ended last night but results were not available prior to publication of the Rocket.



Company A (light jerseys) tries to move the ball against the 95th Service Company in Friday night action. (Photos by Harry Sarles)

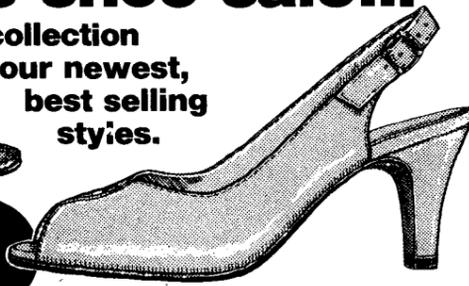


Joe Lyles, 24, evades Company A defenders for a 95th Service Company gain in Friday's semi-final game. The 95th lost to Company A but remained alive in the double elimination tournament.

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Lawyer serves on education council

An attorney at MICOM has been named to a panel to help determine the future of higher education in Alabama.

Juanita B. Sales will serve on "the Council of 21" to advise the Alabama Commission on Higher Education on the direction public education in Alabama should take during the decade.

"We'll be talking to industries, federal agencies, and studying statistics on where we are and where we need to be," said Sales.

The council is made up of business and civic representatives from all over the state. Sales said ACHE wanted people to sit on the panel who were not related to education so they could give an unbiased report.

The ACHE, the legislature, the governor, and the public will receive the council's recommendations. Sales believes the recommendations from the ACHE "think tank" will be used to link higher education, jobs, and economy.

"Education is the key to breaking the poverty cycle. Educating and training Alabamians will reduce poverty, unemployment, and underemployment," she said.

Sales gave the example of the local space program buildup in the '60s. Skilled workers had to be imported to fill jobs.

"We need to prepare the populace to keep up with the changes and coming times," she said.

One basic problem Sales said Alabama has is "underinvestment. We don't finance education in the south. But, education is a southern problem, not just in Alabama."

Sales points out that education becomes increasingly important as jobs require increasingly higher levels of it.

"I think education will put us back to work," she said.

New first sergeant against 'sloppy NCOs'

Starting in November, Company B's new first sergeant plans to get his NCOs "back into business" and make the company more than another operations company.

With duties like inspection formations every Monday at 5:50 a.m., GI parties every week and a solid physical training program, 1st Sgt. Harold Boatright plans to, "put the Army back into Company B."

"No matter what your job is, you are a soldier first," says Boatright.

With this in mind, he plans to improve NCO's appearance and physical well being so that they lead by example as well as by verbal commands. He stresses the importance of trust and respect which can be gained by NCOs' meeting Army standards.

"I don't like sloppy NCOs," says Boatright. "To me nothing is worse than an overweight NCO yelling at one of his privates for being overweight when his own belly is hanging over his belt. You always lead by example, if not, you're not an NCO. We have

to work as a team to get back in shape and with 100 percent support from the captain, we will do it."

"The NCO is the backbone of the Army, and there is not enough emphasis placed on how important their role is," says Capt. David Keen, B Company Commander. "Everywhere I have been stationed I hear, 'Where is the real Army?' Well it's where you are at. We set the standard ourselves and beginning with the leaders, we can make the Army what it is supposed to be."

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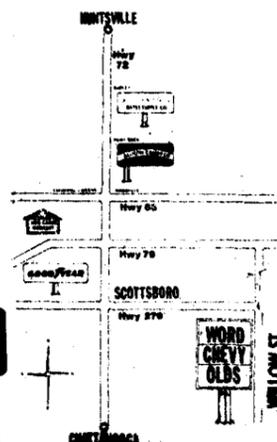
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The comptroller office each year receives a fairly extensive, soft-covered DA interchange book. It is

filled with ways to get various jobs done faster and more efficiently.

"It's designed as a sharing program," said White of comptroller's management review and analysis division.

That division makes quarterly calls to elements in the command in order to collect reports of helpful management actions. It sends these ideas on to higher headquarters, DARCOM, where they are screened for possible inclusion in the interchange program. DARCOM sends selected ideas on to the Department of Army.

When the interchange book arrives, the comptroller office distributes throughout the command ideas that might have local application. Four distributed recently cover central dictation system, printer sharing interfaces, reproduction of color readiness charts and a mechanized filing system.

The comptroller office asks that any local application be reported to its management review and analysis division.

"Some of these come through the suggestion program," White said. "The idea is we want to report back local applications."

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Sick leave 'like free insurance'

BY SKIP VAUGHN

Workers at this command met the Army goal for sick leave usage but went over the MICOM goal for fiscal 1982.

The average number of sick leave hours used per employee here was 63.9, slightly under the Army goal of 64. The command goal was 62 hours.

"That's down from the previous year so it has improved some," said Jimmy Temple, of civilian personnel's management employee relations division. The previous year's average was 66.2 hours.

"From the employee standpoint, it's beneficial to save sick leave for that extended illness that might strike at anytime," Temple said. "We've had a number of individuals that have had a heart attack or other extended illness that have found that bank of sick leave has made the difference of their being heavily in debt or being able to pay those bills."

From the command standpoint, officials say there is a loss of productivity if people abuse their sick leave.

The command's fiscal 1983 sick leave goal is 60.7 hours used per employee. This is lower than the fiscal 1982 goal because "the objective is to try to reduce it because it's cost effective," said Norm Foster, chief of the management employee relations division.

Each fulltime federal worker gets four hours sick leave per pay period which amounts to 104 hours or 13 days per year.

Someone who has not "judiciously used" sick leave in his years of government service might find himself without a paycheck if he suffers a serious illness, Foster said.

"It is not the aim nor the intention of this command in any respect to deny any employee the use of sick leave in those cases where it has been determined that the use of sick leave is bonified. For example, those maladies that would necessitate hospitalization or convalescence at home," Foster said. "The thing that's really run the average use per employee up is a day here, a day there."

A plan of action is updated and distributed annually by the management employee relations division to give supervisors guidance on dealing with sick leave usage. The new version is expected within two months.

Temple, chief of the division's incentive awards branch, describes sick leave as "like a free insurance."

"I'd say use your sick leave wisely and don't misuse it by taking sick leave when you are not actually ill because it may mean you don't have a paycheck sometime in the future," he advised.

MICOM fiscal '82 sick leave useage

Here's a list of Missile Command organizations with their sick leave usage for fiscal 1982:

Corps Support Weapon System	27.5	Roland Project	51.9
Foreign Intelligence Office	30.5	Missile Sys Readiness	54.2
System Integration Office	32.0	Command Support Services	55.2
Inspector General	34.2	DMIS	57.4
Protocol	35.4	Sys Analysis & Eval	59.1
Viper Project	38.8	Product Assurance	59.7
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Pershing Project	44.7	Missile Log Center	69.4
TOW Project	45.5	P&P Directorate	70.1
Plans and Concepts	46.1	EEO Office	70.5
Hellfire Project	48.6	Comptroller	71.5
Army Missile Lab	48.7	Intl Logistics	73.4
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BUS2020	Accounting II	T-Th	8:00-10:20	3650	5
BUS2020	Accounting II	T-Th	4:30-6:50	3650	5
BUS2150	Business Com.	T-Th	4:30-6:50	3650	5
BUS2350	Marketing	M-W	4:30-6:50	3650	5
BUS2520	Economics II	T-Th	7:00-9:20	3650	5
BUS2620	Business Law II	T-Th	10:30-12:50	3650	5
DATA PROCESSING					
DAP1050	Intro. Comp. Systems	F	4:30-9:30	3650	5
DAP1060	Comp. Prob. Solving	F	4:30-7:30	3650	3
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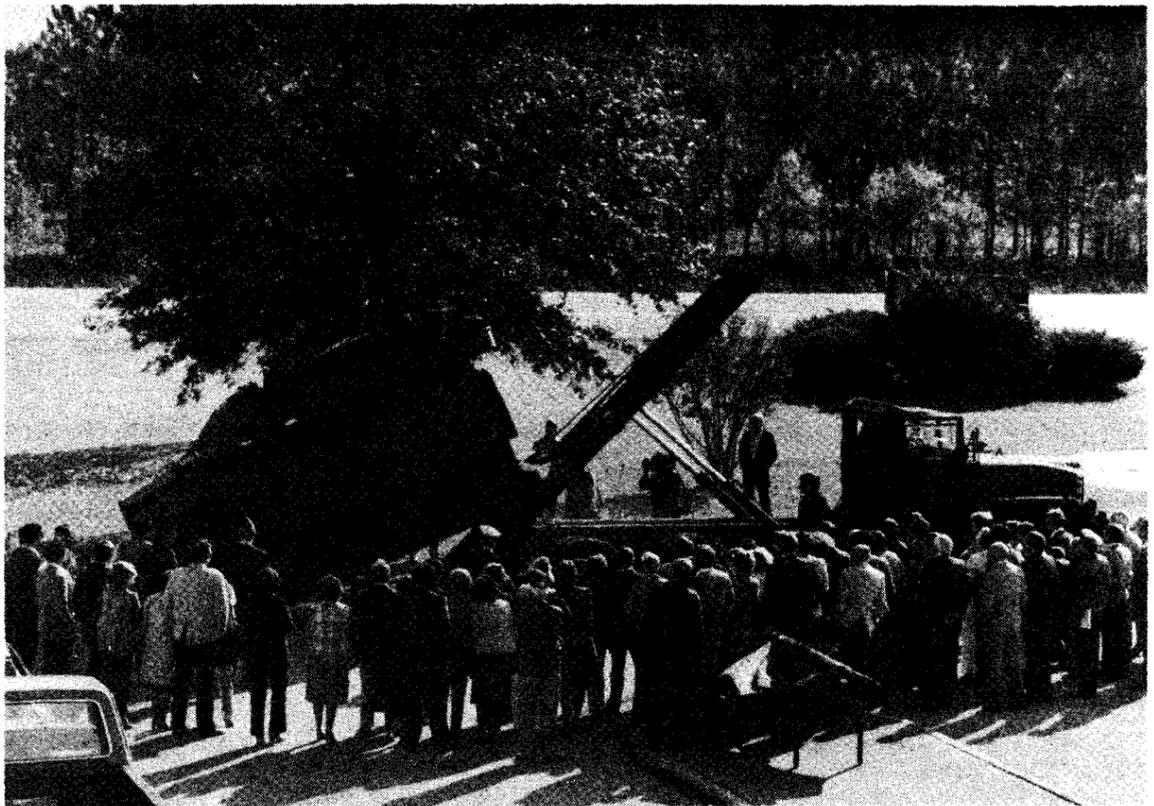
Roland's a hit with workforce

People who took a look at the new truck-mounted U.S. Roland displayed here last week seemed to like what they saw.

"We got a hand. They applauded both times; that's appreciation," said SFC Jerry Jones, referring to morning and afternoon demonstrations of the new air defense system in front of MICOM headquarters Thursday. The system was also shown at other locations on post last week.

Spectators got to see the unarmed system put through its firing sequence with the tracking radar in operation; "the total firing unit system," said Jones of MMCS Combat Developments.

Jones, one of the first soldiers ever trained on the system at the course for Roland instructors and key personnel in Seattle in 1979, was part of a three-man military team who demonstrated the system. Others were CWO 2 Dale Hunt of Fort Bliss, Roland training officer to the New Mexico National Guard, and SSgt. Charles Nau of MMCS Combat Developments. They were assisted by personnel of the project office and the contractor, Boeing.



People watch Roland demonstration at MICOM headquarters

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Casket makes practice realistic for funeral detail

BY MAGGIE CUMMINS

The ceremonial detail platoon in MICOM's Special Troops section has added more realism to their funeral detail practices.

SSgt. Mark S. Ripp, non-commissioned officer in charge of the platoon contacted the Spry Funeral Home in Huntsville and asked to borrow a crate for the funeral detail's practice. Ripp ended up getting more than he bargained for. Sam Spry, owner and manager of the home, loaned Ripp a casket.

The platoon practices twice a week and according to Ripp attends approximately seven funerals a month within a 50 mile radius of Redstone.

The unit consists of 60 members divided into four squads, who take turns participating in funeral services.

When the arsenal receives a request for a funeral detail, Ripp organizes one of the squads to attend the service.

A funeral detail for an active duty member consists of seven riflemen, six pallbearers, one bugler and one NCO. Retired service members receive six pallbearers, three riflemen, one bugler and one



Seven riflemen salute during one of their practices as a funeral detail.

NCO. Veterans receive three riflemen, one bugler and one NCO.

"Not everyone can be in the ceremonial platoon," said Ripp. "You must be proud in appearance and not overweight. We represent the Army at funeral

services and are honored to be of service to the families."

The ceremonial platoon also participates in retirement parades and other military functions.

Powerlifting added to interservice sports

WASHINGTON — Muscle-bound soldiers may be interested in hearing that powerlifting has been added to the interservice sports calendar for 1983.

The Marine Corps will host the first interservice powerlifting championship at the Marine Corps Base, El Toro, Calif., from Feb. 7-11 1983. In preparation for that, all-Army trials will be held at

Fort Bliss, Texas, from Jan. 23 - Feb. 6.

Lifters will compete in one of nine weight classes ranging from 114 to 242 pounds. The play will consist of three attempts at bench press, deadlift and squat. Soldiers interested in applying for the all-Army trials should contact their morale services office for complete details.

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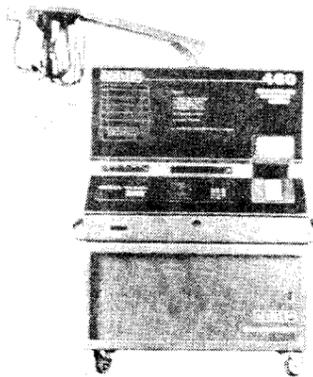
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Protestant women

The Protestant Women of the Chapel will present a program featuring Audrey Adams who will give a personal testimony on Nov. 18, at 9:30 a.m. in the assembly room of the Bicentennial Chapel. Special music will be provided by Pat Gore at the piano and Gay King on the flute. Free child care will be provided at the Child Care Center for mothers who attend, but reservations must be made for each child eligible.

Wickham is AUSA speaker

General John A. Wickham Jr., Army Vice Chief of Staff, will be the guest speaker Wednesday, Nov. 17, at the membership dinner meeting of the AUSA Redstone-Huntsville chapter. Activities will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a social in the officers club. Admission is \$8.25 per person. For reservations, call Joyce Gardner at 876-4542 or Betty Whitman at 876-2924.

Veterans Day events

Veteran's Day events this week include the fourth annual American Veterans Banquet tonight, sponsored by the Madison County Veterans Day Committee and American Legion Post 176. Tickets at \$10 each are available through local veterans organizations or through MMCS public affairs. The fourth annual Madison County Veterans Day Parade is set for 11 a.m. Thursday in downtown Huntsville. Ceremonies updating the Hall of Heroes will take place at 1:30 p.m. Thursday in the Madison County Courthouse. Also, for the third year missile displays from MMCS will be in Jasper for their Veteran's Day observance on Saturday. A MICOM color guard will take part, too.

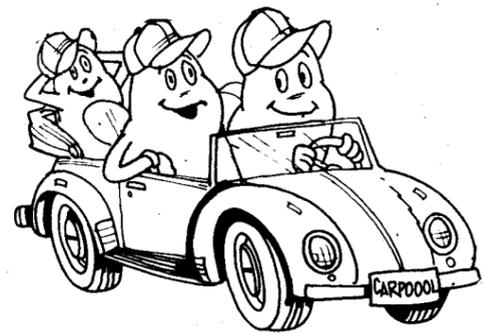
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CPR class

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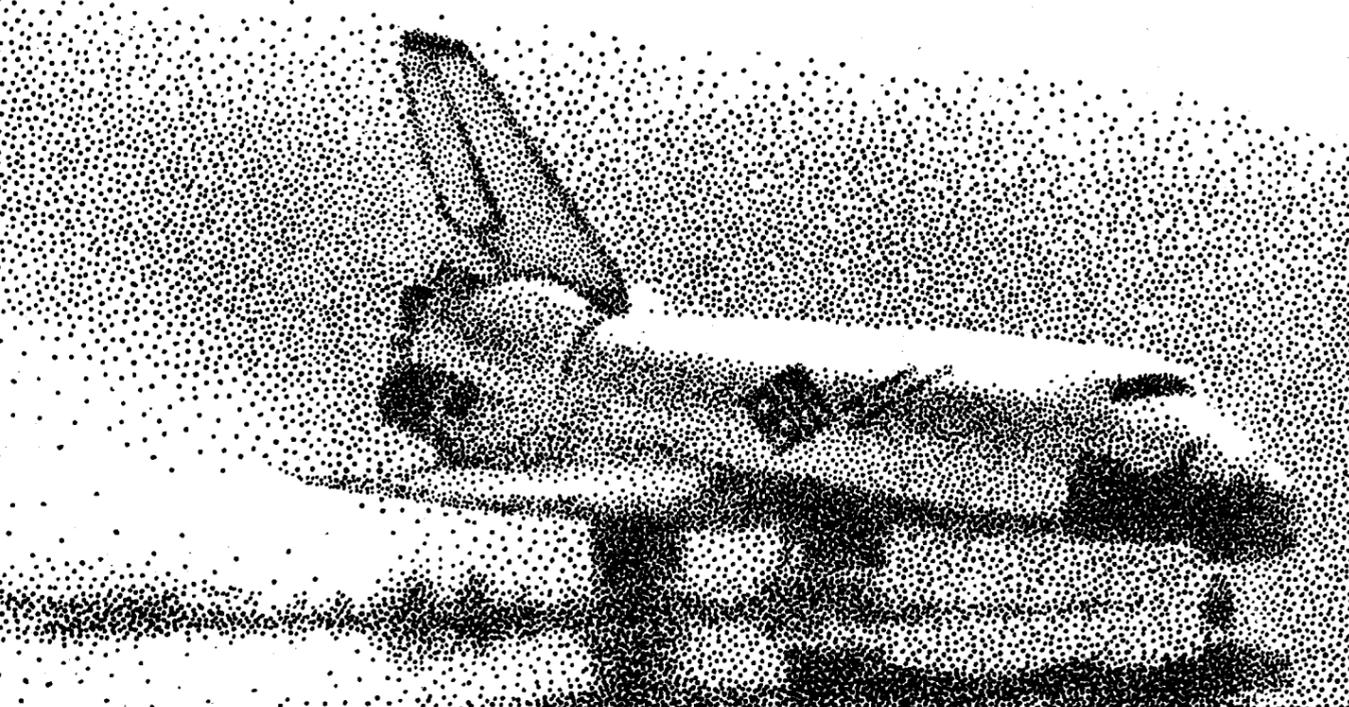
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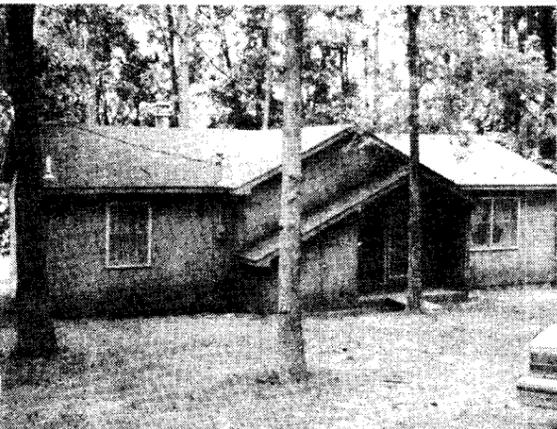
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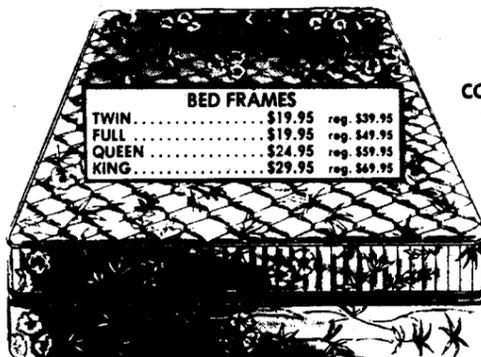
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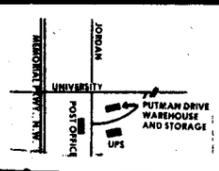
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