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Volunteers offer income tax assistance

BY SKIP VAUGHN

Volunteers take the place of Internal Revenue Service officials in offering tax assistance to people who need it.

Under this IRS-developed program, tax help is provided by college students, housewives, retirees and others.

"It's probably one of the biggest volunteer programs that the government has, which is particularly necessary in the military situation," said Capt. Lonnie Groot, legal assistance officer. "We've got a lot of people earning their first paycheck ever, filing their first income tax return ever and really need somebody to help them learn how to do it."

About 70 officers and NCOs from units on post were taking a Volunteer Income Tax Assistance course here this week. Those who pass an exam after the 12-hour course will be certified as unit tax officers. They'll be able to help people in their unit in filling out tax returns.

Course materials are provided by the Internal Revenue Service. Besides Groot the instructors here were to include Capt. Kevin Bennett, the claims judge advocate, and Murray Argo, an IRS criminal investigator from Birmingham. The final exam was planned for this afternoon.

Before the course, unit volunteers were provided with a course book and 75-page military supplement so they could start studying. IRS recommends that the material be covered in a week and a half, Groot said.

"The main thing is how to fill out the forms. By and large most of the forms are not going to be that complicated," he said. "You start there then you get into exemptions, reductions."

The volunteers are reviewed on the three types of tax forms. These include the 1040EZ so named because "it's easy," according to Groot. This new form is only the front of one page and is "for a single taxpayer with no dependents which will be a lot of our troops."

Another form, the 1040A, is what most people call the short form. This year it has been expanded for Individual Retirement Account deductions and credit for child care expenses.

"Then last but certainly not least is the 1040 which is known as the long form," said Groot. "The long form is for someone who has a lot of itemized deductions... Someone who's finance situation is more complex than mine, maybe your's too."

Military personnel should know what is considered income and what is not considered income, according to the legal assistance officer. For example basic allowance for quarters is not income and is not tax-



STATES TAX GUIDE is shown by Capt. Lonnie Groot, legal assistance officer.

able, but dislocation allowance and enlistment bonuses are taxable. If a soldier sells his or her leave, that's taxable. Per diem for travel can be taxed if the soldier got more money for expenses than he or she spent.

Because of time limitation, the course here was not to cover the many different state tax rules.

"Really these (tax assistance) volunteers here have a more complex role than their counterparts in the civilian world," Groot said. "Number one, they're going to be dealing with people with larger incomes. No matter what anybody says the folks in the military are pretty well paid. Secondly, they're going to be dealing with the military peculiarities.

"The third reason is these volunteers are going to be

instructing the troops to fill out their state income tax forms," added Groot. To help soldiers, he has a states tax guide put out by the Air Force judge advocate general.

Unit tax officers will not only assist soldiers in their unit on completing tax returns. They'll also refer someone with a complex problem to the legal assistance office for help. Recently a soldier went to Groot because he had not filed a tax return in four years.

"It happens all the time. When I was overseas a lot of people came to me without having filed for a while," said Groot. "States and the federal government with the advent of the computer are really being able to trace folks down."

New plan puts arsenal pupils in closest schools

Army parents at Redstone learned this week that their children will continue to attend Huntsville schools closest to the arsenal.

Maj. Gen. Jerry Max Bunyard sent letters to each Army family on post advising them that the rezoning plan recommended last week to the Board of Education by Dr. Mary Jane Caylor, acting school superintendent, assigns arsenal youngsters to Butler High School, Westlawn Middle School and Morris and Ridgecrest Elementary schools, the same schools they now attend.

Once adopted by the board, the plan must also be approved by a federal judge. It is scheduled to take effect in September 1984. The board probably will vote next week.

The plan Caylor recommended last week eliminated shifts first proposed two months ago that would have

taken arsenal students out of Ridgecrest and Westlawn and sent them to University Place Elementary School and Cavalry Hill Middle School, both further away from the arsenal.

Bunyard opposed those proposed changes, contending they did not give equitable treatment to Army families and asked instead that arsenal children continue to attend schools closest to the post.

His position drew strong support from Army families. In his letter this week, the general thanked them saying, in part:

"We could not have brought this matter to a satisfactory resolution without the united, visible support of arsenal parents. I want you to know that I deeply appreciate your understanding and confidence as we worked this out."

Army parents voiced their concerns and suggestions

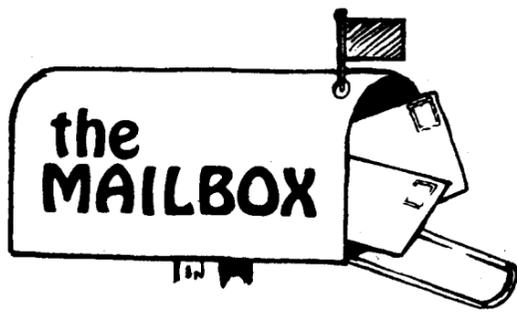
in on post meetings with school officials Jan. 19 and Feb. 1. Many also attended a public hearing Jan. 23 at Butler High School.

Bunyard said he had accepted a solution proposed to him by school officials Feb. 2 which will result in the following assignments for arsenal school children effective in September.

High school: No change. All arsenal children stay in Butler.

Middle school: No change. All arsenal students stay in Westlawn.

Elementary school: Arsenal kindergarten and first grade stay in Ridgecrest. Second grade will move to Morris. Bunyard said he had agreed to that change to reduce overcrowding at Ridgecrest where many portable buildings are being used for classrooms. Morris will also have arsenal third, fourth and fifth grade students.



Solicit support

Editor:

We would like to thank all petition bearers and petition signees for their time expended and support in electing us by membership popular vote to three year terms on the board of directors of Redstone Federal Credit Union.

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Equitable treatment

Editor:

A letter published in the Feb. 1 edition of the **Rocket** was of such poor taste that the following response is necessary.

Policies governing employment, training and promotion are provided to issue guidance to managers in handling employee needs. Further, in order to insure equitable treatment of all parties concerned, in any civilized society rules and regulations are required. Management's attempt to abide by existing guidance should not be chastised; but rather praised because in so doing the command is spared undue embarrassment.

The fact that the government has recognized past wrongs in hiring, promoting and training minority members, and has sought to alleviate this situation by providing programs designed to bring about upward

mobility, does not mean that all is lost. These programs are the "necessary evils" required to provide retribution for past discrimination.

Indeed, it is unfortunate that retribution for past discrimination results in discrimination against white males today. However, one must consider that for over 200 years, and continuing, white males were the perpetrators of discrimination based on race or national origin. Minority members bore the brunt of discrimination for over two centuries in this country. Is it fair that the white male not share this burden?

It is extremely unfortunate that the Reagan administration's newly-appointed Civil Rights Commission is seeking to undo decades of progress made in this area. Contrary to popular opinion, this action, in the long run, will bring about discord in racial harmony rather than improve the situation for all concerned.

Clyde Smith

Blood program winners to be honored Feb. 22

Winners of permanent trophies and plaques for the 1983 blood program are to be honored Feb. 22 at the Officers Club.

Naomi Whitaker, blood program coordinator for Redstone, thanked the contributors in a recent report. "Congratulations to the winners, and thanks to the other organizations who gave but didn't win. Keep up the good work and maybe next year you will be a winner," she stated.

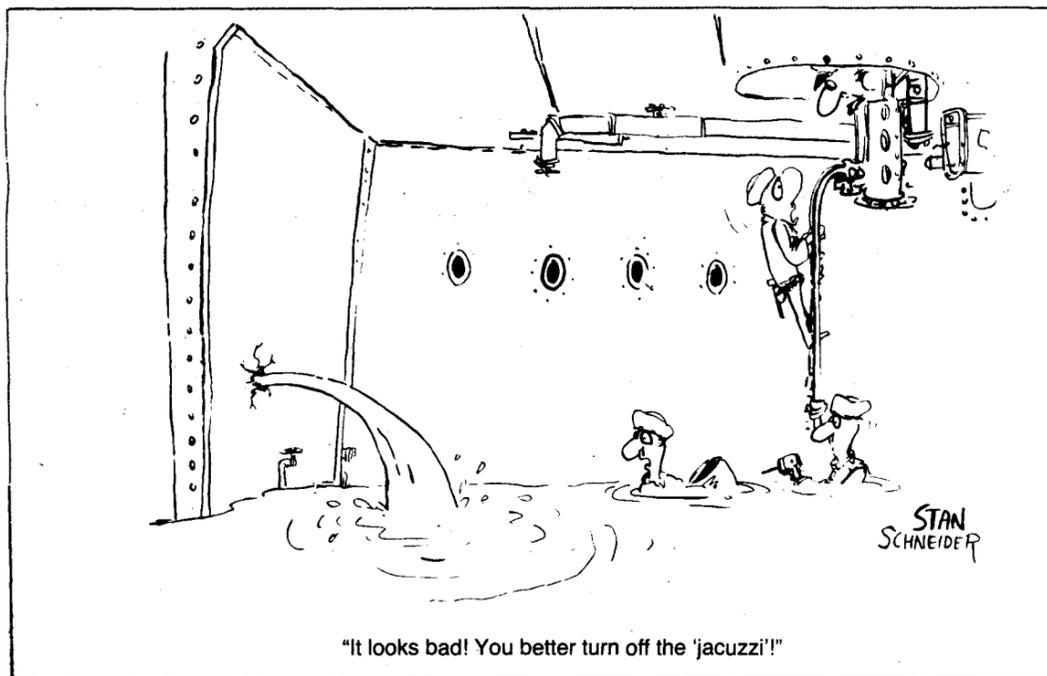
"It takes each individual giving his/her part to make the Blood Program a success here at Redstone Arsenal. My personal thanks goes to each of you for making this program work," Whitaker added.

The winners include 1-50 category, Human Engineering Detachment; 51-100 category, Air Defense Command and Control Systems Project Office; 101-150 category, Advanced Sensors Directorate; 151-200 category (2-way tie) Product Assurance Directorate and Comptroller Office; 201-400 category, Missile Intelligence Agency; and 401-over category,

Procurement and Production Directorate.

First runner-up winners include 1-50 category (3-way tie) Technology Integration Office, Systems Analysis and Evaluation Office, and Policy and Program Management Office; 51-100 category, Multiple Launch Rocket System Project; 101-150 category (3-way tie) Hellfire/GLD Project, Laboratory Support Office, and Guidance and Control Directorate; 201-400 category (2-way tie) TMDE Support Group and Finance & Accounting Division; and 401-over category, Missile Logistics Center.

Whitaker also announced winners for the December blood drive. They included 1-50 category, Human Engineering Detachment with 28.57 percent; 51-100 category, Air Defense Command and Control Project, 17.14 percent; 101-150 category, Advanced Sensors Directorate, 12.38 percent; 151-200 category, Product Assurance, 11.50 percent; 201-400 category, System Engineering, 10.59 percent; and 401-over category, Procurement and Production with 9.5 percent.



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Programs planned for children's dental health month

BY SKIP VAUGHN

Preventive dentistry is a year-round effort at Redstone but there are special programs for children in February.

This is National Children's Dental Health Month, proclaimed each year by the American Dental Association.

"I think it's to increase the awareness of the importance of good oral health," said Capt. James Kretzschmar, a dentist who is preventive dentistry officer here. He is to address third graders in three local elementary schools later this month.

Redstone's Dental Activity plans to conduct a poster contest for children with the winners to receive awards. They'll also have their winning posters displayed in the waiting room at the main dental clinic.

The ongoing preventive dentistry program here includes screening exams each fall for preschool children at the Bicentennial Chapel. These children range from about 4-6 years old, Kretzschmar said.

"We also have a real informal discussion with them on the importance of good oral health and then a little question and answer period with them. We kind of let them do most of the talking. It gets them involved," he added.

The nurse practitioner at the pediatrics clinic, Capt. Nancy Trent, helps the education effort by counseling parents and children on good oral health. "She works with us and we furnish her with the things she needs for discussing dental health with parents as well as children," said Kretzschmar. "That's all part of preventive dentistry. If you can get the parents involved that's really the key to the whole thing. If they're aware then the children are going to respond."

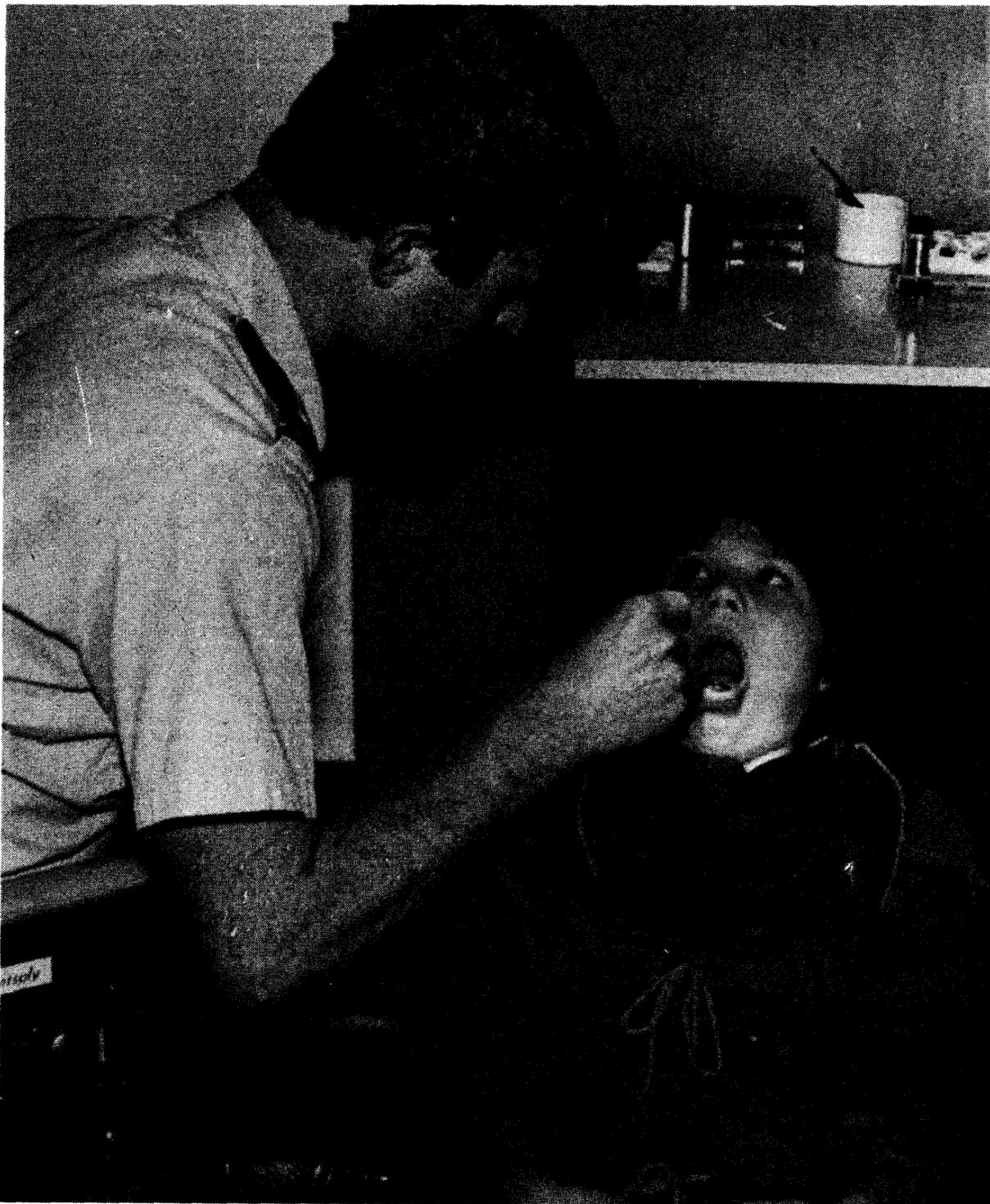
He will address third grade classes during the week of Feb. 20 at Morris Elementary, McDonnell Elementary, and Lincoln Elementary.

Kretzschmar is one of two dentists at the dental clinic in Fox Army Community Hospital. Six other dentists work at the main dental clinic in building 3494.

"There's been fewer cavities in recent years which I think can be attributed to number one, increased awareness; number two, fluorides like in your water supply and in your toothpaste; and the third one would probably be the increased number of dentists," he said.

He pointed out that a 1980 study by the National Institute of Dental Health found that tooth decay among children age 5-17 had decreased 32 percent in the past eight years. "And they credit much of this improvement to the use of fluoride," Kretzschmar added.

His advice for good dental health is brush after every meal, be mindful of sugar intake, and visit the dentist at least once a year.



DENTIST Capt. James Kretzschmar examines teeth of Angela Smith, 10-year-old daughter of Air Force Tech Sgt. Kenneth and Lurinda Smith.

Handbook addresses problem employees

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Virtually impossible for a federal agency manager or supervisor to take action against a problem employee?

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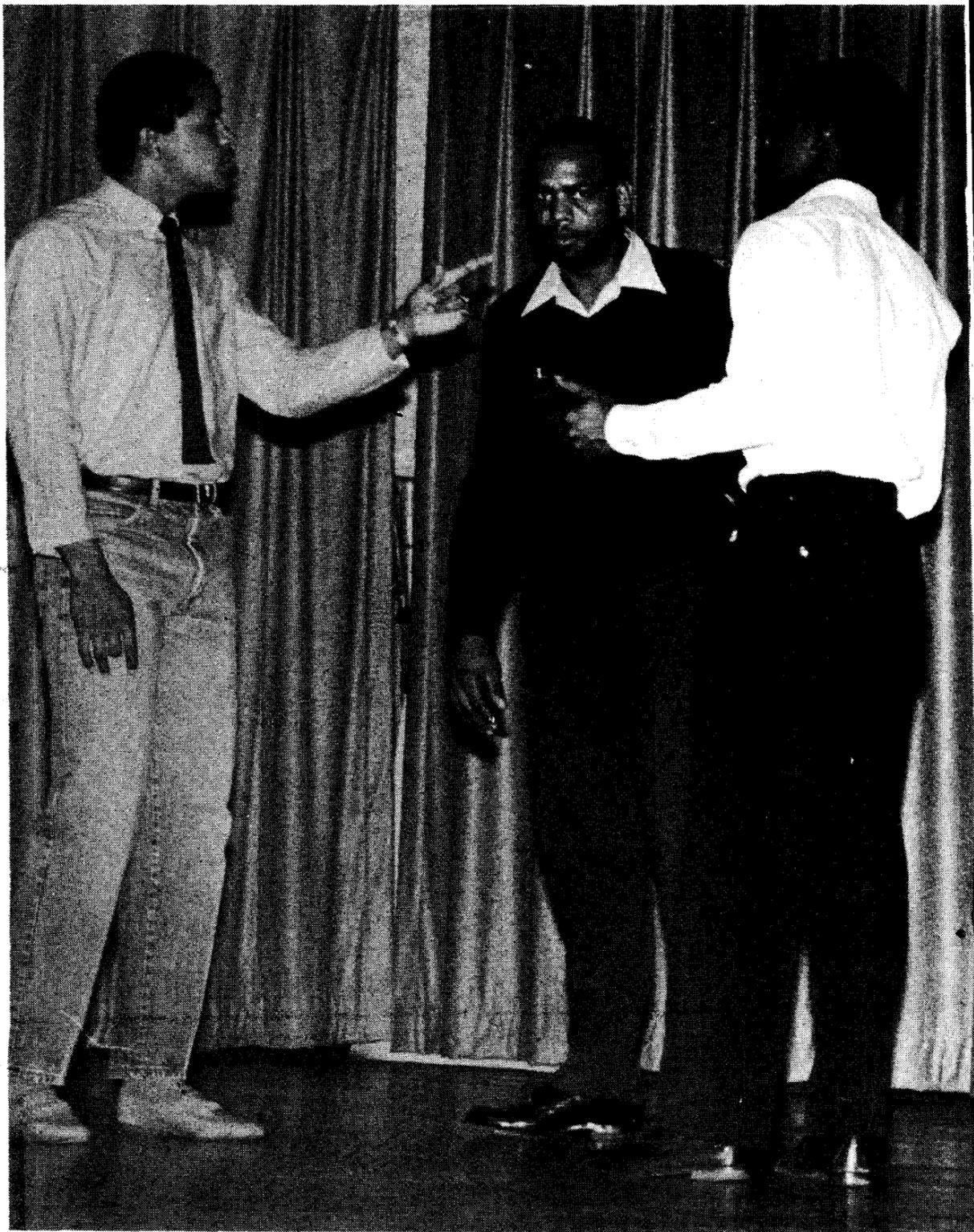
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'Mini-review' highlights black history events



SKIT written by SSgt. Lawrence Strong (center) is performed at mini-review session.

A "mini-review" of events scheduled here in celebration of Black History Month was held at the post recreation center on Feb. 1.

The guest speaker for the review was Col. James Hall, School Brigade commander. Hall spoke on the importance of education for all Americans in this society. He pointed out that to insure that every child receives a quality education, all citizens must get involved "together in a solid effort of teamwork".

1st Lt. Sandra Lambert, officer in charge of the Personnel Administrative Center acted as mistress of ceremonies for the review. A medley of the talent from the events planned throughout the month was presented.

Sgt. Herbert Freeman of Company A sang gospel

songs and was accompanied on the piano by Pvt. Megale Pollard of the 6th Student Company. Pollard later recited a poem he had written.

SSgt Lawrence Strong, Sp5 Murdock Benson and Sp4 Cedric Candis were the principal players in a skit written by Strong. The play will be highlighted in the variety show later in the month.

Local and military models participated in a fashion show featuring casual wear. Music for the fashion show was provided by SFC Ronald Henry of the "D.C. Ron" disco show.

Afro-American art pieces from A&M University and from the private collection of SSgt. Lawrence Strong were on display.

Army to form light divisions

WASHINGTON—The Army plans to both convert the 7th Infantry Division at Fort Ord, Calif., to a light division and form a new light infantry division, Army Secretary John O. Marsh Jr. has announced.

Light divisions will have a strength of about 10,000 soldiers, compared with the 14,000 to 17,000 found in other divisions. About half the soldiers in light divisions will be combat infantrymen, a much higher percentage than that in other divisions.

No decision has been made on the home base of the new division, which will be formed from resources available from the conversion of the 7th Infantry Division and other adjustments throughout the Army. Fac-

tors involved in making the decision include availability of training areas, availability of troop and housing facilities, and availability of airfields for strategic deployment. The Army will man and equip the light divisions while continuing the modernization of its heavy forces.

This smaller division, which can be deployed in fewer than 500 C-141 sorties, will permit rapid deployment of Army forces without sacrificing fighting strength. The improved deployability of light divisions, combined with their capability to operate across a broad range of tactical conditions, will increase the deterrent value of Army forces and increase their flexibility. (Arnews)

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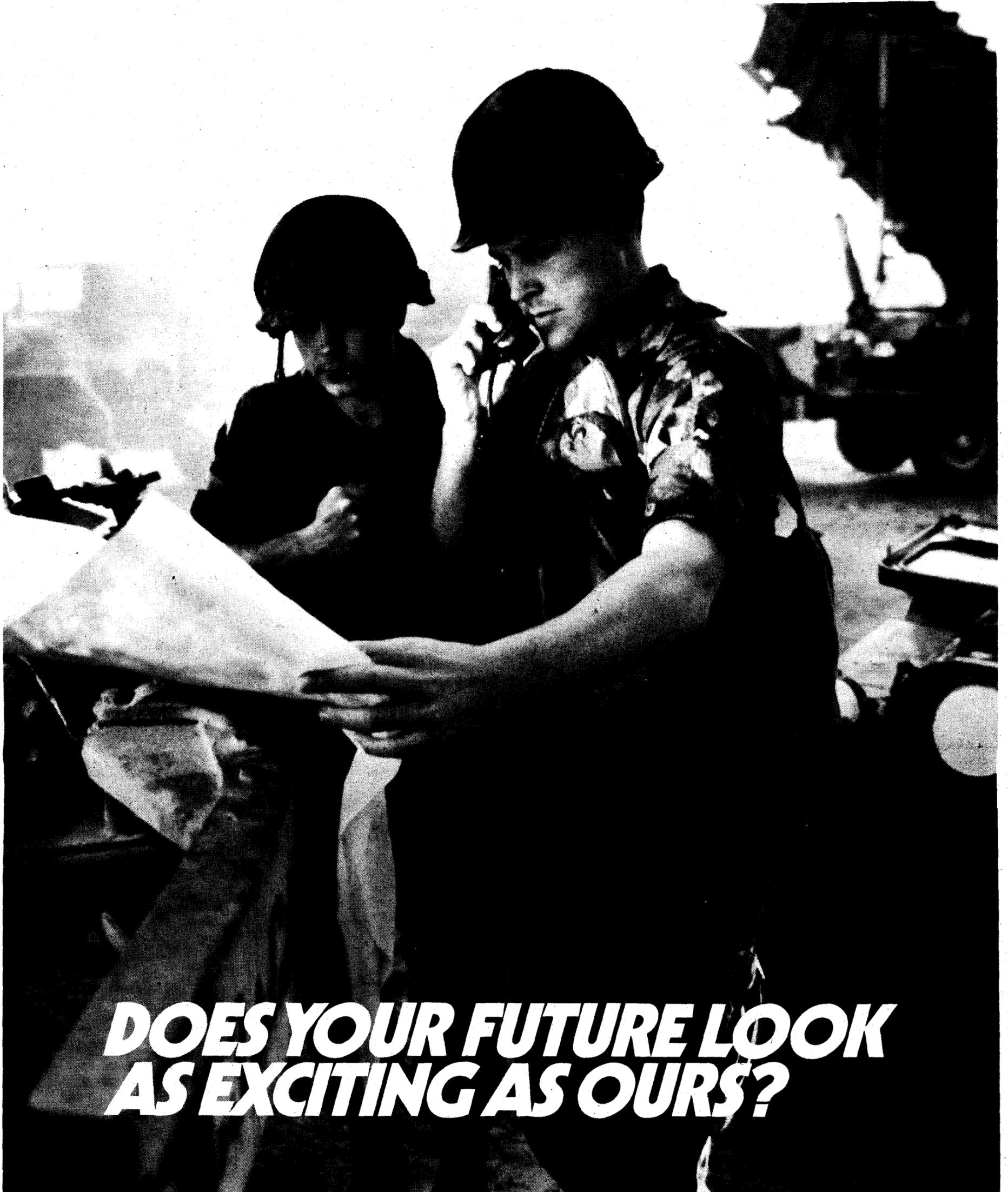
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Soldier managing as policeman and single parent

BY SHEILA WALKER

Being a military policeman is a difficult job. Being an MP and a single parent is doubly difficult, but Sp4 Prince Cummings is managing both quite well.

Cummings, who has been divorced for several years, and his 10-year-old son, Darrian, live together quietly in an apartment close to the arsenal.

"Things are working out pretty good now," says Cummings. "At the beginning, my son stayed with his mother because it was the traditional thing to let the mother retain custody of the child, but after a while I knew that it was right for my son to be with me."

This revelation didn't come to Cummings overnight. A lot of changes happened in the meantime.

He was 18 when he married Clesta, his high school sweetheart, and had Darrian. The marriage lasted about three years. At that time he was attending the Police Academy in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Cummings stayed in Cincinnati and became involved in a multitude of jobs and ventures. He did a stint as a night manager at a service station while working toward a degree in psychology and law enforcement. There were also jobs with a transportation company, professional theater, commercials, broadcasting and he was a spokesman for an Art Consortium.

"I had done just about everything. I was crazy," Cummings explained with a laugh.

He continued, "The only thing that I hadn't done that would impact strongly on a person was the military. The service was my biggest challenge. When I completed basic training I knew that I had accomplished my objective. I was very rebellious and to learn to take orders on the scale that I had to take them took a lot on my part."

Darrian is an A/B student at Morris Elementary School. He likes the violin that he's learning to play, math and science and all cartoons; but dislikes "animals who prey on other animals and pollution." The only thing he is undecided about is whether or not he likes girls. Like a lot of 10-year-olds, Darrian has three best friends and admitted shamefacedly to fighting occasionally.

Cummings added that his son is an unusually selfless person and says that he is amazed at how giving his son can be. The strong bond of trust between father and son is evident.

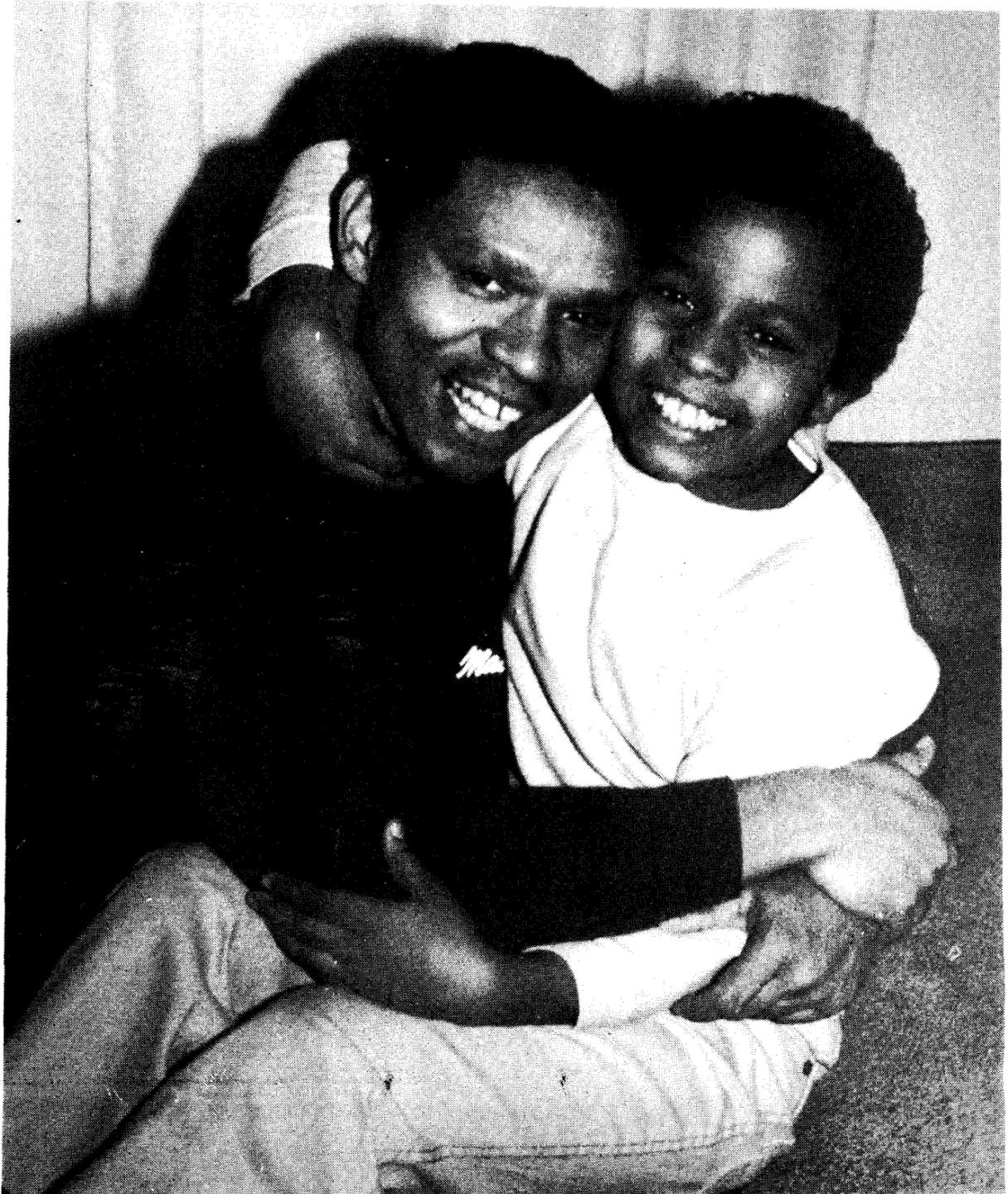
Cummings continued, "After I had been in the Army a while and started to think about reenlistment, I realized it would be a long time before I would see my son again. I missed him and he missed me. There was a constant nagging in my heart. It was a spiritual thing, I realized then that I needed to get my boy with me."

"The night-life was getting old. It wasn't satisfying to me anymore. My son needed me more than I needed the night-life. When I explained this to Clesta, she agreed and Darrian has been with me since last summer and it's been just great.

"I would have done anything to get my son. Luckily, the Army afforded me an environment to bring him to that was unblemished. It gave us a new start. We are like in the infant stage now. Sometimes I can't believe that this is my son. I am truly blessed.

"My superiors were instrumental in making this thing work. They were very considerate in arranging my schedule to allow me the time to be home after school."

Cummings has very strong feeling about men and



Sp4 Prince Cummings gives son Darrian a big bear hug. Cummings says he hugs his son everyday.

their children. He feels that most men love their children, but some are selfish and unsure of their role as fathers. They mess up because their heart isn't in it. Cummings feels that when they decide not to be selfish and go all the way, they turn out to be great parents.

He went on to say, "Sharing moments and giving moments to my boy is more satisfying than making myself happy. Being selfish and making yourself happy doesn't last, but you are accomplishing something

lasting when you make the other person happy."

"The world is very unpredictable place. Nothing is certain. It's wise to plan for the most vital and valuable things in the future. I plan to raise my boy to be a respectable individual because of all the love that I give him. He will be an asset to society and not a debit. The main thing is my child, and I plan to spend a lot of time with him."

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Verify Social Security number for IRS

WASHINGTON—Financial institutions are contacting depositors to verify Social Security numbers in compliance with a 1983 tax law.

Although part of the law calling for banks to withhold 10 percent of interest and dividends was repealed, taxpayers still must make sure banks have their correct Social Security number. Accounts maintained under incorrect Social Security numbers are subject to a withholding penalty of 20 percent of interest. This applies to present accounts and any account opened in the future. Other penalties, to include

fines, might result, say IRS officials.

The law helps the Internal Revenue Service monitor income from interest and dividends.

Compliance is simple enough. All a depositor needs to do is verify or correct the Social Security number on file with the bank.

Army finance officials encourage soldiers to go one step further and review all their financial documents for accuracy, including their leave and earnings statement. (Arnews)

Reserve Components improve aviation safety

WASHINGTON—Army guardsman and reservists succeeded in efforts to improve aviation safety and accident prevention programs during fiscal year 1983.

The Army National Guard reported only five major accidents in nearly 300,000 flying hours.

The Army Reserve reported no major accidents in more than 70,000 flying hours.

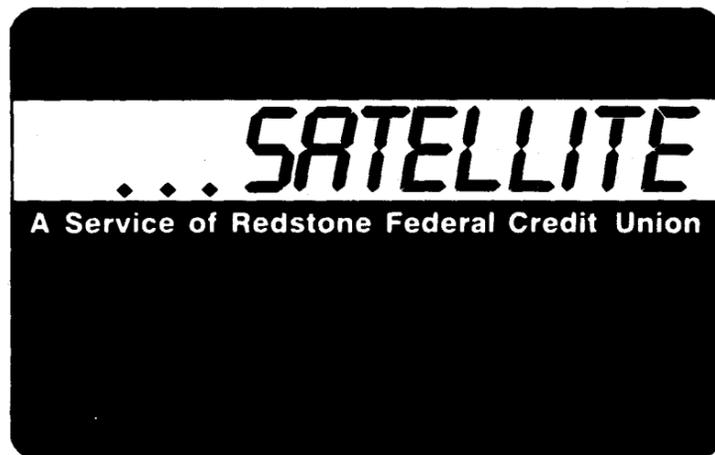
In a memorandum to the Secretary of Defense, Army Secretary John O. Marsh Jr. noted that this record shows a high degree of readiness in reserve component aviation, since "safe flying is one of the best indicators of proficient flying." (Arnews)

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Veterans' job training program pays employers

A little-known but already functioning veterans' jobs training program could pump millions of dollars into the Alabama economy during the next two years—provided the idea catches on with potential employers.

The program, implemented under the Emergency Veteran's Job Training Act of 1983, is aimed at finding jobs for unemployed Vietnam and Korean-era veterans and disabled veterans. Employers are paid an amount equal to half the veteran's salary, up to a \$10,000 limit, for training required for the job.

"This is probably the best jobs program to come along as far as employers are concerned, because it provides direct payment to an employer to hire an unemployed vet," said George Shellman, Veterans Services Division, Montgomery VA Regional Office.

The VA funnels the money to eligible employers, and the Labor Department helps identify eligible veterans through local state employment offices. Alabama's effort is being coordinated by the Mon-

gomery VA Regional Office.

"But while the money is waiting to be tapped," said Shellman, "just how much finds its way to Alabama depends on how much companies are willing to hire unemployed veterans into training positions.

"At a time when many companies are considering hiring more workers because of an improving economy, the jobs program could be a benefit for local employers," said Shellman.

According to Shellman, Alabama claims about 1.6 percent, or 436,000 of the country's veterans. A 1.6 percent share of the \$300 million potentially earmarked for the program in the next two years could translated into about \$4 million for Alabama. "That amount could go higher," said Shellman, "since the funds are awarded nationally on a first-come, first-served basis."

The program was implemented in December when funds were released by the Office of Management and Budget. "Word is just beginning to get out to

employers about the program. Once they hear about it, they're ready to sign on," he said.

To qualify, a veteran must have been unemployed for 15 of the previous 20 weeks. About 1,109 veterans have been approved for the program statewide, but only 351 job slots have been found.

"We know we have plenty of out-of-work veterans who can be put to work under this program," Shellman said. "Now we have to reach employers and show them how they can benefit. There's a considerable sum of money at stake, and we want to bring as much of it to Alabama as possible."

For more information about the veterans' jobs training program, you may call the Montgomery Regional Office on Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on toll-free lines. The telephone numbers are, Montgomery 262-7781; Birmingham 322-2492; Mobile 432-8645; and Huntsville 539-7742. For other localities call 1-800-392-8054.

Survey shows post movie theaters popular worldwide

DALLAS—There is no doubt in the minds of millions of military family member as to where to go when things get slow—they take in a movie at the base or post theater.

A recent survey conducted worldwide by the Army and Air Force Exchange Service revealed that 44 percent of those surveyed attended one of the 434 AAFES paid-admission motion picture theaters worldwide once or twice a month and another 23 percent, once a week or more.

Moviegoers also indicated that they attend AAFES theater because they are closer and less expensive. Forty-one percent said they attend AAFES theater only.

Although popular, AAFES theaters do have some problems. For instance, 10 percent of the respondents rated the sound systems worse than commercial theater. To overcome this, AAFES has already installed Dolby sound systems in 14 Conus theaters and eight more are scheduled for AAFES-Europe. Plans are to upgrade even more AAFES theater sound systems.

While the quality of sound was mentioned as a problem, respondents indicated that more current movies and a better selection would get them to attend AAFES theaters more often. Roger Wood, chief motion pictures branch, headquarters AAFES, is the man responsible for bringing movies to the military community. According to Wood, since AAFES has a limited audience and cannot guarantee the large box office draw that commercial theaters can, it must usually wait about 8 weeks after a national release to show "First-run" movies. Wood added that AAFES top management is scheduled to meet with motion picture industry leaders to convince them that the military wants and

can support earlier release of movies.

He also said that only 10-to-12 major films are released annually by Hollywood studios. AAFES theaters show about 150 different movies a year. "Most commercial theaters show a film for weeks or even months", Wood said. "We change every few days in our major theaters. To maintain this scheduled, naturally, we have to show repeats of the better attended movies."

Negotiations to bring patrons the major films of the year have already been concluded, said Wood. Among them are "Scarface," Starring Al Pacino; "To be or not to be," starring Mel Brooks; "Two of a Kind,"

starring Olivia Newton-John and John Travolta, and "Sudden Impact," starring Clint Eastwood, reportedly the biggest film so far this year. AAFES is also negotiating for the sequel to "Raiders of the Lost Ark" entitled "Indiana Jones and The Temple of Doom," starring Harrison Ford, and "Star Trek III: The search for Spock," starring William Shatner and Leonard Nimoy. All are scheduled for release this summer.

The AAFES survey was the first conducted on motion pictures worldwide. Nearly 2,900 exchange customers at 42 military installations participated. (Arnews)

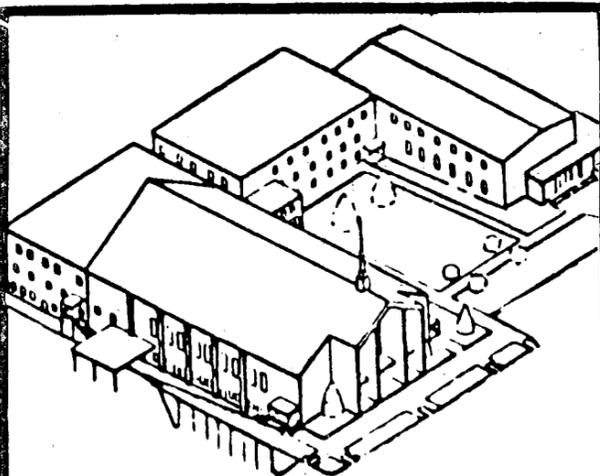
Spares hotline pays dividends

WASHINGTON—The Army logistics hotline set up to question prices of spare parts is paying dividends.

As of late January, officials report the hotline handled 228 calls, with almost half the calls coming in January. Thirty-three calls resulted in price changes; 88 calls resulted in prices being researched for possible change; and 107 calls resulted in prices being verified as correct.

The hotline operates 24 hours a day and may be reached by calling autovon 997-7431 or commercial (717) 782-7431. Callers must give their name, rank unit phone number, the stock number of the item, and the past and current price of the item in question. They should also give the month and year of the microfiche from which the current price was obtained.

During non-duty hours, the information will be recorded and a representative will check the price and answer your question. During duty hours, you should get an answer on the spot. (Arnews)



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Fitness program aided by menus

BY GINGER STEPHENS

The dining halls here are helping the Army's weight control program by teaching soldiers better eating habits through what they serve.

The present master menu plan, furnished months in advance to food service officers, has a nutritional analysis of enough calories to maintain soldiers in active combat units. The menu contains 4300 calories per day and it takes 3600 calories to gain one pound.

A revision to cut calories in the master menu plan is on the drawing board to give soldiers in less physically active positions a good maintenance food plan.

Weight watching is a matter of educating soldiers on what should be eaten to reach their ideal weight, according to Anthony Famiano, chief of the food service branch at Redstone.

"The company puts the soldier on a weight control program, we just serve the food and try to offer choices. If he knows what and how much to eat, it won't be a problem," he said.

If a meat is served fried it is also served baked to give the weight watcher the option. Vegetables are prepared without butter and desserts are served in smaller portions.

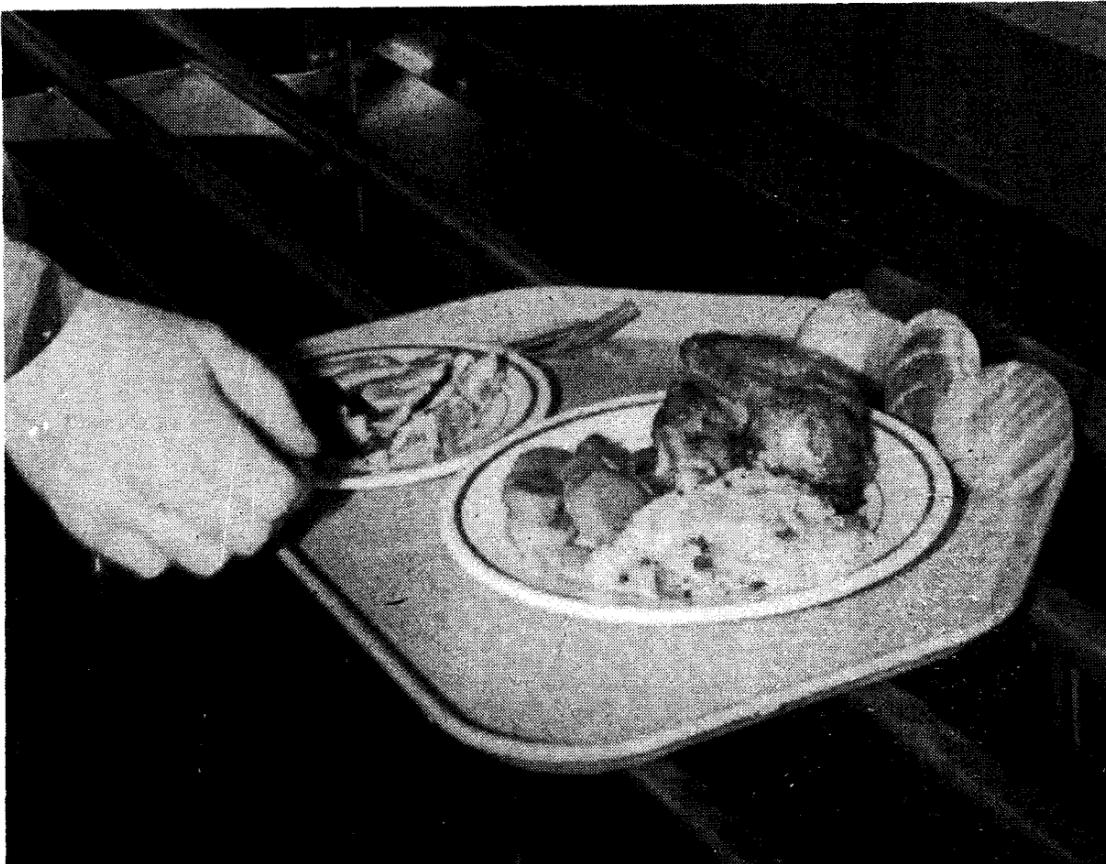
A salad bar has been added to the dining halls and is a "big seller." Various salads with regular and diet salad dressings are available.

Other educational avenues Famiano has taken is to post the calories of standard items served at the dining halls and a "Count Your Calories" guide including all food items to teach soldiers "it's not what you eat, it's how much you eat."

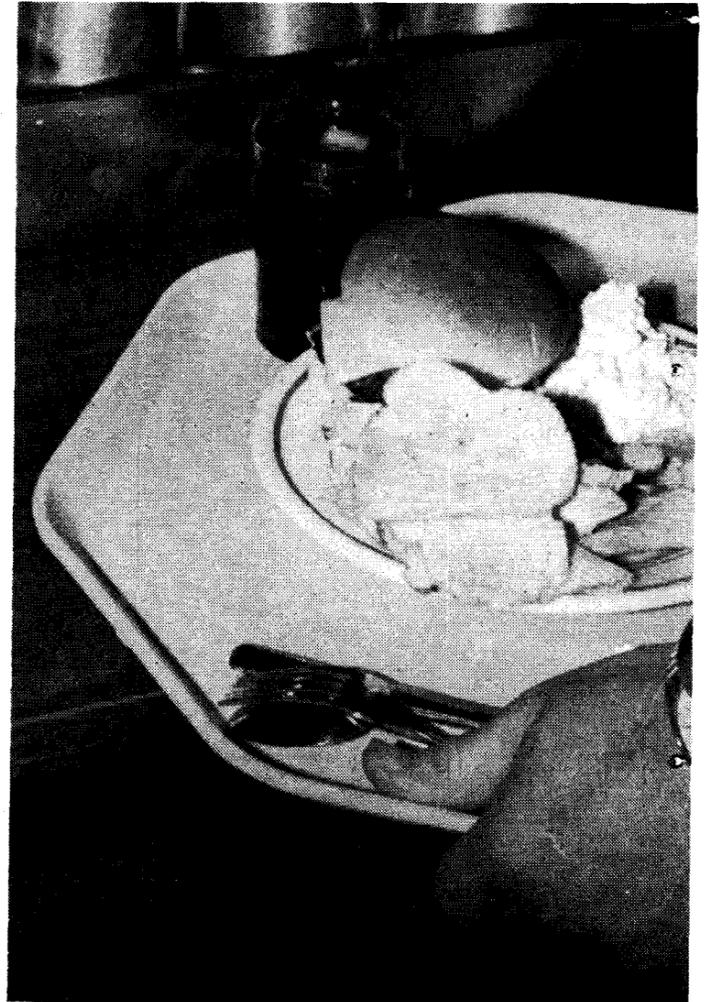
"The people we feed usually aren't the ones on the weight program," said Famiano. "We usually feed the younger, more active soldier. It's the older, less active soldiers with the weight problems."

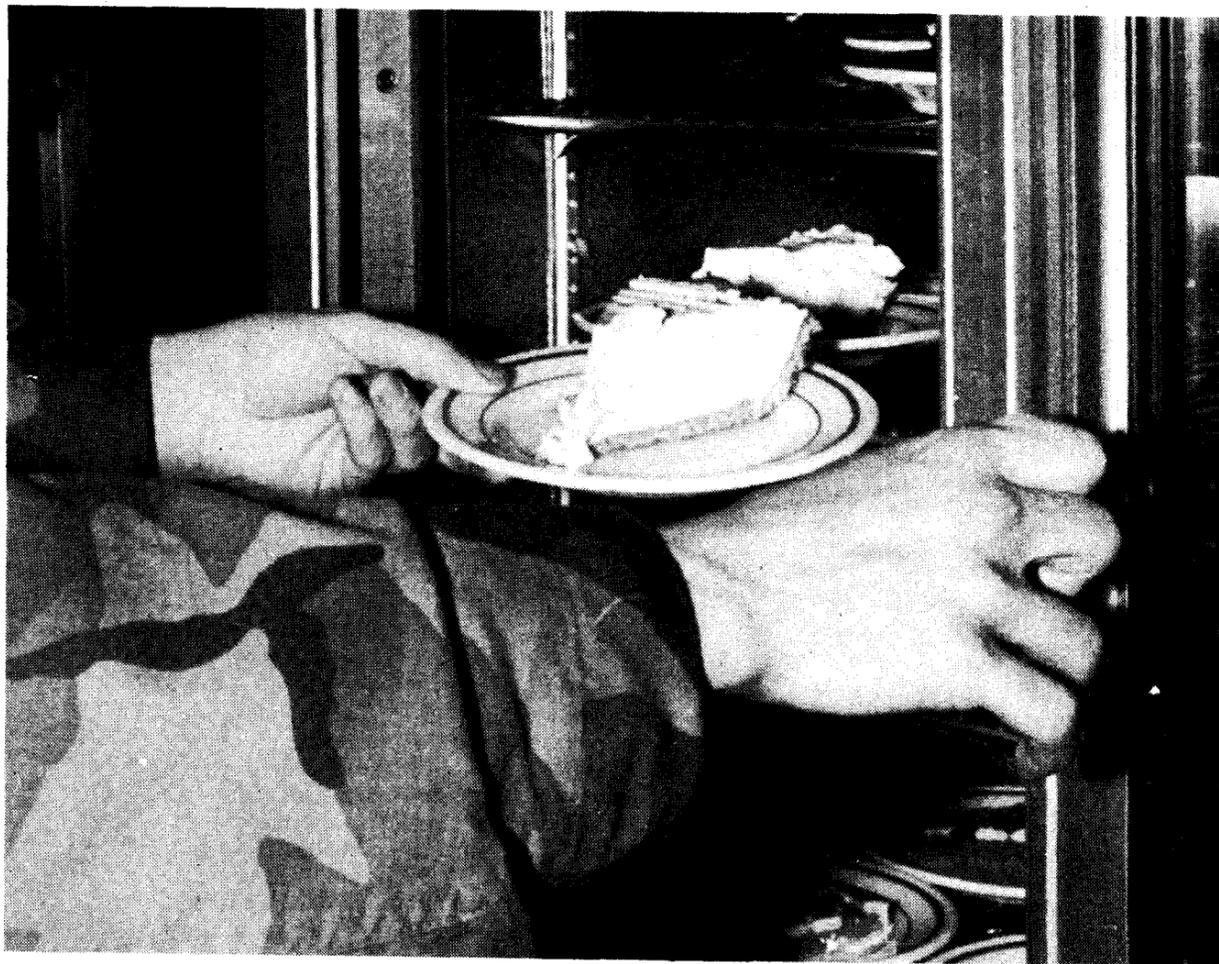


SOLDIERS go through full meal line in military dining facility.



WELL-BALANCED meals are served three times a day. At right is a short-order plate.





DESSERTS are served in smaller portions but patrons can always return for more.



MARINES enjoy lunch break in dining facility.

Redstone chapels offer many ways to get involved

BY LIBBI CROWE

When the furniture is settled and the clothes unpacked, often your first thought after a move is how to get involved in your new community. Getting to know the people and what's going on can sometimes be hard.

On Redstone Arsenal, the chapels are a good place to start. Post Chapel is near Gate 10 on Patton Road in building 3714. The offices of the post chaplain, his administrative staff and the offices of several chaplains are in this chapel. The phone numbers for these offices are 876-2409 and 876-5751.

Bicentennial Chapel, built in 1976, is building 376 on Goss Road. This chapel has a large sanctuary, meeting rooms and classrooms, and offices for chaplains and chapel activities specialists. The phone numbers there are 876-5707 or 876-3433.

Knowing where they are is just the beginning. What's going on in these chapels is as varied as the population of Redstone Arsenal.

Chaplain (Col.) Delbert Gremmels is the staff chaplain and the post chaplain. In these capacities, he oversees all the activities, events and services offered by the chapels. His office is at Post Chapel.

Special events

Special events happen often at the Redstone Arsenal chapels. The chapels observe both the National Prayer Breakfast and the National Day of Prayer. In February gospel singer Algetha will be featured, for Black History Month. Marriage renewal programs will be offered by both the Protestant and Catholic parishes during February also.

Vacation church schools in the summer, always a treat, will include the Wickstrom's Kids Crusades during August.

Throughout the year, the chapels offer seminars and workshops on subjects ranging from community problems to drug abuse and special features such as Chris-

tian entertainment groups.

But a family new to Redstone may enjoy more the activities that happen on a regular basis.

Every Wednesday morning at 6:00, a Prayer Breakfast at Post Chapel features a guest speaker, music and fellowship. This popular weekly gathering is open to everyone. For information on this program contact Chaplain Cecil Ryland at Post Chapel, phone 876-2409.

The Sunday before mid-month payday, the Economy Couples hold a dinner at Post Chapel. A social organization to reach persons living on the economy, this group gathers at 4 p.m. for fellowship, a pot luck dinner and informative programs, speakers and seminars. In February, this group plans a special seminar on parenting skills. Chaplain Delbert G. Payne of Post Chapel is in charge, phone 876-2409.

Protestant activities

Protestant Youth have two groups for young people and several Sunday school classes at Bicentennial Chapel. Chaplain Guy Lindsey is in charge of these. Patti Wilson, also at Bicentennial Chapel, is director of religious education for the Protestant parish adults and children. Classes for all ages are held at Bicentennial on Sundays at 9:15 a.m. Subjects in the adult classes include discussion groups and Bible study.

Protestant Women of the Chapel meet every third Thursday at 9:30 a.m. at Bicentennial Chapel for programs and fellowship. This group is active in programs for outreach, study and community involvement.

The Protestant choirs sing at the Sunday morning services at the Post Chapel (9:00) and Bicentennial Chapel (10:45). Rehearsals are Wednesday at 7 p.m. for the Post Chapel choir and Thursday at 7 p.m. for the Bicentennial choir.

A variety of study groups and classes are available through the chapels. Call the chapels for information about them.

Active parish

Redstone Arsenal enjoys a very active Catholic parish, headed by Father Donald Breaker.

Confraternity of Christian Doctrine classes are held Sundays for pre-school through adult at 10:45 on Sunday mornings at Bicentennial Chapel.

Other activities for children include the Catholic Youth Organization which meets Sundays at Bicentennial Chapel at 10:45, and Knights of the Altar, which meet on the first Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at Bicentennial Chapel.

Adults also can become involved in parish activities through the Lay Eucharistic Ministers, and the Usher and Lector Program. The musically inclined will enjoy the Adult Choir; practices are Wednesdays at 7 p.m. for the Bicentennial choir and Saturdays at 4 p.m. for the Post Chapel choir.

Masses are held often at both Chapels: Monday through Friday at noon at Bicentennial, Saturday at 5 p.m. at Post Chapel, Sunday at 9:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. at Bicentennial and 11 a.m. at Post Chapel and at other times as announced in the bulletins and the Rocket. Confessions are heard on Saturdays from 4-4:45 p.m..

Services in Spanish and Korean are held regularly. These communities are active at Redstone, holding potluck dinners, Masses, Bible study classes and other activities in addition to the ones they share with the community at large.

The Catholic Women of the Chapel meet the first Friday of the month at 9 a.m. at the Bicentennial Chapel. This group has outreach programs, field trips and many other interesting programs.

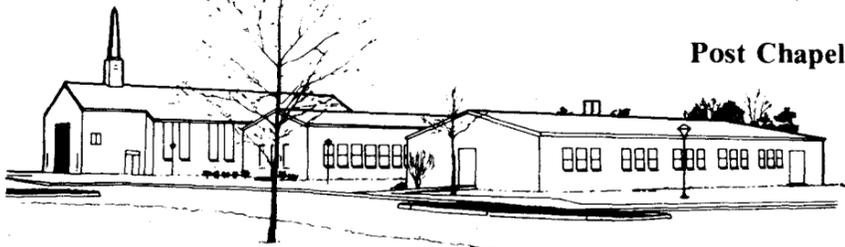
Jewish activities

Robert Scott is the Rabbi for Jewish personnel on Redstone Arsenal. He may be reached by calling 536-4771. He often holds classes on the arsenal, as interest allows.

In summary, the chapels at Redstone Arsenal are full of active groups which can make a new family feel at home.



Post Chapel Building 3714



Bicentennial Chapel Building 376

Medicare tax deductible on Alabama returns

The 1.3 percent Medicare tax on federal paychecks may not be deductible on federal tax returns, but it is on Alabama's.

"It's not deductible on federal but it is on the state," said Sam Johnson, a revenue examiner in the Huntsville office, State Department of Revenue. "It's deductible under your state return under the tax section just like your Social Security tax is."

"It's part of Social Security. Federal employees don't pay Social Security but they pay that portion of it," he added.

The Social Security rate last year was 6.7 percent. Federal employees didn't pay that 6.7 but they did pay the 1.3 percent for Medicare. The 1.3 percent can be deducted on the Alabama returns. "I can only speak for Alabama. I don't know about the others," Johnson said.

For more information on Alabama tax returns, call the revenue department's Huntsville office 539-1749.

Display honors war prisoners

WASHINGTON—A permanent display in the Pentagon to honor American prisoners of war and those missing in action was dedicated Jan. 27.

The ceremony featured remarks by Secretary of defense Caspar W. Weinberger, who said that there are still 2,490 Americans unaccounted for from the Vietnam conflict alone.

"We reaffirm our total commitment to a full accounting of our countrymen," he said during the dedication ceremony. "No matter how long it takes, we mean to honor our commitment to resolve this issue."

The display, listing all the names of Americans unaccounted for, occupies part of the "E" ing between the seventh and eighth corridors.(Arnews)

Apply now for summer work

WASHINGTON—Military family members considering summer work need to contact their local civilian personnel office now to submit an application for hire.

Army personnel officials explain that filing deadlines vary by geographical area but that in most cases applications must reach the CPO by March 15.

Clerical positions such as clerk-typist and clerk-stenographer head the list of the most-available jobs. Non-clerical work includes vacancies for lifeguards, accountants, park aids and computer operators, as ex-

amples.

Weekly salaries range from GS-1 to the GS-4 level, amounting to about \$167 to \$230, respectively.

Details are published in the "U.S. office of personnel management summer jobs announcement No. 414," found at the local CPO or at any OPM federal job information center.

Persons under 18 might need a work permit. So officials say applicants should check first with state and local authorities.(Arnews)

Technical support proposals sought

The Army's Ballistic Missile Defense Systems Command has issued a competitive solicitation for a multi-million-dollar contract to provide system engineering and technical assistance in support of its research and demonstration programs.

The winning contractor will play a significant role in BMD Systems Command activities by developing plans, conducting studies, and performing analyses relating to ballistic missile defense system experiments, technology demonstrations and advanced engineering

development programs. The work will also include analyses of hardware and software produced by other contractors and evaluating test results.

The period of performance will be three years with two one-year extension options available to the Army.

Solicitation packages were mailed on Jan. 31 to all firms which have expressed interest in this requirement based on a preliminary notice. Responses are due April 2. Announcement of the award is expected in late summer, and performance of the work will begin in October.

Picker predicts tough week for Virginia Cavaliers

BY SKIP VAUGHN

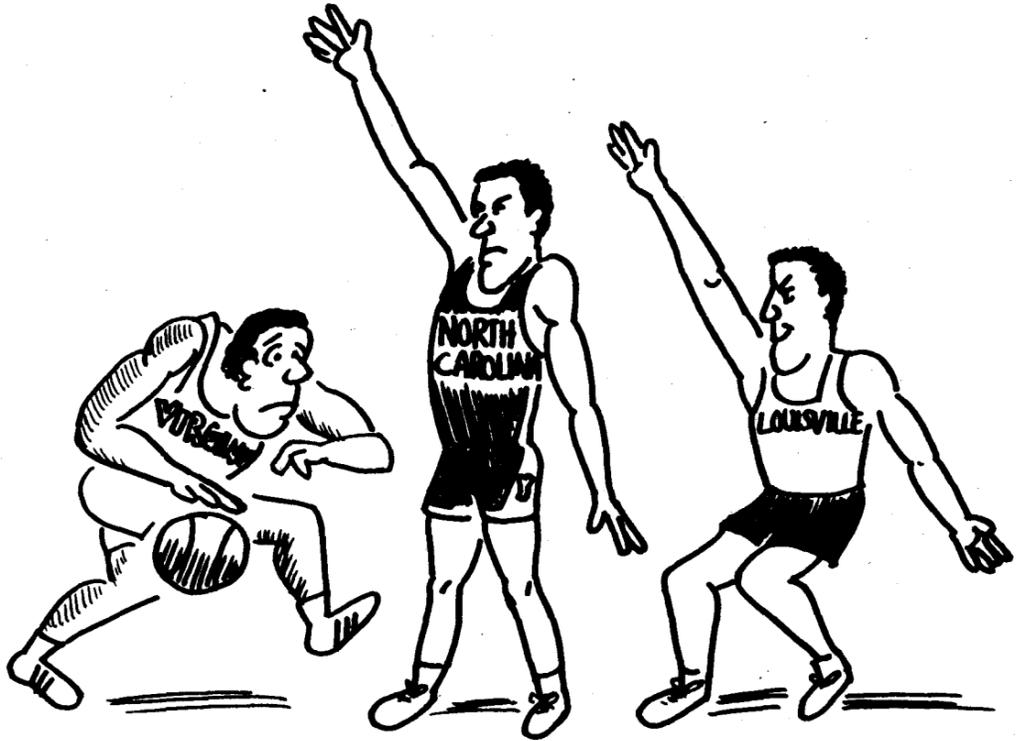
The Virginia Cavaliers have a tough week ahead of them.

First they take on top-ranked North Carolina at home then travel to Louisville. And this year they don't have 7-4 Ralph Sampson to help in the middle.

Other games this week include Auburn at Kentucky and DePaul at Notre Dame.

Last week's picks resulted in a 19-9 record, bringing the season totals to 94-46. Here are Skip's Picks for this week in major college basketball:

- St. Leo at Florida (Feb. 8)—Fla.
- Oklahoma at Nebraska (Feb. 8)—Okla.
- Memphis State at Virginia Tech (Feb. 8)—State
- North Carolina at Virginia (Feb. 9)—NC
- Notre Dame at Rutgers (Feb. 9)—Notre Dame
- Oregon State at Southern Cal (Feb. 9)—OSU
- Alabama at Georgia (Feb. 10)—Bama
- Auburn at Kentucky (Feb. 11)—Ky.
- Florida at Vanderbilt (Feb. 11)—Vandy
- Mississippi State at Tenn. (Feb. 11)—Tenn.
- Minnesota at Indiana (Feb. 11)—Ind.
- Michigan State at Mich. (Feb. 11)—Mich.
- Virginia at Louisville (Feb. 11)—Louisville
- Brigham Young at Georgetown (Feb. 11)—Georgetown
- DePaul at Notre Dame (Feb. 11)—DePaul
- South Alabama at Ala.-Birmingham (Feb. 11)—UAB
- Arkansas at Southern Methodist (Feb. 11)—Ark.
- Providence at Boston College (Feb. 11)—BC
- Clemson at South Carolina (Feb. 11)—SC
- St. John's at Connecticut (Feb. 11)—St. John's



- Duke at Maryland (Feb. 11)—Maryland
- Memphis State at Florida State (Feb. 11)—Memphis
- Houston at Texas (Feb. 11)—Houston
- Army at Iona (Feb. 11)—Iona

- Oregon State at UCLA (Feb. 11)—UCLA
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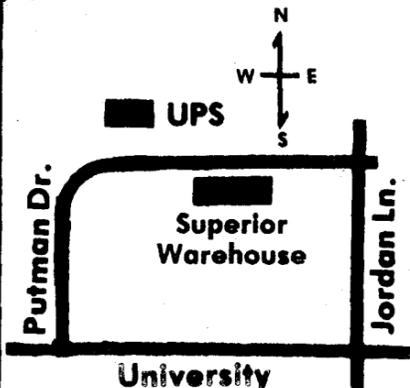
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Top BMD scientist honored by group

Vahey Kupelian, an aerospace scientist who for nearly 25 years has been a prime mover in the advancing technology for defense against strategic nuclear missiles, has received the Missile Systems Award of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA).

The award was presented Feb. 1 at the banquet of the AIAA's biennial Strategic Systems Conference at the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, Calif.

Kupelian is chief scientist of the Army's Ballistic Missile Defense (BMD) Organization, a position he has held since April 1983. Though employed by various arms of the Defense Department since 1960, his work has focused on various facets of a single problem: strategic defense of the United States.

Kupelian was chosen for AIAA's Missile Systems Award on the basis of his major role in advancing technology for high-performance interceptor missiles which are crucial to developing an effective defense against ballistic missiles. His contributions in this area were made primarily while with the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (1960-68) and the Army Advanced Ballistic Missile Defense Agency (1968-77).

Three of the most significant results of Kupelian's efforts in the field of BMD technology were experimental interceptors known by the program names of HiBEX (High-Acceleration Maneuverable Booster Flight Experiment), UpSTAGE (Upper Stage Acceleration and Guidance Experiment) and HIT

(Homing Intercept Technology).

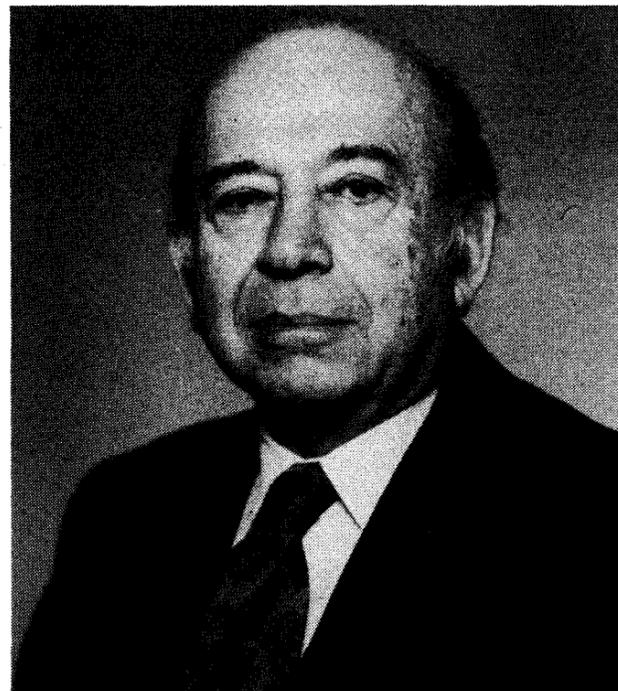
The HiBEX and UpSTAGE flight vehicles demonstrated unprecedented levels of interceptor missile performance, pushing up missile accelerations, speeds and control responses by about an order of magnitude. Technology developed in these two programs formed much of the basis for some of the BMD concepts being explored into the 1980s.

While Kupelian was chief of missile development for the Army Advanced BMD Agency, an experimental miniature homing interceptor was developed under the HIT program. Weighing only a few pounds, this missile paved the way for nonnuclear interceptor concepts that could destroy strategic nuclear missiles above the atmosphere.

The Radar Homing Guided Interceptor program of the 1970s, which Kupelian directed, developed additional technology applicable for close-in BMD homing interception and nonnuclear kill within the atmosphere.

Kupelian was presented the Department of Defense Meritorious Civilian Service Award in 1967 while with the Advanced Research Projects Agency. He received the Decoration for Exceptional Civilian Service in 1975 while with the Army Advanced BMD Agency.

In his present position, Kupelian is the principal adviser to the BMD program manager on scientific and technical issues associated with the BMD mission.



Vahey Kupelian

Optics expert heads development at BMD systems

Dr. William O. Davies, an optics expert who has made many contributions to antiballistic missile technology, has been named to head the Systems Development Directorate of the Army's Ballistic Missile Defense Systems Command.

Davies, who headed the Optics Directorate of the BMD Advanced Technology Center for more than 14 years, took charge of Systems Development Directorate last week. He succeeds John E. Reece, who returned to private industry at the end of December.

The Systems Development Directorate is responsible for research and development of the components for a generic BMD system concept. Such a system could provide defense for a variety of strategic targets, such as U.S. intercontinental ballistic missiles, against at-

tack by an enemy's ICBMs.

Davies has contributed extensively to the advancement of aeronautical science during a distinguished 33-year career. He has been recognized for outstanding performance repeatedly during his government service.

As director of the Advanced Technology Center's Optics Directorate since 1969, Davies has headed a program that formulates and conducts research and development in optics and its applications to ballistic missile defense. Under his guidance, optics has been developed from an embryonic technology with principal value as a diagnostic tool to a weapons system technology of demonstrated credibility.



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Marriage renewal program planned for Valentines



Renewing marriage vows is something Catholic parishoners at Redstone can share with their "Valentines" again this year.

The Catholic Women of the Chapel are sponsoring a marriage renewal program at the Bicentennial Chapel on Feb. 17 at 6:30 p.m.

The program will include a mass and attending couples can renew their marriage vows. A brief social time and photo session will follow. Dinner, catered by Huntsville's Rib Cellar, will be served at 8 p.m. and a social hour will close the evening.

The Catholic Women of the Chapel spend many hours creating hand-made decorations for this occasion each year. Silver wedding bells, silk flowers, and cupids, will deck the dining room to add that special touch for the valentines participating this year.



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Security upsets F & A in hoops action

If there's turmoil and uncertainty in the CWF basketball league, it's safe to say that you can blame Security.

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Security knocked off once-beaten F&A, 83-76, Thursday night, to drop the money boys from a tie for the league championship and left P&P #2 alone atop the standings with only one game remaining.

But that game, scheduled for tomorrow night in the old post gym, promises to be a humdinger.

P&P #2 and F&A collide in the season finale that could decide the 1983-84 championship. If P&P #2 wins, it's all over. If F&A comes out on top, they once again are tied for first.

Security's big victory over F&A was led by Leon "Truck" Williams who had 26 points and 15 rebounds, followed by Mason Hammons with 15, James Nesmith 13 and Abdullah Muhammad 12. Muhammad also hit six free throws in the final minute of play.

F&A was sparked by James Battle with 24 while DeWayne Kelly and Keith Frost had 14 each.

P&P #2, meanwhile, rolled past Comptrollers 81-58 behind Willie Epps with 34 points, Terry Whitman 11

and Ted Gunn 10. James Lanier had 16 and Larry Gopher 14 for Comptrollers.

In other games last week, Missile Systems defeated Corps of Engineers 104-63; Security turned back Green Machine 79-68; Green Machine stopped T&E 77-45; and Structures won by forfeit over Missile Labs.

Larry Cable with 29, Autro Whitman 21, Adrian Abrams 14, Glenn Gurley 14, Leonard Luqman and Marvin Nobles 12 each led Missile Systems. For COE, Weldon Ragland had 21 and Greg Smith 15.

Security got 23 from Joe Eason, followed by James Nesmith 17, Leon Williams and Mason Hammons 14 each in beating Green Machine while Buphus Nall had 27 and Charles Upshaw 18 for the losers.

In stopping T&E, Green Machine got 30 from Paul Vogt and 13 from Dan Edwards while Ricky Wilbanks had 18 and Barry Belew 16 for T&E.

3. Security	7-3
4. Green Machine	6-3
5. Missile Systems	6-3
6. Comptroller	6-4
7. Structures	4-4
8. COE	4-5
9. T&E	3-7
10. Missile Labs	1-8

Top 10 Scorers		Avg.
Name	Team	
1. Willie Epps	P&P #2	37.9
2. Terry Whitman	P&P #2	16.8
3. George Snyder	Structures	16.7
4. Larry Gopher	Comptroller	16.5
5. Buphus Nall	Green Machine	16.4
6. Larry Cable	Missile Systems	16.4
7. James Battle	F&A	16.3
8. Leon Williams	Security	16.3
9. Steve Lide	COE	16.1
10. Dave Smith	Green Machine	16.1
11. Autro Whitman	Missile Systems	16
12. Joe Eason	Security	15.9
13. James Nesmith	Security	15.8
14. Weldon Ragland	COE	15.5

CWF standings

Team	Record
1. P&P #2	8-1
2. F&A	7-2

Troop standings

Conference	W	L
Eastern Conference		
Company A	9	1
HHC	9	2
8th Student Company	3	6
515th Ordnance Company	2	3
TMDE (95th Serv Company)	0	8
Marines	0	7
291st MP Company		(Forfeited- out of league)
Western Conference		
B Company	8	1
6th Student Company	8	3
4th Student Company	8	3
MEDDAC	5	3
7th Student Company	5	3
A Company # 2	5	6
5th Student Company	2	5

Company A tops HHC in troop basketball action

BY PRENTISS THOMAS

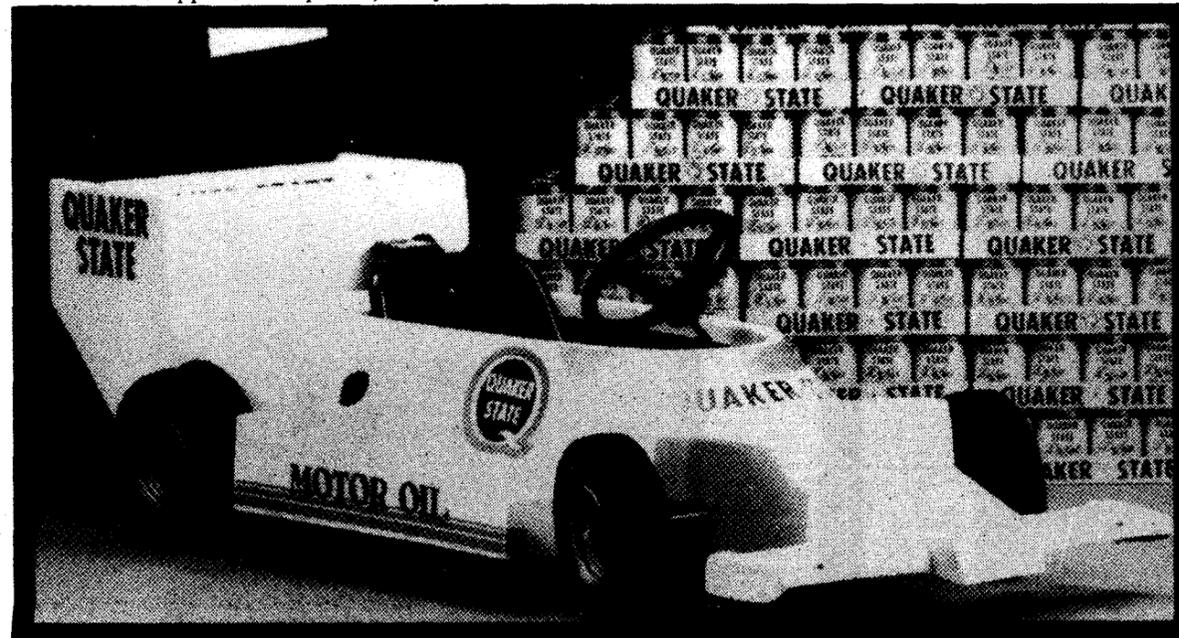
In one of the biggest games of the season, A Company beat HHC, 53-43 on Jan. 30.

The game was simply no contest as Sp4 William Kelly of Company A outran and outshot HHC's players for a victory that gave them a two-game lead in the Eastern Conference.

However, the big surprise game was played on Feb. 1 when the Bravo Company upset the Eastern conference champs, A Company, 60-58.

A Company, still riding high after soundly defeating HHC was stunned when B Company, the Western Division leader played up to its potential.

SSgt. Cornelious Williams led the scoring with 10 points and 15 rebounds, and Sgt. Terry Adams, considered to be one of the best allround players at Redstone, scored 26 points. This performance gained for Adams the lead in scoring for Bravo Company.



THE PRIZE—A "mini-racer" worth \$1,200 will be given away during the Post Exchange's "Washington's Birthday Sale" which will feature 10W40 motor oil at significant savings along with other bargains. Drawings for the "mini-racer" will be held Feb. 21 at 12:30 p.m. at the main exchange. Entry forms are available at the main exchange, troop store and service station.

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Basketball league's top scorer is contract specialist

BY SKIP VAUGHN

By day he's a contract specialist, by night he's the top scoring threat of the civilian basketball league.

He's Willis (known as Willie) Epps, record-setting center for the P&P 2 team. Epps works in the Stinger procurement office in Procurement and Production Directorate where he says the same team effort applies as on a basketball court.

"Our job here is to work with the team we have set up and our ultimate job is to buy a product that will be useful to the soldier in the field," says the 6-4 Michigan native. "I relate that to the same type teamwork as in basketball, everyone pulling together for the common goal."

Basketball is a hobby for him (though his wife sometimes thinks it's an obsession). He played on a junior high team in his hometown of Benton Harbor in southwest Michigan. His interest in basketball grew when he failed to make the high school team.

Epps started practicing in the summer and played for the remainder of his high school days in YMCA and church leagues. He tried out his first year at Lake Michigan Junior College and made the team.

"I only played one year and then next year I was married, so I didn't really have the time to participate like I wanted to," says Epps.

That 1972-73 season was quite a one-year career. He averaged about 18 points per game with a top game of 30 points. The team ended up as co-champions of a midwest league that included teams from Illinois, Indiana and Michigan.

Lake Michigan Junior College lost in the year-end tournament, a defeat in the region quarterfinals at the hands of Vincennes Junior College from Indiana. "They beat us by about 6 or 7 points," Epps recalls.

He had a possible chance at a scholarship to Western Michigan but didn't pursue it. Epps calls that missed opportunity his only regret in basketball.

"I guess about the only regret I'd have is the fact I didn't take advantage of the opportunity I had to pay for my education through the use of basketball in my early years," he says. "Not taking advantage of the opportunity that was presented to me after I initially started playing in junior college."

Epps came south instead to attend Oakwood College in Huntsville. "There they don't have any really organized athletic program so I played intramurals while I attended Oakwood," he says. He was there from 1979-81 and was graduated with a bachelor's degree in accounting.

Two years later Epps received a master's in business administration from Alabama A&M University. He had started work here in October 1981 on the Co-op program and became a "permanent" employee when he received his master's degree last May.

The 29-year-old contract specialist has been the Civilian Welfare League's top scorer all three years he has played. P&P 2 came into existence in 1981 and he has played with the team since the beginning.

"I tend to try to have the same type of attitude whether we win or lose. The main thing is the recreation aspect of it," says Epps.

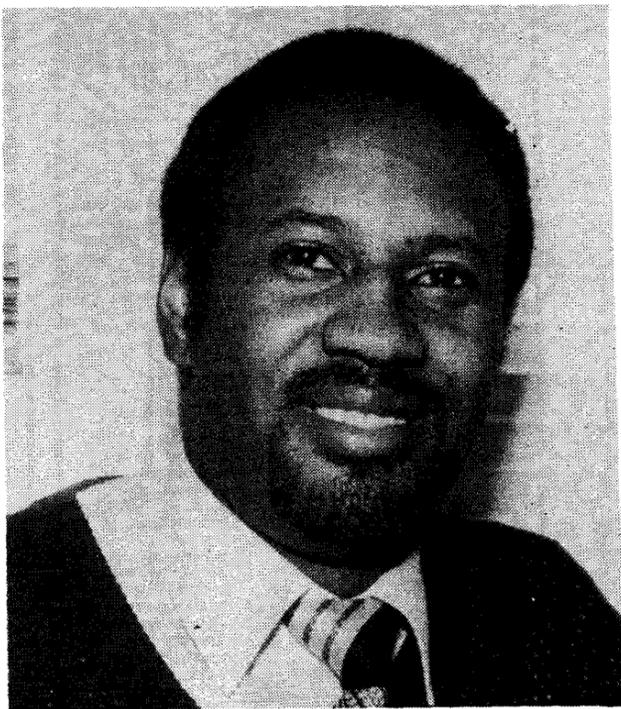
He and his wife, the former Mary Lee of Detroit, have two sons and a daughter. Willis Jr. is 10, Adrian 6 and Angela 7.

Epps tries to put forth "100 percent" on the court. "Mentally I try to put forth 100 percent though I'm sure physically it's not 100 percent all the time," he says. Being one of the last to get cut from the high school team was a "driving force."

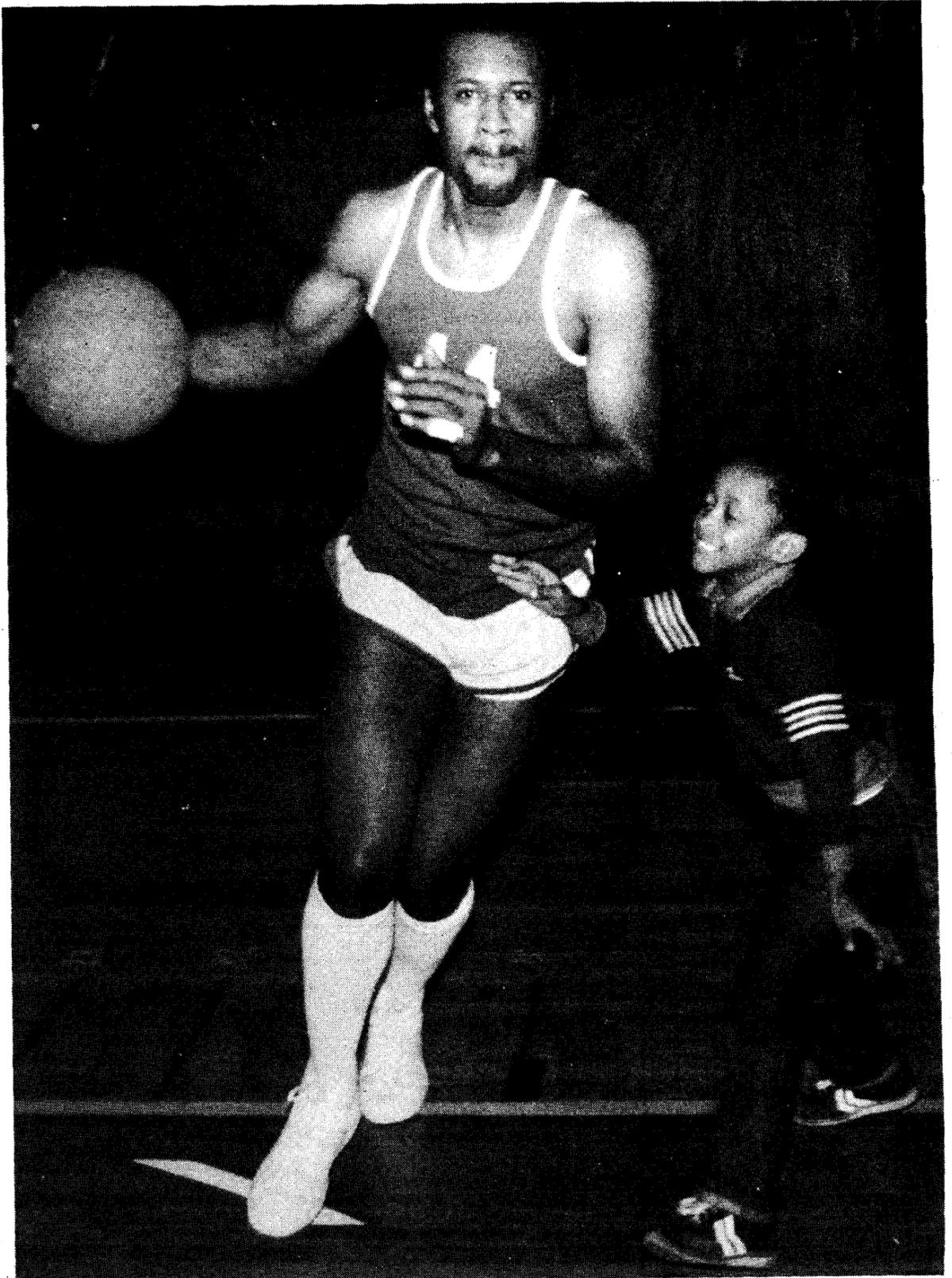
"I guess I wanted to prove that basketball was something that I could do if I really wanted to," says Epps.

He attributes much of his success on the court to his teammates who are "unselfish" in passing the ball. "The team we have this year gives me a lot of opportunities to score," he says.

To Epps, it's the same as in buying missile items. It just takes teamwork.



WILLIS "Willie" Epps works in Stinger procurement office of Procurement and Production Directorate.



EPPS demonstrates move to hoop for a young admirer.

Activation set for new Company C

Provisional Company C will be activated in the quadrangle behind Company A at 4 p.m., Feb. 15, with a reception afterwards.

Capt. John N. Turner, Commander of Co. A, extends an invitation to all soldiers and their family members to attend the ceremony.

Company C's staff will be: company commander, 1st Lt. John Rickling; executive officer, 2nd Lt. Cheryl Davis; first sergeant, MSG, Kerry Pennington; operations NCO, SFC Stephen Cook; Training NCO Sp5 George Howe; supply NCO Sgt. Conrad Bias; Supply

clerk; Pvt, Terry Winterheimer, and company clerk, PFC Chae Kim.

On Dec. 16, the MMCS commandant approved the activation of third staff and faculty company in 1st Battalion. The decision was made to provide better service to permanent party soldiers by eliminating the administrative and management problems associated with a company in excess of 700 personnel. Several options for handling these problems were considered and splitting Company A was chosen as the most feasible.



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Overeaters anonymous

Overeaters Anonymous, a support group for compulsive overeaters, holds several meetings throughout the week at various locations in the Huntsville area. There are no dues or fees or weigh-ins. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop overeating. OA meets at Fox Army Hospital at 7 p.m. on Fridays. For more information call 532-7013.

Sweetheart banquet

The annual Sweetheart Banquet will be held at Bicentennial Chapel on Feb. 14. Activities will begin at 5 p.m., when pictures of all couples will be taken, and end about 7 p.m. The Rev. Bernard Anson, pastor of Ascension Lutheran Church in Huntsville, is the scheduled speaker. His theme will be "P.S. I Love You." Tickets are \$2.50 each at Bicentennial Chapel and Post Chapel.

"Soul" food served

Every Wednesday during February, Black History Month, "soul" food will be served at the troop dining facilities for all military personnel. Ribs, chitterlings, neck bones, pigs feet, black eye peas, and ham hocks are some of the foods to be served.

Blood program

The bloodmobile will be at building 3408 (515th Ordnance Co) today from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Feb. 10 - building 4566 from 8 a.m.-noon and building 4488 from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. For more information call Donna McVay at 876-7621 or 876-2718.

Preretirement orientation

The next preretirement orientation for military personnel with 19 or more years of active service will be conducted at 8 a.m. in the post theater, building 3712 on Feb. 24. Representatives from the Veterans Administration, Employment Office, Post Finance, Post Transportation and others will be there to answer questions relating to benefits after retirement. Spouses are encouraged to attend. For more information call 876-2022.

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Courthouse tours

The Madison County Tourism Board is offering tours of the Madison County Courthouse to organized groups. These tours are given by trained volunteers and last approximately 45 minutes. Additional time may be spent in departments of particular interest to the group. For more information call the Madison County Tourism Board at 534-0638.

Black History Month social

A "coffee house" social will be held Feb. 9 as a Black History Month event. The social will include poetry readings and will start at 5 p.m. at the recreation center.

Government accountants

The North Alabama Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants will meet Thursday, Feb. 16 at Michael's Restaurant, Ramada Inn. Social hour will be at 6 p.m. with dinner, a fashion show, and program to follow. Bill Easterling, **Huntsville Times** columnist, will speak on the topic "Off The Wall." For reservations call Debbie Rosenblum, 876-8385, or Tom Bair, 895-3192.

Youth soccer

Registration for the spring youth soccer program will be Saturday, Feb. 18, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Bicentennial Chapel. Boys and girls age 5-16 are eligible to play. A registration fee will be collected. Spring soccer will not interfere with youth baseball and softball programs. Call 876-KIDS for more information.

Coaches, referees wanted

There will be a meeting of anyone interested in coaching or refereeing in the spring soccer program on Feb. 21 at 7 p.m. at the Bicentennial Chapel. Assistant coaches are also needed. For additional information call Tom Simcox 837-4666 or 876-4541.

Post Theater

Tonight—Valley Girl (R) at 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday —Nate and Hayes (PG) at 7 p.m. Saturday—Cartoon features Mickey's Christmas Carol and The Rescuers (G) at 7 p.m. Saturday late show Karate Warriors (R) at 9:30 p.m. Sunday and Monday—D.C. Cab (R) at 7 p.m. Tuesday—Amityville 3-D (PG) at 7 p.m.

CWF financial statement

This financial statement current through Dec. 31, 1983 was compiled by the Civilian Welfare Fund Council in accordance with the MICOM-AFGE Local 1858 agreement which requires quarterly publication of a CWF financial status report and itemized expenditures.

Current Assets:	\$30,778.81
Total Fixed Assets, Less Depr	25,230.90
Other Assets	909.30
Total Assets	\$56,919.01

Current Liabilities:	
Accounts Payable	\$ 442.22
Other Liabilities	1.00
Fund Equity	56,475.79
Total Liabilities & fund equity	\$56,919.01

Income:	
Usage Fees	824.50
Interest Income	447.72
Divident Income	7,799.61
Total Income	\$ 9,071.83

Expenses:	
Salaries	\$1,262.95
Employees Share FICA Tax	86.62
Insurance	229.00
Supplies	472.66
Butane Gas	189.00
Caretaker Expense	50.00
Repairs	260.88
Accounting Services	115.00
Furniture & Equipment	570.85
Miscellaneous Expense	34.98
Sports Activities	568.85
Depreciation	365.22
Total Expenses	\$ 4,204.01

The above figures are reprinted from a financial statement certified by the Civilian Welfare Fund custodian to represent accurately the financial condition of the fund as of Dec. 31.

Turkey shoot

A turkey shoot will be held by Outdoor Recreation from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Feb. 25 (rain date Feb. 26). The cost is \$1 children and \$2 adults per shot. Participants should use 12-gauge shotguns or Outdoor Rec weapons; children under 12 will use BB guns. The shoot is for military and family members, and DA civilians with badges. For more information call 876-4868.

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Benefit dance

A benefit dance for the local Heart Association will be held March 8 from 7-9 p.m. at the YMCA on Weatherly Road. The dance will take its theme from the 1940's and '50's and period music will be featured. The public is invited. There will be refreshments, health food door prizes and speeches by Mark Noble of NASA, a sports health expert; and Carol Mitchell of Dance Aerobics, sponsor of the event.

NCO Wives bake sale

The NCO Wives Club will have a bake sale in the lobby of the main PX on Feb. 11 starting at 9 p.m. An assortment of cakes, cupcakes, cookies, and brownies will be available for purchase at the wives' fund raising activity.

Pottery, photo classes rescheduled

Pottery and advanced photography classes scheduled at the multi-craft center have been changed to new times. Pottery is rescheduled from Feb. 14 to Feb. 16 at 7 p.m. and advanced photography is changed from Feb. 16 to Feb. 14 at 7 p.m. For details and registration call 881-5841.

Coaching clinic

Redstone's AYSO Region 388 will conduct a coaching clinic for new and prospective coaches on Feb. 10-11 at the Bicentennial Chapel beginning at 6:30 p.m. Friday. Admission is free and no prior experience is required. For more information call Tom Torbert 876-5958 or 837-8280.

Recreation Center

Tonight—Ping Pong at 7 p.m. Thursday—Bingo a 8:30 p.m. Friday—Checkers at 7 p.m. Saturday—Yahtzee at 2:30 p.m. Sunday—Coffee and doughnuts at 2:30 p.m. Monday—Video games and free refreshments at 7 p.m. Tuesday—Pool at 7 p.m.

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Seven Army laboratories get awards

WASHINGTON—Seven Army laboratories were recently honored for scientific and technological achievements during 1983.

Of the seven awards given out based on a review by a specially commissioned panel of Pentagon evaluators, five Army Material Development and Readiness Command facilities received recognition including the top honors for the best and most improved.

A total of 36 laboratories were evaluated by the six member panel.

The award for "Best Laboratory" was given to the Electronics Technology and Devices Laboratory, a DARCOM facility at Fort Monmouth, N.J. honored as the "most improved laboratory" in Natick, Mass.

Five labs received "Awards for excellence." Those DARCOM facilities cited included the Army Missile Command of Redstone Arsenal and the Ballistic Night Vision and Electro-Optics Laboratory at Fort Belvoir, VA. The other recipients were the Engineer Water-

ways Experiment Station at Vicksburg, Miss. and the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research in Washington, D.C.

As the "Best Laboratory" awardee, the electronics technology and devices laboratory was cited for its technical achievement in such developmental areas as surveillance and target acquisition, communications, air defense, and munitions; its program responsiveness; and its managerial initiatives.

The Natick lab's status as the "most improved laboratory" likewise was based on its technical achievement, program execution, and managerial improvements.

The annual laboratory awards programs, begun 10 years ago, is designed to recognize quality performance, provide a means of routinely critiquing and ranking each Army laboratory, and create an atmosphere in which the Army's scientific and technical capabilities can be continuously upgraded. (Arnews)

Soldiers can get ROTC scholarships

The military science department of Alabama A&M University has started a drive to identify active duty enlisted soldiers interested in applying for Army ROTC scholarships.

Two year and three year scholarships are available that pay tuition and other academic expenses along with a tax-free subsistence allowance of approximately \$1,000 per year.

Applicants for Army ROTC scholarships must have a year of active duty before entering college, a GT score of 115 or higher and a grade point average of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale on all college work completed.

For two year scholarships, applicants must have the equivalent of years of college and have only two years remaining in a bachelor's degree program. Three year scholarships require prior completion of a year of college.

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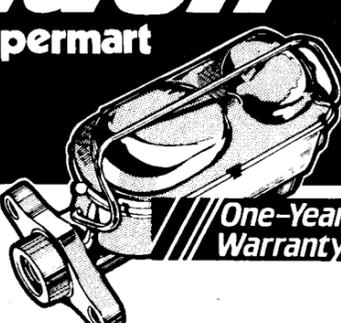
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