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Support group starts work on \$1.25 million addition

Site preparation has begun here on a \$1.25 million addition to TMDE support group's metrology and calibration center at building 5435.

The addition is being constructed on the center's northwest corner and will add 18,900 square feet of laboratory and office space to the facility. It is scheduled to be ready for occupancy a year from now in February 1985.

The ground floor will house six new laboratories while offices for engineering and calibration procedures evaluation will be located in a second story.

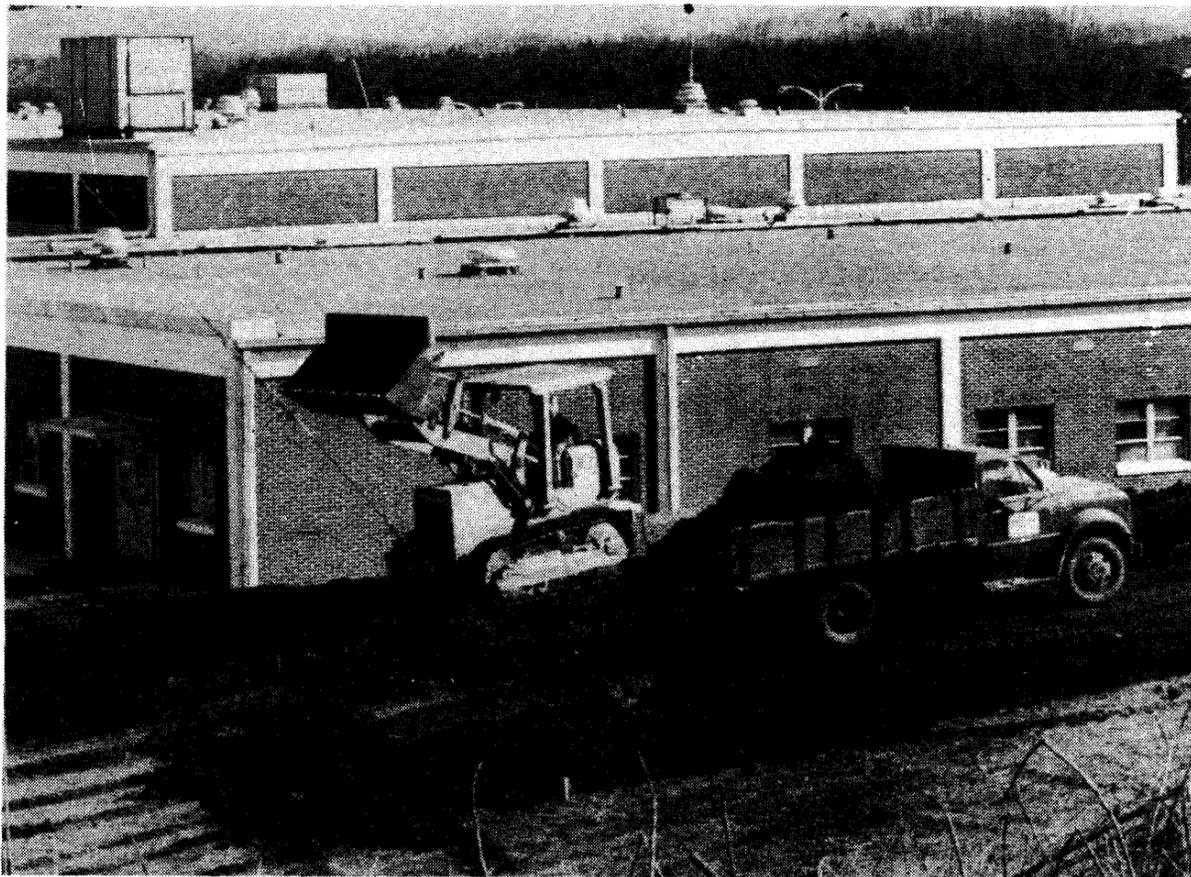
The new laboratories will give the support group the capability to "develop new techniques, procedures and equipment to support the new weapon systems coming out," said Charles McMurry, an engineer in the systems engineering section which handles the support group's building requirements.

Technology areas for which the new laboratories are required include lasers, optical communication and millimeter wave systems used on missiles, tanks, armament and communication and surveillance systems being developed in this decade and the 1990s.

Like the existing metrology and calibration laboratories, the new ones will feature special environmental controls to ensure cleanliness and constant temperature necessary for precise scientific measurements. Two of the laboratories will be electronically shielded with suppressors on fluorescent lights and filters on electrical wiring.

According to McMurry, the new laboratories and office space will also ease overcrowding and inconvenience in present facilities. The radiation standards laboratory now spread among three buildings will be consolidated at a single site. As personnel are moved into the new structure, vacated buildings will be turned over to support group elements presently occupying offices in the dilapidated Tin City complex.

A ground breaking ceremony marking commencement of work on the building addition was held Feb. 6. Col. James G. Edge, support group commander, turn-



METROLOGY'S EXPANSION got underway last week as site preparation began.

ed the first shovelful of earth as a large number of support group personnel and invited guests looked on.

Approximately 75 of the support group's 347 arsenal-based personnel will work in the new facility.

The support group is responsible for calibration and repair of test, measurement and diagnostic equipment — called TMDE for short — for the entire Army and its personnel work with soldiers all over the world.

Leaders say Army strongest ever

WASHINGTON—Even though it faces a multitude of changes, the Army is in better shape than it's ever been for many years, according to recent testimonies by Secretary of the Army John O. Marsh, Jr. and Chief of Staff Gen. John A. Wickham, Jr.

"Today's Army is stronger and better equipped than at any time in its recent history," Marsh told the Senate Committee on the Armed Services Feb. 2 during the initial presentation of the Army's annual "posture statement." "We're proud of this Army, its active, guard, reserve and civilian members."

Wickham, also testifying before the committee, said: "It is the best Army I have seen in 34 years of service. We have high quality in our soldiers, noncommissioned officers, and officers. Last year about 90 percent of our recruits were high school graduates."

Marsh said that the Army is currently in "great transition" and faces changes in its organizational structure, training and equipment, and operational concepts.

Picturing the Army as a mobile, combat-ready force, Marsh cited the Soviet's military buildup and called for continued Army modernization to face Soviet intervention threats.

"While we don't seek to match the Soviets weapon-for-weapon or soldier-for-soldier," Marsh said, "we must continue to field high-quality equipment that when manned by motivated, highly trained, and physically fit soldiers will serve to counter Soviet numerical advantages."

Wickham told the committee that today's soldiers

believe in their ability to fight outnumbered and win with the equipment now coming into their hands. He noted that building that kind of confidence was fundamental to the entire modernization program.

Another modernization aspect is the Army's increased awareness of the family's role, both men stated. In explaining that 1984 would be called, "The year of the Army family," they said a new policy would address issues needing attention.

Wickham emphasized that readiness of the Army ultimately rests on supportive, strong families. He indicated the family action plan and the chain of command would ensure that the needs and welfare of all Army family members receive that needed attention.

Both men expressed concern about shortfalls in strategic airlift and mobilization capabilities.

"The Army's light division initiative will help decrease our strategic lift shortfall," Marsh said reading from a prepared text. "But even with this effort our ability to execute a global strategy will remain severely limited." He said more effective mobilization could come about through planned improvements in reserve forces management and other areas.

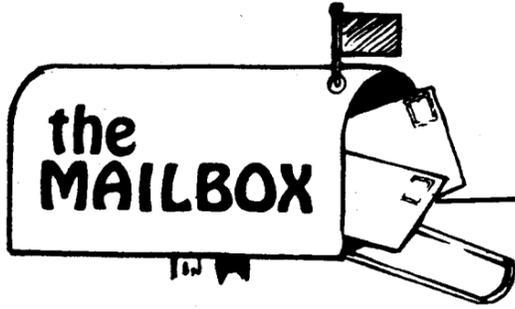
The Army's operations in Grenada, Marsh said, underscore the importance of rapidly deployable forces. "It is expected that such a force, quickly inserted in the first days of a crisis, could defuse the crisis, thereby precluding the deployment of a much larger force later."

Both restated the Army's plans to form two light divisions in fiscal year 1985.



Wickham expressed the need for a division significantly more stream-lined than any division in the Army today. He explained the concept behind the 7th Infantry Division at Fort Ord, Calif. being reorganized into an elite infantry division.

Marsh also told the committee that America must take advantage of its technological lead, saying, "we must leverage our force by building a total Army that, when viewed by either friend or foe, is perceived to be an Army far more powerful, far more capable, and far more formidable than its actual numbers indicate."



Special interest

Editor:

It was with special interest that I read the letter and article on pages 2 and 3 in your 1 February issue concerning racial discrimination in employment, training and promotion.

Although I have not been affected by the so-called "affirmative action" programs I have relatives and friends who have.

Copies of both items are being mailed to our Alabama congressman asking why one can take his case before a Federal judge, while the other has no recourse. This being the case, even though both complain of racial discrimination.

Any program in which decisions are made solely on the basis of race is certain to be divisive and unfair, as well as unconstitutional.

I am hoping our congressman can give us an explanation.

Name withheld by request

This month in history

- 41 years ago:** The Redstone Ordnance Plant was redesignated as the Redstone Arsenal (Feb. 26, 1943).
- 37 years ago:** The Redstone Arsenal was changed from active to standby status as a reserve ordnance arsenal (Feb. 24, 1947).
- 34 years ago:** The team of German scientists under Dr. Wernher von Braun at White Sands Missile Range achieved the first penetration of outer space in a firing as part of the Army missile program (Feb. 24, 1949). The two-stage Bumper missile, consisting of a modified German V2 with a Wac Corporal as the second stage, achieved an altitude of 250 miles, a world record at that time.
- 32 years ago:** The first edition of **The Redstone Rocket** came off the press (Feb. 5, 1952).
— The new laboratory, located at the corner of Redstone and Line Roads, was dedicated to the memory of Brig. Gen. Josiah Gorgas, the Confederate chief of ordnance (Feb. 15, 1952).
- 29 years ago:** The 259th Field Artillery Missile Battalion (Corporal) became the first U.S. ballistic missile unit to be deployed overseas (February 1955).
- 28 years ago:** The Department of the Army created the Army Ballistic Missile Agency as a separate activity at Redstone Arsenal to expedite development and fielding of the first intermediate range ballistic missile (Feb. 1, 1956). The agency's initial mission encompassed the Redstone and Jupiter missile programs.

— Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson, Secretary of the Army Wilber M. Brucker, and other top defense officials visited Redstone Arsenal (Feb. 14, 1956) and were among the first to spend the night in the new VIP guest quarters, later named the Goddard House. Wilson was the first defense secretary to visit the arsenal.

12 years ago: Secretary of the Army Robert F. Froehle visited MICOM (Feb. 29, 1972).

10 years ago: The SHORADS (U.S. Roland) Project Office was established (Feb. 5, 1974).

3 years ago: The Stinger weapon system was deployed as a replacement for the Redeye, which had been in the field since October 1967 (Feb. 27, 1981).

Compiled by Mary T. Cagle, command historian

Adams has heart attack

Luther F. Adams, MICOM's chief of civilian personnel, suffered an apparent heart attack on Saturday, Feb. 11.

A spokesman at Huntsville Hospital said Monday that Adams was undergoing treatment in the hospital's intensive care unit.

Commander's message

To: Redstone Arsenal Community

I want to express my personal appreciation for the community spirit and togetherness I have witnessed here over the past several weeks.

Confronted with a potential problem, you rallied in a most professional way, presented a united front, and went to work to help find a solution. I was most impressed by what I saw you do and heard you say.

Although I see the community extending itself to make Redstone Arsenal a better place to live every day, it was your response to the school rezoning plan which so impressed me.

Several of you helped organize parents and spent hours of personal time researching, evaluating and disseminating information to others in the community. I thank you for your efforts. I want to publicly commend the RASA Commander, Col. Joe Cento, and his staff for their successful efforts in the community's behalf. The Army Community Service Volunteers played a major role as did our spokesman on several occasions, Capt. Kin Clinton, and Dave Harris the public affairs officer.

Above all, I saw a caring community in action. I want you to know you make me proud to be the commander of Redstone Arsenal.

Jerry Max Bunyard
Major General, USA
Commander

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Soldiers trying out revised Battle Dress Uniform

BY SKIP VAUGHN

The command sergeant major for the Missile Command is among the soldiers participating in a test of the Army's revised battle dress uniform.

CSM Harvey Kahl plans to send a positive response after having worn the hot weather combat uniform that came with a questionnaire. The Army wants opinions of the proposed replacement to the present BDU.

"I think whoever came up with this uniform came up with a good selection," says Kahl, who started wearing it Feb. 3. Three others at Redstone are also participating in the Armywide test. They include SSgt. Fred Valentin, Sp5 Andre Short and 1st Sgt. Jose Quitugua.

An earlier survey confirmed that soldiers felt the current battle dress uniform was too hot. The Army chief of staff accepted the replacement design provided that it is accepted by the soldier in the field. Given troop acceptance and Department of Army approval, the uniform could be fielded in 1985.

"They're lighter weight, the collar is smaller, the (top shirt) button has been moved up so it's not as open as it used to be," Kahl says. "We have slanted shirt pockets for easier access to the pockets. Also they have take-up loops on the sides of the shirt so the shirt fits a little bit tighter if you so desire. And the padded buttocks is not there and the pockets on the pants have been moved back about one inch and slanted slightly to allow easier access to the pocket."

Kahl, who had not noticed any shrinkage after washing the uniform, is to wear it until March 10. Then he will send back the uniform along with his completed questionnaire and written report.

Soldiers will rate the uniform for design acceptance and this includes such things as appearance, utility and fit. Areas addressed in the questionnaire include smaller collar, slanted breast pockets, reversed breast pocket billows (expansion panels), increased underarm room, moved shirt buttons, shirt lengthened $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch, shirt take-up tabs, forward button on trouser pocket moved back an inch, and seat patch removal.

"I think this will be a much better uniform and I think most of the soldiers will be happy and satisfied with this uniform," Kahl says. "Get a good pair of these, press them, they really look nice."

The features he likes best include the lighter weight,

the smaller collar, and the moved up shirt button. Last week he gave presentations on the new uniform in staff meetings.

Kahl believes most soldiers will be satisfied with the uniform and that it will be more comfortable in summer than the old uniform.

"The only complaint I have is why couldn't they send this thing in July so I could wear it when there's hot weather so I could really test it," he says with a laugh.

Early impressions of the revised uniform were generally favorable from the other three test participants. Valentin of HHC likes the appearance and the fit but not "the way the name tag is set up." The name tag and U.S. Army are straight across instead of following the pocket slant. "It looks okay but if you wear a CIB (combat infantry) badge or paratrooper's badge, it hides under the collar because it's so far up," Valentin says.

Short, also of HHC, had a similar complaint but likes the lighter weight and the color.

"I think it's real neat," says Quitugua of 95th Maintenance Company (TMDE). "Overall features are really good."

Not all were satisfied, however. Capt. Powell Trusler, operations officer for Special Troops, was given one of the new uniforms, washed it, found that it was still too big even though it shrunk, then turned it back in. He returned it to SFC William Vernon of Special Troops who distributed the four uniforms.

"I'd have to get them altered to even wear the pants so I'm not testing them. I turned my set back in," Trusler says. He found that the pants legs were too big. First he washed the uniform and discovered that it "shrank a little bit."

"Another thing, I did not notice them to be that lightweight. That's my personal opinion. They still seem stiff like you're washing a tent," says Trusler.

He liked the smaller collar, longer shirt, higher top button on the shirt, the shirt side tabs, and seat padding removal. "I prefer the look of the straight (shirt) pockets as opposed to the slanted pockets but the slanted pockets would probably be more functional," he says. "They changed the position of the buttons on the rear of the pants, the hip pockets. That really did not make much of a difference. I'm not sure what the reasoning was."



TEST UNIFORM is shown by CSM Harvey Kahl.

VA has jobs for veteran students

The Veterans Administration has part-time jobs waiting for veterans enrolled full-time in college degree, vocational or professional programs.

The jobs enable veterans to earn while they learn. George B. Shellman Jr., chief, Veterans Services Division, said VA regional offices, VA hospitals, and even national cemeteries can hire veteran students under the VA's work-study program.

Veterans attending school full-time under the G.I. Bill or vocational rehabilitation program are eligible to work part-time up to 250 hours per semester for a maximum of 750 hours during any 12-month period, at the rate of \$3.35 per hour tax free.

Schedules are flexible and there are several VA locations and schools with VA-related work from which to choose.

For additional information, call 539-7742 in Huntsville or 1-800-392-8054.

New policy deals with fraud, waste, inefficiency

A commander's policy statement circulated here last week encourages workers "to seek out and report instances of fraud, waste and inefficiency" through command channels or the Defense Hotline.

The hotline, toll-free 800-424-9098 or Autovon 223-5080, can be used to report fraud, waste and inefficiency in confidence to the Defense Department's inspector general.

Locally, there are product improvement, suggestion, value engineering and other programs that

workers can use to recommend efficiency and economy improvements.

"I wish to reemphasize that my managers and supervisors at all levels are available to take action on any locally-reported allegations of fraud, waste or inefficiency. I also have an open door policy to all MICOM personnel," stated Maj. Gen. Jerry Max Bunyard in the new document, which is MICOM Policy No. 1-20, MICOMR 1-36.

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Highlights of the history of U.S. space exploration, plus major Army missile developments, were recapped at the Alabama Space and Rocket Center last week for Maj. Gen. E.R. Heiberg III (center), and Brig. Gen. Eugene Fox. The Ballistic Missile Defense Program Manager and Deputy Pro-

gram Manager—Huntsville toured the center during a trip to Huntsville by Heiberg, whose office is in Washington, D.C. Pointing out features of a Mercury capsule is Ed Buckbee, director of the space museum.

Midterm reenlistment affected by trainability

Effective April 1, there will be new trainability requirements for reenlistment for mid-term soldiers.

According to a DA message, soldiers who were tested on the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery before Jan. 1, 1976 or on or after Oct. 1, 1980 must have two aptitude area scores (other than the GT score) of 85 or higher and a GT score of 100.

Soldiers tested on the ASVAB on or after Jan. 1, 1976 but prior to Oct. 1, 1980 must have two aptitude area scores (other than GT score) of 90 and a GT score of 107.

Anyone who has verified their Skill Qualification Test with a score of 80 or higher is exempted from all aptitude area scores requirements.

Soldiers with a verified SQT score of 60 to 79 are exempt from all ASVAB scores except the GT score. However, any soldier who has failed to verify an SQT score or has no SQT score must meet all of the score requirements.

Soldiers who are not on overseas assignment but do not meet these requirements may be allowed to extend until April 1, 1985 by general court martial authority for the purpose of being retrained or retested to meet the requirements.

Soldiers on overseas assignments may also be extended by general court martial authority for the time necessary to complete the tour or until April 1, 1985 (whichever is longer) for the purpose of retesting or retraining.

All reenlistment trainability requirements are not

waiverable.

SFC Mitchel Starling, School Brigade retention NCO, emphasized that these requirements are for midterm soldiers only. "Midterm soldiers are those soldiers on their second reenlistment or subsequent with 10 or less years of active duty at the time of reenlistment. This requirement doesn't effect first term soldiers or career soldiers."

Any questions regarding these requirements can be addressed to SFC Mitchel Starling, at 876-1869 or to SFC John Norsworthy or SFC Dave Brooks at the Missile Command Retention Office, at 876-REUP or 876-ARMY.



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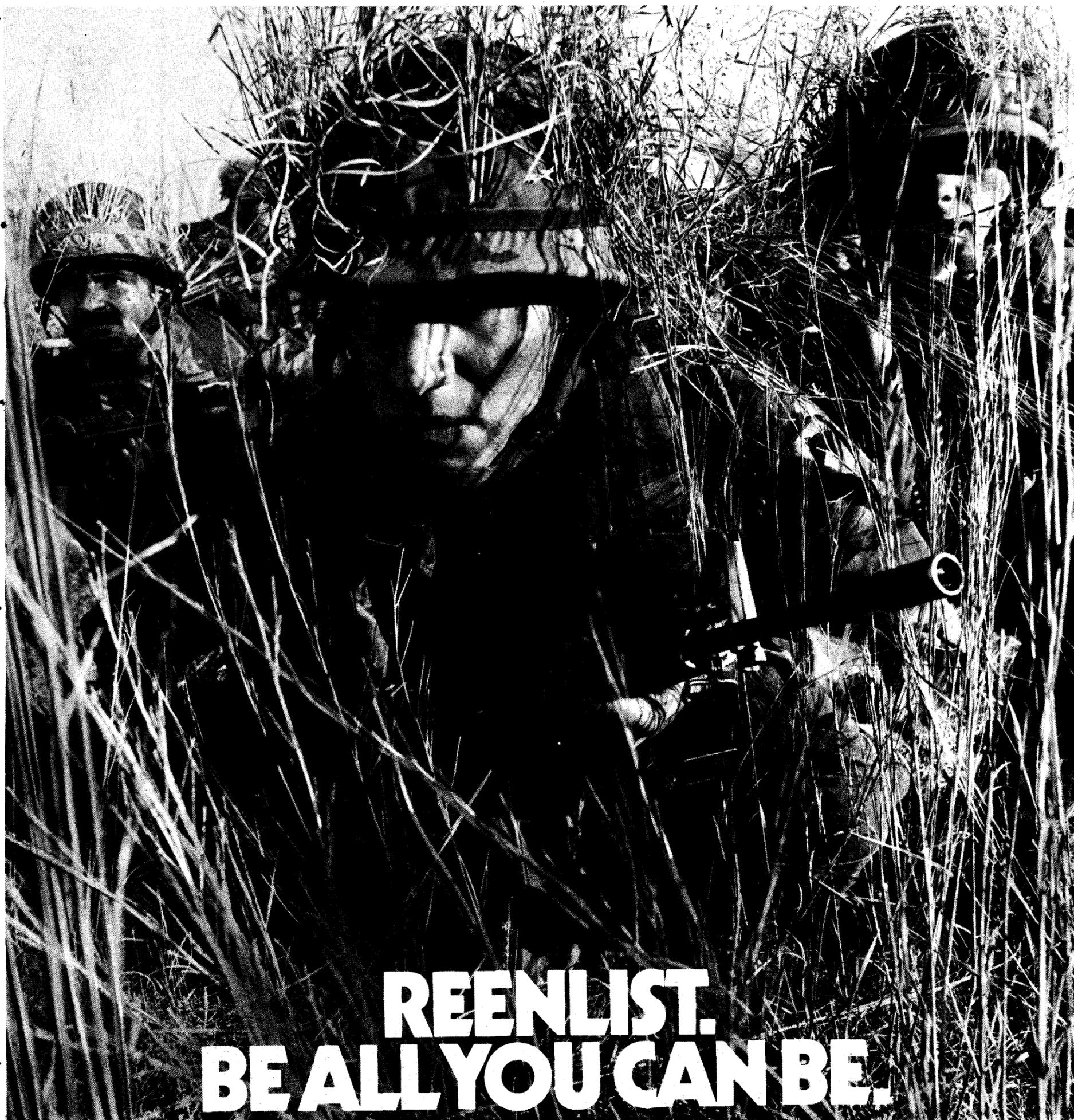
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P&P 2 team wins basketball league season title

The P&P 2 team won the regular season championship by beating F&A in Civilian Welfare Fund basketball league play last week.

But it wasn't easy.

The final score was 86-82 after F&A had led at halftime 40-37. James Fletcher made two free throws with 33 seconds left in the game to put P&P 2 ahead 84-82. With 10 seconds left Tilman Meadows iced the victory with a layup after a long pass from Willie Epps.

Epps led all scorers with 30 points while Terry Whitman and Ted Gunn chipped in 14 apiece. F&A was led by James 'Mooney' Battle with 29, Keith Frost 17, DeWayne Kelly 13, and Charles Hosea 13.

In other games last week, Missile Systems whipped Structures 79-72, Green Machine beat Structures 72-70, and Corps of Engineers won by forfeit over Missile Labs.

Larry Cable led Missile Systems with 24 followed by Autro Whitman 18, and Leonard Luqman, 17. Todd Christianson and Audrey Askew led Structures with 24

apiece followed by Jeff Owenby with 20.

Green Machine got 32 from Dave Smith while Charles Upshaw contributed 14 and Trevar Washington 13. Christianson again led Structures with 26, Audrey Askew chipped in 22 and Jeff Owenby 14.

Trophies were awarded to the top four finishers in regular season play. They were P&P 2, first; Security, second; Missile Systems, third; and F&A, fourth. A league tournament was scheduled to start Feb. 14 with a championship game at 9 p.m. Feb. 16.

Final Standings

Team	Record
1. P&P 2	9-1
2. Security	7-3
3. Missile Systems	7-3
4. F&A	7-3
5. Green Machine	7-3
6. Comptroller	6-4
7. COE	5-5

8. Structures	4-6
9. T&E	3-7
10. Missile Labs	1-9

Top 10 Scorers

Name	Team	Avg.
1. Willie Epps	P&P 2	36.5
2. Terry Whitman	P&P 2	16.6
3. George Snyder	Structures	16.6
4. Larry Gopher	Comptroller	16.5
5. Larry Cable	Missile Systems	16.5
6. Buphus Nall	Green Machine	16.4
7. James Battle	F&A	16.4
8. Leon Williams	Security	16.3
9. Dave Smith	Green Machine	16.2
10. Autro Whitman	Missile Systems	16.1
11. James Nesmith	Security	16.0
12. Joe Easton	Security	15.9
13. Weldon Ragland	COE	15.8
14. Steve Lide	COE	15.3
15. Calvin Boone	P&P 2	15.0

North Carolina picked to stop NC State Wolfpack

BY SKIP VAUGHN

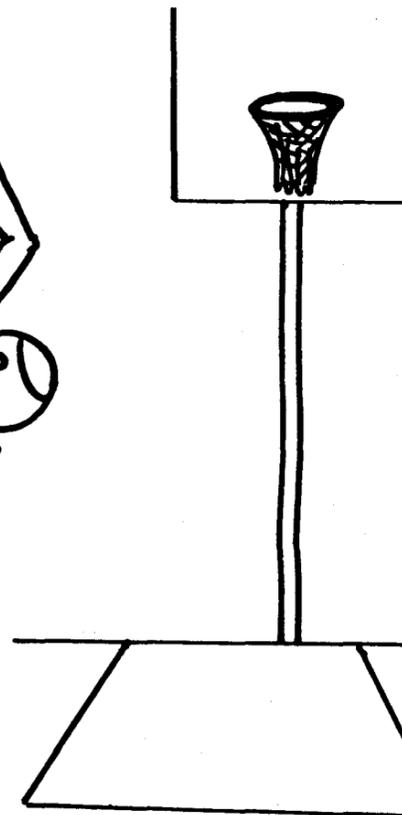
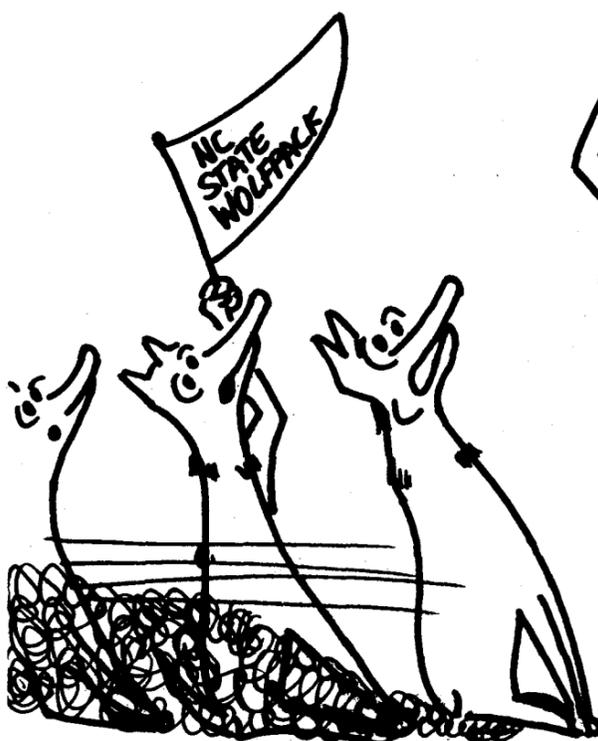
North Carolina will try to start a new winning streak this weekend against the defending national champions, North Carolina State.

The Tar Heels had won 21 straight before being upset Sunday by Arkansas in a thriller 65-64. Now Coach Dean Smith's legions face their intrastate rivals coached by Jim Valvano who upset Georgia Tech 68-67 on Sunday.

Other big games include Virginia at Houston and Louisville at Memphis State.

Last week's picks resulted in a 19-9 record, bringing the season totals to 113-55. Here are Skip's Picks for this week in major college basketball:

- Georgetown at Villanova (Feb. 15)—Georgetown
- Kansas at Nebraska (Feb. 15)—Nebraska
- Pitt at Notre Dame (Feb. 15)—Notre Dame
- Minnesota at Wisconsin (Feb. 15)—Minn.
- Clemson at Wake Forest (Feb. 16)—Wake Forest
- Virginia at Virginia Tech (Feb. 16)—Virg.
- UCLA at California (Feb. 16)—UCLA
- Illinois at Michigan (Feb. 16)—Ill.
- Washington at Oregon State (Feb. 16)—OSU
- Louisiana State at Alabama (Feb. 17)—Bama
- Dayton at DePaul (Feb. 17)—DePaul
- Georgia at Auburn (Feb. 18)—Auburn
- Tennessee at Florida (Feb. 18)—Fla.
- Ole Miss at Mississippi State (Feb. 18)—Ole Miss
- Maryland at Clemson (Feb. 18)—Md.
- NC State at North Carolina (Feb. 18)—Carolina
- Ohio State at Iowa (Feb. 18)—Iowa
- Indiana at Northwestern (Feb. 18)—Ind.
- Louisville at Memphis State (Feb. 18)—MSU
- Virginia at Houston (Feb. 18)—Houston



- UCLA at Stanford (Feb. 18)—UCLA
- Ala.-Birmingham at Old Dominion (Feb. 18)—UAB
- Texas at Arkansas (Feb. 18)—Ark.
- Colorado at Oklahoma (Feb. 18)—Okla.

- Wake Forest at Duke (Feb. 18)—Duke
- Virginia Tech at South Carolina (Feb. 18)—SC
- Kentucky at Vanderbilt (Feb. 19)—Ky.
- Nev.-Las Vegas at Fresno State (Feb. 19)—FSU

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Organizational effectiveness can help solve problems

BY SHEILA WALKER

OE is not just another Army acronym. It means Organizational Effectiveness and organizational effectiveness means a good unit can become a better unit.

Capt. Dorothy Johnson, the new Organizational Effectiveness Staff Officer for the missile school, believes that every organization can be improved.

"OE is a worthwhile resource, and if given the opportunity, I'm sure that I can help any organization to become a better one by reducing or resolving the problems within that organization," she said.

Johnson, a recent graduate of the 16 week OE course at Fort Ord, Calif. explained that an OE officer helps to improve a unit's effectiveness through the use of behavioral, management and organizational theories and techniques.

The OE process is a voluntary one. The OE officer does not go into a unit until his services are requested by the unit's commander or director.

The request for assistance initiates a four-step consulting process for problem-solving. According to Johnson, the first step of the process is the assessment phase. "I use interviews, questionnaires, observation and any available historical data to determine what is happening in the organization. The important aspect of assessment is the outside perspective that an OEC brings in. Once the information is gathered, it is then condensed, and analyzed by the OESO."

The planning process is the next phase. Johnson points out that the client together with the OE officer plan the strategy for problem-solving.

"I have a variety of techniques to use. Depending on the problem, I may use a transition workshop, a communication workshop or team building which is a technique for building cohesion and morale in a group. Meeting management, time management and performance counseling are also techniques that can be used," explained Johnson.

The implementation phase occurs when the unit starts putting the techniques chosen into practice. The implementation may not be behavioral techniques but simply a modification of the work area. The OE of-

ficer teaches the techniques and supervises the implementation of them.

After a period of implementation, the OE officer goes back to the unit to evaluate and follow-up on the results of the intervention. If the intervention has not been successful, the reason for the failure is determined and, if necessary, the whole process is repeated.

"I want to stress that the heart of the OE process is confidentiality and anonymity," said Johnson. "The details of an intervention are never discussed with anyone else, and the information gathered in the organization is reported back to the commander without giving the name of the person who provided the information."

"OE should be seen as another resource and not an evaluation team or spying tool," Johnson stated.

Johnson, who received her commission in 1978 through ROTC at Western Maryland College as a transportation officer, has several plans for the OE school's program. "I want to make the program at Redstone an active and respected one. I want to work and show that OE is beneficial to everyone. The first step is having a client who liked what you've done. It's then passed around through word of mouth and that makes the whole process work. My plan is to offer my assistance that I can to help any organization."

Johnson also stressed the quality of assistance that an OE officer can provide. An OE officer is highly trained. "We received graduate level instruction. I'm impressed with the course. I feel it is one of the best courses that the Army has developed. The first 12 weeks of the course is an indepth overview of managerial and behavioral theory and the mastering of practical problem-solving skills. The last four weeks we have a field training exercise where we actually practice what we've been taught."

The OE consulting process offers a variety of strategies that will enable commanders and directors to better utilize their unit's resources.

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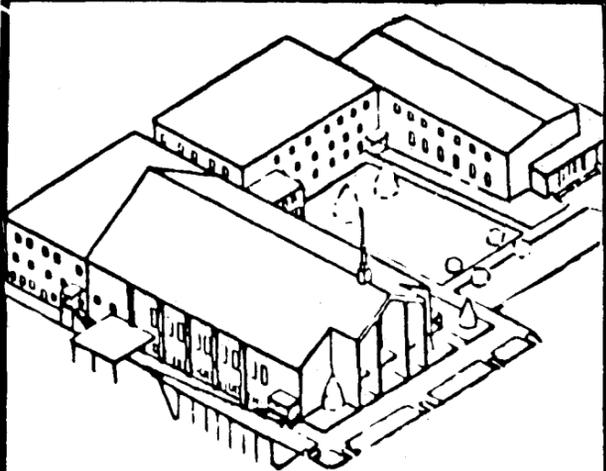
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His concern is clean drinking water

BY SKIP VAUGHN

Cashin Wheeler Jr. likes working in a water treatment plant because he wants to make sure drinking water is as clean as it should be.

In this Black History Month, perhaps it's significant to note that Wheeler is the first black hired as a career water plant operator at Redstone. He became one of 10 water plant operators here last August.

"They always tell me what good work I'm doing," says the Decatur, Ala. native. "Everybody's been real nice."

Wheeler joined the government in February 1982 when he was hired as a sewage plant operator here. He says that was also a first. When there was an opening for a water plant operator, he applied for the promotion from WG-9 to WG-10.

He works the 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. shift at one of the three water treatment plants. At plant 3, he has a desk in the lab room where he runs samples on the water. Outside that room are indoor reservoirs of water, a filter and a valve he opens to recycle filtered water into the plant.

"It's processed here then after it leaves here it goes to a storage tank then it's ready for use," says Wheeler.

Before coming to Redstone, he was a waste treatment operator at Amoco Chemical in Decatur. That work was "basically same as sewage, only they treated industrial water instead of sewage," he says. He got laid off in 1980 after six years.

Wheeler, 32, found out about the sewage disposal system job opportunity here by going to the state unemployment office in Decatur. He filled out an application, took a test on sewage disposal and made a 91. "I just got lucky and got hired in," he says.

His father, Cashin Wheeler Sr., is a retired truck driver who started his own businesses in Decatur. The Westlawn Drive-in includes a restaurant, an arcade for children, and a laundromat. About five blocks over is the service station Cashin Sr. opened about five months ago.

Wheeler, whose two brothers and sister all have jobs in Decatur, believes there are opportunities for everyone.

"It's open doors. If they want to do something, they can do it. Just put their mind to it," he says. "The man upstairs, He'll follow you. Try to do right, He'll make a way."



CASHIN Wheeler, Jr. operates 'back washing filter' which sends out water that's already been through the filter and brings in water from either plant 1 or plant 2.



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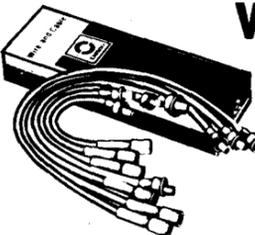
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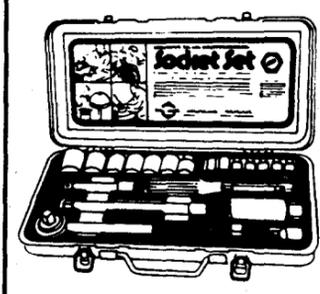
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BY ED PETERS

On a bulletin board in William Gravitt's office is a dog-eared sheet of paper that was put there 13 years ago.

It is a MICOM Daily Bulletin dated 3 February 1971. An item on it reads:

"Pound for pound gasoline possesses nearly 64 times the destructive power of dynamite — one gallon having the potential equivalent of over 400 lbs. And unlike dynamite, no fused charge is needed to set it off. Any source — open flame, heated object or spark can do the job."

It has been a long time since Gravitt posted that bit of wisdom on the wall but it is, he acknowledges, something that is on his mind every minute he is on the job for, being manager of the arsenal's tank farm, Gravitt has about a million gallons of gasoline, gasohol and other dangerous fuels stored just outside his office in huge tanks.

"You know it's there, know it's dangerous and know you have to watch out," says Gravitt. "And you have to watch the other fellow as much as yourself because you don't know what he'll do," Gravitt adds.

Gravitt's commitment to safety has paid off: there hasn't been an explosion or fire in the 18 years he's been the arsenal's fuel distribution supply officer.

Gravitt's group, consisting of himself, S.B. Pinkston, George Crutcher and Wendell Turner, is responsible for receiving, storing and delivering the various fuels used on the arsenal.

On a typical day they will receive three tanker truck loads of fuel from vendors and will make 30 deliveries to customers on the arsenal.

Fuel is off-loaded from tankers into storage tanks ranging in size from 17,500 to 230,000 gallons.

Gravitt inspects each load of fuel that comes in to make sure it is of the type, quality and quantity that the Army ordered. He measures the temperature and gravity of each load. Using these measurements and an arithmetic formula he computes the gallonage at the 60 degree temperature at which fuel is traded in the industry.

He explained that a change in temperature from the time a vendor loads the truck and the time it is brought

to the arsenal a few hours later can cause a fluctuation from expansion or contraction of perhaps 50 gallons in an 8,000 gallon load. "It's like if you filled your car up in the morning on a hot day and let it set there it'll be running over at noon. Fuel expands," he said.

Gravitt also checks each load of fuel for water. He uses a gauge stick for this, applying to its end a green paste which turns a bright red in contact with water.

He performs these same tests on fuels held in arsenal storage tanks and also sends monthly a sample of each product for a more detailed analysis by an Army fuels laboratory at New Cumberland, Pa.

Gravitt also checks fuels delivered by vendors to the airfield and to the arsenal's two main boiler plants. These plants located at buildings 4725 and 3624 have a combined fuel storage capacity of 2,500,000 gallons.

Thirty-six smaller boiler plants receive their deliveries from Gravitt's group who also make deliveries of fuel, mostly gasohol and diesel, to many other customers on the arsenal. They have a fleet of five tankers from 1,200 to 5,500 gallon size. They service motor pools, test ranges, and many locations using cranes, warehouse tractors, generators and similar equipment. They say they are busiest in winter.

Due to the dangerous nature of the operation and potential for theft, security is tight at the tank farm. "We keep everything under log chain and key," jokes Gravitt. "We have about as much security as a classified area," adds Tab Culbert, Supply Division's receiving officer and Gravitt's boss.

For pollution control, earthen dikes are built around storage tanks to contain spills should a tank leak or rupture.

Gravitt became tank farm manager in 1966 after having worked there off and on since 1951. He started at the arsenal in 1946, rebuilding gas masks and dismantling cluster bombs.

At age 63, he admits it's getting a little harder to climb up and down ladders on storage tanks. And safety, which has always been his first and most important concern, is on his mind more than ever: "Age tells on you. You get a little more clumsy, a little more forgetful."

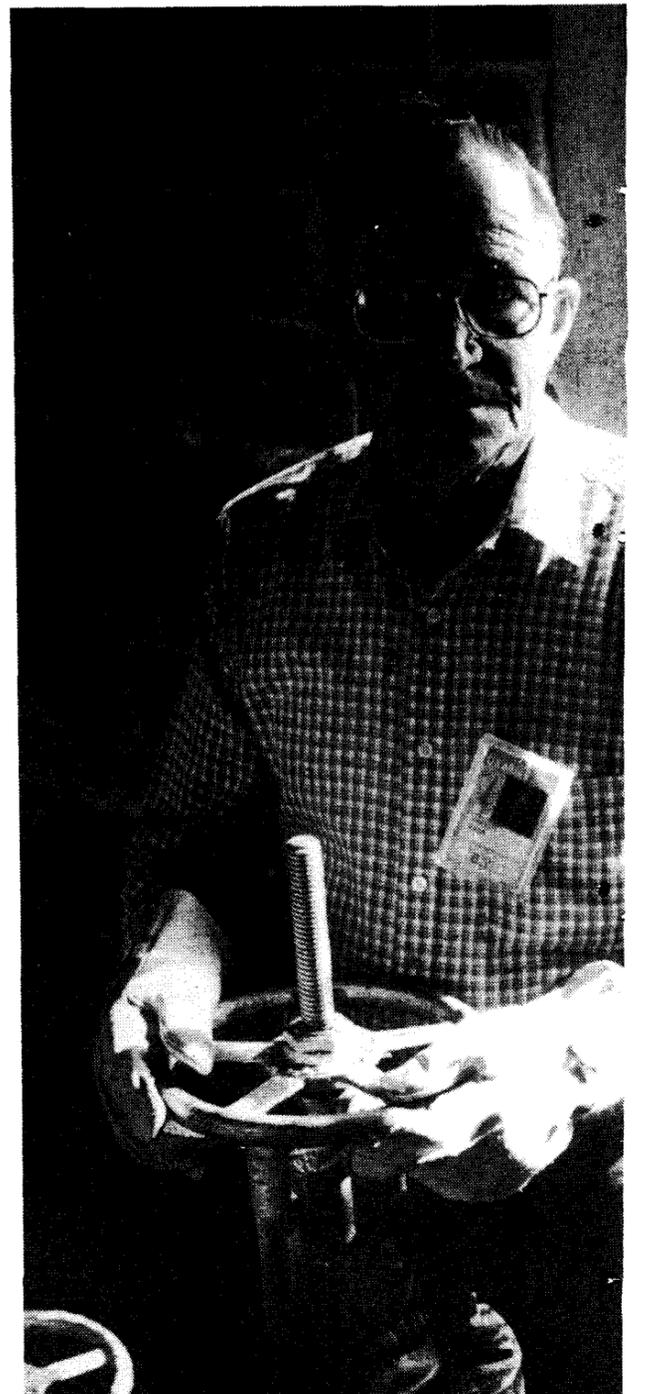
Gravitt says he'll probably retire in a few months.



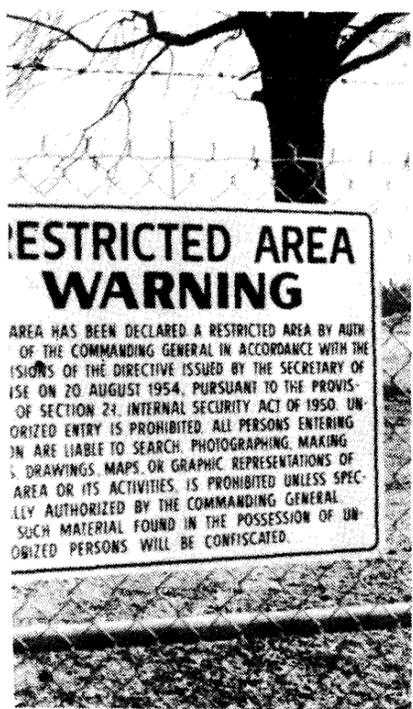
SIGNS POSTED at tank farm show concern for safety and



LOADING FUEL—George Crutcher shows how tanker trucks are loaded with fuel for delivery to customers on the arsenal.



PUMP ROOM—A maze of 33 valves controls the flow of fuel to approximately one million gallons. Tank farm manager William Gravitt handles each valve and is not at all confused by them. Marking string and cheater handles put on one to make it easier to turn are



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TANK CHECK—William Gravitt uses a long metal tape with a weight on the end to check on the contents of a big fuel storage tank.

Army Vocational-Technical Week is Feb. 19-25

BY SKIP VAUGHN

It pays nowadays to be skilled in a particular trade, especially if an individual is about to enter the labor force.

Many soldiers find themselves in this position and the Army gives them the opportunity to certify their work experience. Such programs are highlighted in Army Vocational-Technical Week, Feb. 19-25.

"Everything in this day and age has more or less become more technical in nature," says Janeen Rosenberg, a guidance counselor at the Army Continuing Education Center on post. "We see people combining their military training with a technical type of degree and coming out the service able to get a job."

"Plus it also enhances the soldier while he's in the service because it's combining the hands-on training he's getting on the job in his military duties with the theories and methods he's learning in an academic setting," she adds.

The week's theme is "World of Work." Rosenberg has prepared a career development plan to show soldiers how their specialty can relate to an educational program.

Soldiers can get help toward their goal through the Army Apprenticeship Program. This program, developed in the 1970s, offers a servicemember a way to document his or her hours working on the job each day. Upon completing so many hours, the soldier is awarded a certificate of completion of apprenticeship by the U.S. Department of Labor.

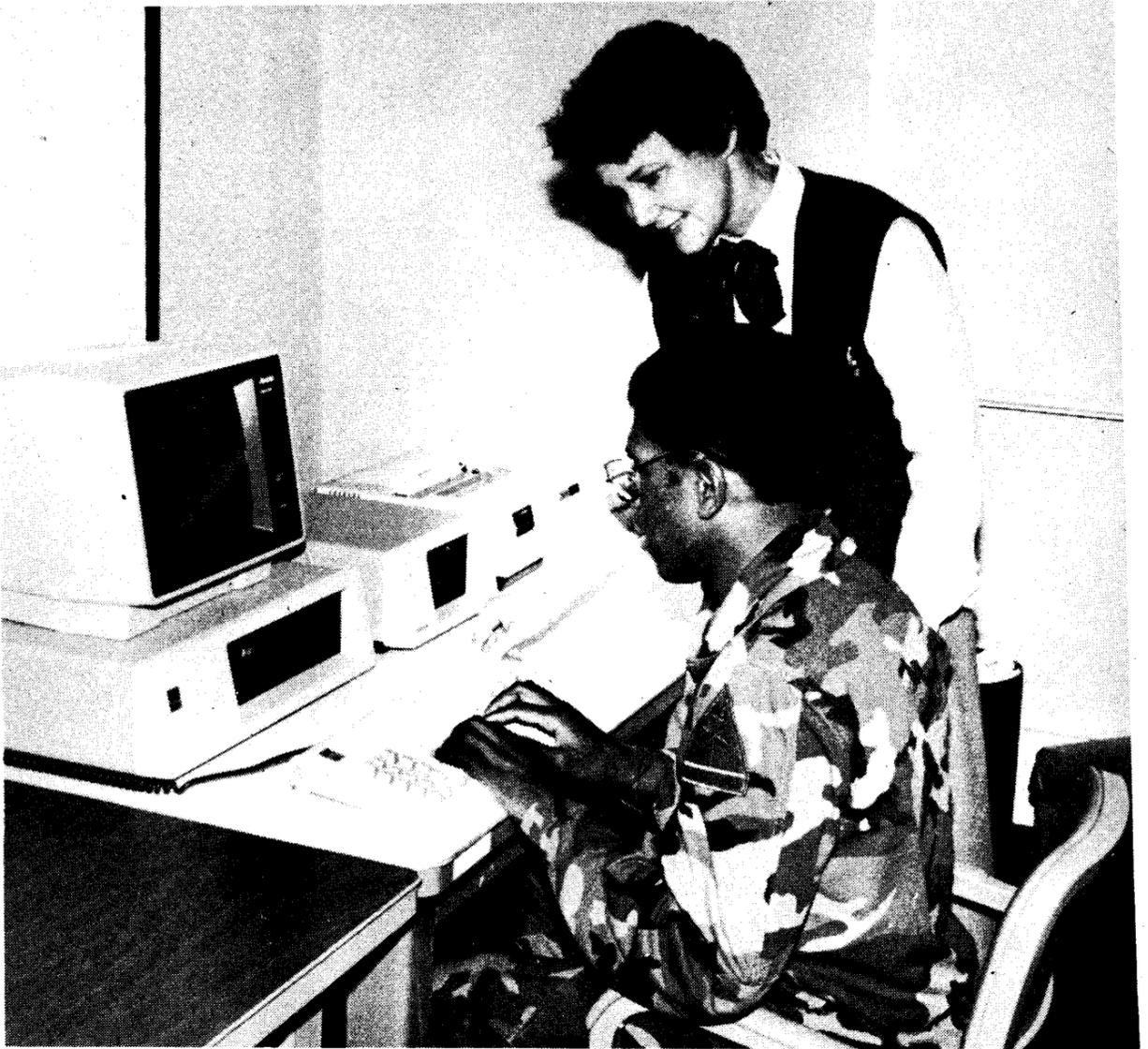
"The Army will award a completion certificate to recognize you as a journeyman in your potential trade," says Rosenberg, "and what this does is show a potential employer in the civilian world that you're skilled in that trade. You're skilled labor."

The payoff is worth it. An apprentice worker might start earning anywhere from \$3.80 to \$4.50 an hour while a journeyman may start from \$14.50 to \$19.50 an hour.

There are no promotion points given for the program which is mainly to help soldiers in their return to the civilian community. Soldiers can go back and document past hours and they must be working in either their primary or secondary specialty. Armywide about 150 job specialties are eligible for the apprenticeship program.

"We have 535 enrollments here at Redstone Arsenal," says Mary McGough, education center director. "That's out of a potential here of 650 (soldiers E1-E7) and the reason that they're not all enrolled is that some of them are not working in their MOS."

The apprenticeship program has been growing here. "We really owe that to SFC Wanda Starling," says McGough. "She has really done everything with that program to gain that kind of enrollment. I have been told that we have one of the highest enrollment of any Army Continuing Education Center program in the



EDUCATION Center Director Mary McGough watches as Sp4 Rodney Kelsey of 4th Student Company uses computer terminal.

apprenticeship area."

Those interested in the apprenticeship program can call 876-4388.

Rosenberg, the guidance counselor, would also like to see more soldiers here pursue at least a two-year associate degree in their field of electronics technology, computer programming, computer sciences technology, or data processing technology. "They're located in one of the best places to try to acquire such a degree," she says. "They should try to take advantage of such programs while they're here."

"Classes for soldiers in office management are

growing tremendously in the Huntsville area and I'd like to see more people in that MOS come in and talk to a counselor to find out what's available," Rosenberg adds. "A soldier should be aware that his military training is recognized and worth college credit so a lot of your soldiers are closer to degrees than they actually think."

Vocational-technical trades vary from such things as computer programmer or electronic technician to carpenter or auto mechanic. Today's society is "rewarding individuals for being qualified or skilled in a particular trade," says Rosenberg.

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Team recruits soldiers for warrant officer specialty

BY MAGGIE CUMMINS

A DA team spent two days here last week recruiting soldiers to apply for highly skilled warrant officer positions becoming available in the Army.

"Because of force modernization the Army needs more qualified warrant officer technicians," explained Lt. Col. Larry Armbright, head of the recruiting here Feb. 6-8 for the warrant officer ammunition technical skills (411A) specialty. "The emphasis lies on the Army's need to fill the highly skilled positions to work on the advanced technical machinery it now has," Armbright said.

Seventy-seven arsenal soldiers attended the team's briefing in building 3301 and 56 requested personal interviews with the recruiters. "The turn out was better than we expected," said CWO 4 Hercules Maxwell, of the Proponency Office here which hosted the team.

Team members besides Armbright were CWO 4 Ed Cole and CWO 4 Bill Mullins from the Army's Warrant Officer Division and CWO 4 Ted Reno from the Ordnance Center and School. The team had two members from the Munitions Center and School, CWO 4 Jim Thomas and CWO 2 Richard L. Metcalf. CWO 2 Michael Chapman of the Military Personnel Office here assisted the team with the applicants' records.

Mullins, representing the Warrant Officer Division's professional development branch, said the recruiting team has been on the road since September.

"I think it's a super program and something we've needed for a long time," said Mullins. "Recruiting candidates is giving servicemembers a good head start and is helping to fill warrant officer shortages."

The team is scheduled to interview soldiers at five or six more installations before attaining their goal for



RECRUITER CWO 4 James Thomas interviews SFC James Good about a warrant officer specialty.

the year.

Following interviews, the team recommends warrant officer candidates and information packets on them

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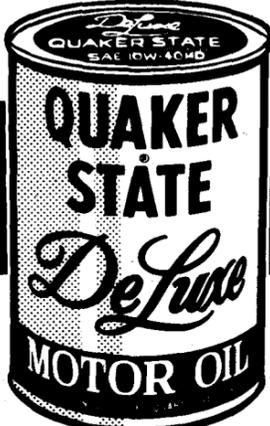
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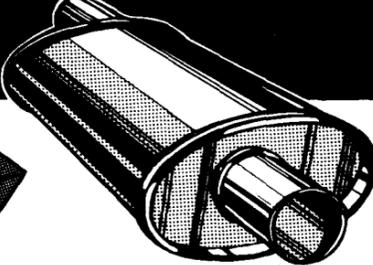
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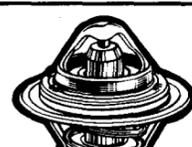
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Troop basketball

Women's pro basketball team to play March 2

A Harlem Globetrotters style basketball game featuring a professional women's team will be held here on March 2.

The Arkansas Gems, "clown jewels of girls professional basketball," will face the Redstone Rockets men's team, according to Sports Director Irv Lyles. This contest starts at 8 p.m. in the post gym, building 3474. Military personnel and their families are invited to the free event.

"This is a joint venture. The affair is being put on by the Sports Office and the Recreation Center,"

Lyles said.

"They call themselves the Arkansas Gems but they're out of Milwaukee, Wis.," he said, adding that the group is on a tour.

The team has amassed an impressive record, playing only men's teams. Lyles was told recently they had a 56-0 record and beat Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind. in a game there.

Redstone Rockets men's team consists of players from throughout the troop league.

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Little league

There will be a meeting for everyone interested in coaching or managing in the Redstone Arsenal Little League for the spring of '84. They will meet in the Recreation Center, building 3711, at 7 p.m. Thursday Feb. 16. This includes T-ball, and both major and minor little league. For more information call David Baginski 876-8181 or Doug Mapp 876-2255.

Free CPR class

A public class on cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) lifesaving technique will be held Thursday Feb. 16 from 6-10 p.m. at the Clinical Science Building lecture hall on Governors Drive. The class is free. To register, call the Fire Academy, 532-7402.

Boating safety course

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 2401 is offering a nine-week course in Boating Skills and Seamanship at Jones Valley School, Huntsville, beginning March 6, 1984 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The course, designated for boaters of all ages, teaches basic safe boating skills as well as legal requirements, navigation, chart reading, knots and lines, engine maintenance, locks and dams, weather and weather warnings, trailering boats and how to conduct marine radio communications. Instruction is free, textbooks are \$10. For further information, call Mary LaRue, 883-6456 or Warren McAdams, 881-3091 or Hall Cronkhitte, 883-0143.

Quality control society

The ASQC Huntsville section will meet Feb. 16 at 6 p.m. at the Skycenter Hotel at the Jetplex. Henry Debona, software control engineer for Honeywell Inc. in Clearwater, Fla., will speak on "Software Quality Assurance". For reservations call Mac Chaney 882-4136 or John Allen 882-4320. Visitors are welcome.

Recreation Center

Today—Hearts tourney at 7 p.m. Thursday—Bingo at 8:30 p.m. Friday—Uno tourney at 7 p.m. Saturday—Domino tourney at 2:30 p.m. Sunday—Jam session at 2 p.m. Monday—Video game tourney at 7 p.m. Tuesday—Pool tourney at 7 p.m.

Civilian counseling service

The Civilian Counseling Service is an employee assistance program for all Department of Army civilian employees. Supervisors of civilian employees need to be trained on what the Employee Assistance Program provides. The Human Resource Development Office provides a monthly briefing on CCS on the third Tuesday each month in building 5250, room A-115 from 8:30-10:30 p.m. The next session is scheduled for Feb. 21.

Bloodmobile

The bloodmobile will be at the Recreation Center today from 9 a.m.-noon. Feb. 16—building 3207 from noon-4 p.m. Feb. 17—building 7442 from 8 a.m.-noon. Feb. 21—building 4752 (NASA) from 8:30-noon. For more information call Donna McKay at 876-7621 or 2718.

Learning Resource Center

The LRC is offering a nine-tape video series that will benefit anyone involved with lasers. The course teaches good operating practices and covers all major laser safety topics. Laser concepts, laser standards and classification, biological effects of lasers, laser hazard analysis, laser terminology, laser effects on the eye, laser controls, and other related topics are discussed. For information on this five hour course call the LRC at 876-1061.

AUSA

A corporate membership meeting of the Redstone-Huntsville chapter of the Association of the United States Army will be held at the Hilton Inn on Feb. 17. Cocktails begin at 11:30 a.m. and lunch at noon. The program includes representatives from the Alabama state legislature discussing current states trends that will effect the economic development of north Alabama. For reservations call Nellie Hall at 881-4560 or Joyce Gardner at 876-3808.

Logistics engineers

The local chapter of the Society of Logistics Engineers will meet at the officers club Feb. 23 beginning with a social at 11:30 a.m. Col. Richard L. Nidever, DARCOM chief of ILS policy and data management, will speak on "ILS Funding," an initiative to provide management control and visibility to integrated logistics support. Interested persons are invited. Cost is \$6. For reservations call Glenn Smith 876-5226 or Marty Martin 876-8166.

Bass tournament

The North Alabama District of the Military Bass Anglers Association will hold a tournament Saturday, March 3, Turner's Marina on highway 79 in Guntersville. A meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Feb. 29 on the patio of the NCO Club to discuss details of the tournament. For more information call Mike Cowan 859-6251 or Steve Sherburndy 837-8767.

AUSA luncheon

The Association of the United States Army is having a luncheon Feb. 23 at the NCO Club. Everyone interested is invited to this luncheon to hear what AUSA is and how it helps. Lunch begins at 11 a.m. and the guest speaker will begin at noon. Tickets are \$3.50. For more information call CSM Harvey Kahl 876-4657.

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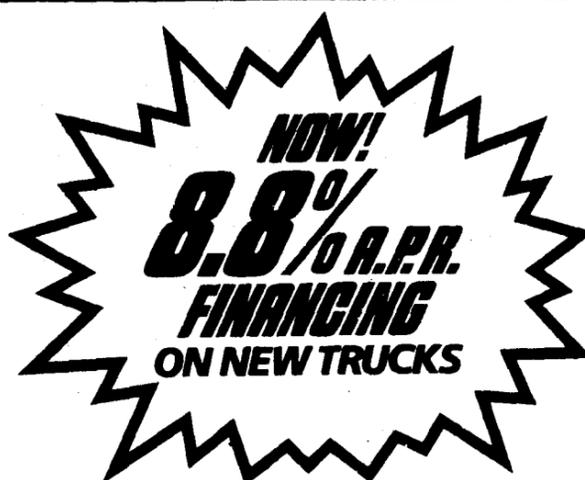
Carpool wanted from Fayetteville to 5250 or vicinity, hours 7-3:30. Sharon Wright 876-8166.

Space society

The local chapter of the LS Society, which promotes the establishment of space colonies and the development of space for human benefit, will meet Tuesday, Feb. 28, in the auditorium of the Space and Rocket Center. Bob Marshall of MSFC will speak on "Space Station: Our First Space Colony." Admission is free and the public is invited.

Women accountants

The American Society of Women Accountants will meet Monday, Feb. 20 at 5:30 p.m. at the Huntsville Hilton. Accountants in public, private, government, education and industry are invited. For more information or reservations, call Kay Jacobsen at 533-6474 or Michelle Epps at 876-4791.



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A distinguished graduate of the Primary Leadership Course with a grade point average of 99.34 says PLC is not as hard as people think.

SSgt. Bruce C. Durham, curriculum NCO for the Forward Area Alerting Radar System, is the first NCO to receive the distinguished graduate distinction in the Land Combat Branch Course Development Division.

He attended PLC from Jan. 9 to Feb. 3. Classes started at 7 a.m. and ended around 5 p.m. They had physical training every Monday and Wednesday evening and early Friday morning they would run from 3½ to 4 miles in a weekly "fun run."

"The course isn't really that hard if you applied yourself," says Durham. "There is really not that much pressure put on you. Most of the classes were refresher courses, but the knowledge stays with you and I think everyone who attended left with a little more knowledge after the course was over."

Durham says that a person should be in good physical condition and make sure they have all their uniforms before going to PLC. They check weight very closely and if a person is even one ounce over they are likely to be sent back to their unit if they haven't reduced weight within one week.

While he was at PLC, Durham says that the largest number of E6s that have ever attended PLC were

there. Out of 152 personnel, 42 were E6s, 45 were E5s, about 5 were PFCs and the rest were E4s.

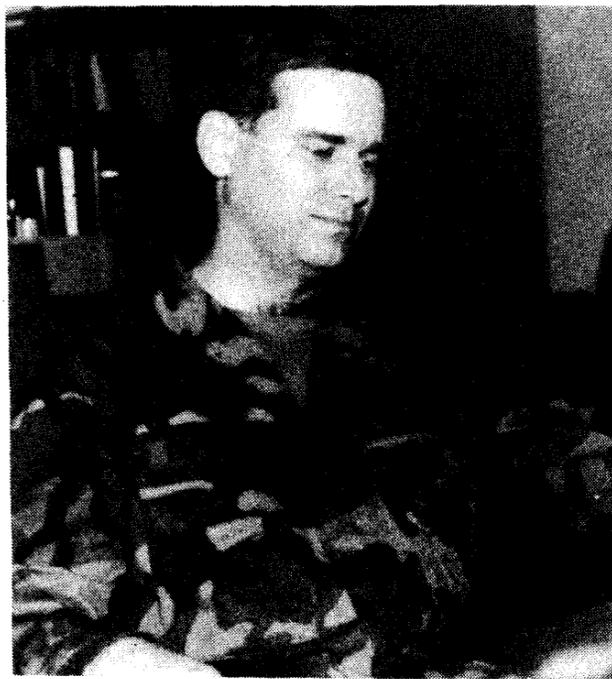
"The cadre were very strict on accountability," says Durham. "You could be dropped from the course if you missed a formation; even late you would get about 26 demerits."

Durham said it was hard going to PLC because he and his wife had a brand new baby girl three weeks before he went to training. He, his wife, Mary, new daughter, Lindsey and three boys, Micah, Jerod and Bradley all reside on post.

"It was hard leaving my family for PLC," says Durham. "I think a motivation factor is seriously needed for those who attend PLC. Some kind of an award ought to be given to the people who attend the course and receive a high rating. Getting in the top 20 percent is quite an accomplishment too. I think that most anyone could get in the top twenty if they applied themselves."

Durham says the way the honor graduate was determined was through three tests; counseling, recommending personnel for disciplinary actions and giving classes on common skills.

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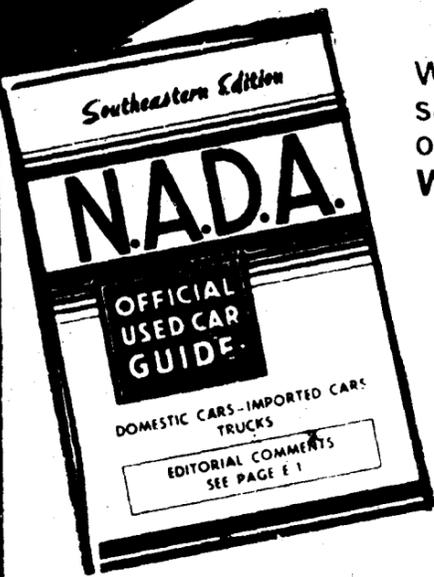
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