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## Soldier glad he decided to buckle up

BY SKIP VAUGHN

**S**Sgt. Tony Foster left a safety class on post feeling differently about seat belts.

He had never buckled up before but something came over him. He went home and told his wife about the class as he prepared to leave for Anniston, Ala. When he got in his car he fastened his seat belt and had his 8-year-old son Damon do the same.

**W**hile driving through Gadsden on Highway 431 headed south that afternoon, he recalls, a car turned in front of him. He hit the car broadside and the car behind him hit him. Another car hit the one behind him. Foster's car was wrecked, two people were hurt, but Foster and his son escaped injury.

"Besides the good Lord watching me, if I didn't have my seat belt on I probably would've gotten

banged up," says Foster, assistant NCOIC in the standard information systems personnel (SIDPERS) section of military personnel office.

**H**e had gone to a safety class given by Col. Dahl Cento, deputy post commander, on Wednesday, June 27. Later that afternoon, on his way to Anniston for another son's birthday, he was glad he had listened.

"It kind of got me to start thinking about wearing a seat belt. The class did instill something in my mind because I'd never worn one before," Foster says. "It's better to be precautionary whenever you're on the road. I knew myself it was good to wear a seat belt but I never did wear it. But by going to the class that day it was still fresh in my mind that we should wear seat belts."

He was traveling about 50 mph going through Gadsden when the accident occurred about 3 p.m. His 1984 Camaro two-door sports coupe struck a car which he says made a U-turn into his path. The woman driving the car behind him hit his car and had her teeth knocked out when she was thrown forward. The man behind her suffered a broken neck, Foster recalls.

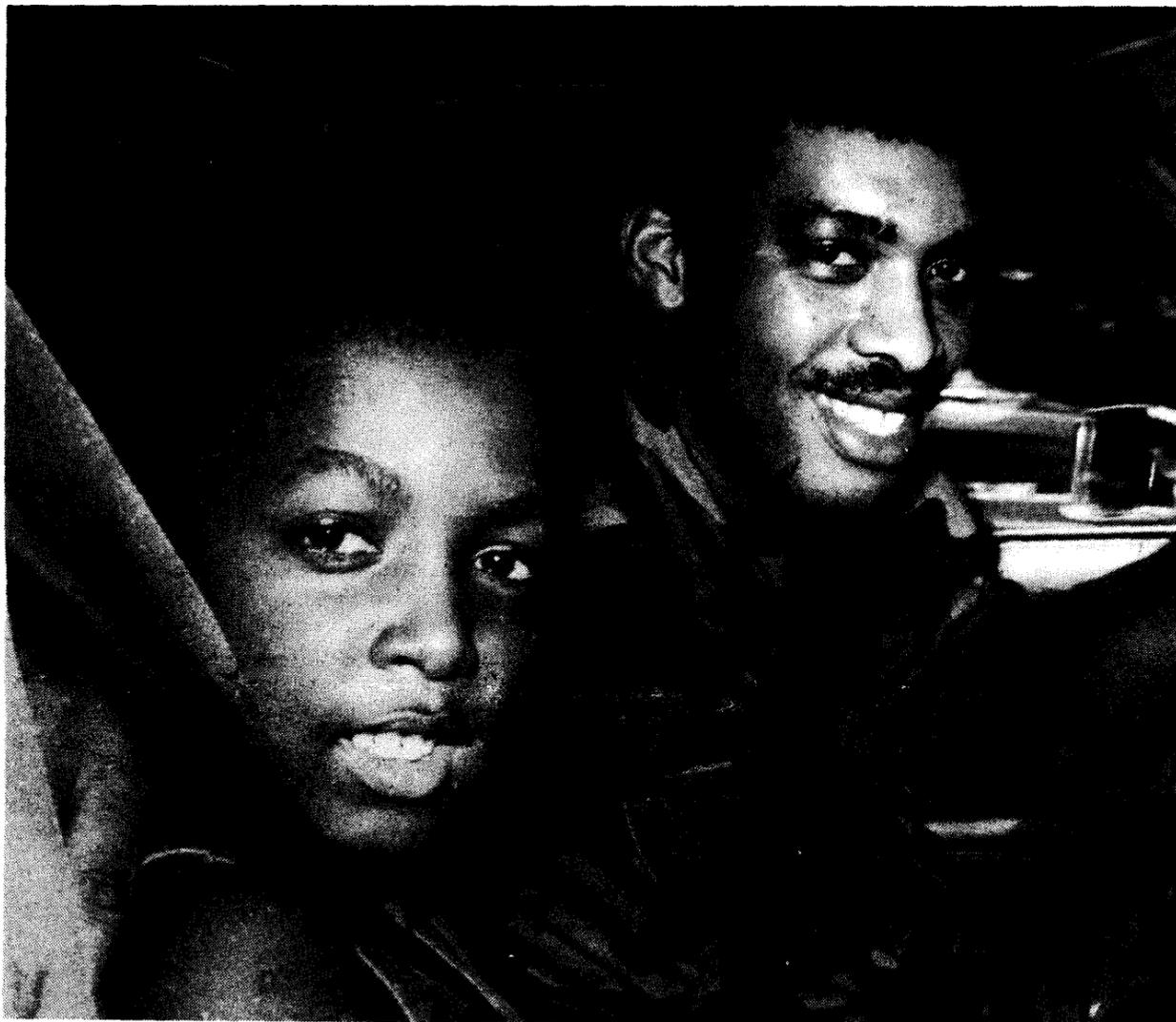
**F**oster talked to a police officer who said neither of the injured persons were wearing seat belts and that sometimes seat belts pay off.

Hundreds of civilian and military personnel attended the safety class held in hourly sessions June 26-27 at the Rocket Auditorium. Topics covered included car safety— seat belts and drunk driving — and boating safety. Cento stressed the importance of wearing seat belts and accidents were shown in which people were driving 35 or 40 mph.

"I've been in the military eight and a half years and I've seen that film a dozen times and it would just go in one ear and out the other ear," says Foster, 26. "It just made me wear my seat belt this time. This time something just came over me to just wear it."

**H**e believes the seat belts saved both himself and his son by restraining them during the accident. When he returned to Huntsville, Foster called Cento. "I thanked the Lord first and then I thanked Col. Cento for that class," he says.

The soldier from Anniston wears his seat belt every day now.



SEAT BELT WEARERS — SSgt. Tony Foster and his son Damon have worn seat belts ever since the sergeant attend-

ed a safety class that may have saved their lives.

## Fourth U.S. Army reactivated at Fort Sheridan

**WASHINGTON**—In a major move to streamline reserve forces, the Secretary of the Army, John O. Marsh Jr., has announced the reactivation of headquarters, Fourth U.S. Army at Fort Sheridan near Chicago.

The provisional headquarters, making a total of six U.S. Army headquarters now based in the continental United States, will become fully operational with its formal activation on Oct. 1.

This activation falls within the Army's previously announced plans to reorganize its continental U.S. Army structure and its policy to build closer ties between active and reserve components, Pentagon officials said.

Reorganization started in 1983 with the activation of headquarters, Second U.S. Army at Fort Gillem, Ga. Refinements and modifications will continue into fiscal year 1986.

All nine Army readiness and mobilizational regions will cease to exist under the new structure. The Army readiness groups will continue to function and will report directly to the continental U.S. Army headquarters.

The reorganization will significantly increase the role of major Army reserve commands in such areas as coordination of training, training assistance, mobilization, planning and force modernization, officials said.

Seven states will be included in the fourth U.S. Army area: Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Michigan, Illinois, Indiana and Ohio. The new command is responsible for training and mobilization assistance to the Army reserve and Army national guard units in those states.

There will be no organizational changes for the Ar-

## Public meeting set on DDT cleanup

A public meeting is scheduled July 14 in Triana on the Olin Corporation's proposal to eliminate DDT pollution in Huntsville Spring Branch by rerouting a segment of the stream and filling in more than a mile of the old channel.

At the meeting, a review panel of federal, state and local interests will hear public comment on the proposal and then begin final consideration of it.

my national guard. The state adjutants general and commanders of the Army national guard divisions will continue their present command systems, although the state adjutants general will assume some additional functions.

Commanding Fourth Army will be Lt. Gen. Edward C. Peter Jr., who formerly served as assistant deputy chief of staff for personnel at headquarters Department of the Army.

The new Fourth U.S. Army area was previously part of the Fifth U.S. Army area. (Arnews)

The meeting Saturday will be the public's last opportunity to comment orally on the proposal before the review panel renders a decision Sept. 1 to either accept it, approve it with changes or reject it and substitute an alternate remedy. Written comments will be accepted through July 28 by the EPA regional office in Atlanta.

# Engineer wins discrimination suit

A black engineer who sued the Secretary of the Army charging discrimination in promotion practices at the Missile Command has been granted an injunction preventing further discrimination and awarded more than \$10,000 in back pay.

U.S. District Judge U.W. Clemon in an order issued June 29 ruled that McKinley Bailey Jr., an electronics engineer at MICOM, was denied promotion on two occasions in 1981 because he is black.

Clemons permanently enjoined the Army from discriminating against Bailey "in the terms and conditions of his employment because of his race or color", awarded him \$10,667.50 in back pay and interest and ordered the Army to pay Bailey's legal expenses and court costs.

Bailey is the first worker at the Missile Command ever to press a racial discrimination suit through the federal court system and win.

He filed suit August 19, 1982, seeking an injunction against further discrimination, promotion to GS-14,

back pay and other considerations. Before Clemon ruled on Bailey's request for promotion, he received a merit promotion to GS-14.

Clemon ruled that Bailey had been discriminated against in promotion actions on two occasions, the first time in summer 1981 when he competed for a GS-14 supervisory general engineer position. "The Court finds, based largely on the demeanor and credibility of the selecting official, that plaintiff was not considered for the position because of his race, although he was rated among the Best Qualified candidates," Clemon wrote.

In a second instance of discrimination, Clemon ruled that Bailey in October 1981 was judged not qualified by an all-white screening panel and selecting official for a GS-14 engineering position he was in fact qualified for.

In his ruling, Clemon wrote that "The Court finds that the talent bank system of referral is often manipulated at MICOM, with advance notice of a

vacancy being afforded to those prospective candidates in the department in which the vacancy occurs. This advance notice then gives such employees an opportunity to revise their talent bank with the appropriate skills code. The Court also finds evidence of pre-selections by the ultimate selecting official. This abuse of the system adversely impacts on black employees such as plaintiff, who may never have worked in the department where the vacancy occurs and are not personally acquainted with the selecting officials."

Bailey, of Joint Tactical Missile System Project Office, was with the Systems Engineering Directorate of Army Missile Laboratory when the promotions were denied. He alleged too his attempts to gain in-grade reassignments for developmental purposes were also blocked. He unsuccessfully sought administrative remedies to his complaints before taking court action.

Contacted at work Thursday, Bailey, a 17-year veteran missile engineer, offered to provide a reporter a copy of Judge Clemons' order but was personally reluctant to discuss the case. "It's not something I like to talk about but is one of those unpleasant things you have to do sometimes," he said.

"It gives you a bad-guy stigma and has a tendency to alienate even your friends. But it was worth it because I was either going to have to endure the way I was or quit the government.

"And it lets the agency know that it can't continuously discriminate and violate its own rules and regulations and not account for it."

## Absentee voting rules vary

WASHINGTON—Rules for voting absentee differ from state to state. Your unit voting officer can help you find the rules for your state. Some of the most often asked questions are:

Who can vote absentee? All United States citizens 18 years or older who live or will live outside the United States during an election period may vote absentee in any federal election. In addition, all members of the armed forces and their families may vote absentee in state and local elections.

Where can I find information on absentee voting? The voting assistance guide has information about applying for absentee registration and voting. This pamphlet is available from any voting assistance officer or

counselor assigned to military units and to U.S. embassies or consulates.

How do I apply for an absentee ballot? The federal post card application makes it easy. All states accept the FPCA as an application for registration forms or for an absentee ballot. You can get the post card from the same people who have the guide. You may also send a written request for a ballot to your county or town clerk.

Do I have to be registered to vote absentee? State registration requirements differ. Many states allow the voter to both register and request an absentee voting ballot on one FPCA. Others require separate cards for each. Check the rules for your state. (Arnews)

## Supreme Court opens door to military cases

Legislation that goes into effect shortly has opened the door for military personnel to appeal decisions of the Court of Military Appeals directly to the United States Supreme Court.

As a practical matter, the court of Military Appeals is still the main judicial authority for servicemen under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

But the Military Justice Act of 1983 now permits direct appeals on cases which involve a death penalty, punitive discharge or confinement for at least one year.

As another practical matter, Defense Department lawyers don't expect to see a deluge of cases going to the Supreme Court. The kinds of cases that may be appealed, of course, will tend to hold that down. And even the cases that meet the criteria of the legislative change may not be heard. The Supreme Court justices will ultimately decide which cases they review.

Andrew S. Effron, a Department of Defense attorney in the Office of the General Counsel, explained that the Supreme Court is likely to be interested primarily in cases involving a major legal issue.

Effron, whose office was instrumental in drafting revisions to the Code, said, "Although we recognize that the Court of Military Appeals has done a good job, it was decided that military personnel should have access to the Supreme Court, like all other citizens."

Qualifying cases decided by the Court of Military Appeals on or after Aug. 1 will be subject to review by the higher court. Other revisions resulting from the Military Justice Act include speeding up procedures for convening courts-martial, reducing administrative paperwork, and consolidating the Manual for Court-martial for easier use by commanders, lawyers and paralegals.

## Two receive awards from federal women's group

The North Alabama Chapter of Federally Employed Women has presented its Distinguished Service Award to Lois Spruiell, principal assistant to the director of management and administration at Ballistic Missile Defense Advanced Technology Center.

Karma MacArthur of Missile Logistics Center was selected to receive the chapter's Rebecca J. Stokes Award. The awards were presented at the chapter's annual banquet June 21. Maj. Gen. Jerry Max Bunyard was guest speaker.

New officers installed were Mary Elizabeth Smith, president; Kathern Pyburn, Marjorie Ducote and Jeanne Henry, vice presidents; Elizabeth Elliott, corresponding secretary; Laura Lockard, recording secretary and Janet Onkey, treasurer.



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# Physicist wins prize for paper on his invention

BY SKIP VAUGHN

A research physicist here came away from an Army conference \$500 richer and with a medal and certificate, too.

Dr. John Johnson, of the optics group in MICOM's Research Directorate, wrote what was judged as one of the top four Army research papers. He received one of three second place prizes at the Army Science Conference held June 19-21 at West Point, N.Y.

Ninety-six papers were judged by a panel that included five members of the Army Science Board. The conference is held every two years.

"It's a very competitive sort of thing and I was really delighted to receive the award," said Johnson. He won a \$500 incentive award, a bronze medallion and a certificate of outstanding achievement.

His paper described an automatic laser finder which he invented. "The reason you would want to find a laser is because, with the advent of modern battlefield lasers, you'd like to know if the enemy has one trained on you," Johnson said. His invention accurately covers a wide field of view and is insensitive to any light other than laser light, he said.

The invention process took him less than two years. Johnson came up with the idea in August 1982, had the first prototype built and tested May 1983, and had the second generation built and tested February 1984. He expects to have the next generation built and tested by this September.

"There are plans under way to continue this development into advanced engineering," Johnson said. "This has been a totally successful project."

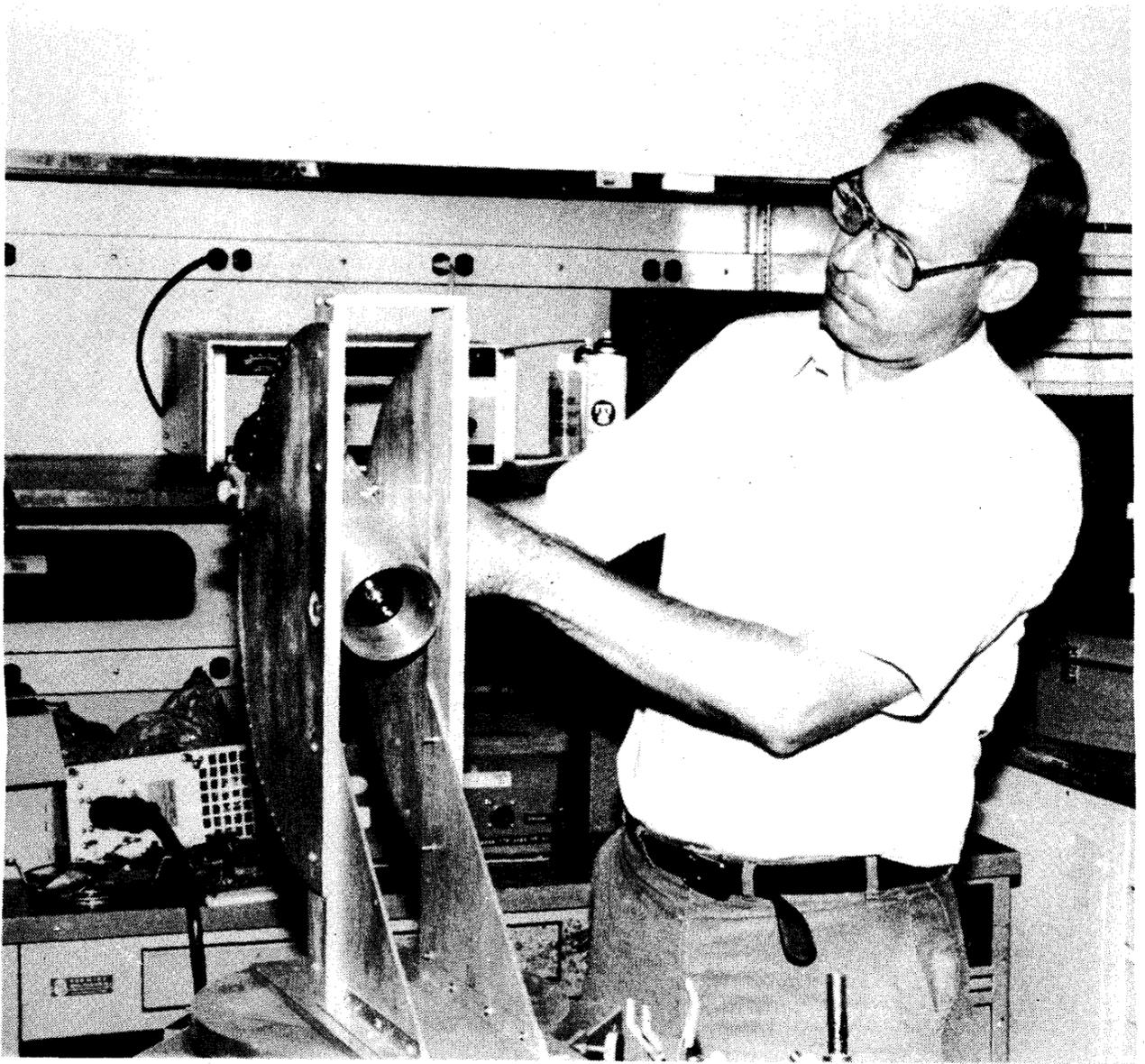
The 43-year-old Columbus, Ga. native received a doctorate in observational astrophysics in 1979 from the University of Maryland. He got a master's degree there in 1976. He received a bachelor's degree in physics in 1965 from Southeastern Louisiana University.

Johnson was an engineer at the old Chrysler Space Division in New Orleans and at Brown Engineering in Huntsville. From 1979-80 he worked at the Marshall Space Flight Center on a postdoctoral appointment by the National Research Council. He came to the Research Directorate in 1980.

"Dr. Richard Hartman, head of Research Directorate, and Dr. Graeme Duthie, head of the optics group, both encourage basic research and independent investigations," he said. "They just provide an excellent research atmosphere."

He and his wife Patricia have a son Graham, 5, and daughters Lydia, 3, and Mary, 1. Johnson's hobbies include woodworking, guitar, drawing, and matrix algebra.

To this GS-13 physicist the award he received says



INVENTOR—Dr. John Johnson of Research Directorate adjusts a laser locator in a laboratory test fixture.

something about Army research.

"What it really means to me is that the Army really appreciates good work by its researchers and does its

best to let them know. It also recognizes the good research that MICOM actively does," Johnson said. "And it's pleasant personally."

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# Future warrant officer getting education in Army

BY SKIP VAUGHN

When David Ingram was in high school he decided the Army was the way to go.

He dropped out of the 11th grade and joined so that he could travel and get an education at the same time. Years later neither Ingram nor the Army should regret his decision.

The soldier is a warrant officer candidate who is due to complete the ammunition technician entry-level course here July 18.

"My goal is to be the best ammo tech I can be," says Ingram. He will leave here for Fort Stewart, Ga. as a warrant officer in the ammunition technician specialty.

In the 10 and a half years he has been in the Army, Ingram has earned a high school diploma and started work on an associate degree. He has also gotten to travel and met his wife in Korea.

"I think (the Army) is the only way to go," says Ingram. "I think it's the greatest place in the world."

The Georgia native is among the first to go through the warrant officer candidate course at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. in a field other than aviation or maintenance. He finished that eight-week course at the top of his class.

Forty-two people were selected to attend the course at Aberdeen, about 35 attended and 16 were graduated. "That's the real hard phase," says Ingram. On May 11 at Redstone he started 10 weeks of training in his field. He had served here a year in positions of instructing and writing skill qualification tests in ammunition fields.

"I felt that I had what it takes to be a warrant officer from working with other warrants in the field and seeing what they were up against," he says "and through a lot encouragement from other warrant officers in the field who thought I was qualified and thought that I would make a good warrant officer."

Ingram, 28, is from Milledgeville, Ga. Horace and Mary Ingram have four sons, all in the military, and two daughters. Besides the warrant officer candidate, Army Sgt. Carl, 27, is stationed at Fort Hood, Texas Army Sgt. Jimmy, 25, is stationed in Germany; and Marine SSgt. Horace Jr., 32, is at a Navy base in Jacksonville, Fla. Yvonne, 31, and Deborah, 29, live in Milledgeville.

He met his wife Myong in his first tour to Korea and married her in his second tour there. They have three



**STUDYING** — Warrant officer candidate David Ingram will soon complete a course at the missile school.

sons— Terrence, 9, Daniel, 5, and David Jr., 3. Ingram's hobbies include racquetball, tennis, pool and baseball.

"The Army offered me the opportunity to travel and get an education at the same time," says Ingram. "You can't beat it."

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# —ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Warrant officers

The monthly luncheon meeting of the Redstone Arsenal chapter of the U.S. Army Warrant Officers Association will be held July 11 at 11 a.m. at the Officers Club. All warrant officers including retirees are invited. Non-members may attend. For information call WO 1 Edward Banville 876-8503.

## PX promotion

Customers using exchange barber and beauty shops can now win prizes with their cash register receipts. Customers can obtain contest details at PX barber and beauty shops.

## Economy couples

The Economy Couples Club's monthly meeting is July 15 at 4 p.m. at Post Chapel. All married E-1s through E-4s are invited to attend with their spouses and families.

## Bloodmobile

The bloodmobile will be at building 3207 (8th Student Company) on Thursday from 4-8 p.m., at building 4488 on Friday from 7:30 a.m. - 12 noon and at building 3711 (Recreation Center) next Wednesday from 9 a.m. - 12 noon.

## Recreation Center

Tonight - Uno at 7 p.m. Thursday - Bingo at 8:30 p.m. Friday - Checkers at 7 p.m. Saturday - Dominoes at 2 p.m. Sunday - "X-Caliber" show at 7 p.m. Monday - Trivia quiz and refreshments at 7 p.m. Tuesday - Pool at 7 p.m.

## Potluck dinner

A Protestant potluck dinner will be held July 15 at 1 p.m. at Bicentennial Chapel. Bring a dish to share.

## "Army Night" Shakespeare

The Alabama Shakespeare Festival in Anniston is holding an "Army Night" presentation of Macbeth on July 29 at 7 p.m. Military personnel, Department of the Army civilians and their families can buy tickets at a special two-for-one price. This production of Macbeth is set during World War I. For more information contact Alabama Shakespeare Festival, Box 141, Anniston, Ala. 36205, telephone (205) 237-2332.

## Bluegrass and old time music

The Hazel Green-Meridianville Lions Club will sponsor a Bluegrass and Old Time Music Convention on July 21 at Lions Park in Meridianville. Registration and jam sessions begin at 8:30 a.m. and competitions at 10:00. There are 16 categories. Prizes will be awarded. Adult admission is \$4. For more information call 828-0004 or 852-0320.

## Bowling sweepstakes

Debbie Landgreen won the grand prize of 100 free games in a sweepstakes at the Bowling Center. Lillie Huff won second prize, a bowling ball, and Ron Merrill won a bowling bag for placing third. Fourth place prize of 24 games went to Betty Lau and winner of 15 free games for fifth place was Mark McCray.

## Civilian counseling

A civilian counseling briefing will be given by the Human Resources Development Office on July 17 from 8:30-10 a.m. in the conference room in the lobby of building 5250. The briefing is open to all civilian employees.

## Bowling lanes resurfaced

The Bowling Center will be closed July 16-21 for annual resurfacing. It will reopen at regular time on July 22.

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# New regulation ensures soldiers fit to perform job

WASHINGTON—Soldiers with physical profiles limiting duty performance will be now evaluated and some could face separation under a new regulation, according to officials at the Military Personnel Center.

New Army regulation 600-60, "the physical performance evaluation system," is designed to ensure all soldiers can do their jobs under field conditions anywhere in the world.

As of July 1, "MOS/medical retention boards" screen all soldiers holding "level three" physical profiles. The post-level screening boards now certify whether a soldier is deployable.

The initial screening board may retain soldiers in their present specialty or reclassify them. It also has the option to put soldiers on a six-month probation in which commanders submit evaluations after 90 days, say Army personnel officials. While the board may refer soldiers to the physical disability system, it will make no decisions concerning separation from the Army.

Soldiers determined not fit for "worldwide deployability" could be reclassified into a different job or referred into the Army physical disability system for further evaluation and possible separation from the Army.

Results of a two month evaluation of the new procedures show that most soldiers are retained in their current specialties, officials report. Only a few were referred for possible separation or reclassification.

The new system also ends the practice of soldiers signing medical condition statements allowing them to continue their present duty assignments within the limits of their profiles.

"In the past, most soldiers signed a medical condition statement and performed within the limits of their physical profiles," said Maj. Stephen T. Young of the Army personnel center physical disability branch. "But some couldn't have performed the full range of their jobs anywhere they may have been assigned."

The board will review all soldiers who carry physical profiles with a numerical factor of three in one or more of the Army physical profile serial factors.

Soldiers who receive a physical profile of four will still be referred for physical disability processing.

Within the physical disability system, a physical evaluation board will determine physical fitness—the ability to do one's job. The board may recommend separation from the Army if a soldier cannot

reasonably perform the full range of duties required by MOS/specialty.

Under the new regulation, the screening boards will consist of a colonel, a colonel or lieutenant colonel medical officer, two lieutenant colonels, a sergeant major, and a personnel officer.(Arnews)

## Several uniform changes approved

WASHINGTON—Changes in the number of green shirts and trousers required by soldiers, improvements to the women's green classic slacks, and adoption of a new black combat boot were approved by the chief of staff following recommendations by the Army clothing and equipment board here.

Starting in October, all soldiers will be required to own one less long sleeve and short sleeve AG415 Army Green shirt. This leaves a two short sleeve and one long sleeve requirement for the active duty soldier. Reserve component soldiers must comply with a one short and one long sleeve shirt requirement by October 1985.

With this change, officials say, active duty male soldiers should already have in their possession the required number of AG415 shirts. Women soldiers must now have their first long and short sleeve shirt by October 1984 and a second short sleeve shirt by October 1985.

Also in October, active duty soldiers will only be required to own two sets of AG344 service green trousers.

Female green classic slacks have been improved by adding two side pockets with additional hip ease. While no mandatory possession date has been issued, the newer slacks will eventually replace current slacks in uniform clothing bags.

The new female slacks will be sold in military clothing sales stores as they become available, officials said.

A new combat boot designed to provide more comfort and better support as well as improved water pro-

tection, traction and durability will enter the clothing bag as stocks of the current boot are used up, officials added. While no mandatory ownership date exists for the new boot, officials say it will be sold in Army military clothing sales stores as it becomes available.

Uniform officials also announced a revised phase-out date for authorized wear of all non-camouflaged fatigue/field/utility personal clothing items.

The decision has been made to authorize the non-camouflaged utility and durapress utility uniforms for wear until Sept. 30, 1986. This change will fall in line with the latest policy when the Army makes available for optional purchase and wear the non-camouflaged OG 107 jungle fatigue until that date.(Arnews)

## CSM retention list released by Army board

WASHINGTON—Twelve command sergeants major have been selected for retention beyond 30 years active service by the fiscal year 1985 Da-level retention board.

Officials in the sergeant major branch of Milpercen say selections were based on the contributions candidates could continue to make to the fitness of the soldier and the efficiency of the Army because of a particular knowledge or expertise.

This action grants a one-time extension or reenlistment, as appropriate, of selectees' active service time to 35 years, or to age 55, whichever occurs first.(Arnews)



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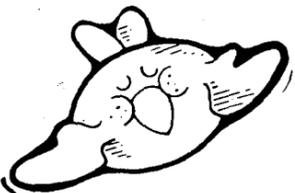
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## Support group sets family get-together

Members of the Army's test, measurement and diagnostic equipment support group and their families will have a get-together on Friday.

The group's organization day is to include a ceremony, barbecue lunch, tours and displays.

"This is our annual celebration of organizing the group in its current configuration," said Col. James Edge, commander of TMDE Support Group. In June 1982 the group separated from the Missile Command and reported directly to the Materiel Development and Readiness Command.

The main mission of the group is to provide worldwide calibration and repair support of the Army's test, measurement and diagnostic equipment.

On Friday TMDE people, their families and invited guests will meet in front of building 5435. A ceremony at 11 a.m. is to include a brief history of the group and a guest speaker. Tours of the primary laboratory in building 5435 and of a support team van are to begin at noon and end about 3 p.m.

A display tent is to include poster boards with photographs of current projects and a continuing film

of how the group provides support.

"Normally a military organizational day is set up to where the unit gets together and has an outdoor picnic," said CWO 4 Jimmy Bowden, project officer for the event. "In the past its been geared strictly to the (group's) military community; this time we're going to open it up to the civilian community."

Family members who might be a little too young to understand the tours will be able to play inside a so-called moon bounce. This is an "air inflated, rubber enclosed capsule and the kids go in there and just bounce around," Bowden said.

The scheduled speaker for organization day is Michael Sandusky, deputy executive director for TMDE at Materiel Development and Readiness Command.

Some 2,230 people, military and civilian, are connected with the group worldwide. They are stationed throughout the U.S., including Alaska and Hawaii, and in Italy, Turkey, Germany, Okinawa, Japan and Panama.

## Army makes plans for energy awareness week

WASHINGTON—"Partners for an energy efficient tomorrow," is the theme of the fourth annual American energy awareness week, scheduled for Oct. 21-27.

The Army is encouraging military commands and cities in promoting energy awareness through a variety of scheduled energy-related activities.

The Army encouraging military commands and communities to utilize the "partnership" theme in all segments of their activities.

Army energy officials say "the Army energy program must be a 'partnership' of active and reserve components, national guard, civilian work force, and families working together to eliminate energy waste and create a more energy efficient Army."

In addition to promoting awareness of the energy

problem, according to an energy awareness week planning guide, Army commanders should use the week's events and community involvement as a foundation for continuing a year-round energy awareness program.

Energy reduction efforts like awareness programs make "sound energy management," said Millard Carr, assistant for facilities energy policy in the Defense Secretary's office.

"We not only want to save energy," he said, "we want to cut back on our energy dollars and make ourselves less vulnerable to energy shortages or curtailment."

The Department of Defense consumes over 80 percent of the total federal government energy use. (Arnews)

## Lasers may tell if medicine works

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Richard Zare, a laser chemist at Stanford University in California, is experimenting with lasers to probe body tissue and fluids to detect conditions which could result in serious illnesses if not treated early.

Prof. Zare said that in five to 10 years doctors using a laser-causing fluorescence—a very sensitive method of detecting chemicals in gases and liquids—will be able to head off problems rather than just reacting to them.

In the "here-and-now," the use of lasers for corrective surgery is rapidly expanding.

Dr. Terry Fuller, chief of the nation's largest laser-surgery research laboratory at Detroit's Sinai Hospital, said not only are lasers used for eye, ear, nose and throat surgery, but for treating stomach ulcers, removing cancerous brain tumors, and purple birth marks, commonly called port wine stains.

Dr. Fuller, who developed a new kind of non-toxic fiber optic "scalpel," said major operations can now be performed with lasers without making the large incisions normal steel scalpels make. And because the incisions are smaller, the patient has less pain. The fiber optic material focuses the energy source much like a wire conducts electricity.

A laser is a powerful radiation light source. It can be directed so precisely that it destroys tiny diseased tissue, while leaving healthy cells nearby unaffected. The depth of its cut can be controlled with great precision, which gives it the ability to make very delicate and microscopic incisions. Heat from the laser seals the wound as the laser cuts, which helps reduce blood loss.

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On the other side of that are MARSgrams—written messages of 25 words or less—which are always free of charge because they are sent exclusively through the MARS system.

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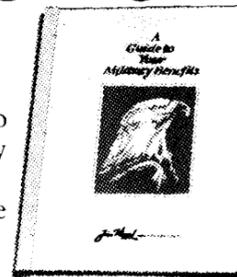
Your family and friends can use the MARS system to reach you overseas by contacting their nearest military base communications office.

Calls often have to be scheduled in advance, and MARSgrams can take from a few hours to several days to get through. That means speedier communications channels should be used for important messages. You should keep this in mind when setting your priorities for calls.

MARS members, as part of their primary mission, donated more than 800 hours of their time to the Arizona National Guard during widespread flooding last year in Tucson.

MARS was also quick to react to the May 1983 earthquake in Coalinga, Calif. An Army MARS affiliate member in Fresno set up an emergency network to relay preliminary details of the disaster to the MARS station at the Presidio of San Francisco. Other California members soon hooked into the network, relaying information into and out of the disaster area.

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## Corps works with paralyzed veterans group

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For three years, EPVA architects, themselves paralyzed, have reviewed Corps of Engineer proposed construction plans to see that public and military families would be accessible for the handicapped.

"We feel the minimal administrative costs are certainly justified by the improved quality of our product," says William N. McCormick, Jr., chief of the Engineering Division, Directorate of Engineering and Construction at Corps headquarters.

The Corps of Engineers remains responsible for

complying with federal standards for handicapped accessibility; but the EPVA reviews help detect and correct inadequacies and fine-tune designs before actual construction begins.

The EPVA has been concerned with accessibility for the handicapped since it was founded in 1947. Their main goal is to help in the physical, educational, vocational and spiritual rehabilitation of veterans and other disabled persons who have suffered spinal cord injuries.

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# Long softball career among this soldier's goals

BY SKIP VAUGHN

Perhaps Sp4 Donnie Gee is only half joking when he lists softball among his goals.

Gee of C Company is one of two Redstone soldiers expected to attend tryouts for the All-Army softball team. The trials are scheduled for July 11 through Aug. 4 at Fort Bragg, N.C.

"I'm married and have two girls. One goal would be to take care of the family, another is to achieve higher education and to get a job some day, and keep playing softball 30 years I guess," Gee adds with a laugh.

Gee was among 25 to 30 soldiers worldwide invited to the softball team trials. SSgt. Prentiss Thomas of HHC was also invited, according to Irv Lyles, Redstone sports director.

Last year Gee was playing on the Redstone post team in the TRADOC tournament at Fort Eustis, Va. The team finished as runner-up. After the tournament someone suggested that he submit an application for the All-Army team.

He applied earlier this year and found out recently

that he was selected to attend the trials. "I think it's an honor," Gee says. "I just hope I can play my best and hopefully make the team."

The 24-year-old soldier has been playing softball about six years. As a civilian in his hometown in Indiana, he played for a team that was the Class A state runner-up in 1981. Now he plays for the C Company team and also on weekends for a team called the Huntsville Royals.

"I can basically hit with power and I can basically hit to all fields," Gee says. "I bat left handed, play left handed. I feel like I'm a pretty good fielder, strong throwing arm." He plays in the outfield.

Gee lettered in baseball for three years at Loogootee (Ind.) High School. After high school he attended Vincennes (Ind.) Junior College. He has been in the Army about a year and 10 months, most of the time at Redstone. "I'll be getting out of the Army here in a couple of months and I'll be going back to school," he says.

He plans to major in computer programming and is a computer operator in the Directorate of Evaluation and Standardization at the missile school. He and his wife Peggy have two daughters, Tonya, 5, and Andrea, 3.

"Gee is a good soldier and a good softball player and a good candidate to be on the All-Army team," says 1st Sgt. Kerry Pennington of C Company. "I think he'd do a good job representing the Army."

The 12 soldiers who get selected for the team are to participate in a championship between the services Aug. 5-10 at Camp LeJeune, N.C.



IN OUTFIELD—Gee hopes to make the team that will represent the Army in an interservice softball championship.



BATTING — Sp4 Donnie Gee was among the soldiers selected to try out for the All-Army softball team.

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# Power hitter sets league record in civilian softball

BY MIKE McCOLPIN

Danny Smith, one of the perennial power hitters in the arsenal civilian softball league, is enjoying what may be his finest season.

Smith has played in the the arsenal league since 1974 and has averaged over 20 home runs a year since 1975. Through the years he has played with the old MISD team, the M&M team, Rachels, MLC and now the Cougars.

This year, barely halfway through the season, Smith has 19 home runs and over 60 runs batted in to go with a batting average above .700 and nine walks. In a recent three-game stretch, Smith hit 11 home runs in as many times at bat, with three walks thrown in. The 11 consecutive home runs is thought to be a civilian softball league record.

Smith attributes his success this year to to the other teams not being able to pitch around him since the people hitting in front and back of him are also having good years. People like Ken Lomax, Sam Meadows, Bob Nichols and DeWitt Palmore are making teams pay for walking Smith.

Smith says he sets no individual goal for himself but sets one every year to help his team qualify for the state tournament. He's fulfilled that goal eight times in the past 11 years and very likely will again in 1984.

## New catalog offers uniforms by mail

WASHINGTON—If you don't have access to a military clothing store to refurbish your wardrobe help is on the way.

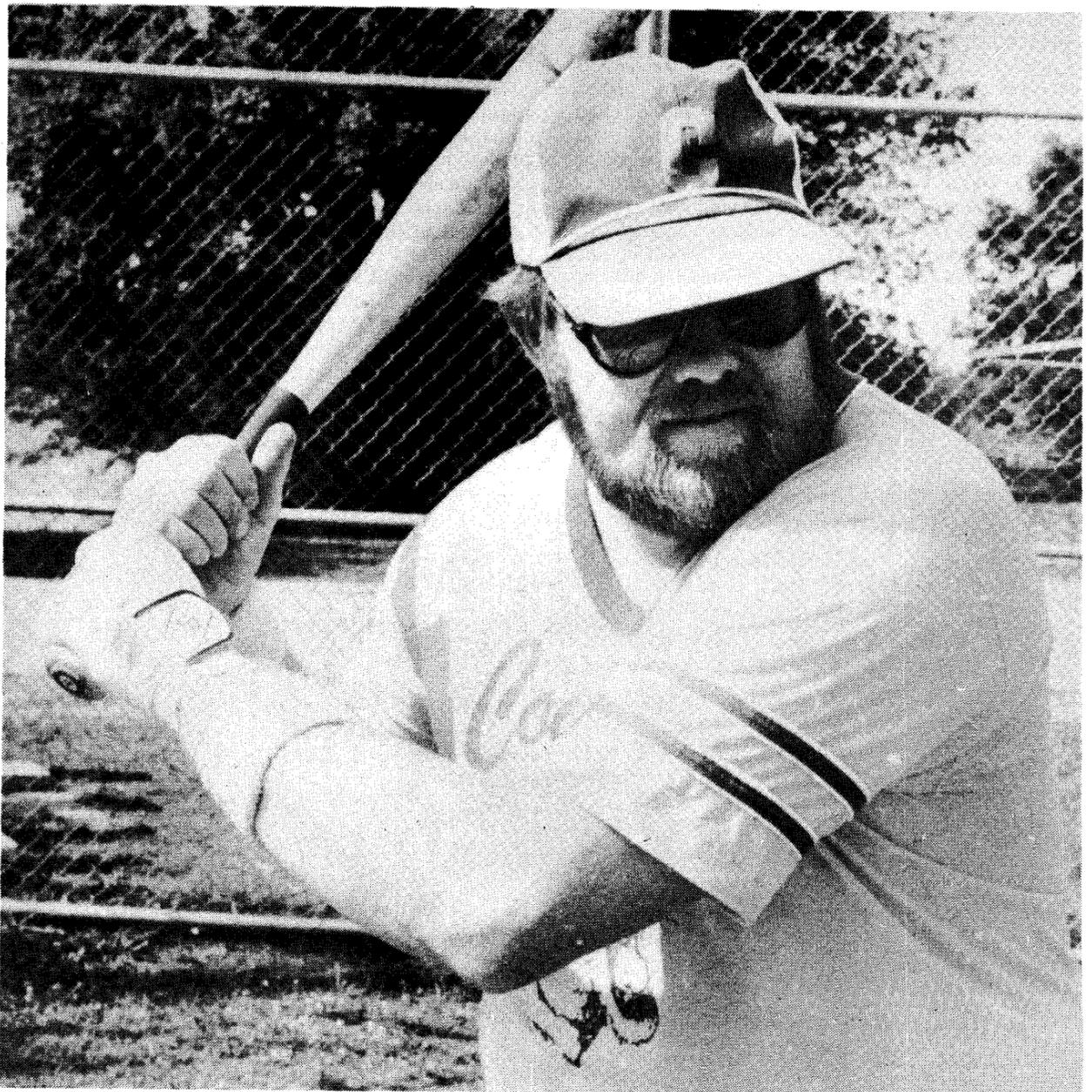
AAFES has recently published a new mail order catalog targeted for soldiers and airmen stationed in remote areas who don't have access to a military clothing sales store.

The color-illustrated catalog features uniforms, footwear, insignia and accessories. Both the AAFES commercially-procured items and those supplied by the Defense Personnel Support Center are included in the catalog.

The new catalogs have been mailed to remote units worldwide for used by soldiers and airmen. Personnel should request the catalog from the unit commander or designated official.

Customer orders are sent to military clothing stores designated the "mail order points." They are listed in the catalog.

Catalogs can be received by contacting: AAFES, Attn: MR-U, Box 660202, Dallas, Texas, 75266-0202.



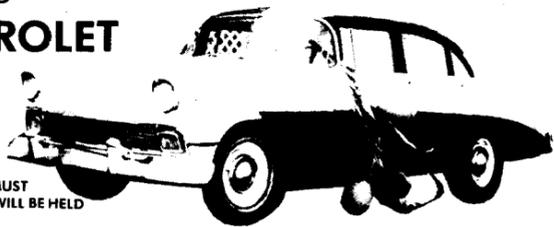
SLUGGER — Danny Smith, an equipment specialist in Maintenance Engineering Directorate, is a home run hitter in the arsenal civilian softball league.



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# GI bill educates 18 million

WASHINGTON—The Defense Department joined the Veterans Administration and the American Legion in a June 22 Pentagon ceremony observing the 40th anniversary of the G.I. Bill of Rights.

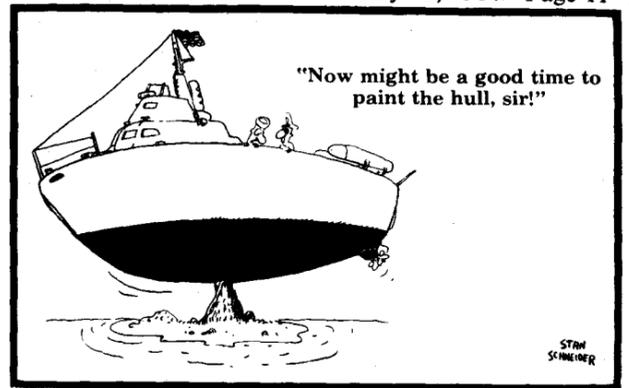
Speaking at the ceremony, Lawrence J. Korb, Assistant Secretary of Defense for manpower, installations and logistics, called the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944 "unique in its time" and "an investment in people."

Some 11 million veterans have received \$225 billion

in home loans and 18.2 million individuals have received \$55 billion for education and training.

"We in DOD continue to believe in providing educational opportunities for those who serve," Korb said. He said the Defense Department stands behind the current programs offered to veterans.

Currently, the veterans educational assistance program is offered as part of all pay and benefit packages. To replace this program, congress is proposing legislation to create a new G.I. Bill. (Arnews)



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# Rachels slugs 11 homers in shutout win

Three rain-out games were made up while most Civilian Welfare League softball teams took last week off.

The Cougars got by MIA 9-3, the Stallions beat T&E 18-6, and Rachels ripped CPO 21-0.

The Cougars win over MIA was keyed by Bob Peagler's three for three game along with home runs by Sam Meadows and Bob Nichols. Danny Smith was winning pitcher.

Stallions victory over T&E was more difficult than the score indicates. The Stallions did not take the lead until the fifth inning. They were led by Rudy Cornelius who had two homers, a single and seven runs batted in. Don Fritz, Rick Hedrick and Ken Moore also had three hits and Don Sutton contributed a homer. For T&E, Earl Shirley had three hits while Don Hughes, Anthony Cook and Danny Spencer got two hits apiece. Hughes and Cook homered.

Rachels blasted 11 home runs to back the four-hit pitching of Bobby Holland in a shutout over CPO. The homers included three by Ken Smith, two by Randy Pate, and one each by Cleo McWhorter, James "Mooney" Battle, Calvin Harris, Doyle Choat, Gary Belue and Ronny Walton.

## Standings

Western Conference				
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Stallions	13	0	1.000	--
Rachels	8	3	.727	4
Dr. Zoom	6	6	.500	6 1/2
Express	5	6	.455	7
MLC	5	8	.385	8
COE	2	9	.182	10
Pershing				
Proj	1	10	.091	11
CPO	1	11	.083	11 1/2

Eastern Conference				
	W	L	PCT	GB
RADs	10	1	.909	--
Cougars	11	2	.846	--
MIA	8	4	.667	2 1/2
T&E	8	4	.667	2 1/2
F&A	6	5	.545	4
SIO	6	7	.462	5
Thiokol	4	7	.364	6
P&P				
Engineers	1	12	.077	10



## Aberdeen proving ground has reorganization

ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, Md. — A July 2 reorganization consolidates the APG command here and U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command headquarters, with the TECOM commanding general over both groups.

Under the reorganization, the present APG command structure will be divided into two elements. One, now the Materiel Testing Directorate, will be redesignated the Combat Systems Test Activity. The second element will be designated as the Aberdeen Proving Ground Support Activity. Its commander will also have a second title, deputy installation coordinator.

Each element will be headed by a colonel reporting directly to the TECOM commander at the southern

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A TECOM spokesman said the reorganization will give emphasis to the test mission and clarify reporting channels and will not cause any jobs to be lost.



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# Shark Phobia

BY TOM JOYCE  
American Forces  
Information Service

Shark phobia became a real national pastime in 1975 with the release of the movie "Jaws" and its sequel "Jaws II." The mania has cooled somewhat since then, but people still look for fins before entering the water.

What are the chances of getting bitten by a shark? Experts say your chances of getting hit by lightning are much better. About 50 ocean bathers are attacked by sharks each year with perhaps 10 of the attacks fatal.

Doctor Bernard J. Zahuranec, with the Oceanic Biology Program, Office of Naval Research, thinks sharks, with the exception of the great white, have a bad reputation for all the wrong reasons. "For the most part, sharks are not aggressive toward humans," he says. "Only under certain circumstances will sharks attack. For instance, if a shark feels cornered, it may attack. If a shark's territory is violated, it may attack to drive away the intruder."

Dr. Zahuranec also says that only 20 to 30 of the some 300 species of sharks have been known to bite people. "Some sharks are big, some are predators, and they may go where people go," he says. "But only a small fraction of them are aggressive."

But Dr. Zahuranec thinks it is more important to distinguish between aggressive behavior and the normal habits of sharks.

"If a shark goes after a piece of bait, is that being aggressive?" he asks. "If someone is scuba diving in a black wet suit and looks like a seal to the shark, and the shark bites the diver out of curiosity, is that being aggressive?" In short, sharks don't have to be aggressive to pose a danger to humans.

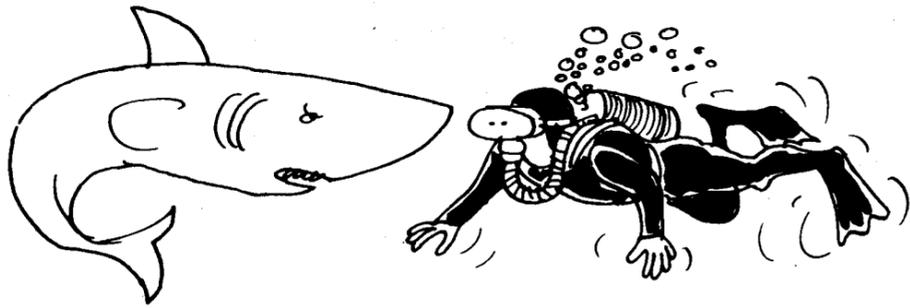
Some things will attract sharks. The hemoglobin in blood is one. So is low frequency sound. "Splashing causes low frequency sounds in the water," says Dr. Zahuranec. Shiny things will attract sharks. "A flashing lure may alert sharks," he adds.

Whether a shark will be attracted to you has a lot to do with the conditions at the time. It depends on the type of shark, water conditions and the amount of noise being made. If bathers are in the shallow, warm waters of the tropics, chances are pretty good that sharks will be there also. But not because people are there. The sharks were there first.

But it's not just warm water that attracts sharks. Dr. Zahuranec says abalone divers off the coast of Northern California have a good chance of encountering sharks, but people don't spend a lot of time swimming in that cold, rough water.

There are a few precautions people can take if they are going to the beach or find themselves in open water with sharks in the area.

First, if there is a lifeguard, check to see if there have been shark sightings. Usually, if sharks are in the area, the lifeguards will sound an alert.



The sensible thing to do when you go into the water, and then spot a shark, is to get out of the water as quickly as possible. "But in getting out of the water, don't make too much of a disruption," says Dr. Zahuranec. "The more noise there is, the more curious the shark may be. Use regular, even movements; not excessive, irregular movements like splashing around."

Dr. Zahuranec says that if you are attacked, anything you can do to the shark is better than nothing. Hitting the shark on the nose falls under that category. And it's better to hit the shark with something other than a bare hand.

However, in the majority of cases involving shark bites, "the victim never saw the shark," says Dr. Zahuranec.

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These volunteer positions offer flexible work schedules. For more information call Rita See, ACS volunteer supervisor, 876-2859.

## Defense high schools gain recognition

WASHINGTON—Three Department of Defense dependents schools are among 202 public secondary schools recently singled out for their outstanding overall education systems through the 1983-84 secondary school recognition program.

Frankfurt High School, Heidelberg High School and Rhein Main Middle School in Germany region were chosen for the U.S. Education Department-sponsored program from 555 applications reviewed by state and local school administrators.

Department of Defense dependent schools director Dr. Beth Stephens said, "we are exceedingly pleased that three schools from the DODDS system have been singled out as exemplary of the vitality and strength of American education."

Candidate schools from 48 states, the District of

Columbia and DODDS were judged on program descriptions, school policies and practices, and on-site interviews with parents, teachers, support staff and district administrators.

The DODDS system's 268 schools provide educational opportunities for some 146,000 children of Defense Department military and civilian employees in 20 countries. (Arnews)

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# Soldier places first twice in championships

WASHINGTON—A West Germany-based soldier was the Army's lone double first-place winner at the interservice track and field championships held last month in Colorado Springs, Colo.

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# Some medical payments denied after July 16

WASHINGTON—Some stateside family members will have routine medical Champus claims denied effective July 16 if they are not enrolled in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System, DEERS.

That denial policy, being phased in over a 6-month period, will insure only those persons qualified and registered may receive Champus benefits.

And in addition, beginning Oct. 1, 1984, family members not registered in the eligibility program will be denied non-emergency medical care at health-treatment facilities.

There are some exceptions to phase-in deadlines. Newborn claims won't be denied for one year after the birth date. Also, a short grace period will allow for reinstatement of eligibility after ID card expiration.

Officials say the policy will apply to service families overseas in 1985.

Military family members who don't know whether they are properly enrolled in DEERS should check—and enroll—now. Active duty family members must be enrolled by their sponsors at the nearest personnel office. Military retirees and their families, and survivors of deceased active or retired military members, can enroll at any service's personnel office. (Arnews)

Company in Darmstadt won the 100-meter dash in 12.5 seconds and leaped 19 feet three inches in long jump for a new meet record. She also turned in a third place finish in the 100-meter hurdles.

Britton highlighted the Army's second place finishes in both the men and women overall team competition. The Air Force placed first in both categories; the Navy and Marine Corps took third and fourth places.

The annual competition attracted nearly 130 athletes to the U.S. Air Force Academy Campus. (Arnews)



# 'Funeral rule' aids consumers

BY TOM JOYCE  
American Forces  
Information Service

One of the most traumatic times in a person's life is when a loved one dies. It is usually an intensely emotional time. Unfortunately, it's also a time when many costly decisions regarding funeral services and burials must be made.

For the past 10 years, the Federal Trade Commission has been looking at funeral industry practices. It found that funerals (each year, some two million funerals are arranged in the United States) were expensive and that many consumers were making purchases under emotional stress and in many cases without all the facts.

Lewis Rose, a staff attorney with the FTC, says, "Because of these findings, we thought it was proper to look into the industry."

What resulted is the Funeral Rule. Rose says it is "designed to give the consumer information" to make it easier to select only those goods and services wanted or needed and to pay for only those selected.

One of the major aspects of the new rule is that

funeral directors are now required to quote prices over the telephone. This will allow consumers to compare prices and choose the best offer.

Once a person has chosen a funeral parlor, a list of services and the fees charged must be provided. The cost of each service, from the casket to renting viewing rooms, must be shown and included in a listing of all proposed services before a contract is signed. "Once the final total is made, the consumer can still make changes before signing the document," says Rose.

The new rule also contains information about embalming. "Research done by the Federal Trade Commission found that a majority of people questioned thought embalming was necessary," says Rose. "In fact, embalming is not required by law except in certain special cases. The new rule requires that this information be included on the itemized price list."

The Federal Trade Commission has published a brochure, "Consumer Guide to the FTC Funeral Rule," which summarizes the new rule. For a free copy, write: FTC Funeral Brochure, P.O. Box 37078, Washington, D.C. 20013.

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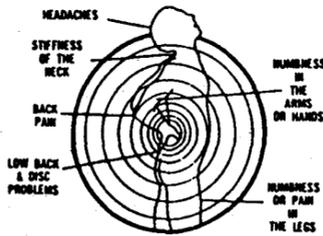
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# Stateside or overseas, drugs against the law

BY TOM JOYCE

## American Forces Press Services

Under California law possession of an ounce of marijuana could net a \$100 fine for a first offense. In North Carolina, that same ounce could mean up to five years in prison and a \$5,000 fine. If the military apprehends a member with that ounce, the penalty could be a dishonorable discharge and two years at hard labor.

If that sounds harsh, it's meant to be. The services take a dim view of drug users and have set penalties to match their concern.

How do other countries deal with the drug problem? Near the end of last year, there were 116 American servicemen, Department of Defense civilians or dependents of servicemen confined in foreign prisons. Of those, 30 had been found guilty of drug charges. The longest sentence for drugs handed down to an American serviceman overseas was in Thailand where an Army Specialist Five was given 33 years and four months for heroin smuggling.

"Drug offenses are usually viewed much more harshly abroad," says Richard Weeks of the State Department's Bureau of Consular Affairs, adding "what may be considered a minor offense here (the United States) may be a major crime in a foreign country, with the criminal penalties to go with it."

And once servicemen enter the criminal justice system in another country, they may find that their rights under the U.S. law don't automatically apply.

"American citizens don't carry the laws of the

United States or the Constitution of the United States with them when they travel overseas," say Weeks. "If an American runs afoul of the law in a foreign country, he or she may well have to deal with the laws of that country notwithstanding any treaties or agreements that may be in force."

And some of those laws regarding punishments are pretty tough.

In the Republic of Korea, trafficking in marijuana means a sentence of from one year to life.

Any person involved in producing or importing prohibited substances in Turkey can get anywhere from

five years to life. If a military person is convicted of using minors in any aspect of narcotics trafficking or if a person is convicted of attempting to addict minors, the judge may impose a life sentence.

Simple possession of marijuana in Japan could result in up to five years in prison.

In Greece there is a two year minimum sentence for possession of drugs for personal use.

Under German law, the maximum penalty for simple possession for personal use is four years in prison or a fine. The maximum for trafficking in drugs is fifteen years or a fine, depending on the circumstances.

## Prisoners overseas may not meet U.S. standards

BY TOM JOYCE

### American Forces Press Service

Being confined to a penal institution is definitely an experience to avoid. No prison, including most of those in the United States, is hotel-like. But prisons in some overseas countries are extremely harsh.

Richard Weeks of the State Department's Bureau of Consular Affairs says prisons overseas may not meet the same standards required of U.S. prisons.

"Some prisons, especially those in poorer countries, may not pay as much attention to hygiene," says Weeks. "Also, there may not be adequate amounts of food available to the prisoner and the nutritional value of the food that is available may not be sufficient."

Weeks also points out that some prisons systems

abroad allow corporal punishment. He adds, "Prisons abroad, like some in the United States, can be very dangerous because of lack of effective prison control."

It is also not uncommon for prisoners in some foreign institutions to have to pay for adequate accommodations and food.

Overseas military commanders make efforts to ensure that U.S. military personnel confined in foreign prisons are provided with medical and dental support, health and comfort items, clothing, and supplemental food stocks equal to that made available to prisoners in U.S. military confinement facilities. But says Weeks, "Life in a foreign prison can still be awfully difficult."

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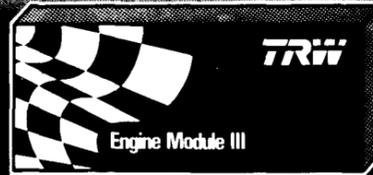
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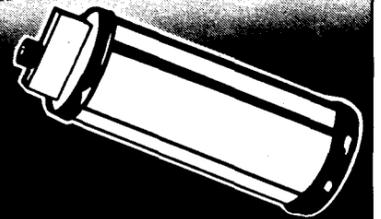
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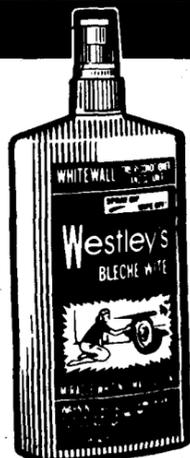
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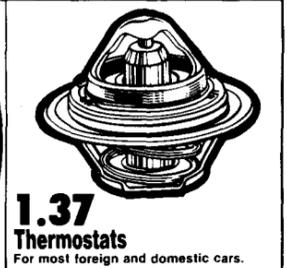
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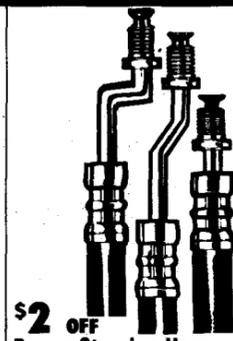
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# Spiders—victims of bad rap

BY TOM JOYCE  
American Forces  
Information Service

One of the easiest ways to make someone's skin crawl is to mention spiders. Some of the most macho men and liberated women will shudder and come up with an "ugh!" at the thought.

But Jonathan Coddington, a doctor of entomology and the associate curator of the department of entomology for the National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution, thinks spiders get a bad rap.

"Ninety-nine point nine percent of the spiders in the world are harmless," says Dr. Coddington. "As a matter of fact, more than 80 percent of the bites attributed to spiders are not spider bites."

Which leads to another misconception about spiders: Their aggressiveness. "Spiders are not aggressive creatures," says Dr. Coddington. "More people are stung by bees than are bitten by spiders."

Dr. Coddington says spiders are afraid of humans. They seem to know that all it would take is one step, and that would be the end. For that reason, spiders tend to retreat from larger animals and humans.

"The reason most people come in contact with spiders and are bitten is because they don't watch where they are going," says Dr. Coddington.

Poisonous spiders basically fall into two categories: Those whose venom is hemotoxic and those whose venom is neurotoxic. "I'd much rather be bitten by a spider that is neurotoxic," says Dr. Coddington. That is, the venom "zaps" the nervous system and has immediate effect on the whole body. "But, you'll get over it," he says.

Hemotoxic venom, the kind produced by the brown recluse spider, affects the site of the bite and rots the tissue around it. A person who has been bitten around the tendons or muscles can be crippled by some kinds of hemotoxic spider venom.

Ask someone to name a spider and they will probably mention the black widow. Dr. Coddington says the bite of a black widow (a neurotoxic spider) is really like having a bad case of the flu to the average adult. "Very few people die from black widows bites," he says. But children or extremely sensitive persons could die.

Kids usually encounter black widows by poking around in dark places. If food and flies are present, black widows will usually follow. "I once saw 25 or 30 black widows hanging out together under one picnic table," relates Dr. Coddington.

Another spider with a bad reputation is the tarantula. Actually they are not as venomous as many people think. "But they do have very long teeth which means a big bite," says Dr. Coddington, adding that their mouths are not very clean. "The reaction is more like a bee sting. And there could be a very bad infection." However, some South American and

Australian species are dangerous to people.

Spiders actually have a very positive effect on the environment, mainly because they eat an extraordinary volume of insects.

An experiment was done recently that tested people's reaction to spiders in contrast to another unpopular form of life—the cockroach. People were asked how many cockroaches they would have to see (when they turned on the lights) before they would rather see one big, hairy spider. The answer: 10 were fine. So were 20. But 50 were too many. Even spiders are preferable to some creatures.

The largest spider? Some species of the South American tarantula. They have a lot of hair, and their six to seven inch leg span could frighten anyone.

The smallest? No one really knows because the spider world is still being studied. "But anything under

an eighth of an inch, you're pretty safe," says Dr. Coddington. "Spiders have to have teeth strong enough to puncture the layer of dead skin we all have. At that size, they don't have the teeth to do the job."

The most dangerous spider known to entomologists is the Australian Atrax tarantula. Anyone it bites will usually die. There are also some very dangerous spiders living in the tropics.

What can one do to protect themselves against spiders? Dr. Coddington suggests three things:

- Check your clothes, especially your shoes. Spiders like to hide out in dark places.
- Be careful when using outdoor toilets; they attract flies and flies attract spiders.
- Watch where you're going. Many spiders are dirt colored.

## Pentagon design saved steel for WWII weapons

BY TOM CONDON  
American Forces  
Information Service

In the spring of 1941, the Germans attacked the Balkans and moved into Athens. Yugoslavia surrendered. That summer, the Pentagon was hurriedly designed.

Construction started on Sept. 11 to bring together into a single building the approximately 24,000 War Department employees scattered throughout the Washington, D.C. area.

Scheduled for completion in four years, the project was speeded up when the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor that winter. About 13,000 laborers worked around the clock to finish the \$83 million project—the world's largest office building—in only 16 months.

"It was a rush job," an Army spokesman said. "The Secretary of War called the chief of the Army Corps of Engineers on a Thursday and wanted the design concept by Monday."

The building housed about 35,000 military and civilian personnel during its World War II peak. As the communications hub for an Army of more than 8 million, it proved to be very effective.

With 17½ miles of corridors, the five-sided, fortress-like structure was designed so that it would take only seven minutes at most to walk between any two rooms—a vitally important feature for a communications headquarters in wartime.

The site in Arlington, Va. was considered a good one. It was not far from the main cluster of federal buildings on Constitution Avenue in Washington, D.C., just across the Potomac River. The government already owned most of the property, and the site was away from city traffic.

However, the plot was an odd shape. Architect G.E. Bergstrom had the job of designing the building to fit the plot.

The War Department was trying, of course, to use

as little steel as possible in all construction projects, as was the rest of the country. This was accomplished by limiting the height to five stories and using concrete reinforced with steel. Enough steel was saved this way so that an entire battleship could be built.

However, by today's architectural and engineering standards, the building is considered inefficient. A spokesman for the Army Corps of Engineers at the Pentagon said the corridors and ramps waste too much space. There are no elevators—only escalators, ramps and stairs.

"We can get the same square footage today without using up a lot of real estate, by building up instead of out," the spokesman said.

The building covers 29 acres and has about 6½ million square feet of floor space, which makes it three times as large as the Empire State building. It has about 30 miles of access roads.

Today, as headquarters for the Department of Defense, the Pentagon has the enormous task of managing, training, equipping, housing, feeding and caring for the more than 2 million men and women of the Armed Forces and their families worldwide.

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# Arsenal soccer teams return to national tournament

For the second year in succession, Redstone Arsenal's youth soccer program will participate in the AAU/Junior Olympics national soccer championships. This year's tournament will be in Florence, Ala. August 2-5.

The arsenal will be represented by two teams from the American Youth Soccer Organization Region 388. The under-10 team, coached by Felipe Perez and Juan Cisneros, advanced to the nationals by winning the southeastern association's qualification tournament in Huntsville June 30.

Led by goalkeeper Steve Addison, strikers Eric Golden and Robert Cisneros and fullback P.J. Currey, Region 388 defeated the Huntsville entry in two straight matches. The Redstone under-12 team, coached by Clay Harris and Bob Freed, swept two straight from an out-manned Florence team.

Team Redstone was led by Darrel Graham and Jared Harris and demonstrated a degree of teamwork rarely seen at that age level. The under-12 side will be seeking to improve on its runner-up position in the 1983 national championship tournament held in Cincinnati.

The under-14 Redstone team was eliminated from the tournament after two successive losses to the American League's Chargers and the NASL's Orbiting-Eagles. The under-14s were coached by Ron Lauer and were led by goalie Konrad Jones, defender Jeff Goltz, midfielders Jon Betts and strikers Mike DiCiacca and George Reid.

Team Redstone's under-16 side, coached by Tom Simcox and Cy Brocato, started off the defense of their 1983 southeastern association title by being tied by the Grissom JV Orange 3-3 on a corner kick with 10

seconds remaining on Friday, June 29. On Saturday, the team defeated the Florence Jazz 2-0 and were forced into a playoff match with Grissom. In Sunday's game, Grissom's experience and aggressive play took its toll as Redstone was defeated soundly. Redstone was lead throughout the tournament by goalkeeper Pat Wilhoite; defenders Jim Glass, Dennis Campbell, Mike Myrzglod and Tim Hart; midfielders Mike Lowman, Beth Harris, John Zach and Mike Doherty; and striker Sergio Leatherwood (four goals).



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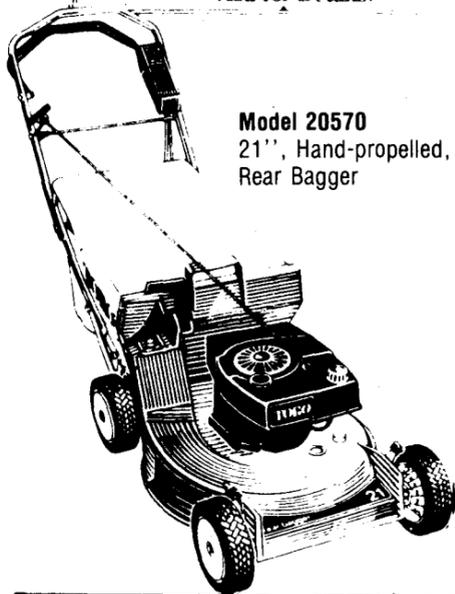
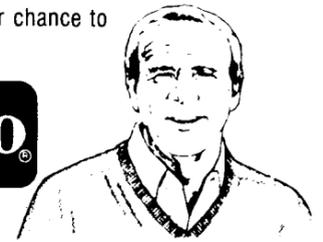
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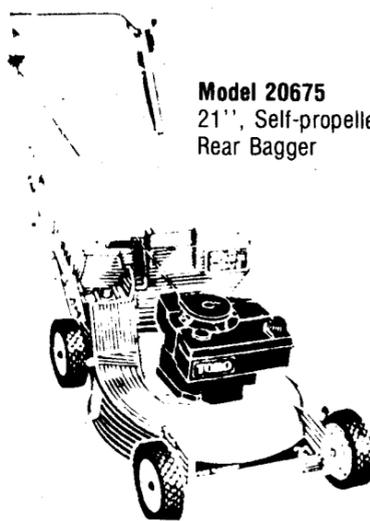
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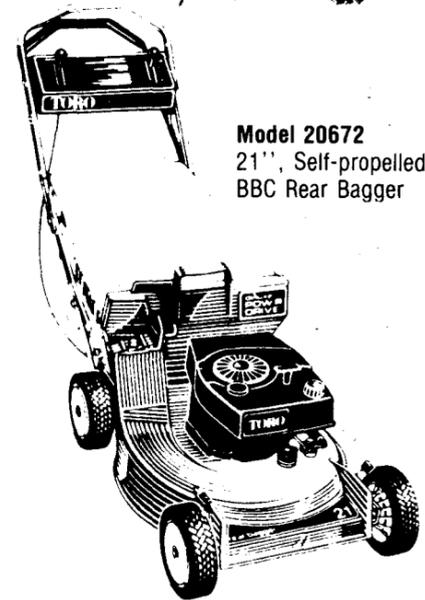
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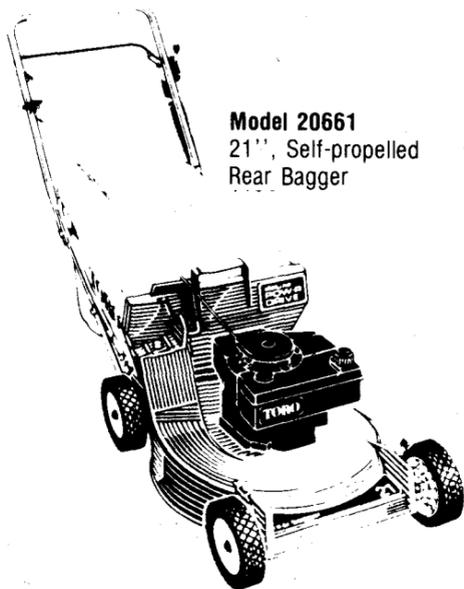


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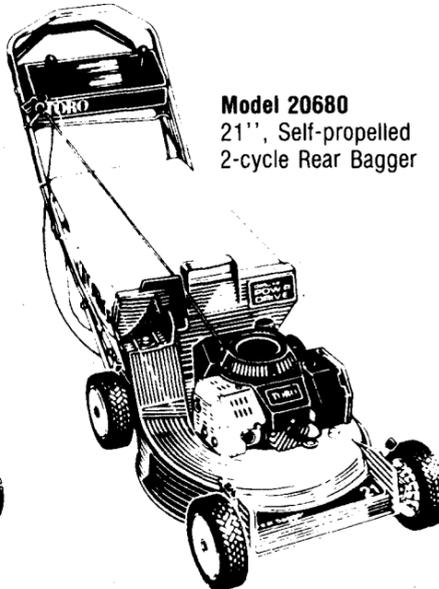


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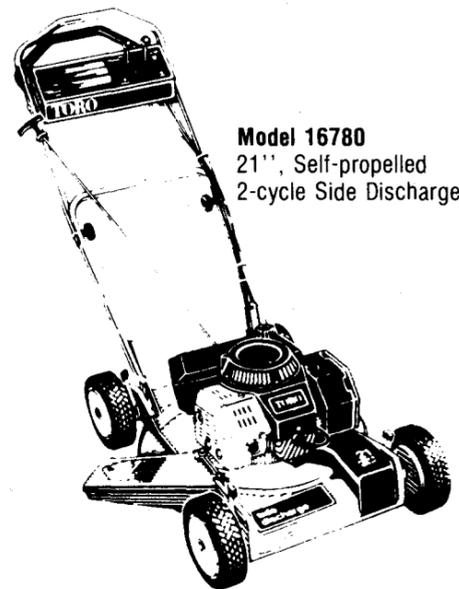
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# Army secretary presents energy conservation awards Soccer coaching course starting next Sunday

WASHINGTON—Having reduced energy consumption by more than 17 percent since fiscal 1975 the Army leads all services in energy savings, according to Secretary of the Army John O. Marsh Jr., in remarks at the 6th annual Secretary of the Army energy conservation award ceremony, June 21.

Marsh said the Army's success in reducing energy consumption is especially significant because its requirements are so great.

Marsh presented six awards to representatives of the winning installations which "through the development and implementation of sound energy management programs, have significantly reduced their energy use without degrading readiness."

The 1983 winners, by category, include, in the active Army category, first place, Iowa Army Ammunition

Plant in Burlington, Iowa; second place, Fort Devens, Mass.; and third place, U.S. Military Community Ansbach, West Germany.

In commending the winning energy programs for their "imagination and initiative," Marsh cited as example Fort Devens' new insulated barracks and Iowa Ammunition Plant's reminders of energy saving techniques.

The Army's success in reducing energy consumption puts it well on its way to achieving the 1985 goal of a 20 percent savings established by executive order in fiscal 1977.

The Army energy conservation award is presented annually by the Secretary of the Army in recognition of Army installations' energy conservation achievements.(Arnews)

The American Youth Soccer Organization will conduct a "B" level coaching course at the University of Alabama in Huntsville July 15-21.

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