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Award winning family believes in community work

BY SKIP VAUGHN

Volunteer work is a way to stay busy during periods of separation for Redstone's "Great American Family" award winners.

A plaque, presented to CWO 2 William and Diana Engquist, noted their "outstanding contributions as a family to improve your community and to strengthen America." It was signed by first lady Nancy Reagan and Maj. Gen. Peter Burbules.

The Engquist family includes William, a soldier on his way to Germany; Diana, an Army wife who volunteers her time to Army Community Service and other activities here; and their four children.

It's been a very enjoyable tour. I like it here, not only the arsenal but Huntsville itself," says Diana. She would encourage everyone to become involved as a community volunteer — especially Army wives staying behind when their husbands are being stationed elsewhere.

William is leaving Feb. 10 for a two-year tour with the 619th Ordnance Company in Germany. This will be the family's second separation in less than two years, according to Diana.

"And really, to keep my sanity I guess, that's why I became involved in so many things— because we were separated," she says. "And I intend to do the same thing again."

Diana teaches Protestant Sunday School at Bicentennial Chapel and has been an adult chaperon for the Protestant Youth Group. She was a den mother and then the pack treasurer for Cub Scout Pack 234 on post. She has been involved in various youth activities that her children have participated in. This includes stints as coach for a girls' basketball team; and as team mother for soccer, baseball and softball teams. She has run the football concession stand for the past three years.

"We have children of our own, and in order for them to have something good I feel that I should contribute to the program also," she says.



FAMILY — CWO 2 William and Diana Engquist sit with daughter Vanessa. Their other three children are in school.

The Engquist family was nominated for the "Great American Family" award by Susan Carr, a friend of Diana's who has done community work with her. When Diana served as volunteer supervisor for Army Community Service, Carr served as assistant volunteer supervisor.

William was the chairman for Cub

Scout Pack 234, has been a Little League baseball coach, has assisted and coached a girls' softball team, and has coached football. He helped his wife run the concession stand this past football season. He represented the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School on the Youth Activities Advisory Council. William has also volunteered time for Army Community Service.

He is an instructor in special ammunition division of the munitions training department, OMMCS. He says he enjoys volunteering his time for youth activities.

"I enjoy working with the kids. It keeps me busy," William says.

"I enjoy sports and I played them when I was a youth. I know the basic skills and I feel I can pass them on (See Family, cont'd on page 2)

The Gramm-Rudman-Hollings Act and its effect on DoD

WASHINGTON — To implement the reductions called for by the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings Act, the Department of Defense has decided to protect most military personnel accounts, while taking cuts in other defense accounts, according to a senior Pentagon official.

Assistant Secretary of Defense for Force Management and Personnel Chapman Cox, explained during a recent interview with military media representatives how the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings reductions for the DoD are being handled.

Although the DoD will have to reduce most other accounts by the mandated 4.9 percent across the board, it will have to reduce the military personnel accounts by only about \$235 million this year, Cox stated. He added that this smaller reduction is because the President exercised the discretionary authority

granted him for FY 86. The military personnel accounts in 1986 total about \$67.9 billion.

Cox said there are three areas in military personnel accounts which will be affected by the reductions: permanent change of station (PCS) monies, personnel leaving at expiration of their time in service (ETS), and reserve training and education. Even so, these will not be cut by the 4.9 percent called for by the new law because of the President's actions.

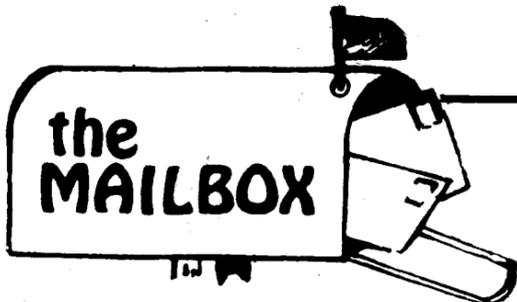
According to Cox, the President was granted authority this fiscal year to exempt all or part of the military personnel accounts from reductions. Secretary of Defense Caspar W. Weinberger's number one priority, according to Cox, was "to protect two things — the quantity and the quality of our force. That was the motivation behind the initiatives to obtain in 1986 the possibility of exempting all the military

personnel accounts" in the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings drill.

"The secretary gave me the mission early on to examine each and every military personnel account and determine whether it could be reduced at all without a substantial risk of degrading the quality and quantity of the force," Cox said. "What we determined was that only about three-tenths of 1 percent of the total account would meet that criteria." Thus, about 99.6 percent of the military personnel accounts was exempt from reductions because of the possible impact on force quantity and quality.

"First [to be trimmed] is \$87 million in PCS monies," Cox said. "Understand that that is out of an over \$2 billion account. It's less than 3 percent of the total PCS account."

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Job well done

Editor:

After being stationed at Redstone Arsenal with my husband Sgt. Robert Smith for only six months, my daughters and I have come to enjoy a person that most people would just call another security guard. This person is Mr. Clarence Jacobs. In our opinion, Mr. Jacobs needs to be reassigned as Alabama's Greeting Commissioner.

His warm smile, polite wave and energetic salute to people entering the arsenal make him the man for any greeting job. We really feel that this man deserves a standing ovation. We would also like to make a recommendation that if President Reagan should come to the arsenal for any reason that Mr. Jacobs be scheduled to give him the wave and salute to enter. We are not saying that the other guards aren't doing a good job, but Mr. Jacobs could give them a few good lessons. We thank and commend Mr. Jacobs on a job well done. Keep up the good wave.

Cheryl Smith
1201-B Crozier Drive, Redstone

Roach problem

Editor:

Upon noticing a similar article appearing in the January 15th issue of the *Rocket*, I figured it would not hurt to address the same-type problem, that of roaches, in a different type of setting.

I'm speaking of the deplorable, unhealthy and almost unlivable conditions of the Bachelor Enlisted Quarters (BEQ) Building 136 due to the occupancy of those quarters by roaches.

Since my assignment to BEQ-136 in October 1985, I have complained about and even pleaded for a resolu-

tion to this serious problem. I even went so far as to contact the office of the Inspector General here at the school. To date, although I have had a few follow-up calls from the IG office, the problem has not been taken care of. Back in October, when I first brought the problem to the attention of the Billeting Office, I was informed "don't worry, we're painting the building anyway this month." Great! So the roaches now have newly painted quarters also! That's what I call a giant step for equal opportunity!

In speaking with a senior NCO who has been living in the same BEQ for over two years, he informs me that the problem with the roaches has been there since before he moved in and all the Billeting Office does is pay lip service, occasionally spray (whatever they spray, the roaches love the stuff) and eventually ignore the problem.

Relocating here from South-Central Alabama (Tuskegee) I was told that there are some changes that come with the North Alabama region. I found that to be true since the roaches here are so impervious to cold temperature that they will hold a staff meeting inside the refrigerator as well as in the oven or cabinets.

Purchasing and storing any food item that is not in a can is a definite health hazard unless it is frozen or you plan to consume the same immediately. Roaches drink the hell out of Kool-Aid!

In November, a USAF airman who was here for a week-long TDY, found the conditions so bad (roaches) that he moved out of the BEQ and into a hotel downtown even though he knew that he wouldn't get reimbursed for his expenses.

Someone will say "If things are so bad, why not move off-post?" That's not a solution to the problem! The solution is for the Billeting Office to get the problem of the roaches fixed! Permanently! Part of my contract with the Army is that they will provide me a decent place to live or reasonably compensate me for providing my own lodging. The latter still would not eradicate the BEQ of the roaches however.

Finally, and I don't want anyone getting the idea that I am anti-buy American, but, I don't think I should have to subsidize the corporations of Raid or Roach-Pruf just to prove my patriotism, have peace of mind and remain healthy.

As a human being and a professional soldier, more

is expected and demanded of me and I expect and demand better treatment.

Calvin Miller II
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BEQ 136-B6

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Black history trivia listed

A division chief here is finding items on the history of black soldiers that he feels would be of interest during Black History Month in February.

"I figured it would be of interest to the military community here, and to the public, to make them aware of what happened in those days," said Al Hampton, chief of administration and operations division, OMMCS professional development training department. He is serving as publicity co-chairman for a Black History Month committee here.

Here's his first in a series of items of "trivia on the black soldier": On July 28, 1948 President Harry S. Truman signed Executive Order 9981 which created the President's Committee on Equality of Treatment and Opportunity in the Armed Services. After two years the committee reported that some reduction in the inequalities existing in the armed services had been achieved. In 1951, there were 200,000 black soldiers serving in 385 all-black units. By September 1953, at the end of the Korean War, only 88 all-black units remained in the Army. These units accounted for only 5 percent of the black enlisted men.

"The next one (in the series) I hope will be on the 'buffalo soldier,'" Hampton said. "And I thought about writing something on the first black officer graduate from West Point."

Family

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not only to my kids but to other kids, too. You feel a sense of accomplishment when you win a game—and even if you lose, because they got out there and had a good time."

The Engquist children are Kathy, "almost" 16, Michael, 11, Wayne, 6, and Vanessa, 3. Kathy is in the 10th grade at Butler High School; Wayne is a first grader at Ridgecrest Elementary; and Michael is a fifth grader at Morris Elementary.

William came to Redstone in

July 1982 from Fort Lewis, Wash., and his family arrived the next month. Luckily, he was able to stay long enough for the birth of his youngest child.

"She was born on the 3rd of July and he left on the 6th of July to come here," says Diana.

"Yeah, we were sweating," says William. "I was afraid I was going to have to leave before she was born."

The soldier likes Huntsville so much that this is where he plans to stay when his career is over. "The way it looks right now, this is the

area we're probably looking down the road to retire at," he says.

Until then, William plans to be involved in whatever community he goes to. "If you sit in your quarters, all you're going to do is complain about what's going on," he says.

Diana agrees about the importance of community involvement. "I would encourage everybody to at least give it a chance and become involved in something," she says. "There are so many things that can use volunteers."

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Eighteen receive fines for DUI here

Eighteen people were fined for driving under the influence in Magistrates Court action in January.

Military police and staff judge advocate officials said the following were sentenced for DUI in court sessions Jan. 13, 14 and 17:

— Paul J. Adams of 4032 Little Branch Road, Birmingham, was fined \$500.

— Jeffrey A. Christianson of 2322 London, Murfreesboro, Tenn., was fined \$500.

— Andrew J. Fearn of 172 W. Emert, Huntsville, was fined \$500.

— John C. Ferguson of 1807 Beech St., Decatur, was fined \$500.

— Mary H. Okezie of 4313 Patton Road, Huntsville, was fined \$500.

— Charles E. Rice of 3914 Newson Road, Huntsville, was fined \$250.

— Kathryn A. Chapman of 706 South Loop Road, Huntsville, was fined \$500.

— Lawrence Collier of 2412 Moore Ave., Huntsville, was fined \$750.

— Pvt. Martin P. Cooper of 4th Student Company, was fined \$500.

— Lance Cpl. John W. Covington of Marine Corps Detachment, was fined \$500.

— Cecil Lisenby of 4006 Patty Ann Drive, Huntsville, was fined \$500.

— 2nd Lt. Martin O'Mally of 5th Student Company, was fined \$500.

— Susan Potts of 5100 Rustic Trail Lot 8, Huntsville, was fined \$500.

— Stanley Scruggs of 7221-D Moores Mill Road, Huntsville, was fined \$500.

— Delano Sullivan of 127 Wilkenson, Huntsville, was fined \$500.

— Sgt. Neal Williams of Marine Corps Detachment, was fined \$500.

— PFC Gregory A. Brown Jr. of 6th Student Company, was fined \$500.

— Sgt. David L. Curry of B Company, was fined \$500.

ACT

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Cox mentioned that the DoD will try to get the projected PCS savings without any involuntary extensions by developing incentives for soldiers to stay longer in a particular assignment. "We think we can take care of most of it, if not all of it, that way," he said. "There may be some involuntary extensions, but we hope not."

Another \$92 million will be saved in the early release of soldiers who are scheduled to leave military service. This could affect about 15,000 people, Cox said:

"What this means is we've asked the services to go back and look at their management of people who are leaving the force in skill areas where there is not as great a need for them, and see if they can have those people leave one or two months early," Cox said. "These are people who are already programmed to leave. They're just leaving early, and we think we can produce about \$92 million in savings."

The third area which faces reductions is the growth in reserve training. According to Cox, this account is scheduled for FY 86 to be increased by about \$200 million. "We've said of that nearly \$200 million increase, we think we can stand to give \$55 million of it back without really damaging the quality or quantity of our force."

All other DoD accounts will be affected by the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings Act. Cox said this will affect operation and maintenance funds, spare parts purchases, training exercises, and other items not exempt from the Act. Cox could not state directly what the impact would be on readiness and training, but he did say, "We're doing our best to keep readiness as high as we can."

As for possible reductions in force [RIFs] for DoD's civilian work force, Cox said the impact is not now known.

"The civilian personnel accounts are not exempted," he said. "They are part of the Operations and Maintenance accounts which are hit by the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings cut. Our objective is to treat everyone humanely and to try to avoid any RIFs. If there are cuts and savings to be achieved in the personnel accounts, we can do it with hiring freezes and things like that."

"There's one thing relating to personnel pay in the civilian employment area that we don't have in the military area," commented Cox. "That is, the civilian personnel pay items are buried in 'O and M' accounts and so you take the cut against the account and you

can protect little pockets of programs in those accounts. So, it could be that in some accounts, for example, we won't have any cut against civilian pay because the cuts can come from other things that are in that 'O and M' [account] item. There's much more flexibility there and we are hoping we'll be able to achieve it with no RIFs."

The Defense Department was given a target of \$5.85 billion in money savings which has to come out of FY

86 funds. The DoD still has that target to meet, even though the President chose to exempt military personnel accounts, according to Cox. "So the burden of that shifted over to all the other accounts in the Department."

"We have to achieve this reduction by the end of the fiscal year which is September 30," Cox said, adding that "we've only got six months or so to do it in." (Arnews)

Background on Gramm-Rudman-Hollings Act

WASHINGTON — The Gramm-Rudman-Hollings Act is officially the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (Public Law 99-177). It states that budget deficits must be decreased annually, according to the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). It also specifies measures that must be taken to achieve a balanced federal budget by fiscal year 1991.

For FY 86, the federal government must reduce its authorized spending by only \$11.7 billion. That's the maximum amount of reductions allowed under the new law for this fiscal year. In later years, the amount of reductions is not limited.

If the budget is estimated to exceed the maximum deficit level by any amount in 1986 or 1991, an automatic spending reduction procedure is triggered to eliminate the excess deficit. This holds true also for the years 1987-1990, if the deficit is more than \$10 billion above the maximum designated for that year. The maximum deficit amounts allowed by the Act are:

Fiscal Year	Maximum Deficit (in billions of dollars)
1986	171.9
1987	144.0
1988	108.0
1989	72.0
1990	36.0
1991	zero

According to the CBO and the OMB, except for trust and special funds, the automatic reduction, or sequestration process as it is formally called, involves the permanent cancellation of new budget authority [that is, money not previously provided by Congress for federal programs and activities] and other authority to obligate and expend funds.

For FY 86, the DOD has to reduce spending by some \$5.85 billion from about 4,000 individual programs, projects and activities in the DoD budget, except those specifically exempted.

According to Robert W. Helm, assistant secretary of Defense (Comptroller), "The Gramm-Rudman Act provided the President with two flexibilities in the case of Defense in FY 86 only. The first of these was that military personnel accounts could be exempted from reductions if this was deemed desirable. And secondly, specific programs, projects and activities within Defense accounts could be exempted from reductions. In both cases, however, the amounts that were not taken in exempted areas had to be absorbed by other non-exempted parts of the Defense budget."

Both Helm and Chapman Cox, assistant secretary of Defense for Force Management and Personnel, commented that one of the President's major achievements was the "improvement in (the) quality and morale of military men and women."

Three specific areas were identified where some reductions could be taken without "jeopardizing the quality of military personnel or our force structure," Helms said. These areas are: some reduction in permanent change of station funding, early separation of personnel scheduled to leave military service, and some reduction in the growth of reserve training.

"It's worth mentioning that without this flexibility to exempt military pay accounts from Gramm-Rudman-Hollings cuts, a flexibility which exists only in FY 86, the mechanical application of the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings rules would have required over 200,000 military personnel to be discharged from the military service in FY 86," Helms commented.

All federally funded agencies and activities are affected by the new law's provisions. (Arnews)

Army researchers recruiting soldier test subjects

A briefing team will be here Feb. 10-12 to recruit soldiers interested in serving as test subjects for Army research.

Volunteers spend 90 days at the Army Natick Research Development and Engineering Center in Natick, Mass., a town about 18 miles west of Boston. It is there that scientists and technologists design and develop food and food service equipment, aerial delivery items and all the clothing and individual protection gear a soldier will ever need to protect himself in any climate or situation.

"They're coming here to recruit (research) volunteers and they will be giving a briefing," said Jeanette Kinney, chief of the administrative support branch at the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School. Briefing and interviewing of candidates is scheduled to be held in room 217 of building 3305 from 2-4 p.m. Feb. 10 and from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 11. "On the 12th, they will finish with physical examinations and have administrative actions," Kinney added.

Test subjects play an important role in research efforts for it is results from tests conducted with the

volunteers that determine which items the Army should adopt or how much energy a soldier can be expected to exert under various conditions. Some upcoming studies for which volunteers are being sought include: Human Factors Evaluation of CP Clothing, Design Verification Testing of Microclimate Cooling Garments, Physiological Responses To Mask Respiration, Sleep Deprivation and The Effects of Cigarette Smoking on Perceptual and Motor Tasks.

There is rarely any field duty for the test subjects. All the tests—whether it be marching all day in freezing cold or jogging in scorching heat—are conducted indoors.

Natick has two modern climatic chambers, one for desert or jungle environments and the other for Arctic temperatures. The Arctic chamber can go from 70 degrees Fahrenheit to minus 70 and the tropic chamber can go from 0 to 168.

Each chamber—60 feet long, 11 feet wide and 15 feet wide—has a treadmill on which four soldiers can march from 2 to 15 miles per hour. There's also a rain section where rainstorms up to 4 inches an hour and winds from 2 to 40 mph can be created. All together,

the chambers can simulate any environment on earth.

Why would any soldier volunteer for a duty where his body is used for test purposes? There are many good reasons, according to Natick center officials. One of the best is money. For tests in the chambers, subjects receive hazardous duty pay. Another is the satisfaction you can get knowing you're doing your part to help find newer and better ways to make things better for the soldier of tomorrow, helping him stay alive and carry out his mission more efficiently. You also find out more about yourself and your physical capabilities, officials say.

"They're looking for male volunteers," said Kinney. Other prerequisites include soldiers in grades E-1 through E-5 who are physically fit, age 18 through 25, with no Article 15's. Their specialty doesn't matter but they must be capable of speaking and understanding English.

"Personnel must be releasable for 90-day TDY if selected," Kinney added.

Richard Hendee, coordinator for the Climatic Chambers at Natick, will lead the three-member team coming to Redstone. For more information, call Kinney at 876-5896.



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Worker finds contentment despite physical limitations

BY SKIP VAUGHN

It was snowing during the drive back from Washington, D.C., that fateful Christmas Eve of 1966.

A Redstone worker, Arthur Poe, was driving home for a Christmas break in the middle of a year in school at the Institute of Defense Analysis. He doesn't remember what happened.

"I was told I lost control of the car on an icy overpass in Charlotte, N.C., and was thrown out," Poe says. "I bumped the car across the median and I was thrown out onto the pavement."

Poe, a research mathematician, suffered a broken vertebra in his neck. He spent most of 1967 in hospitals then returned to work here the following year.

The accident left him confined to a wheelchair. "I'm almost a quadriplegic," he says, "but I can function almost as well as a paraplegic. Paraplegics are able to balance at the waist, but I have no balance at the waist. My arms are rather weak and my fingers, even though I can move them, most of them are getting weaker and weaker. I can't open up my hands straight."

Poe has learned to live with his limitations. He works in the aeroballistic analysis branch of Systems Simulation Directorate at MICOM's RD&E Center. He is the only mathematician among the branch's four researchers.

"It's annoying, things that I can't do sometimes. But I never was an active person, always running about. I prefer to sit. I didn't have to change my lifestyle much when I was injured," he says.

The 49-year-old mathematician was born in Akron, Ohio. His father

joined the Navy when Poe was 6 so the family moved a lot during the 1940s, including a tour in American Samoa from 1946-49. They settled down in Ozark, Ala., in 1953. His mother, Ruth, has lived there ever since. His father is deceased. A younger sister, Patricia Ann Malone, is married and living in Denver.

Poe went to college on an academic scholarship from the Ford Foundation after only his sophomore year at Pensacola (Fla.) High School. In the early 1950s, the Ford Foundation was awarding academic scholarships as part of a test program to see whether 15 and 16 year olds could succeed in college. At the time, his father was working in educational psychology at the Naval Air Station in Pensacola. "A notice of this (program) crossed his desk and he said 'Well Art's going to try for this' and I did and got one," Poe says.

In 1952 at age 15, he went to Oberlin (Ohio) College on the scholarship and was graduated four years later with a bachelor's degree in

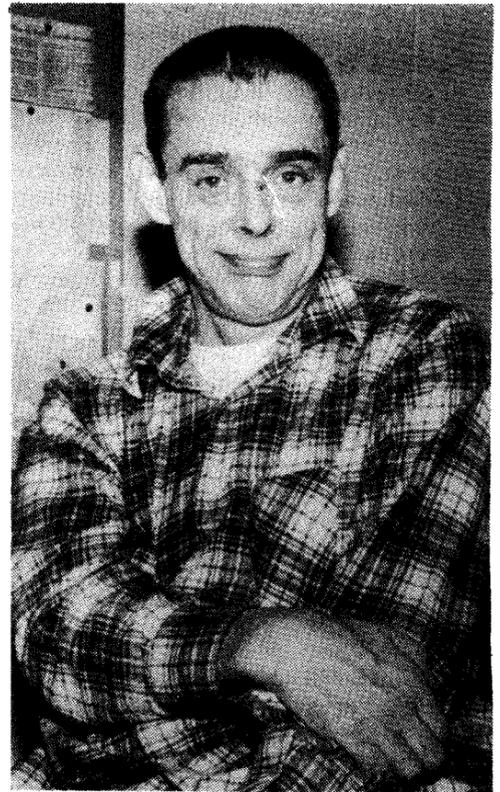
math. Poe had summer jobs at Redstone in 1956 and '57. He liked it here so much that he decided to stay in the summer of '58 instead of returning to the University of Chicago for more graduate study.

He received a master's degree in economics from the University of Illinois in 1971. Now, he is paying his nephew Kenneth's way through the University of Colorado.

"I think college education is about the best thing you can spend money on, about the most worthwhile thing that you can spend money on," Poe says.

In his spare time, the GS-13 mathematician likes to collect stamps, read, and play bridge or chess. "Another one of my hobbies is losing money on the stock market," he jokes. He has a car and resides at the Madison Manor Nursing Home.

"I'm happy with status quo," Poe says. "I would just like to keep my health and I'd like to keep my job, for as long as I have my health."



MATHEMATICIAN — Arthur Poe works in the Research, Development and Engineering Center.

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Smokers can learn to 'kick the habit' through course

BY PAM ROGERS

Military personnel and their family members who want to quit smoking can take advantage of smoking cessation classes here next month.

The course, open to anyone eligible for treatment at Fox Army Community Hospital, will be taught by Capt. Clayton Neil, an adult nurse practitioner, and Capt. John Wisda, a family practice physician.

At the completion of the week-long course, a support group will be formed to make it easier for the new nonsmokers to adjust to life without tobacco, said Neil. He believes support is one of the most important factors in a smoking cessation program.

"It's important to realize they have to decide themselves they're going to quit. It's not effective if they don't want to quit," he said.

Neil cited several statistics which seem to prove smokers cost themselves and their employers money.

"Smoking is a major cause of coronary artery disease, and is responsible for 30 percent of coronary artery disease deaths. A million Americans suffer from chronic obstructive lung disease from smoking," he said.

"Smokers use medical facilities 50 percent more than nonsmokers, and absenteeism is 33 to 45 percent higher among smokers."

The total annual cost of smoking in this country—including medical bills, decreased productivity and fires started by careless smokers—is over five billion dollars, Neil said.

It has been estimated that 33 percent of active duty soldiers smoke, and Neil believes the figure to be around 60 percent among the enlisted ranks. "There's no doubt we need to reach the enlisted people," he said.

Some of the things smokers can look forward to if they continue their habit include increased sinus infections, more flu and other viral infections, lung cancer, heart disease, hardening of the arteries and oral cancer, said Neil.

On the other hand, smokers who quit will begin to taste their food again, can breathe better, and will have more energy because they have more oxygen in their systems.

"Their general health is improved, and they're less prone to different bugs in the air," he said.

Neil said there is a good chance that smokers who quit will gain some weight, but it shouldn't be considered permanent.

"It's a transient thing. What weight you do gain should eventually come off," he said, adding that attention needs to be paid to proper diet and exercise.

Instruction for the course will include films and open forum discussion. At the beginning of the course, students will receive lung capacity screening, which will be repeated after they have quit smoking so they can see the improvement, Neil said.

Classes will run from Feb. 24 through the 28th, from 6-7:30 p.m. in the MEDDAC classroom at Fox Army Community Hospital. For more information, and to register, call 876-5780 Feb. 1-18.



Smoking Cessation Classes

NO SMOKING — Although it's a bit late for his friend, Capt. Clayton Neil will help others become nonsmokers.

CPO wins 'slow' league tournament

Bradley McDonald sank two free throws with 13 seconds remaining to give CPO a 48-46 victory over COE and the championship in the 35 and over slow league's double elimination basketball tournament.

Seconds earlier, teammate Abdullah Muhammad hit a basket to give CPO a 46-46 tie and set the stage for McDonald's game-winning tosses.

Muhammad, tournament most valuable player, led CPO scoring with 16 points while McDonald and Isaac Laws had 10 each. For COE, Lester Young had 18 and Ed Carpenter 13.

In other tournament games, CPO defeated Pershing 50-25, and Missile Systems-2, 45-43; COE stopped Missile Systems-2, 49-43, and Pershing 52-45; and Pershing downed COE, 54-25.

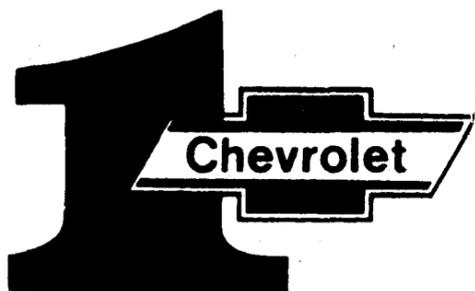
Named to the all tourney team were Muhammad, Laws and McDonald of CPO; Carpenter, Lester Young and Charles Lee of COE; Robin Campbell and

Argie Haddock of Pershing; Bill Andrews and Tom Pipelow of Missile Systems-2.

In the women's league, Security rolled past COE, 47-20, and can clinch the regular season title with a victory tonight over COE.

Mary Tate led Security with 16 points while Denise Crutcher and Chenetta Hill had 10 each. Linda Dedrick was high for COE with 10.

Final Standings		
Teams	Won	Lost
COE	10	3
CPO	8	3
Missile Systems-2	7	4
Pershing	2	10
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Teams	Won	Lost
Security	8	1
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BEAUTIFICATION — Members of the Officers Wives Club Garden Club spent Friday planting holly, boxwood and jasmine at fire stations one and two and at gate nine. The project will be entered in the Huntsville Federated Garden

Clubs beautification competition. From left are Atty Allred, Camille Lynch, Pam Stieglitz, Linda Alt, Helen Fries, Gerdy Wyatt, Amy Mingleddorf, Lillian Kawano and Marge Kunhart.

AMC headquarters planning to move

WASHINGTON — Army Materiel Command headquarters is looking for a new house.

The Army has announced that AMC would conduct a six months study on the "feasibility and economics" of relocating its headquarters and some other elements elsewhere in the Washington area.

MICOM's parent command now occupies leased space in Alexandria, Virginia. It is Army policy to site military activities on military installations for security reasons and because it usually saves money by owning rather than leasing buildings for many years.

Sites being looked at include Fort Belvoir, Fort McNair, Fort Myers, Cameron Station, Walter Reed Medical Center and Vint Hill Farms.

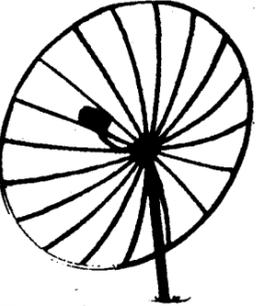
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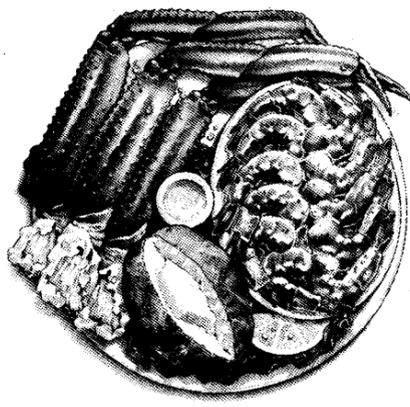
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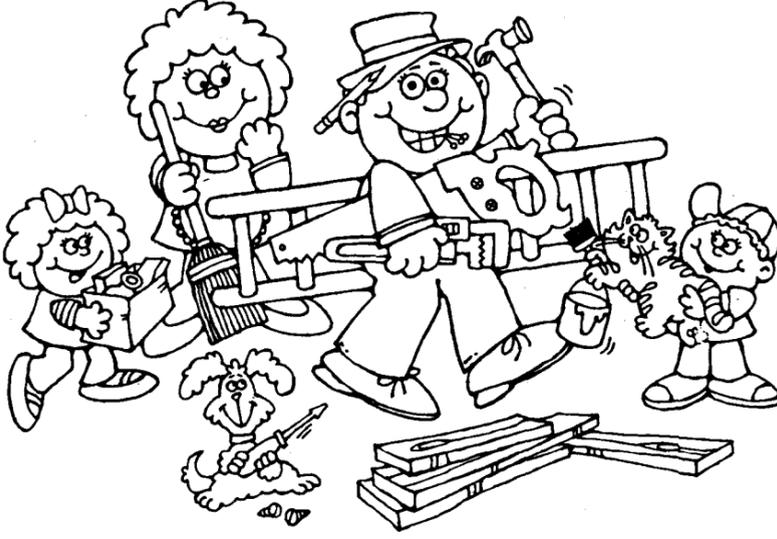
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A 3.1 percent cost-of-living increase in Veterans Administration compensation benefits for service-connected disabilities will be reflected in checks issued March 1, the VA has announced.

The rate boost, effective Dec. 1, 1985, was signed into law by President Reagan on Jan. 13.

Montgomery VA Regional Office Director James W. Conway said the checks will include retroactive amounts due for the months of December and January.

More than 2.2 million veterans currently receive compensation totaling more than \$8.2 billion a year. The rate adjustment means an increase from \$1,295 to \$1,335 per month for a veteran with a disability rated at 100 percent. Veterans with a 50 percent disability will receive \$388 a month, up from \$376, and those with a 10 percent rating will get \$68 a month, up from \$66.

The legislation also increases to \$360 the annual allowance payable in August to certain veterans whose artificial limbs or wheelchairs cause wear on their clothing.

In addition, the law provides a 3.1 percent increase in dependency and indemnity compensation (DIC) rates for surviving spouses and children of veterans who died in service or of service-connected causes.

Local teachers learn about military life

Teachers from five Huntsville city schools got a taste of military life during the first Partners in Education Orientation Breakfast put on by Redstone's Adopt-a-School program Monday.

About 125 faculty and staff members from Morris, McDonnell, Ridgecrest, and Calvary Hill elementary schools, and Westlawn Middle School spent the morning learning more about the military child's environment.

Shirley Mohler of the Family Advocacy Program here, and Sgt. Carl Cannon of the Security Directorate's Officer Friendly Program, together with a committee of representatives from service organizations on the arsenal, planned the first of what they hope will become an annual event.

"Sgt. Cannon and I co-chaired the committee, with the help of Sgt. Maj. Whiteford," Mohler said.

Mohler sees Partners in Education as a way to enhance relations between the civilian and military communities here, by showing teachers how their students who happen to be children of military families live, and explaining the services available to those children.

"The military family member who happens to be a

child is just like any other child in that peer group, but in some communities there is a stigma attached to them," Mohler said. She believes the stigma results from a breakdown of communication between the civilian and military sides of a community, and lack of understanding about the special problems of military children.

"That stigma is less in Huntsville than in most other communities, because Huntsville is a town of displaced people; there's no mystery in people traveling around the world here," she said.

The response on Monday seemed to confirm that Huntsville teachers care about their students. Mohler termed the turn-out "excellent" despite snow and temperatures near zero.

"I didn't hear one negative thing, other than 'it's cold,'" she said.

Cannon believes local educators are enthusiastic when it comes to learning more about their military students, and are curious about Redstone.

"The teachers are excited, and we're going to show off the arsenal. Officer Friendly has bragged about Redstone, and now we're going to show it off," he said last week.

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Volleyball team takes second

A Redstone Arsenal team has placed second in a volleyball tournament held in Murfreesboro, Tenn. The team competed in the Middle Tennessee State University mens division "B" tournament held Saturday, Jan. 18. Ten teams from Alabama, Tennessee and Ohio participated. The teams were divided into two five-team pools.

In the semifinal matches, Redstone defeated White County, Tenn., 15-12 and 15-9; while Shiloh Industries, Ohio, beat Huntsville 15-7 and 15-11. In the tournament final, Shiloh Industries bested the Redstone team 15-4 and 15-9.

The first pool teams were Shiloh Industries, White County, Huntsville "Cheapshots", Madison County, Tenn., and Nashville. Shiloh placed first with White County second and the Cheapshots third in their pool.

The second pool included Redstone, Huntsville "Breakers", Maxwell Air Force Base, Smack (Tenn.),

and Nissan (Tenn.). Redstone won its pool by beating Smack 15-11 and 15-9, Maxwell AFB 15-12 and 15-12, Nissan 16-14 and 15-5, and splitting with Huntsville 15-5 and 14-16. Huntsville finished second, with Maxwell taking third.

Troop basketball

Here are the troop basketball standings as of Jan. 23:

Eastern Conference		Western Conference			
Team	W	L	Team	W	L
C Company	5	1	515th	5	0
HHC	4	3	B Company	6	1
7th Students	4	3	A Company-1	5	1
A Company-2	3	2	4th Students	3	3
MEDDAC	2	4	291st MPs	3	3
Marines	1	5	6th Students	2	3
5th Students	0	7	95th	0	6

Bowling standings

Here are the troop bowling standings after last week's games:

Tuesday's Conference		
Team	Won	Loss
A Company-1	268	97
515th-1	234.5	140.5
Marines-1	231	144
95th Maint	228	147
C Company-1	220.5	154.5
515th-2	204	171
4th Students-1	190	185
TMDE	185	190
291st MPs	158	217
6th Students-1	131.5	243.5
4th Students-2	109.5	265.5
4th Students-3	92	283

200 games bowled on Jan. 21:

Tom Traxler	203
Steven Hartman	203
Mel Doolan	202

Thursday's Conference

Team	Won	Loss
A Company (E&TTD)	309	66
B Company-1	257	118
Marines-2	247	128
MEDDAC-2	239.5	135.5
C Company-2	175.5	199.5
MEDDAC-4	175.5	199.5
5th Student Company	174	201
MEDDAC-1	172.5	202.5
MEDDAC-3	155	220
B Company-2	140	235
6th Student Company-2	107	268
7th Student Company	79.5	295.5

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New learning center opens in Research Park

BY JERRY BERG

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Chief among these was distance. The courses are normally completed by taking course material in one or two-hour "doses." Each round trip from the Research Park building to the main LRC in building 7446 meant travelling some 25 miles roundtrip. The result was a heavy price for attendance, in time, trouble and out-of-pocket expense for the person taking the course.

That problem has been remedied now, with the opening of a satellite LRC to serve the approximately 1,500 civilian and military Army personnel working in Research Park.

Ballistic Missile Defense Program Manager Maj. Gen. Eugene Fox cut a ribbon last week in a ceremony signifying that the facility is now operational. Representatives of MICOM, the main LRC, and the Army elements involved were also on hand.

Establishing the satellite learning resource center took nearly a year and a half of effort in which many hurdles — such as funding and office space — had to be cleared, according to Col. W.L. Crowson. During this process "excellent support" from MICOM LRC officials was a key factor, he added.

Crowson, chief of the Information Management Office at the Army Strategic Defense Command (USASDC), said the impetus for setting up a satellite LRC came from USASDC. Some command personnel expressed interest in taking LRC courses but felt there must be a better way to do so than by commuting back and forth to the south end of the arsenal, he said.

A survey of USASDC personnel confirmed widespread interest in taking courses if they were available through a close facility. Further evidence was provided by statistics showing that about 9,600 courses were taken during fiscal 1984 at the MICOM LRC, but only 32 of the courses were taken by USASDC personnel. Other organizations were as interested and quickly became a part of the project.

With the new facility operational, nearly all of the educational opportunities offered by the main learning center will be available to Research Park personnel, without having to leave their building.

Crowson said the offerings include more than 2,000 courses ranging from one hour to 300 hours and "covering the entire gamut of subject material from biology to computers."

Job-related courses may be taken during duty hours, with approval of the employee's supervisor. General self-development courses must be taken on the employee's own time.

Crowson said the satellite facility is currently open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., but if sufficient interest in self-development courses is apparent, it may be possible to extend the hours of operation into the evening.



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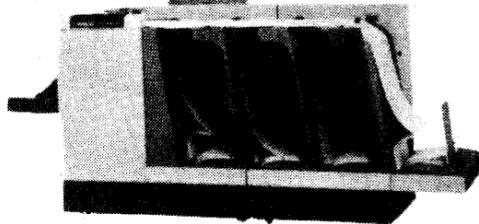
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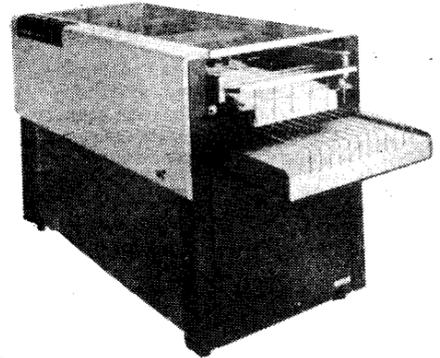
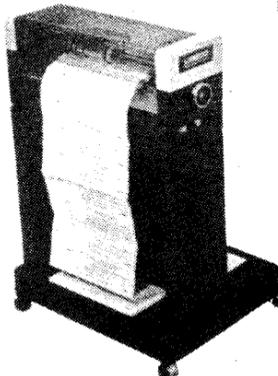
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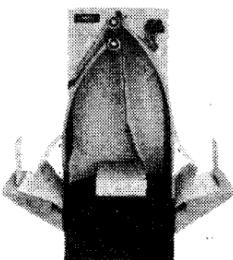
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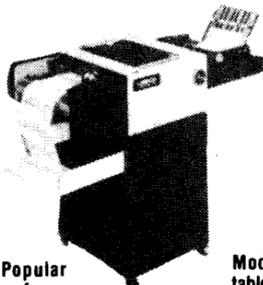
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Study group recommends fine-tuning NCO system

WASHINGTON — An in-depth study of the professional development of noncommissioned officers has resulted in numerous findings and recommendations, many of which the Army chief of staff already has approved for implementation.

A study group convened last June at the direction of Army Chief of Staff John A. Wickham Jr.

The group evaluated the NCO professional development system by identifying its strengths and weaknesses based on the present and future needs of the Army, according to the group's charter. Professional development consists of three complementary elements — training, education and experience.

Results from the study indicate that, on the whole, the NCO Corps remains strong, with a basically sound professional development system. "Our message is basically a good news story," said Brig. Gen. William Ganey, one of the group's co-directors. "The NCO Corps is in great shape — confident, professional, competent and committed. And I might add that they have the potential to get even better with the input of bright youngsters who have been recruited in the last five years. They are tomorrow's NCOs."

The NCO Professional Development Study Group was unique in that it was co-chaired by a general officer and a command sergeant major and staffed primarily by combat arms, combat support and combat service support NCOs assigned on temporary duty.

Major accomplishments

The group achieved four major accomplishments, said CSM Oscar L. Barker, the group's other co-director. First, by evaluating the entire NCO professional development system against the Army's needs, they were able to decide how best to prepare NCOs to meet those needs. Many of the recommendations resulting from this evaluation were developed to be effective during the 1986-2000 time frame.

Second, the study group created an awareness about NCO professional development throughout the Army by contacting senior commanders, NCOs and enlisted

personnel worldwide and gathering information concerning the subject. The very existence of the group caused soldiers in the field and at higher headquarters to assess the system and their role in it, said Lt. Col. Clifford Bernath, a spokesman for the group.

The group's third major accomplishment was to create a mechanism for continuous evaluation of NCO professional development. That mechanism, which has been approved in concept by the chief of staff, is expected to take the form of a Department of the Army NCO Professional Development Committee to be co-chaired by the deputy chief of staff for personnel and the deputy chief of staff for operations. The sergeant major of the Army also will serve on the committee. All three have major responsibilities for professional development of soldiers.

Finally, the study group provided a formal means for keeping professional development on track. That "architecture" for the future consists of an NCO professional development philosophy that bases professional development on the needs of the Army. It also consists of all the group's recommendations, to include formation of the Department of the Army NCO Professional Development Committee.

Eight job requirements identified

As part of the study effort, the group reviewed Army regulations, field manuals and other documents that direct, define and imply NCO duties. Based on that research, the group developed a list describing what the Army wants its NCOs to be and what skills, knowledge and attributes they need to perform their duties.

Those requirements are:

- Job Proficiency. NCOs must be expert in all aspects of their current duty assignment.
- MOS Competency. NCOs must have adequate knowledge of all aspects of their military occupational specialty, whether or not all aspects pertain to their current duty assignments.
- Physical Fitness and Military Bearing. NCOs

must have the physical and mental ability to accomplish the mission. It also means that NCOs, as leaders, must exude confidence so that those they lead will have confidence in them. NCOs must be fit to fight and fit to train others to fight.

— Basic Educational Skills. NCOs are required to conduct training, counsel soldiers and write efficiency reports and recommendations for other types of actions. This means they must have the basic communication skills required to carry out those duties.

— Leadership. The leadership requirement means everything listed in the other requirements. It also means knowing and caring for soldiers and their families, listening to them, looking out for their welfare and helping solve their problems. Most important, it means doing whatever is necessary to ensure their soldiers are physically, mentally and technically fit to fight, win and survive in combat.

— Training. The NCO's main mission is training — training soldiers as a winning team, training them in their MOS and training them in their jobs. The NCO must be a communicator, a motivator, a problem solver, a decision-maker and a manager — all of which are parts of being a leader.

— Professional Values and Attributes. These traits embody a wide range of other characteristics that are basic to being a professional soldier — dedication, discipline and selfless service to their country, to name a few.

— Maintaining and Accounting. NCOs are charged with maintaining and accounting for personnel, property and equipment. They are also responsible for their own actions and for those of the soldiers under them.

"I believe the eight requirements will provide a road map for individual use and a guide for establishing personal and professional standards of excellence for the present and the future," Barker said.

The study group also has developed another guide that can be used by NCOs in charting their own careers and by officers and NCOs in counselling junior NCOs

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Army trying to combat serious problem of VD

WASHINGTON — "Venereal disease today is a more serious problem than ever before."

With that observation recently conveyed to the Army's secretary and chief of staff, the Army's surgeon general has begun an intensive campaign to address the problem.

Part of the campaign involves instilling in Army people an increased awareness of how the problem has evolved over the past several years.

According to figures compiled by Dr. (Lt. Col.) Ernest T. Takafuji, the surgeon general's disease control consultant, the problem is both quantitative (dealing with the number of reported VD cases geographically) and qualitative (regarding trends in new strains of infection, variations in transmission, and adjusted requirements for treatment and prevention).

Takafuji's report notes that since 1981, there has been a gradual decline in venereal disease among soldiers worldwide. But the latest picture shows that while the incidence rate of such classical diseases as gonorrhea is falling, the reverse applies to non-specific urethritis, genital herpes and AIDS. Recent statistics also reveal that a number of drugs traditionally used in treating certain sexually transmitted organisms are less effective in treating those organisms. As a result, the medical community is finding it necessary to develop new drugs and to increase surveillance monitoring to detect drug-resistant disease strains.

Takafuji points out that some of the infections may occur simultaneously — for example, gonorrhea and non-specific urethritis; AIDS; hepatitis B; genital herpes. That prospect, he says, renders treatment more difficult and requires follow-up evaluation of patients.

Since some of the infections — notably gonorrhea, non-specific urethritis, hepatitis B and AIDS — may not have obvious (or any) symptoms, they pose additional implications for VD management and control. For example, the true prevalence of infections in the community is higher than what's seen in the clinics. Then, too, such "silent" infections might escape diagnosis, but they still can be passed on to others. Finally, "they can be more easily exported and imported," Takafuji said.

The problem of sexually transmitted diseases entails more than just their being a public-health nuisance. In some cases, they can lead to chronic or terminal illness. Takafuji cites the following examples: genital herpes passed on to the newborn; HTLV-III viral exposure resulting in AIDS; non-specific urethritis causing sterility in women; hepatitis B leading to chronic active hepatitis, cirrhosis and liver cancer. These examples illustrate that sexually transmitted diseases don't always yield to treatment — and that sickness

due to VD-related infections "probably is much higher than what is reported," Takafuji concluded.

His report outlines a number of requirements that must be met if the problem is to receive adequate attention:

- New health-education materials on the risk, prevention, transmission and treatment of sexually transmitted diseases

- AIDS-specific education materials
- Standardization in evaluating and counseling of affected patients

- A program for behavior modification and change in health attitudes on the part of the populace

- Increased community and leadership involvement in responding to the challenge

- New approaches in preventing the diseases
- Hepatitis B immunization of high-risk personnel.

Fulfilling those requirements includes an early review and update of the Army's pertinent regulations and technical procedures, Takafuji said. Also in the works is a comprehensive review of the available hand-out literature, films and videotapes. Based on a determination of the currency, factuality, audience suitability and understandability of the various health-education materials, revisions are expected to be completed by mid-year.

Instructional material produced for VD education throughout the Army's service schools, medical courses and unit education classes also is being reviewed and scheduled for appropriate revision within the next few months.

The Surgeon General's plan of attack includes establishing, at the Academy of the Health Sciences at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, a special course for communicable-disease counselors. This "STD (Sexually Transmitted Disease) Evaluation and Counseling Course" is being designed as a required course for certification of all STD interviewers. It will emphasize standardization of procedures, as well as serve as a means of refresher instruction.

For the long term, Takafuji emphasizes that the problem can be reduced more readily if commanders were to promote prevention through "an individual sense of responsibility necessary for maintaining good health." That approach, he said, must be introduced during basic training and reinforced throughout one's military career.

What can the community do to help the process? For one thing, it can enlist the aid of school administrators, teachers, nurses, peer-group leaders and managers of youth programs. It can volunteer to help local medical officials devise new approaches to prevention and health maintenance. This effort is ex-

pected to involve experimental programs at selected installations over the next several months.

During that time, soldiers will see an increased emphasis on, and visibility of, STD prevention. They'll find more explanatory articles in periodicals, more TV and radio broadcasts about the threat, more public-service messages on bulletin boards, and an increased availability of condoms — all measures designed to arm the soldier against what the surgeon general regards as both a medical and a social problem. (Arnews)

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on their professional development needs. Called the "NCO Professional Development Guide," it's scheduled for distribution to the field later this year, Bernath said.

Professional Development System

The study group concluded that the professional development systems that are needed to meet the eight requirements it listed are already in place in the Army; however, many need some fine-tuning to make them more effective.

In order to improve the systems, the group issued about 30 recommendations for change. They fall into about a dozen categories, covering such areas as the

NCO professional development philosophy, the enlisted personnel management system, military and civilian education and training and reserve component issues. A special edition of "Sergeants' Business" is scheduled for publication in February and will be distributed to active and reserve component units worldwide. The publication will address the workings, findings and recommendations of the study group in more detail.

"I am excited about the results of the group's effort," Barker said, "and I am convinced that when their recommendations are approved and implemented they will provide a good NCO Corps with the direction, tools and training necessary to become a great NCO Corps." (Arnews)

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Company commander learned by following example

BY CINDY WATSON

The new commander of 5th Student Company formed his technique of running a troop company by following an example.

Capt. James Naughton says he learned from the commander of the 45th Support Group while stationed in Hawaii. He recalls that the 45th commander, in a class on professional development, said "the most important thing an officer does is train his replacement."

"And that has been my philosophy since," Naughton adds. He assumed command of 5th Student Company on Jan. 17 from outgoing commander Capt. Thomas Burgess.

The 33-year-old Pittsburgh native attended Carnegie-Mellon University in his hometown and was graduated with a physics degree. Naughton entered active duty as a first lieutenant in 1978, and was trained in Explosive Ordnance Disposal.

When advising members of his unit, he says they should all seek a troop leading assignment. He also believes too much emphasis is put on technical skill, thus allowing common soldiering skills to fall behind.

"The general philosophy held by everyone is your technical skill is more important, but if you're required to survive on the battlefield you need to learn your common soldiering skills," he says.

The importance of soldiering skills was another lesson he learned from the commander of the 45th. Naughton recalls the commander said "he wanted to reach a status that when he deployed a unit to battle he didn't have to ship an equal number of body bags."

Naughton is working toward a master's degree in systems management at Florida Institute of Technology. He hopes to someday be an executive officer of a combined service support center or an assistant project manager. His ultimate goal, however, is to be a major on a command staff "maybe FORSCOM (Forces Command) or DA EOD (Department of the Army Explosive Ordnance Disposal)," he adds with a smile. As for now, he is happy to just be able to run 5th Student Company smoothly.



IN CHARGE — Capt. James Naughton, 5th Student Company commander, gives advice to Sgt. Steven Richards, operations clerk.

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Governments still working to resolve POW/MIA issue

WASHINGTON — The latest developments reported by Assistant Secretary of Defense Richard Armitage from his third visit to Hanoi show that the Vietnamese officials "were very conscientious" in keeping to the business of coordinating further actions toward resolving the issue of Americans listed as possible prisoners of war or missing in action.

The two governments' officials at the Jan. 6-7 session acknowledged that this humanitarian issue should be resolved regardless of progress on any other issue. The Hanoi government has also agreed to terms for conducting multiple aircraft crash-site excavations in the near future. Hanoi also has revealed a Vietnamese campaign to elicit responses from the Vietnamese public. Armitage cites that awareness campaign as the basis for the production of what the Hanoi foreign minister calls "50 informations" — instances in which some aspects of Americans missing-in-action have been provided to the Vietnamese authorities by the people.

Steady progress at the technical level

Armitage's latest "policy talk" with the Vietnamese came on the heels of the several "technical-level talks" held since December 1982. These talks consist of meetings of experts from both sides who deal directly with the specific details of the POW/MIA issue. These discussions, said DoD spokesman Army Lt. Col. Keith Schneider, "enable us to pass to the Vietnamese specific information on our knowledge of individual cases. This allows both sides the chance for analysis and subsequent discussion of the data presented. From

this interchange, the Vietnamese will get the most precise information available for their use when conducting searches on their own."

The latest technical talk — November 1985 — was followed by the first-ever joint U.S.-Vietnamese excavation of a B-52 crash site near Hanoi. During the excavation, completed on Dec. 1, human bone fragments and various pieces of aircraft wreckage were found. After the excavation, the Vietnamese, in a separate action, also turned over to the U.S. government what is believed to be the remains of seven Americans. Both the recovered and returned remains have been taken to the U. S. Army Central Identification Laboratory in Hawaii. "Until the lab completes its analysis, it's too early to discuss identities," Schneider said.

In the past, "as remains are recovered," Schneider explained, "forensic investigation by the lab has enabled us to positively identify all but a small percentage of them. Thus far, 142 remains have been returned from Indochina and identified as Americans, including two civilians."

The numerical side of the story

Citing the POW/MIA issue's resolution as a matter of the highest national priority, Schneider said that since the fall of Saigon in 1975, the United States has received more than 4,450 reports bearing on the issue. Their latest statistics show that 806 of those fall in the category of "firsthand live sightings." About 64 percent of those have been resolved through a determination that they correlate with persons since accounted

for. Another 24 percent are known or suspected fabrications. The remaining 95, or 12 percent of the reports, are under continuing investigation in an attempt to confirm the information. In this regard, Schneider quoted the official U.S. Government position: "Although we have thus far been unable to prove that Americans are still detained against their will, the information available to us precludes ruling out that possibility. Actions to investigate live-sighting reports receive and will continue to receive necessary priority and resources based on the assumption that at least some Americans are still held captive. Should any report prove true, we will take appropriate action to ensure the return of those involved."

Current figures show that the names of 702 Army personnel still are included on the Defense Department's list of 2,441 Americans declared "prisoner of war/missing in action," or "killed in action/body not recovered."

The U.S. government, Schneider said, "is deeply committed to achieving the fullest possible accounting for Americans missing or otherwise unaccounted for in Indochina. This is an obligation owed to the families of our missing men. We have hope that recent progress on the issue is a sign of increased sincerity and cooperation by the Indochinese governments — all leading toward a satisfactory resolution." (Arnews)

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Comptrollers group has first banquet

The former assistant secretary of defense for manpower and reserves was the keynote speaker at the charter banquet for a new military comptrollers chapter.

Dr. Lawrence Korb of Washington, D.C., assured the group that Gramm-RudmanHollings Bill rumors are worse than reality. The banquet for the new Redstone/Huntsville Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers was held Friday night, Jan. 24 at the Officers Club.

Korb lamented the fragmentation of communications between the services. He cited better communications as a mode for providing the highest level of

defense at the lowest cost to the taxpayer. He recently left a civil service career to serve as the vice president of corporate affairs for the Raytheon Corporation.

About 120 of the 322 charter members of the new comptrollers group were present. Membership is open to federal workers who serve in any of the many areas of resource management such as accounting, auditing, budgeting, manpower, and management. The next meeting is scheduled to be a luncheon Feb. 13 at the Officers Club. The speaker is to be Dr. Henry West, deputy comptroller of the Army. Arrangements will be announced later.

Top soldiers selected

Sp4 William A. White of Headquarters and Headquarters Company is the post soldier of the month for January.

In addition, Sgt. Vincent E. Moyers of 6th Student Company has been selected post NCO of the quarter.

The selection boards convened Jan. 9. Runners-up for soldier of the month were Sp4 Leeann A. Mosley of A Company, and PFC Juan A. Perez of 4th Student Company.

Runners-up for NCO of the quarter were Sgt. Clyde F. Hensel of HHC, and SSgt. John R. Wallace of C Company.

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Two of Redstone's Boy Scouts receive Eagle medals

Two members of Boy Scout Troop 308 received the Eagle Scout medal during a ceremony at the Post Chapel on Monday.

Brig. Gen. John Drosdeck presented the awards to Bradford Hutchins and Marc Thibault Jr., both ninth graders at Butler High School. Thibault, 15, is the son of CWO 2 Marc and Shirley Thibault. Hutchins, 14, is the son of Lt. Col. Andrew and Carolyn Hutchins.

To achieve the rank of Eagle, a boy must earn at least 21 merit badges, hold leadership positions in his troop, and complete a community service project.

Thibault renovated four playgrounds on the arsenal last summer for his Eagle project.

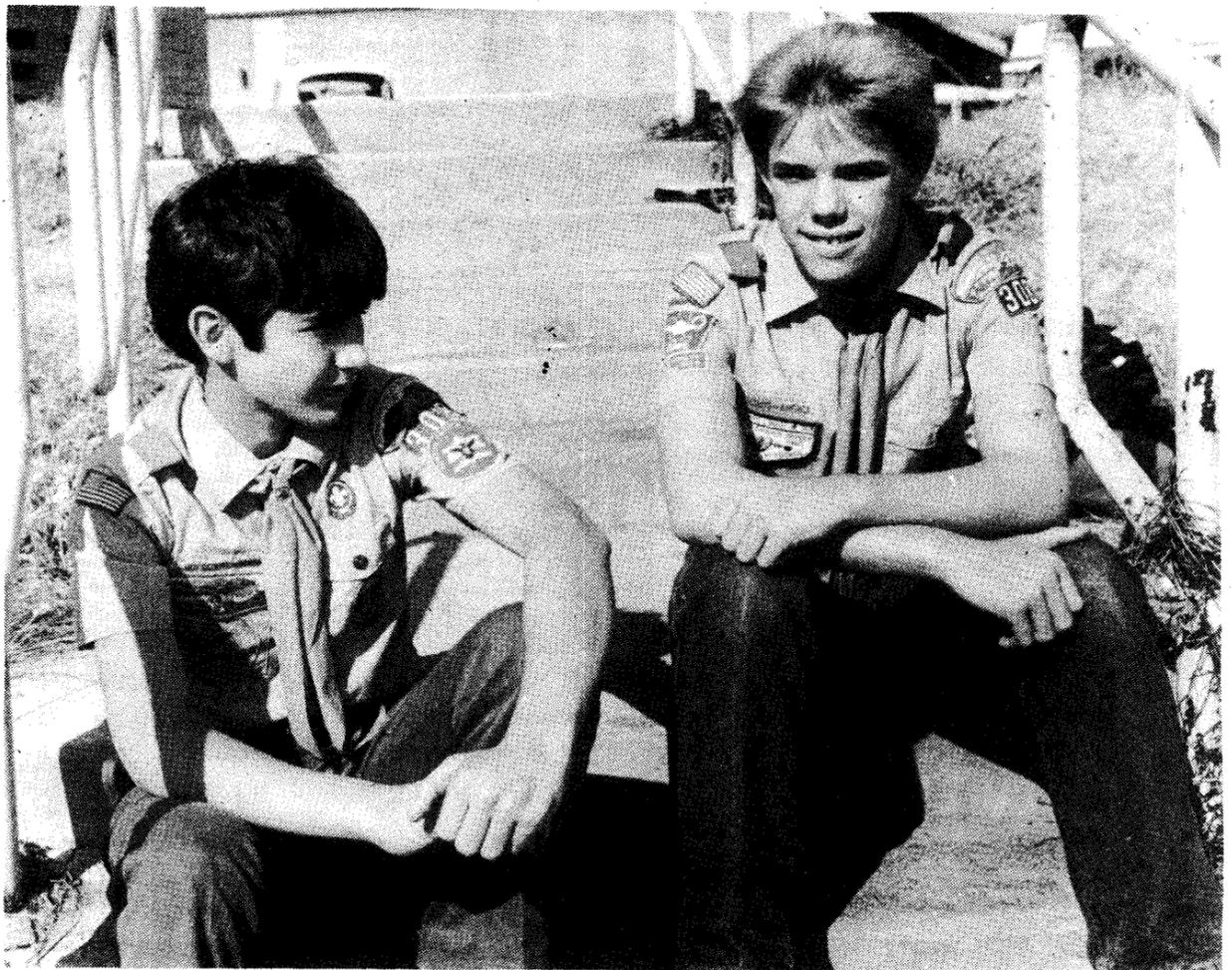
"We cleaned them up, repaired them and made them safe," he said. The project involved 85 hours of work on the part of Thibault and other members of Troop 308.

Hutchins' Eagle project was a Halloween party for Redstone's military kids, complete with games, a haunted house, and a costume contest.

The two boys agree that an Eagle Scout is a leader. "I can set a better leadership example and help younger Boy Scouts by providing leadership, and showing them how to do things," Hutchins said.

"I used to look up to the older guys, and now I'll be around to help the younger guys," said Thibault, who is senior patrol leader for his troop this year.

Thibault and Hutchins both plan to stay in Scouts, and eventually become adult leaders.



EAGLES — Marc Thibault (left) and Brad Hutchins discuss their roles as Eagle Scouts.



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Pioneer prepares for Halley's approach to sun

NASA's Pioneer spacecraft, orbiting planet Venus, has begun six weeks of observations of Halley's Comet during the comet's most active period closest to the sun (perihelion). Pioneer's observations in the ultraviolet spectrum began on Dec. 26, and will continue, with one interruption, until March 6.

Near the time of perihelion, the comet, Venus and Pioneer all will be located on the opposite side of the sun from Earth, and observations from Earth (160 million miles away) will be difficult.

Pioneer will be the only spacecraft close to Halley's Comet during perihelion. The ultraviolet observations are expected to provide valuable insights into the state of the comet in advance of flybys of Halley's Comet by European, Soviet and Japanese spacecraft beginning March 6. By the time these spacecraft encounter the comet, it will have moved away from the sun almost to Earth's orbit, a point about 91 million miles from the sun.

At its closest solar approach on Feb. 9, the comet will be within 55 million miles of the sun, roughly half way between the orbits of Venus and Mercury. At that point the comet will be most active because of the solar heating and solar wind effects impinging upon it.

The first phase of observations ended Jan. 4 when both Venus and Pioneer passed behind the sun where they will remain for almost a month, cutting off ef-

fective communications between the spacecraft and ground controllers at NASA's Ames Research Center, Mountain View, Calif. Observations will resume about Feb. 3, six days before perihelion, and will continue until March 6.

Pioneer is scheduled to produce two images of Halley's Comet in ultraviolet light. One will show the hydrogen cloud surrounding the comet, an image expected to be 20 times larger than a photograph of the comet in visible light. The image will be generated from 20,000 scans of the comet, as it drifts through the field of view of Pioneer's ultraviolet spectrometer over a period of three days. A second image will show both Venus and Halley's Comet in a single view.

It is expected that Pioneer's observations of Halley's Comet will reveal the rate of change of comet outbursts and evaporation with time; the composition of the coma (gas and dust cloud around the comet nucleus); and the extent of the hydrogen cloud surrounding Halley's Comet. Other data may show the gas/dust ratio in the coma (currently a major unknown), shape of the coma, and velocities and lifetimes of atoms in the coma.

The Pioneer orbiter was launched in 1978 to make a detailed scientific study of Venus. The spacecraft's onboard instruments continue to study atmospheric circulation and a variety of other Venus-related phenomena. The Halley observation will be the

fourth time the orbiter has been repositioned to observe another object. To observe the gases and dust emanating from Halley's Comet, mission controllers at Ames must tilt the Pioneer spacecraft so that its ultraviolet spectrometer views the passing comet.

It will be Pioneer's third look at a comet. The spacecraft viewed comet Encke in mid-1984 and comet Giacobini-Zinner in September 1985. Somewhat surprising data showed that comet Encke was losing water at a rate about three times greater than expected for its distance from the sun.

The spectrometer, one of the many scientific instruments on the orbiter, detects light in the ultraviolet region of the electromagnetic spectrum. Ultraviolet light is invisible to the human eye.

By measuring the wavelength and intensity of the emitted light, scientists can determine which elements are present in the coma and in what amount. Data from the orbiter's spectrometer will characterize the comet's gas composition, its water vaporization rate and its gas-to-dust ratio.

For the Halley observation, members of the Pioneer operations team will send commands for orbiter maneuvers from the Pioneer Mission Operations Center at Ames. To control the Pioneer orbiter's tilt, pulses are fired from one of the seven small rocket motors, or thrusters, on the spacecraft.

The orbiter spins five times a minute as it travels in its orbit around Venus. By selecting the right time, during each spin for the orbiter, to fire the thruster and by choosing the number, length and direction of thruster pulses, engineers tilt the spacecraft's spin axis to the desired position.

For the Halley's Comet observation, the orbiter's spin axis is moved in small increments. The orbiter will fire a total of some 1,000 pulses, each a half-second in duration. The entire maneuver will consume about half of the spacecraft's remaining usable fuel reserve.

Because the spectrometer has a small field of view and is always rotating, the spectrometer will "see" only a strip of Halley's comet during each spacecraft spin. However, by tipping the orbiter so the spectrometer can view another area, a two-dimensional image of the entire comet can be developed, strip by strip.

The orbiter's data will be sent to scientists at Ames and the University of Colorado, Boulder. Teams of researchers will analyze the data. Dr. Ian Stewart is the principal investigator for the spectrometer instrument.

The Pioneer spacecraft is managed by Ames Research Center for the NASA Headquarters Office of Space Science and Applications, Washington, D.C. Pioneer was built by Hughes Aircraft Co., El Segundo, Calif. The spectrometer was built by the University of Colorado.

Other NASA observations of Halley's Comet include those from the Shuttle-borne Astro 1 and Spartan-Halley missions, in which a variety of ultraviolet sensitive instruments and cameras will be used. NASA also will conduct observations from the International Cometary Explorer spacecraft, the Solar Maximum Mission and International Ultraviolet Explorer satellites as well as from sounding rockets. (NASA News Release)

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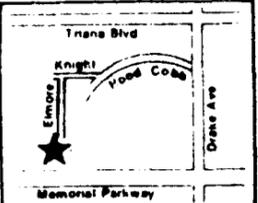
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Hockey games

The U.S. Air Force Academy Falcons will play the University of Alabama in Huntsville Chargers in two hockey games at the Von Braun Civic Center on Friday, Jan. 31 and Saturday, Feb. 1. Friday night is UAH Homecoming and Saturday night is Armed Forces Recognition Night with a special tribute being paid to all armed forces personnel. Tickets may be purchased at the VBCC ticket office. Prices are \$4 for adults and \$2 for students. Game time is 7:30 each night.

Blood drive

Everyone is welcome to participate in a blood drive Jan. 31 planned by the 95th Maintenance Company. The drive will be held from 8 a.m. to noon Friday in the day room at building 3434. The 95th Maintenance Company conducted a blood drive Oct. 31 in which 46 people participated. For more information, call 1st Lt. Mark-Thomas Bray 876-3900.

Bugle player

The ceremonial platoon needs a bugle or trumpet player who can be called upon to play for funerals at any time. Practice is scheduled every Friday from 8 until 9 a.m. For more information about the position call SFC Toefpfer 876-5710/4850 or PFC Broomfield 876-6147/6148/6149/6140.

Officers wives

Mrs. Jeremiah Denton will speak at an Officers Wives Club luncheon Feb. 11. She will tell about her experiences as the wife of a man who has been a Naval officer, prisoner of war, and a U.S. senator. Reservations for the luncheon, which begins with a social hour at 11 a.m., must be made by noon Feb. 7. Make reservations with the following: A-E, Betty Barnet 837-8426, F-L, Pat Harlan 837-0966; M-R, Joann Andrew 837-5969; and S-Z, Rita Jo Smith 837-9265. Newcomers should make reservations through Carolyn Hutchins 830-4753. Cancellations must be made by noon Feb. 10 to Marge Kunhart 830-6621. The February lecture series guest is Judge Jeri Blankenship, who will speak on the juvenile justice system. She will speak Feb. 11 at 10 a.m. in the Big Springs Lounge at the Officers Club.

Catholic women

The Military Council of Catholic Women will meet Jan. 31 at 9 a.m. in the Bicentennial Chapel. Father Bob Marsicek will lead the group in "A Day of Recollection." All Catholic women are invited.

Prayer breakfast

All military and civilian personnel are invited to attend the annual National Prayer Breakfast Feb. 5 at the NCO Club. It begins at 6:30 a.m. CSM Robert Whiteford will speak on "Values," and the Grissom High School Choir, under the direction of Annette Shingler, will perform. For more information call the Post Chapel 876-5751.

Bible study

The Protestant Women of the Chapel will meet for Bible study at 9:30 a.m. Feb. 5 at the Bicentennial Chapel.

Tours

Here is a list of tours the Recreation Center will sponsor in February and March: Feb. 16, Chattanooga, including the Incline, Ruby Falls, Confederama and the Chattanooga Choo-Choo; cost is \$12.50 for adults and \$8.25 for kids 6-12. Bus leaves at 8 a.m. Feb. 23, Shiloh National Battlefield; cost is \$4, bus leaves at 9 a.m. March 16, Nashville, including a car museum, Guinness Hall of Records, and home of President James Polk; cost is \$10.25 for adults, \$7 for kids ages 6-11, and the bus leaves at 8 a.m. March 23, Jack Daniels distillery, Stones River Battlefield and Cannonsburg Pioneer Village; cost is \$3, bus leaves at 8 a.m.

Protestant youth

Protestant Youth of the Chapel meets every Sunday from 3:30 until 5 p.m. All young people in grades four through 12 are invited. The group initially meets at the Bicentennial Chapel, and then the ninth through 12th-graders move to the Post Chapel for separate activities. Karen Edenfield is the new coordinator for the group. She holds a master's degree in religion from Heritage Bible College. For more information about the group, call the Bicentennial Chapel 876-5707.

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Single parents

Parents Without Partners is a support group for single parents coping with a new lifestyle. Meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays at St. Paul United Methodist Church, 3601 Gesman Place. For more information call Jim Cooper 882-0846.

Boating course

The United States Power Squadron offers a free 10-week, public boating course. Beginning Feb. 6, classes will be held at 7 p.m. Thursdays at Westlawn School at Jordan Lane and 9th Avenue. For more information, call 881-5536.

Stress management

Stress management classes, offered by Army Community Service (ACS) Family Advocacy Program (FAP), will begin Feb. 19 and continue for five weeks. Sessions will be held from 5-6:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Classes are open to active duty and retired military personnel, their spouses and Defense Department civilians on a space available basis. To enroll or for more information, call Dr. Resha or Ms. Mohler 876-9289.

Taxes

Finance and Accounting officials have released the following tax data: For civilian and military personnel, maximum earnings to be taxed for Social Security for 1986 is \$42,000; the tax rate increased to 7.15 percent for a maximum of \$3,003. For civilian employees, maximum earnings subject to be taxed for Medicare for 1986 is \$42,000; the tax rate increased to 1.45 percent of total earnings up to \$609.

Travel claims

Claims for mileage authorized in your travel orders for official use of privately owned conveyance, in and around the temporary duty station, must be itemized by dates when you file your reimbursement travel voucher. Finance officials say the daily total of miles may be itemized, space permitting, in block 5 or Section III of DD Form 1351-2 or may be typed on plain white paper. In addition, block 5 of the DD Form 1351-2 must reflect the total number of miles driven with a cross reference to the itemized document if shown on other than the 1351-2.

Library

Friends of the Huntsville-Madison County Public Library offers its book store located in the bookmobile from 1-4:30 p.m. every Sunday and Monday on the north side of the library building. Recycled books and magazines are offered for sale. All proceeds are used by the public library in the furnishing of the new library building. For more information, call Monteen Dowdey 883-4223.

Astronomy

Astronomer John Piccirillo will discuss "The Return of Halley's Comet" at 7:30 and 8:30 p.m. Jan. 31 at the Von Braun Astronomical Society Planetarium in the Monte Sano State Park. Observations of the night sky through the telescopes will follow this program. Admission is \$1 per person; Von Braun Astronomical Society members are admitted free with their membership card.

Madison Academy

Madison Academy will hold a fund raising dinner at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 10 at the Von Braun Civic Center Exhibit Hall. The keynote address will be given by Dr. Don Diffine, an economist from Searcy, Ark. Country and western music will be provided by Kevin Thomas and Lisa Rosenblum. Tickets for the evening are \$35, and are available at Madison Academy.

Accounting awards

Nominations are open to persons in the field of government accounting for seven awards to be presented by the Association of Government Accountants. They must be submitted by Feb. 15 directly to Sharal Huegele, 1028 Antietam Road, Huntsville 35803. The seven awards are the Robert W. King Memorial, Distinguished Leadership, Achievement of the Year, Chapter Service, Special Achievement, Scholarship, and Education and Training. Qualifying information about the awards has been distributed by Civilian Personnel to major offices. For more information, contact the office Incentive Awards Representative or Linda Thomas at 876-8134.

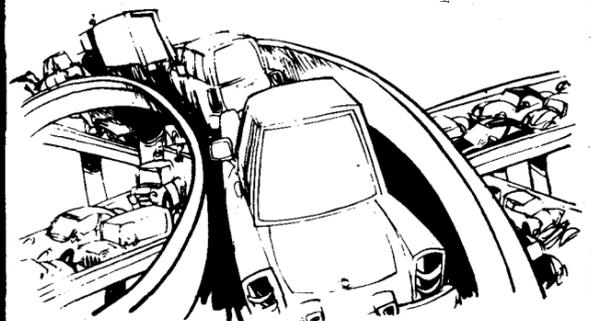
Top graduates

The following soldiers received honor or distinguished graduate awards for highest academic class standing in the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School courses which were graduated during the week of Jan 13-17: Sp4 Brian Edgcomb, ammunition specialist, distinguished; Sgt. Jimmie Pettway, ammunition specialist, honor; Pvt. Matthew Miller, Improved Hawk continuous wave radar repair, distinguished; and Cpl. Kirk Harvell, Improved Hawk continuous wave radar repair, honor.

Learning center

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Engineers group

A combined meeting of the Huntsville Section of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers Inc. and the Huntsville Area Technical Societies will be held Thursday, Feb. 20 at the west exhibit hall, Von Braun Civic Center. Social is set for 6:30 p.m., with dinner at 7:30. Vice Adm. Glenwood Clark will discuss the Navy's role in space. Tickets may be purchased from Bill Jones 876-1853 for \$10 each (two per member; additional tickets are \$12 each). Feb. 14 is the last day of sales; no tickets will be sold at the door.

Computer fair

The fifth annual IEEE Computer Fair for the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers will be held Jan. 31 and Feb. 1 at the Von Braun Civic Center exhibit hall. General admission is free. Scheduled times are 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Jan. 31, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Feb. 1. More than 60 displays feature the latest in computer capability and software technology for personal, educational and commercial use. For more information, call chairman Terry Mizell (205) 461-2127 or exhibit coordinator Connie Harbison 881-0413.

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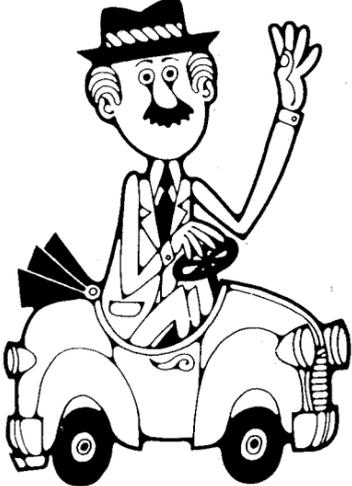
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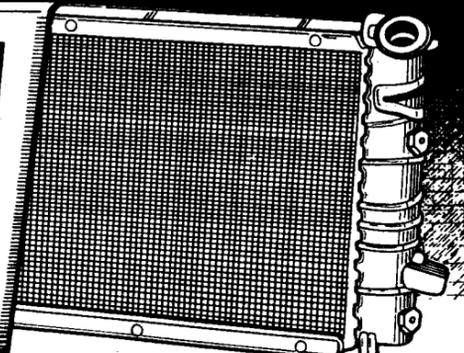
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