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Sparkman Center completion date moves to August

BY SKIP VAUGHN

The Sparkman Center is expected to be completed in August in time for a grand opening ceremony planned for Aug. 22.

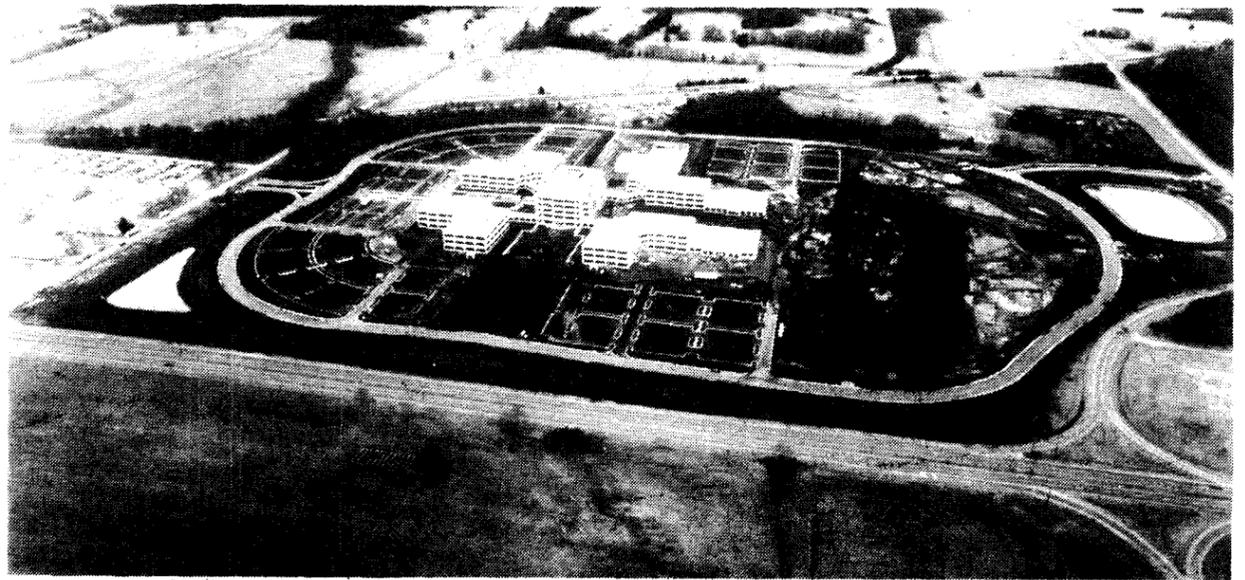
"Our contract completion date currently is 22 July; however, due to certain construction changes and user-requested changes, the completion date will probably be extended until the 22nd of August," said Sam Fields, associate director for Directorate of Public Works. He also serves as the project manager for the Sparkman Project Management Team.

The eight-building complex was about 86 percent complete as of Thursday. Remaining work includes completing the interior of some of the buildings, and the exterior landscaping and paving. By June 15, the four three-story buildings should be complete as well as the cafeteria.

Part of the reason for the completion delay is "we have been impacted by strikes by not only the Teamsters from materials delivery, but also the subcontractor installing the sprinkler and fire protection system in Sparkman," Fields said. The national trucking strike by the Teamsters and the strike on Grinnel Company have both been resolved.

Another reason for the delay is changes requested by prospective occupants of the complex. "A lot of these are ADP (automated data processing) requirements based on new technologies and new equipment purchases," said Roger Schwerman, chief of the Sparkman Project red team and a member of the Sparkman Project Management Team. He is acting chief of planning and real-estate branch in Directorate of Public Works.

"It's not individuals or the organization's fault, it's



CONSTRUCTION SITE — This aerial photo of the Sparkman Center complex was taken March 30.

because things change," Schwerman said, referring to the completion delay. "We are flexible."

A ribbon-cutting ceremony is planned for Aug. 22. Organizers hope to have in attendance the congressional delegates from Alabama, the Army Materiel Command commander and other Department of Army dignitaries.

The complex will include a five-story structure, building 5300; two three-story structures with a basement, buildings 5302 and 5303; two three-story structures without basements, buildings 5301 and 5304; a

one-story cafeteria attached to 5302; a one-story auditorium/conference center attached to 5304; and a one-story central plant building, 5306. The \$58.4 million project represents 686,000 square feet.

"June 15, we will begin placing new furniture in 5301 and 5303. And that'll be all the new furniture, all the new work stations, we're going to have. The other buildings will receive existing furniture that will be relocated from other buildings," Schwerman said. "On Aug. 1st, that is when we will move the first (See Sparkman, cont'd on page 8)

Safety awareness focus of activities May 9-13

Editor's note: The Missile Command's Safety Office provided the following article.

May 9-13 has been proclaimed as Safety Awareness Week by Maj. Gen. Joe Rigby, the post commander.

Safety Awareness Week has become an annual event on Redstone Arsenal to re-emphasize the importance of safety. Safety has always been a priority on the Arsenal given the many hazardous activities that take place; however, it is becoming even more important in these days of shrinking resources. Last year Redstone Arsenal spent \$1.5 million on medical and compensation costs. This is money that could have been used for salaries, supplies and maintenance.

The celebration is a coordinated event involving the MICOM, OMMCS, SSDC, and Huntsville Division of the Corps of Engineers Safety Offices.

"Safety: a move towards excellence" is the theme for this year's observance. As the Arsenal prepares for moving into the Sparkman Center and the associated jackfill, moving safely will become critical in meeting safety goals.

This week was chosen as we near the summer season to help remind people of the hazards of travel, outdoor activities, and children away from school. Plans are to address safety awareness in the areas of on-the-job, technical, recreational and family safety.

Among the events planned for the week are Mini Health Fairs sponsored by the Civilian Wellness

Center. Services to be offered include cholesterol screenings (\$7), blood pressure checks, nutritional counseling, massage therapy, and educational literature. The fairs will be held from 11-1 each day. They will be held in building 5250 on Monday, at SSDC on Tuesday, in building 5681 on Wednesday and building 4488 on Thursday. To register for the cholesterol screenings or for more information, call 955-6844.

Redstone Arsenal Chapter of the Warrant Officers Association will conduct courtesy safety inspections for privately-owned vehicles in the parking lots while the Health Fairs are taking place. The Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School motor pool also will conduct courtesy POV safety inspections at its site from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. May 10-12.

Coast Guard will conduct courtesy boat safety inspections May 7 and May 14 at the recreation area.

The OMMCS Branch Safety Office has scheduled a variety of events in support of the week. Each unit or organization will have a safety display.

Special presentations have been scheduled at Post Theater throughout the week. On Monday, May 9 at 9:30 a.m. Gary Dobbs from Channel 31, WAAY-TV, will talk about severe weather preparedness. On May 10 at 2:30 p.m. and again on May 12 at 3:30 p.m., Ben Jennings from the Huntsville Police Department will make a presentation on personal safety and home security.

At noon May 10, the Redstone Fire Department will have a demonstration in the parking lot between building 3300 and the softball field. This demonstration will include the proper use of fire extinguishers, vehicle rescue including the jaws of life, and outdoor cooking safety.

The American Red Cross will conduct blood pressure checks from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 10-12 in building 3300. The OMMCS events are open to the entire Redstone Arsenal community.

Space and Strategic Defense Command and the Huntsville Division of the Corps of Engineers have coordinated activities to be held in room IC400 at the SSDC building, 106 Wynn Drive. Everyone is welcome to attend. On Monday, May 9 at 1:30 p.m., the Redstone Fire Department will have a fire extinguisher demonstration in the north parking lot by the annex entrance. On Wednesday, May 11 at 1:30 p.m., the Civilian Wellness Center will present "how's your flexibility." The SSDC Safety Office will present a program on office ergonomics at 10 a.m. that Thursday. And at 1:30 p.m., the Civilian Wellness Center will talk about "starting a wellness program." Several weather films and other safety films will be shown Monday and Wednesday in the morning and all day Friday at SSDC; call 955-3700 for subjects and other information. There will also be safety brochures and information available in the main lobby.



Secretary blues

Editor:

Working in the front (office that is) really isn't much fun

Especially when she is the only one.

Once a year she may get flowers and a pat on the back.

But the rest of the year she is mostly treated like a darned old used sack.

She is not allowed to enter (because she's so indispensable) programs like AWS and the Wellness Center.

She is made to feel like a traitor

when children are sick,

and she has to be out to take them real quick to the doctor, dentist, or school.

Come on don't be cruel.

It would be great

if you let the lowly secretaries participate

like all the high grades in the extra perks instead of acting like a bunch of jerks.

Dummy,

You can bet your money

In hard work the other nine days they would repay

to just be allowed on the AWS payday.

But it is not likely to happen

because they can't do without her (for one day out of 10)

so the front office secretary blues she is a "rap'n."

Really supervisors, if your secretaries are not allowed to participate in AWS, give them a break. At this time, take time to reflect on the following: AWS helps the employee conserve leave because doctor, dental, etc., appointments can be scheduled on that day for herself, her children (if she has any), and her parents (if she has that responsibility). If she doesn't happen to have any appointments that day, it gives her an opportunity to catch up on her housework and other duties, and a chance to possibly spend more quality time with her family. All these things save stress and strain on the employee and make for a happier, grateful, more productive employee when she is at work the other nine days. No one is so indispensable that you can't do without them one day every two weeks. If everyone can't be treated equally and allowed AWS privileges, no one should be allowed them. Let's have equality for all.

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Special Olympics

Editor:

We want to thank each of the military personnel who helped in any way with Special Olympics at Milton Frank Stadium on Thursday, April 21. We appreciate each of you, and we want to especially thank Spec. Obid Brill who did such a great job of serving as escort for our son, Shane (who placed second in the softball throw event for his age group). Thank you all for helping to make this a happy, fun-filled day for our kids.

Pat and Homer Whitworth

Customer service

Editor:

Recently our organization spent many hours preparing for our Army Community of Excellence (ACOE) evaluation. To say the least, we are a proud organization and strive for excellence in all things. A few days before the evaluator was to arrive, ANV Enterprises Inc. mowed our lawn; however, to our dismay, they refused to mow within 2 or 3 feet of any self-help project (bearing in mind that all self-help projects are landscaped, bordered, neat, and well kept). The project engineer, along with our COR, produced a copy of the contract with words to that effect highlighted. In many instances you could not see the beautiful blooming flowers on our grounds because of knee-high grass blocking the view. Needless to say, something had to be done, so we brought our weed eaters from home and got busy. Consequently, we had a very good ACOE evaluation and we received many laudatory remarks for MICOM, as well as our own organization, for the excellent way we maintain our building and "grounds." So I ask you people out there who, like us, have worked on these projects by the sweat of your brow, are we including a requirement for Total Quality Management training in our support contracts? Obviously something has to be done. How can we (the workforce at MICOM) hope to achieve what we want to with TQM and ACOE if some of our support contractors do not know the meaning of "customer service"? I ask you, fellow workers, what would happen to you and me if we flat refused to go that extra mile for our customers?

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Teamwork works

Editor:

A look at the future requires the employee to be tri-functional, the office activities are needed, indeed are vital, to provide each person the professional growth and training so richly deserved. What better way to be honed for the future than by participating in an office staff meeting?

We are unique individuals and not everybody has the same abilities, or desires, or interests, or functions, or energy levels for doing eight hours work for eight hours pay. There is a human tendency to think everybody should be doing just what we are doing, but we are all different. Our different talents are needed to make up a well-rounded, fully developed organization.

The strength of an organization stems from the participation and cooperation of its individual members. Don't be disturbed by abilities you don't have, for nobody else has exactly our stock of talents. All the lofty ideals and objectives are undertaken to provide solutions to work processes and their implementation is accomplished by each member's contribution of time and effort.

The activities that appeal most to the individual employee may vary widely, and so will the response and participation. We must not sit idly and accept things as "status quo." For there is most assuredly also a time and place to encourage and give strength to things which are needed for change. Let us learn to give some flowers along the way. We do not always have to be the thorn to prick the hand of those who long to smell the roses along the road of life. No longer can we just jump on and ride, we must pull together for the future. If you refuse your abilities, the entire organization is handicapped. Do what you can.

Jimmy Harbin
Integ Matrl Mgmt Ctr

Walking on roads

Editor:

Here we go again! It's springtime and all the office workers who have been cooped up in their building are getting out and walking in the fresh air. While I don't quarrel with this, I do have a problem with where they walk. You see, it seems as if the only place walkers use is the roads. They walk and sometimes even stroll in groups of three or more and always walk abreast. When a vehicle approaches, the vehicle must sometimes stop and wait for them to get out of the way. The walkers will not move or even go single file. This is especially bad around buildings 8027 and 5681. There, vehicles are parked on both sides of the street and there simply isn't enough room for walkers, moving vehicles and parked cars. Someone needs to ensure that all walkers stay off the roads. Someone is going to get hit by a vehicle and when it happens, the vehicle operator will be placed needlessly at fault. Please everyone, stay off the roads.

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Acquisition Center

Editor:

Reference the "Allergy Lady" letter in the April 20 edition of the *Redstone Rocket*.

Bravo! This is the management support that employees in the Acquisition Center receive — absolutely none! Yet, the Center is competing for the QIP award and talks Total Quality Management. There is poor support for the employee from top management down.

I think the "Allergy Lady" has a great idea in writing the *Redstone Rocket* and soliciting employment elsewhere. However, I doubt that anyone would want to change jobs to come to work in the Acquisition Center.

How about considering a "Job Swap" column?

Name withheld by request

(Editor's note: David Cobb, chairman of the QOL Committee at the Acquisition Center, and Debbie Bearden, ACOE coordinator in the center's Total Quality Management Office, signed the following response. "The Quality of Life (QOL) Committee was established in the AC over two years ago. I have been the chairman of that committee since that time. It is made up of non-supervisory representatives from all elements across the AC. I am proud of the work that we have done with the support of our people and top management. Most people have more space to work, there are more conference rooms and team meeting areas, more focus on training needs to include internally generated classes from the Wellness Center as well as required professional training. We have established picnic areas, beautified, cleaned and painted team areas and restrooms, and improved the signage throughout the building, all with management support. Most of the time there is someone from 'top management' working side by side with us painting or digging or making trips to self-help with their trucks, all because they want to help. We are continuing to monitor the quality of water and air in building 4488 to ensure that it is safe and healthy, albeit not perfect. Management has supported us throughout. We have conducted a Post Restaurant survey to find out what people want to be served during the workday; and our relationship with the management of the cafeteria is such that they are working with us to improve the quality of food and service. Our top management recently established five goals for the AC. Goal number 4 requires us to conduct a survey of AC personnel to find out where we should continue to make improvements. A Facilities Improvement Plan will be established to ensure that the needs of our people are paramount. Debbie and I have worked in the AC for a long time and remember how things were before. Whenever either of us has approached a manager for help, we have found an open door. I am proud to be a part of the AC team and to be a part of the QOL Committee.")

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Defense Department computing facility to open locally

BY SANDA MARTEL

Defense Megacenter Huntsville will hold a ceremony Thursday, May 12, 1 p.m. at the Sports Haven on Redstone Arsenal, to formally recognize the establishment of the newest of 16 Department of Defense computing centers.

Megacenters are large computing facilities designed to handle today's most advanced technology, as well as to adapt to tomorrow's technologies.

DMC Huntsville, an operating unit of the Defense Information Services Organization (DISO) headquartered in Arlington, Va., supports the base operations data processing of most Army installations in the Southeastern U.S., one European and one Saudi Arabia customer. It provides information processing services to the U.S. Army Forces Command, Training and Doctrine Command and Army Materiel Command.

DMC Huntsville provides total mainframe computer processing support to include executive software, hardware techniques, data communications, computer scheduling and operation, software/hardware maintenance contracting requirements, and consultation control to all applicable areas in support of services provided worldwide.

Located in building 5201, under the direction of Clyde Morris, DMC provides 24-hour, seven days per week support to Army and DoD customers in the Southeastern U.S. It provides computer support on a fee-for-service basis.

DMC Huntsville employs 153 employees with an annual payroll of more than \$19 million.

Functions provided by DMC Huntsville were formerly provided by the same organization under the name of Multifunctional Information Processing Ac-

tivity and reported to 7th Signal Command at Fort Ritchie, Md. That organization has undergone several name changes over the years. They began life as an element of the Missile Command more than three decades ago.

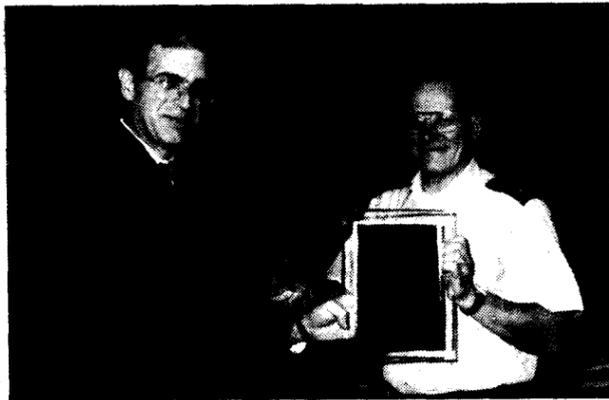
In February 1993 DoD reviewed 242 data processing activities and decided to merge them into 16 consolidated to better serve customers at a reduced cost to the government. Huntsville was chosen as a megacenter site.

Attending the Megacenter opening will be Brig. Gen. John M. Watkins Jr., director of DISO; James H. Voelz, deputy director of DISO headquarters computer operations; representatives from the governors office, Sen. Richard Shelby's office, Rep. Bud Cramer's office and Huntsville Mayor Steve Hettinger.

Missile Command recognized for support in drug war

BY SANDA MARTEL

If taxpayers had to foot the bill outright to develop and buy sophisticated communications equipment to fight drug trafficking in the United States, a sizable amount would be expended.



APPRECIATION — John Wilson, deputy director for state/local affairs for the South Florida High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area, presents an appreciation plaque to Maj. Gen. Rigby for his and the Missile Command's support in fighting drug traffic in South Florida.

Instead, many government agencies, the Army among them, are sharing, in a fee for service arrangement, many of the communications systems it has already developed.

Such is the case with the Missile Command and an arrangement with the South Florida High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA).

MICOM has been designated as the local point of contact with the South Florida HIDTA and fronts all

the placement of technology from various other AMC organizations, Tucker said.

For example, X-Ray technology, cellular/fax intercept, combat identification anti-fratricide for law enforcement personnel, and providing highly effective liaison between HIDTA and BellSouth, are some of the ways MICOM has assisted.

Five HIDTAs are chartered to fight illegal drugs entering the U.S. and answer to a national "drug czar," a cabinet-level appointment.

The Counterdrug Management Office has five system administrators and one administrative assistant, contractor employees, who work to support the HIDTA.

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Director of weapons sciences completes career

BY SKIP VAUGHN

The first-ever director of weapons sciences at MICOM has retired with more than 41 years of government service.

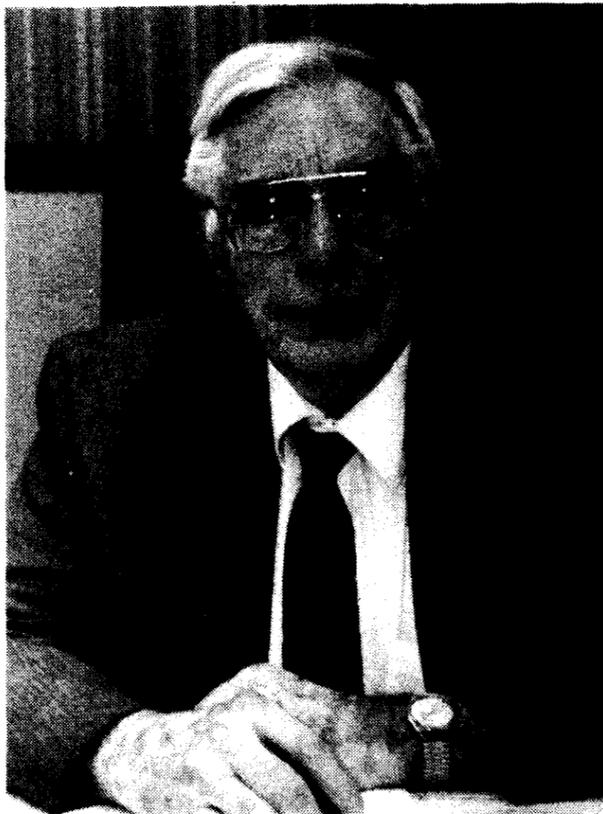
Dr. Walter Wharton led the Weapons Sciences Directorate which is part of the Research Development and Engineering Center. He retired April 30 with 41 and a half years of service including nearly two years in the military.

"It's time to move on, I think," Wharton said. "Forty-one and a half years is long enough to do this; I'm 68 years old. I think it's just time to do some other things."

One thing Wharton wants to do is help counter what he calls the "moral deterioration" of this country. As a member of Gideons International, he wants to increase religious education "to try to turn the moral base of this country around as much as I can."

Besides serving with groups like Gideons International, which distributes bibles worldwide, Wharton plans to do some traveling and fishing. He came to work at Redstone Aug. 20, 1954 and spent his career with RD&E Center and its predecessors. "I've been able to have a good career and the Army's been good for me," he said. "Essentially the Army's been my support and mentor since I was 18 years old."

Wharton, who grew up on a farm in Boone County, Ky., was drafted into the Army in February 1945 and served until December 1946. Under the GI Bill, he earned his bachelor's degree in chemistry and math from Georgetown (Ky.) College in 1950. He received a master's degree in physical chemistry in 1952 from the University of Kentucky; and he received his doctorate there in 1955.



WHARTON

His civil service career began at Redstone in August 1954 as a GS-11 research chemist in what was then called the Ordnance Missile Laboratories. Wharton became a GS-16 in 1964, and joined the Senior Executive Service in July 1979. Most of his career was spent in Propulsion. He served as director of propulsion from 1988-90, and became director of weapons sciences in February 1990. Weapons Sciences Directorate was formed out of three organizations: the Directed Energy Directorate, Research Directorate, and the Advanced Research Projects Agency. "And the main accomplishment here is getting the tech base effort oriented to the new, modernized Army," Wharton said.

Through the years he received the Army R&D Achievement Award, the MICOM Scientific and Engineering Award, and the Army Meritorious Civilian Service Award.

He and his wife, Pauline, have two sons and two daughters. Henry, 44, is a car salesman; Joe, 41, is an electrical engineer with the Multiple Launch Rocket System Project Office; Jackie Malcolm, 39, is a registered nurse at Huntsville Hospital; and Robyn, 36, is self-employed. Their youngest son, Tom, was 22 when he was killed by a drunk driver in July 1979 while a senior at the University of Alabama in Huntsville (UAH). They have a 19-year-old grandson, Robert Malcolm.

"I'll miss the people more than anything; there's no question about that," Wharton said, about ending his career. "There's a fabulous bunch of people around here, has been and still is. I'm going to miss that association with them."

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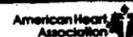
A committee comprised of representatives of federal, state, Madison County and Huntsville agencies, has been working for several months planning Public Service Recognition Week activities locally.

Public Service Recognition Week, May 2-8, provides a dual opportunity to pay tribute to public employees and to inform the American people about the scope and importance of public service. Huntsville Mayor Steve Hettinger signed a proclamation Friday designating Public Service Recognition Week in Huntsville/Madison County; and he encouraged all citizens to recognize the accomplishments and contributions of government employees at all levels: federal, state and municipal.

The public is invited to visit federal, state, Madison County and Huntsville agency displays from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday in the Madison Square Mall. A Public Service Recognition Week luncheon will be held at 11:30 a.m. Friday at the Officers Club. Tickets are available from committee members.

Other activities have included a Public Service Essay Contest in Huntsville/Madison County schools, a speakers bureau of public employees available to speak in the schools, and a Public Service Fun Walk held May 4 at Milton Frank Stadium.

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Editor's note: The Corporate Information Center provided the following article.

Electronic mail — how could we possibly live without it? We depend on it almost as much as the telephone, and sometimes it's easier to reach someone by E-Mail than by telephone.

E-Mail is a somewhat generic term referring to any electronic mail software. The most widely used E-Mail programs at Redstone Arsenal are: MSG (on the Sperry computers), Microsoft Mail (on the Macintosh computers), and CC:Mail (on the personal computers).

Even though we use E-Mail a lot, we still occasionally experience problems and frustrations with it. Representatives from the MICOM Secretary of the General Staff's Office and the MICOM Corporate Information Center (CIC) have developed guidelines which address some of the more common questions and issues concerning E-Mail. The guidelines apply to all three of the aforementioned E-Mail programs unless stated otherwise.

We suggest the guidelines be saved for future reference and be reread from time to time to refresh memory. Questions may be directed to the CIC Help Desk at 876-2291.

We sincerely hope these guidelines will make your use of E-Mail easier.

Addressing messages

Know to whom you are sending the E-Mail before you send it, and then send *only* to those offices that really need it.

Avoid using "MICOM-Community" as a catch-all. E-Mail addressed to the MICOM-Community goes to approximately 350 mailboxes, as follows: one or more mailboxes in each MICOM primary organization; each program executive office and their project/program offices; each separate project office; DENTAC; LOGSA; MEDDAC; OMMCS; RASA; Redstone Meteorological Team; AMC Management Engineering Activity; Redstone Technical Test Center; Space and Strategic Defense Command; and Test Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment Activity. Unless the information/action is needed by all of these organizations, please do not address it to MICOM-Community.

On the Macintosh, when you send to "All Local Addresses," a copy goes to each and every Macintosh

mailbox at MICOM, approximately 1,000 mailboxes, including some contractors. In other words, "All Local Addresses" means all MICOM Macintosh addresses, not just the Macintosh addresses within your own office.

If you frequently send E-Mail to the same group of people, it is a good idea to create a mailing list so that you need not type each one of the addresses every time. Assistance in creating mailing lists is available from your system administrator or by calling the CIC Help Desk, 876-2291.

If you are unsure about an E-Mail address, verify it with your system administrator or call the CIC Help Desk, 876-2291. This will cut down on "failed mail."

If you receive a "failed mail" E-Mail message, it means that *only* the addresses listed in the body of the failed mail message did not receive your correspondence. All of the other addresses received it.

Memo format

Official correspondence sent by E-Mail should be in memorandum (AR 25-50) or message (AR 25-11) format. The memorandum format is the most familiar and the easiest to prepare. Always:

- Use an appropriate subject in the header as well as in the memo-message. Write the subject in 10 words or less, if possible. You may abbreviate, but use only authorized abbreviations.
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Technical tips

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- Left and right margins should be 1 to 1½ inches.
- Do not use special features such as: underline, center, bold or tabs.
- Save the document as "Text" or "Text Only with Line Breaks."
- Any document/enclosure that is over 32K (15-20 pages) will be garbled when sent from the Macintosh

to the Sperry. Split the document and send in two parts.

— Send enclosures as a part of the basic message when possible. This will simplify reading incoming correspondence.

On the Sperry, if you use POS or VE, please do *not* underline text. This will insert control characters and make it hard to read on the Macintosh. Please remember to convert your POS document to an external document before sending.

Classified information

Do not send classified information through the E-Mail system.

You may transmit unclassified sensitive and non-sensitive information through the E-Mail system. However, exercise discretion when using the E-Mail system to transmit information that would be of value to the adversary; e.g., "For Official Use Only" information (including Privacy Act and proprietary and contractual information). In particular, releasers should establish need-to-know and limit transmission to that required. See AMCR 25-1, paragraph 8, and AR 25-11, paragraph 13-3e, for other types of sensitive information that you should protect from unauthorized access.

More advice

Except for necessary changes, limit E-Mail concerning retirements, luncheons, deaths, etc., to the initial announcement and no more than one reminder.

On the Macintosh, use discretion when labeling a communication as "Urgent."

Be conscientious. Prepare official correspondence sent via E-Mail with the same care that you would prepare hard copy correspondence. Proofread before release. This will cut down on the need to send a corrected copy. When sending a correction, identify your changes at the beginning of the retransmittal.

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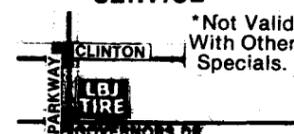
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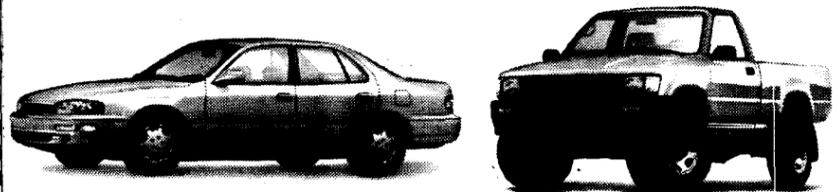
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COMMISSARY VISIT FOR BOSS COMMITTEE — Bob West, the deputy commissary officer, conducts a Commissary tour April 19 for members of the BOSS (Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers) Committee and other single soldiers. Among the participants are Spec. Gail Quamina, left, and Sgt. Wanda Griffith. The BOSS Patron Awareness Campaign is happening April 18 to May 1 in commissaries at 15 stateside installations, including Redstone Arsenal. The purpose is to build awareness among single soldiers that the commissaries are a value-added quality of life benefit for them as well as for Army families.



TREE PLANTING — Capt. Don Drummond, left, commander of HHC, 832nd Ordnance Battalion, and Colleen Rigby, right, wife of the MICOM commander, get help planting a Sugar Maple tree on Arbor Day from Anthony Young, a student at the Child Development Center. The event, sponsored by the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School and MICOM Directorate of Public Works, was held Friday at building 3300 and was attended by OMMCS command staff, Redstone Arsenal Support Activity personnel, children from the Child Development Center, and Smokey the Bear.

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Military retirees return for mobilization exercise

BY SANDA MARTEL

Some 25 retirees were at Redstone Arsenal last week to participate in Operation Certain Sage, to test how well Missile Command can respond to a retiree recall should it become necessary in the event of a national disaster.

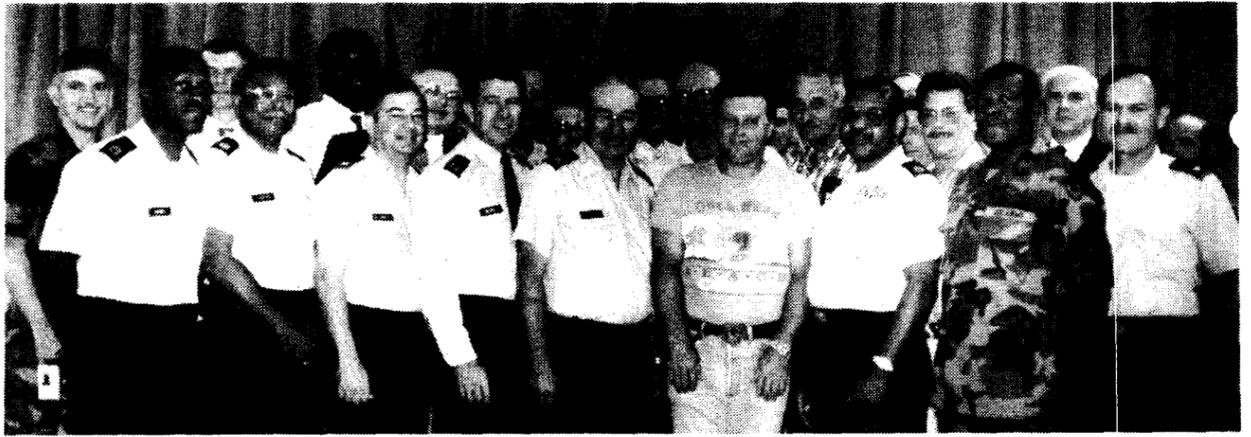
Sgt. Rueben Barnes, MICOM Emergency Operations Center, was in charge of planning the exercise.

Retirees, age 60 and below, volunteered to participate. To control costs, participants were drawn from a 50-mile radius of Redstone Arsenal.

Processing was set up at the Recreation Center on Monday, April 25. After processing, MICOM and tenant organizations received retirees into their organizations and assigned them against a duty position on the Mobilization TDA according to grade and MOS the retiree had at time of retirement.

The exercise ended Friday, April 29, with out-processing at the Recreation Center. Col. Bruce Block, MICOM chief of staff, thanked all retirees for participating and asked for their comments to help refine the process and procedure for future exercises.

Those participating included: SSgt. Eddie Allen, Maj. James Bentley, SFC Donald Bevel, CSM Billy



RETIREE EXERCISE — Exercise Certain Sage brought 25 retired military personnel to Redstone last week to "practice" backfilling active duty positions as would be required during a mobilization. Barnes is second from left. Col. Christopher Stratton, director of Personnel and Training, is on far right.

Clark, Maj. Charles Cox, Col. Carmine Desantis, Lt. Col. Frederick Halbriter, SSgt. Charles Hawkins, SSgt. Jimmy Holaway, Maj. Thomas Holcombe, SSgt. Harris Hux, SFC Robert Jackson, 1st Sgt. Robert Langford, Maj. William Lynn, SSgt. Leland

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Sparkman

(Cont'd from page 1)

employees into the buildings. So that will start the move schedule that should run to the rest of the year. Our goal is to have everyone in place by Christmas '94; however, that is a very ambitious schedule."

Plans are to move people into buildings 5301 and 5303 beginning Aug. 1; then into 5302 followed by 5300 and finishing with 5304. Around 2,400 people will move into the office complex.

The government-owned equipment and furniture is to be moved in by contractor. This massive volume of furniture is to include 1,026 five-drawer lateral files; 236 two-drawer lateral files; around 900 UNICOR work-stations; 1,300 CENTERCORE work-stations; 4,800 desk chairs; furniture for 17 break-rooms; tables and chairs for main lobby and four separate lobbies of the three-story buildings; classroom furniture and equipment for electronic labs; tables and chairs for four main conference rooms; and executive furniture.

Access roads are another slice of the construction pie. Plans are to soon begin widening Burose Road, and also widening Patton Road where the entrance is to the Sparkman complex; and constructing a turn lane and lights on Martin Road.

"I look at this as a state-of-the-art Army complex built with the employees in mind," Schwerman said. He described the design as an "aesthetically pleasing campus layout."

Many people have played a role in this successful project, according to Fields. "Joe Davis, who is our construction manager for the Sparkman project team, has worked diligently teaming with the Corps of

Engineers Mobile District Area Office and the contractor, Centex-Rooney (of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.), in keeping the building construction on its fast-track completion schedule," Fields said. "There is an army of personnel that's been working with the Sparkman red team in planning and scheduling the moves into Sparkman and backfilling of the buildings that are going to be vacated by those moving into Sparkman. These people have put in a lot of diligent and dedicated time into ensuring this move is as smooth as possible. The red team has been under the direction of Col. Ross Sanders, commander of RASA (Redstone Arsenal Support Activity)."

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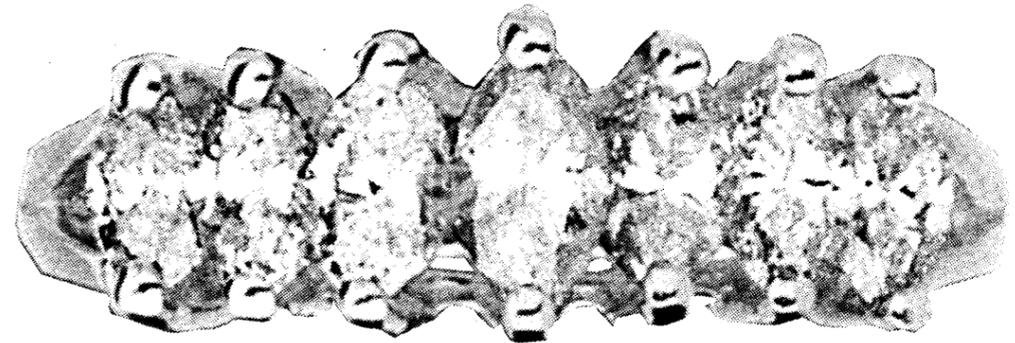
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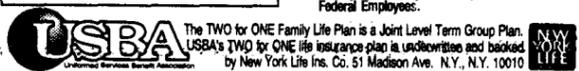
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Volunteers help make Special Olympic event a success

Editor's note: Dempsey manages the Exceptional Family Member Program at Army Community Service.

BY VIRGINIA DEMPSEY

Military and civilian volunteers from the Redstone Arsenal community assisted the 432 athletes participating in the 1994 Huntsville-Madison County Special Olympic Track and Field Event held April 21 at Milton Frank Stadium.

The athletes were from the Huntsville and Madison County schools and the Opportunity Center. They ranged from age 8 to 36-plus.

The 200 volunteers included soldiers from the 832nd Ordnance Battalion; Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Missile Command; MEDDAC; TMDE Activity and volunteers from the Marine Corps. SFC Benjamin Sterling, of Redstone Arsenal Support Activity, and Virginia Dempsey, of Army Community Service, coordinated the volunteer effort.

Sterling, who spent the day ensuring that both the soldier volunteer efforts and the needs of the athletes were met, said: "It's been a hot day! I thank the soldiers, Marines and the other volunteers for their help. There was an outstanding turnout. Everything went smoothly."

Phil Palmer, of Resource Management at the Space and Strategic Defense Command, coordinated the civilian volunteer effort from SSDC and the 1st of 203rd Patriot Battalion. He has been a staunch participant and organizer in these events for many years.

The volunteers enjoyed their day as much as the athletes did. Said Pvt. Michael Lathwood of B Company, 832nd: "I was the radio man for the metered runs, coordinating between the start and finish lines. I ran the show! I had a good time."

Two students from A Company, 832nd were the escorts for a 30-year-old lady named Donna. "I've never done anything like this before and I didn't know what to expect," said Pvt. Brian Sickman. His partner, Pvt. James Doyal said, "We cheered her on. Met her at the finish line and gave her high-fives. She was very motivated. The day turned out better than I thought it would. I'll do this again."

Kay Carroll, special education teacher from Madison Cross Roads School, has children ages 9-14 in her class. She summed up the feelings of the



GOOD EFFORT — SSgt. Kurt Knapp, left, of 74th Maintenance Battalion, TMDE, congratulates athlete Bryan Parrish after Parrish finishes a metered run during the Special Olympic track meet.

teachers about military volunteers. "We teachers put in requests to have our children given soldiers as escorts," Carroll said. "That's what the children want. They just love it and get so excited. They really feel special when they walk beside a soldier."

Carroll recounted that a soldier, who escorted one of her students, told her that he had always been leery of handicapped people, that he never knew what to say or how to respond. "This soldier said he had a ball and it changed his way of thinking about handicapped students. That's really good!"

"I want to say 'thank you' for letting the soldiers come," she continued. "I feel comfortable in giving my children to the soldiers. They are really loving and care so much about them. This experience for my children is really important to me."



HULA HOOP CONTESTANT — Jim Stephens, deputy director of the Materiel Management Directorate at IM-MC, participates in the hula hoop contest which was among the fund-raising activities April 26 at a cookout and bake walk to benefit the Army Emergency Relief campaign. His directorate sponsored the event which was held near building 5678. At left is Fran Westmoreland who worked the hula hoop contest. "The hula hoop contest drew a lot of attention," said Pat Blackman, AER coordinator for the Integrated Materiel Management Center. "He (Stephens) didn't win, but he was great."

Air conditioning to begin soon

Air conditioning in Army buildings on post is expected to be turned on during the week of May 9, according to Sam Fields, associate director of the Directorate of Public Works.

Energy savings, which equates to more money available to pay salaries, is the reason for the delay. "Energy has to be paid out of the OMA (Operation and Maintenance- Army) budget. And every dollar we save means a dollar we can pay toward salaries to keep people on board," Fields said.

The savings equates to approximately \$75,000 a week, according to Roger Schwerman of the directorate.

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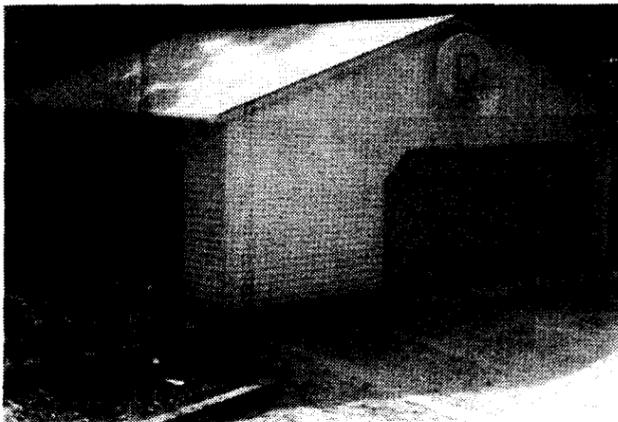
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Editor's note: Clark manages the Family Advocacy Program at Army Community Service. She teaches classes for parents with children of all age groups, single parents, and step-parents.

BY JENNIFER CLARK

The Army is committed to helping build strong, healthy families who are better able to cope with the challenges of military life.

But what are the qualities of a "healthy" family? We hear so much on talk shows and in the news about "dysfunctional" families and the effects they have on

people. Yet, rarely are we presented with the other side — the actions, values, and outcomes which identify a loving, stable family. It probably doesn't make the sensational ratings jump when talk show hosts probe into what's good about families today.

In her book *Traits of a Healthy Family*, Dolores Curran identifies 15 traits which she believes are important elements of rewarding, happy families.

Curran — an educator, columnist, lecturer and family specialist — recognizes that the "perfect fami-



ly" does not exist. While there is probably no family which exhibits all 15 traits, the more traits present in a family, the more able a family will be to withstand crisis and change.

The 15 traits she identified are:

- The healthy family communicates and listens.
- The healthy family affirms and supports one another.
- The healthy family teaches respect for others.
- The healthy family develops a sense of trust.
- The healthy family has a sense of play and humor.
- The healthy family exhibits a sense of shared responsibility.
- The healthy family teaches a sense of right and wrong.
- The healthy family has a strong sense of family in which rituals and traditions abound.
- The healthy family has a balance of interaction among members.
- The healthy family has a shared religious core.
- The healthy family respects the privacy of one another.
- The healthy family values service to others.
- The healthy family values table time and conversation.
- The healthy family shares leisure time.
- The healthy family admits to and seeks help for problems.

If you would like to learn more about what makes a healthy family, Army Community Service has both Curran's book and her video which explain these qualities in more detail. You may check out the book or others on similar topics from our library. To arrange a viewing of the video for yourself or your organization, call me — Jennifer Clark — at 876-5397.

Women's self-defense focus of seminar

The Tennessee Valley Combined Federal Campaign in conjunction with the United Way of Madison County will present "Self-Defense for Women" from 10 a.m. to noon Tuesday, May 10 at the Recreation Center, building 3711 on Patton Road.

This will be a seminar "for women only." The scheduled speakers are Donna Rush and Chris Ball.

Rush, the communications and marketing director of United Way of Madison County, was formerly associate director of HELpline, a Tennessee Valley CFC agency. She worked closely with HELpline volunteers, is a Rape Response advocate, and represents HELpline through public speaking engagements. She holds a degree in sociology from the University of Alabama in Huntsville.

Ball is a senior economics student at UAH and a HELpline volunteer. He has held a black belt for the past nine years in American Karate. He travels around Madison County teaching self-defense techniques to private organizations and corporate groups.

There will be demonstrations of self-defense techniques, and the audience will be invited to participate. Seating is on a first come, first serve basis. Call 876-9143 if you have any questions.

The next CFC/United Way at Work seminar will be held June 7 in building 5250, room A-115. Watch your e-mail for more details.



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Re-Creation Run 5K has good day for running

BY SKIP VAUGHN

David Purinton and Sheryl Dummer won the Re-Creation Run 5K on a sunny, cool Saturday morning, April 23 near Whitesburg Baptist Church.

Purinton, 26, of Madison, was first across the finish line in 16:25. Dummer, 24, of Huntsville, was the first female finisher in 19:59.

"It was really a pretty good day," Purinton said. "It was a little breezy in a couple of places but overall it was a pretty good day for this race."

The good weather conditions helped Dummer set a new personal best time for a 5K. "My closest time was 20:30, so I was happy," she said.

Some 235 runners finished this 12th annual race which is dedicated to its founder, Alton Dickerson, who died from cancer in May 1992. Dickerson served as the race director for 10 years and was one of the top runners in the state of Alabama. "He was very well known and liked in the track club and in the community," said Kenny Spain, the race co-director along with Ben Stevens.

Here are the overall and age group winners:

Male: Overall — David Purinton (16:25).

12-under — Eric Warren (20:29), Geoff Harriman (20:59), Jeff Turner (21:50). 13-17 — Stephen Baker (21:45), Jamie Simmons (22:09), Robert Miller (23:23). 18-24 — Daniel Berg (16:58), Ryan Merrell (17:35), Larry Johnston (20:17). 25-29 — Barry Fitts (16:32), Donald Bowman (17:19), Greg Foreman (17:24). 30-34 — Mark Dummer (17:17), James Burnum (17:22), Ronnie Nelson (17:25). 35-39 — Michael Scarano (16:42), David Zajic (17:01), Joe Franca (17:46). 40-44 — Michael Crouse (16:56), Steve Rice (17:12), Mike Boring (17:33). 45-49 — Carl Nicholson (17:18), Dick Franklin (17:52), Gary Grace (17:53). 50-54 — Wendell Sandlin (19:59), Golden Bertram (20:37), Ben Fox (20:46). 55-59 — Gaylon



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Dodson (20:10), Tim Hopper (20:24), Earl Jacoby (21:14). 60-over — Gresh Downs (21:13), Charles Terrell (22:21), Lyman Jackson (22:37).

Female: Overall — Sheryl Dummer (19:59).

12-under — Carly Tranbridge (30:13). 13-17 — Michelle Sharpe (21:04), Juli Smith (27:44), Jesse West (time unavailable). 18-24 — Kerry McDonald (24:45), Roxanne Baeder (36:10), Lori Ellul (38:44). 25-29 — Kristin Martin (21:29), Shari Williams-Crane



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(23:13), Beth Marbury (23:29). 30-34 — Sally Wilging (20:03), Julie Stapp (21:01), Carla Smith (23:11). 35-39 — Ovella Jessee (24:55), Dianne Malcolm (25:07), Sharon Laurent (25:35). 40-44 — Debbie Harriman (20:27), Yong Yancura (20:47), Sarah Grace (21:17). 45-49 — Sandy Berg (24:11), Bonnie McDaris (27:24), Betty Terry (28:19). 50-54 — Martha Ann Whitt (35:23). 55-59 — Barbara Meyer (26:46), Shirley Feaux (38:44). 60-over — Betty Dooley (28:21).

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Commission wants to erase lead from children's crayons

Editor's note: Fox Army Community Hospital provided the following information.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) has announced recalls of several imported crayons because of a lead poisoning hazard. Crayons imported from China by the following companies are being recalled:

- "12 Jumbo crayons," Concord Enterprises, Los Angeles, Calif. Sold approximately 430 cases in 18 states. Return to store for refund.
- "Safe 48 Non-Toxic I'm a Toys 'R' Us Kid! Crayons," Toys R Us, Paramus, N.J. The crayons were packaged in plastic cylindrical containers with a crayon sharpener in the lid with a paper label featuring Geoffrey the Giraffe and reading in part: "Safe 48 non-toxic I'm a Toys R Us Kid! Crayons — BSA — Made in China." Individual crayons bear a paper label reading in part "Rainbow Crayons — BSA — Made in China." Return to store for refund.
- "12 Crayons, Glory" and "18 Crayons That Paint, Conforms ASTM D-4236," Glory Stationery Manufacturing Company Limited, Los Angeles, Calif. According to the importer, none of the crayons were sold at retail level. Those crayons shipped to retailers have been recalled, and all crayons at the importer's warehouse will be destroyed.
- "64 Crayons, School Quality, No. 8064," A.J. Cohen Distributors, Hauppauge, N.Y. Sold 226,008 units in Eastern United States. Return to store for refund.
- "12 Super Jumbo Crayons," Dynamic Division of Agora International, New York, N.Y. Sold 36,000 units nationwide. Return to store for refund.
- "8 crayons, No. 5 CL 850," Dynamic Division of Agora International, Hollis, N.Y. Sold 120,000 units nationwide. Return to store for refund.
- "Fun Time 72 Crayons, No. B541," Overseas United, New York, N.Y. Sold 16,949 units in metropolitan New York City area. Return to store for refund.
- "64 Crayons, Kidz Biz," Bargin Wholesale, Los Angeles, Calif. Sold 101,184 units nationwide. Firm will recall from retail level ("The \$.99 Store" chain).
- "64 Crayons, SKUF 51-02600," Universal International, Minneapolis, Minn. Number of units sold is unavailable. Firm will recall from retail level ("Only Deals" chain).
- "Feido," 12 Crayons, No. CC8812," Kipp Brothers Inc., Indianapolis, Ind. Sold 19,006 nationwide. Firm will destroy 3,438 units remaining in other size boxes.

"While there are other causes of lead poisoning, such as lead paint, no children's product, especially crayons, should contain lead."

— Ann Brown
CPSC chairman

All of these crayons contain lead. The first three (Concord, Toys R Us, and Glory) contain enough lead to present a lead poisoning hazard to young children who might eat or chew on the crayons. The other eight brands do not contain enough lead to increase the blood lead level above the threshold level as defined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and supported by other federal agencies. This assumes a typical scenario for ingestion of lead-containing crayons over a span of time by young children. However, CPSC is very concerned about these crayons because they add to the overall "lead load" to children who may eat them. If a child ate an entire lead-containing crayon over the same span of time, the lead poisoning threshold for these crayons would be exceeded.

The CPSC staff found the lead-containing crayons during a nationwide survey of crayons imported from China. In a separate action, the Arizona Department of Health Services had previously found some crayons imported from China to be a source of high blood lead levels in a Phoenix infant. The Los Angeles-based importer of these crayons, Concord Enterprises, recalled those crayons in cooperation with CPSC on March 22.

Toys R Us conducted tests at an independent lab and did not find hazardous amounts of lead in the crayons they tested. Nevertheless, Toys R Us and CPSC urge consumers to take the Toys R Us crayons away from children and discard or return them to a Toys R Us store for a refund.

Parents should buy only crayons and other children's art materials that have this label: "Conforms to ASTM D-4236," or similar words. This label means that the formulas of the crayons and other art materials have been reviewed by a toxicologist for chronic hazards and are labeled appropriately. In the case of the crayons imported by Glory Stationery Manufacturing Company Limited, it was inappropriate for the crayons to be labeled "Conforms to ASTM D-4236" because the crayons contained hazardous levels of lead. CPSC will continue to test art

materials to assure that the ASTM label is being properly used. CPSC also is confiscating non-ASTM-labeled crayons at ports of entry. Parents should not buy old non-ASTM-labeled art materials still on store shelves.

"While there are other causes of lead poisoning, such as lead paint, no children's product, especially crayons, should contain lead," said CPSC Chairman Ann Brown. "Throw these crayons in the trash or take them back to the store for a refund." Lead has long been recognized as a hazardous substance, especially to young children, infants, and fetuses. Lead poisoning can cause irreversible brain damage and can impair mental functioning. It can retard mental and physical development and reduce attention span.

The Federal Hazardous Substances Act (FHSA) bans children's products containing hazardous amounts of lead. In addition, the Labeling of Hazardous Art Materials Act amendments to the FHSA require that all art materials be reviewed by a toxicologist for chronic hazards and be labeled appropriately. Crayons that contain hazardous lead levels are banned hazardous substances, and crayons without the conformance label are misbranded art materials under the law.

CPSC's mission is to protect the public from unreasonable risks of injury and death associated with consumer products. The Commission's objective is to reduce the estimated 38.6 million injuries and 21,700 deaths associated each year with the 15,000 different types of consumer products under CPSC's jurisdiction.

To report an unsafe consumer product or a product-related injury, consumers should call the Commission's toll-free hotline at 1-800-638-2772. A teletypewriter for the hearing and speech impaired is available at 1-800-638-8270.



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Red Cross offers first-aid course for youngsters

Editor's note: Sally Dasher, of the Red Cross at Redstone Arsenal, provided the following article.

Injury is the No. 1 killer of children. The leading causes of injury deaths among children under 12 years old are motor vehicle crashes, drownings, and fires and burns. The number of injuries and deaths can be diminished if more children are trained in injury prevention and control, says the Red Cross.

The American Red Cross Basic Aid Training (BAT) program is designed for children who are 8 to 10 years old. At this age, children begin taking part in more activities away from home, often without adult supervision, and they begin making decisions governing the activities of others. When a child is injured, a friend or sibling is most often the first person at the scene. Unfortunately, their first aid and safety knowledge is generally fragmented and often incorrect. BAT

teaches basic skills and knowledge necessary for children to identify and prevent potentially harmful situations, to be able to treat common injuries, and to respond in emergency situations. The program emphasizes prevention to highlight its importance in reducing injuries.

Madison County Chapter of the American Red Cross will conduct a Basic Aid Training course June 1, 2 and 3 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Bicentennial Chapel. Cost of the 10-hour course is \$10 per person. Participants can register by filling out the form — which accompanies this article — with a check made out to the American Red Cross. Mail the check and registration to Madison County Chapter American Red Cross, 1101 Washington St., Huntsville, Ala., 35801. For more information, call 536-0084 (ext. 320).

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Readiness Group-1	430.5	319.5
Anchors E Company 832nd	428.5	321.5
F Company MSTD	404.5	345.5
HHC 832nd	404.5	345.5
F Company Equate	394.5	355.5
Readiness Group-4	382	368
MEDDAC-2	377	373
MEDDAC-1	373	377
HHC MICOM	361.5	388.5
<i>200 games bowled April 26:</i>		
Graham Van Oostrum (Anchors E Co.)		212 & 202
Ron G. Helton (HHC MICOM)		207
Thursday's Conference		
DOT Last Year's Champs	485.5	239.5
HHD USATA	427	298
Hooters	421.5	303.5
NNTK	390	335
MLRS F Company	388	337
Master Blasters	352	373
49 ORs	335.5	389.
Navy	290.5	434.5
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Don Harris (NNTK)		223
Mike Harney (49 ORs)		212

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8:15 AM - 5:00 PM TABES '94 EXHIBITS OPEN

Space Symposium

8:30 AM AN INVESTMENT EMPHASIS FOR SPACE DEVELOPMENT
Opening Remarks

8:50 AM Access to Space
T. J. Lee, Special Assistant for Access to Space, NASA

9:10 AM Single Stage to Orbit (SSTO)
Dr. Bill Gaubatz, Program Manager, Delta Clipper

9:30 AM Space Science
Dr. Wesley Huntress, Associate Administrator, NASA Office of Space Science

10:00 AM Iridium
Dr. Raymond Leopold, Chief Engineer, Satellite Communications, Motorola

10:30 AM Panel: "Moon Rocks versus Velcro": A Discussion of Future Emphasis
• Dr. John Pike, Space Policy Director, American Federation of Scientists
• Harry G. Craft, Jr., Director, Technology Transfer Office, NASA, MSFC
• Ben Bova (author of *Mars*), President Emeritus, National Space Society
• Dr. Peter Diamandis, Co-founder, International Space University, CTA Inc.
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Education Symposium

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1:30 PM Keynote Address: Models for Industry/Government/Education Partnerships - A National Perspective
C. Cross, Executive Director, Educational Initiative, Business Roundtable

2:00 PM Panelist Presentations, Part I: Models for Industry/Government/Education Partnerships
• From the Corporate Perspective
Robert Hager, Vice President-Gen. Mgr. (retired), Boeing Missiles & Space
• From the Government Perspective
G. Porter Bridwell, Director, NASA, MSFC
• From the Customer Education Perspective
Maurice Romine, Executive Vice President, Intergraph Corporation

3:00 PM Panelist Presentations, Part II: Models for Industry/Government/Education Partnerships
• From the University Perspective
Dr. Frank Franz, President, The University of Alabama in Huntsville
• From the Community College Perspective
Dr. Larry McCoy, President, Northwest-Shoals Community College
• From the Public School Perspective
Dr. Ralph Green, Superintendent, Madison County Schools

3:45 PM Moderated Panel Discussion: All Speakers

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11

8:15 AM - 4:00 PM TABES '94 EXHIBITS OPEN

Defense Symposium

R & D PARTNERSHIPS WITH INDUSTRY (TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER • DUAL USE)

8:30 AM National and International Technology Perspective
Dr. Vitalij Garber, Chairman & CEO, Garber Associates, Inc.

9:00 AM Federal Technology Transfer/Industry Partnerships
Dr. Loren Schmid, President, Federal Laboratory Consortium

9:30 AM Small Business Assistance in Technology Transfer
Dr. Lee Rivers, Executive Director, National Technology Transfer Center

10:00 AM Industry Technology Transfer Patents & CRADA's
R. Poteat, Patent Counsel, U.S. Dept. of Energy, Oak Ridge National Lab.

10:30 AM Academia - Technology and Economic Development
Dr. J. Ronald Thornton, Director, Southern Technology Application Center

11:00 AM State of Alabama Initiatives
J. R. Thompson, Chairman, Alabama Science & Industry Commission on Aerospace

11:30 AM Panel: Questions and Answers

Manufacturing Symposium

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1:30 PM Automated Launch Vehicle Propellant Tank Manufacturing
Dr. J. O. Bunting, Director, Advanced Launch Systems & Launch Systems Programs, Martin Marietta Company

2:00 PM Technology Reinvestment Program (TRP) and Other Developments in Federal Technology Policy
Leo Reddy, President, National Coalition for Advanced Manufacturing

2:30 PM Manufacturing Hands-On Labs at the K-12 Level
Dr. Helen Dorsey, Director of State & Institutional Relations, National Center for Manufacturing Sciences

3:00 PM Environmentally Sound Manufacturing
Ross Bowman, Vice President, Deputy-Engineering, Thiokol Corporation

3:30 PM Intelligent Manufacturing
Dr. Kazuhiko Kawamura, Professor, Vanderbilt University

4:00 PM DoD Manufacturing Technology
Dan Cundiff, OSD Program Mgr., Manufacturing Technology, The Pentagon

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Family Child Care providers offer developmental care

Editor's note: Jenness-Stults is a marketing assistant at Directorate of Community and Family Activities.

BY MICHELLE JENNESS-STULTS

Family Child Care providers gathered at Vincent Park, April 14 for a day in the sun with their kids. Games were played, and all enjoyed a picnic lunch.

FCC has one fully certified provider, Jackie Wilson, and 17 provisional certified providers including Maritza Brewster, Helen Davis, Deborah Delgado, Kathy Fetui, Angel Green, Darcellena Grindrod, Elicia Kettles, Carlana Klusmeyer, Yong Lewis, Patricia Maxwell, Lucile Nealy, Luzviminda Pence, Sonia Purvis, Doris Reed, Marla Salinas, Michele Thomas and Patricia York.

FCC is a truly specialized alternative type of care for children on Redstone Arsenal. Family Child Care is a private business regulated by the Army that provides loving, developmental child care in homes (government quarters) on-post. Certification is required for anyone living in government housing caring for unrelated children (paid or unpaid) for 10 or more child-care hours per week.

Becoming a certified FCC provider involves many steps such as understanding the Army's involvement and Family Child Care, developing a professional attitude and realistic expectations, considering business responsibilities, family commitment, policy compliance and program benefits, and completing provisional certification and full certification requirements. There is a three-phase process that every provider must follow to receive FCC certification: registration, provisional certification (good for 12 months), and full certification (good for three years). To maintain full certification, each provider must complete 24 credit hours of training annually.

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Announcements

Alabama State alumni

The Alabama State University "Rocket City" Alumni Chapter of Huntsville will have its monthly meeting and membership drive at 5 p.m. May 9 at the Huntsville (Main) Public Library, 915 Monroe St. For more information, call Fred Frost 859-6693.

Officers wives

Officers Wives Club will meet for Brunch at 10 a.m. May 10 at the Officers Club. "All OWC members are encouraged to witness the celebration of a very successful year as Merit Award Scholarships and Welfare Monies are presented, and to watch as the torch is passed to the 1994-95 Executive Board by outgoing President Joann Andrew." Cost for brunch is \$6.25. Reservations and cancellations must be made by noon May 6 to Brenda Abernathy 722-9985 or PegE Michaud 880-1628.

Community activities

OFFICERS CLUB — The Officers Club invites you to "join us for our Mother's Day Buffet, May 8, from 11 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Take Mom out and let us pamper her on her day. A grand selection of food will be on hand for a great price." Cost is adults \$12.95; children ages 7-12, \$6.95; and children 6 and under, free. Mothers eat at a reduced price of \$9.95. For reservations call 830-CLUB.

VETERINARY TREATMENT FACILITY — May 1 to May 7 is National Pet Week. Take the time to check your pet's records. Are all immunizations up to date? Remember, rabies vaccinations are required annually in Alabama. For an appointment call the Veterinary Treatment Facility 876-2441; its hours are 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday, and from 8-11:30 a.m. and 1-3:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. Services are limited to active duty and retired military.

OUTDOOR RECREATION — Take-a-Kid-Fishing day was rescheduled to May 14, from 7:30 a.m. until 1 p.m., due to flood conditions at rec area 1 and hazardous construction. Registration will continue at the Post Exchange through May 12. For more information, call Outdoor Recreation 876-4858/6854.

Bone marrow donors

"You can make a world of difference" by becoming a potential bone marrow donor May 11 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Recreation Center, building 3711. For more information, call Jean Weisser 876-2237.



AER spring fling

The second annual Spring Fling to benefit Army Emergency Relief will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday at the north end of building 5681. Events include a car wash in the parking lot of building 5681; bake sale, bingo, frisbee toss, ring toss, dunking booth, bean count, hole-in-one, dart throw, closest-to-the-pin, and silent auction; and cookout with grilled bratwurst, jumbo franks, Polish sausage, kraut and all the trimmings.

Hoop it up

The American Red Cross is sponsoring Hoop it Up, a three-on-three street basketball tournament, May 7 and 8 at Joe Davis Stadium. Entry fee is \$72 per team and entry forms are available at the local Red Cross Office, McRae's, area hospitals, Pizza Hut and WHNT. For more information call the Hoops Hotline at 536-0084, ext. 220.

Flying activity

Redstone Flying Activity will sponsor an Open House from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 7. "You may purchase an introductory flight or a sightseeing tour in our 150 and 172 Cessnas at \$15 per person for 30 minutes of flight. Hamburgers, hot dogs, chips and drinks will be offered for a reasonable price. Be sure to come and enjoy the fun.

"Also our next PPL Ground School will be starting May 16 at 5:30 p.m. in building 4828, at the Activity on Hale Road. Membership for this course is open to all. Members' charge for supplies and tuition will be \$140; and for non-members the charge will be \$180." For more information, call Bill Porter 880-9495 or Dorothy Hudgens 881-3980.

AER golf tourney

The 1994 AER Golf Tourney, hosted by MICOM, will be held at 8 a.m. May 13 at the Redstone Golf Course. A four-player scramble with shotgun start, the tourney is limited to the first 120 entries. Teams will be according to handicap. Entry fee — \$35 check payable to AER — includes golf, riding cart, lunch and prizes. Deadline for entry is May 11. Send name, organization, phone number, golf handicap and check to Ron Walton, AMSMI-MMC-MM-DD, 876-2549.

Town hall meeting

The next Redstone Arsenal Community Town Hall Meeting will be held at 6 p.m. May 10 at the Bicentennial Chapel. Town hall meetings are open to all residents of Redstone, retirees, and employees authorized to use Redstone community facilities. Subjects on the agenda include Champus coverage — hidden costs; crime prevention; GSA administrative use vehicles; Commissary and Post Exchange project status reports; Army family housing funding constraints; Self-Help Store support to family housing residents; rewiring of family housing; and club system changes of public interest.

ID card section

The Military Identification Card Section of the Military Personnel Office, building 3710, will be open Saturday, May 7 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. "This office will not open on Saturdays in June or July but will reopen for Saturday business on Aug. 6. As a part of normal operations, this branch will open for Saturday issuance of identification cards on the first Saturday of each month except June and July. New Saturday hours beginning in August are from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m."

Union meeting

AFGE Local 1858 will have its monthly meeting at 5:30 p.m. May 9 in building 7132 (Union Office). Nomination and election for delegates to the 5th District convention will be held. For more information, call 881-7430 or 876-4880.

Post Theater movies

Thursday — *The Ref*, rated R, 97 minutes. Friday — *The Ref*. Saturday — *Guarding Tess*, PG-13, 95 minutes. Sunday — *Guarding Tess*. Tuesday — *What's Eating Gilbert Grape*, PG-13, 117 minutes. All shows start at 7 p.m. Admission for Tuesday is adults \$1.50, children \$1. Admission for all other shows is adults \$2.50, children \$1.25.

Junior tennis clinic

Attention all junior tennis players and parents: On Saturday, May 7, the Youth Development Association Inc. will conduct a full-day tennis clinic at Butler High School. The clinic will start from 8:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m., break for lunch and return to the tennis courts from 1-3:30 p.m. This tennis clinic is for beginners, intermediate and advanced players. Parents, make sure players have water and arrangements for lunch. For more information or registration, call YDA at 464-9906.

TQM cadre training

A Total Quality Management day-long training session — open to TQM Cadre members and "people dedicated to quality" — will be held May 11 at the Officers Club. Registration is scheduled that morning from 7:30-8:30. For more information, call Marcella Mathis of the Missile Command's TQM Office 955-6703.



Best yards

Yard of the Month winners for April include the following: post — SSgt. Joseph R. Kendall, 1236-B Nike St.; neighborhood 2 — Kendall; neighborhood 5 — Sgt. Brian J. James, 1389-A Lance Court; and neighborhood 9 — Maj. David S. Veech, 432 Skinner Drive; and unit — A Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion.

Fox Army Community Hospital

Occupational Health Clinic hours are 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. To better serve employees, the OH Clinic is requesting that employees returning to work from sick leave, report to building 116 from 7-9 daily. "Reporting during this time frame will reduce employee waiting time and expedite return of employee to their worksite." Employees with an on-the-job injury/illness should report to OH, building 116, promptly from 7-3:30 for evaluation and treatment. A DD form 689, signed by the supervisor, should accompany the injured employee. Routine checking of blood pressure is not performed at OH; however, if an employee is concerned about symptoms that may be caused from elevated blood pressure, or symptoms that may reflect a heart condition, he or she should report to OH, 7-3:30. Overseas immunizations will now be given from 10-11 a.m. Reporting of civilian pregnancy is also from 10-11. For more information, call 876-8831.

Red Cross youth program

The American Red Cross Summer Youth Program will begin on the Arsenal in June. "Have fun and help your community!" You must be 13 years old to work at the Youth Center, and 14 years old to work at Fox Army Community Hospital. Call Holli Burrell 430-0755 and leave a message.

Johnson High JROTC

Johnson High School will hold its annual Junior ROTC awards program at 7 p.m. May 10 at the school.

Federal employees association

National Association of Federal Employees, Chapter 443, will meet 9:30 a.m. Saturday at the Huntsville/Madison County Senior Center, 300 Church St. All federal employees, retired or with five years service, are welcome.

Stress management class

A free, five-week Stress Management class begins this afternoon from 5-6:30 at Army Community Service. The course is taught by Dr. William Resha, ACS chief, who will give you a framework for defining stress and at least 20 ways to deal with your stress. This class is open to civilians and military. For more information, call Marci Adams of ACS 876-5397.

Blacks in government

Huntsville-Madison County Chapter of Blacks in Government will have its annual installation and awards banquet 7 p.m. May 20 at the Radisson Suite Hotel. Scheduled speaker is Laura Hall, of the Alabama House of Representatives, district 19. Cost is \$15 per person.

Thrift Shop

SATURDAY SPECIAL — The Thrift Shop will be open Saturday, May 7 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Fill a bag for \$1!

DONATIONS — Donations are always accepted. If you have large items to be picked up, call 881-6992 and an appointment will be made for pickup on the first Saturday of the month.

College exams

The Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) will be given on June 20. Any military individual requiring this examination, who meets the required prerequisites, should contact an Education Center counselor at building 3222, fill out a registration form and take it to building 3218 by May 20.

The Praxis Series (NTE Core only) will be administered June 13. This is administered to Department of Army civilians or family members for a fee. Contact your Education counselor for a testing referral sheet and take it to building 3218. This test will be ordered May 6.

The Graduate Records Exam will be administered again on June 6. Anyone desiring this exam, who meets the prerequisites, should obtain a registration form and referral sheet from the Education counselor at building 3222 and take it to Testing at building 3218 by May 6. This exam is for military only.

Any questions concerning the prerequisites of the exams should be directed to the Education counselor 876-0080. Any questions pertaining to the ordering of the exams should be directed to Sarah Bryan, test control officer, 876-9764.



Child care for meeting

Free child care is available at the next Town Hall Meeting on May 10. Parents must preregister by calling Army Community Service 876-5397 and providing the names and ages of children requiring care. The yellow shot record or the blue, child immunization card must be given to the child care worker when children are dropped off for care.

AER organizational day

The Research Development and Engineering Center will hold an organizational day for the Army Emergency Relief fund from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday. "Come to building 5400, north parking lot where there will be grilled hamburgers, hot dogs, and chili at all-time low prices. There will be a live band, bingo, cake walk, flea market, jail, and dunking tank for your fun and enjoyment. Come help us raise money for the Army Emergency Relief fund." Rain day is scheduled for May 12.



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Call 876-1500 to place your free carpool ad.

Theater drama portrays tragedy of Vietnam War

An upcoming play at the Von Braun Civic Center playhouse will present the story of six women thrown into the face of a war that tore a nation apart.

"These women represent a cross section, by race, region and profession, of all American women who served in Vietnam," says Pat McKay, the director. Huntsville Little Theatre will introduce you to these six women when it presents Shirley Lauro's drama "A Piece of My Heart," May 13-15 and 19-21 at the VBCC Playhouse.

This drama takes place in 1987 but spans a period of 20 years as it peers into the memories of three Vietnam War nurses, a Red Cross "Doughnut Dollie," a USO entertainer and a well-seasoned WAC.

"The easiest way to describe this play is to say that it is an ensemble piece," McKay says. All six women remain on stage throughout the play. They become characters in each other's reminiscences; and at times, all six women speak as one.

As the show opens, each woman introduces herself to us and tells us why she volunteered for Vietnam. The body of the play follows their experiences during their tours of duty, their treatment by the public upon their return and the different ways they cope with the traumas each has endured.

Three of the characters in this drama are Vietnam War nurses. They have all volunteered for Vietnam for various reasons, and all have trouble dealing with the pressures of being nurses in a combat zone. The character of Martha (Patsy Hawkins) fulfills her childhood dream of following in her mother's footsteps and becomes a Navy nurse. Sissy (Connie Voight) "didn't want to rot in Erie, Pa.," becomes a nurse, joins the Army and volunteers for Nam. Ex-hippie LeeAnn (Huntsville newcomer Joanna Tolentino) joins the Army as a way to finance her last year of nursing school. A visiting recruiter promises the tropics of Hawaii, but LeeAnn finds herself in the tropics of Vietnam, instead.

In addition to the nurses, we meet three other

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— Pat McKay
Director of the play

women who served in Vietnam, each in a very different way. Vassar grad Whitney (Molly Pettis) chooses to do her "year of service" as a Red Cross volunteer in Vietnam, and so becomes a "doughnut dollie." As lead singer of The Sugar Candies All Girl Band, Mary Jo Kincaid from Beaumont, Texas (Cherie Yancey), sees the USO as her ticket to fame and fortune. Intelligence officer BJ Steele (Freda Grant) knew she was "hearing lies about Vietnam." She volunteers for Nam thinking her "experience will be used for once to save some American lives."

McKay is quick to point out that although "A Piece of My Heart" is told from a woman's point of view, it

does not overlook the pain and suffering of the soldiers who served in Vietnam. Shirley Lauro has crafted a character she calls "All the American Men." As the name indicates, Charles Woods will portray all of the men with whom the women interact, from a gold star father to a dying soldier.

McKay expresses concern over the intense emotional content of the play. "I hope people will not be scared off by such a heavy subject. Though not a conventional 'happy ending,' in the final scenes, we see the healing effect that comes from the recognition all Vietnam War veterans received with the unveiling of the Vietnam War Memorial."

The play opens Friday, May 13 at 8 p.m.; additional evening performances will run May 14 and 19-21. There will be a 3 p.m. matinee performance Sunday, May 15. Tickets — at \$6 for students and seniors, \$8 for adults — can be purchased by contacting The Arts Council 533-6565. Because the play opens on Panoply weekend, HLT wants to remind patrons that Monroe Street will be blocked off, and parking may take more time than usual. HLT also warns of strong language and adult themes.

Military dining hall wins AMC award

The military dining facility here has won the 1994 Army Materiel Command's Philip A. Connelly competition and will represent AMC in the upcoming Department of Army worldwide annual Connelly awards program.

Redstone Arsenal Support Activity, Consolidated Dining Facility No. 1 is AMC's winner in the large garrison dining facility category.

The Connelly awards program was established March 23, 1968 to recognize excellence in Army food service. The program is named for the late Philip A. Connelly, former president of the International Food Service Executives Association, who was responsible for obtaining IFSEA sponsorship of the event.

"Much of the professionalism associated with today's Army food service program is a direct result of the Connelly competition and invaluable support provided by the IFSEA," said Charles Minga, contracting officer representative for installation food service. "The program's fringe benefits have caused improvements in the quality of food and food service afforded to the individual soldier."

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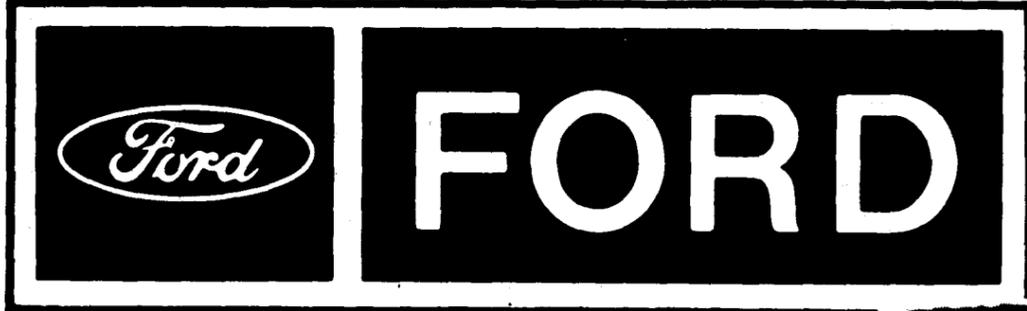
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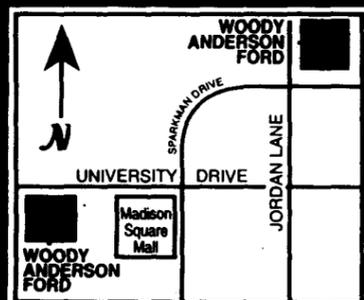
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