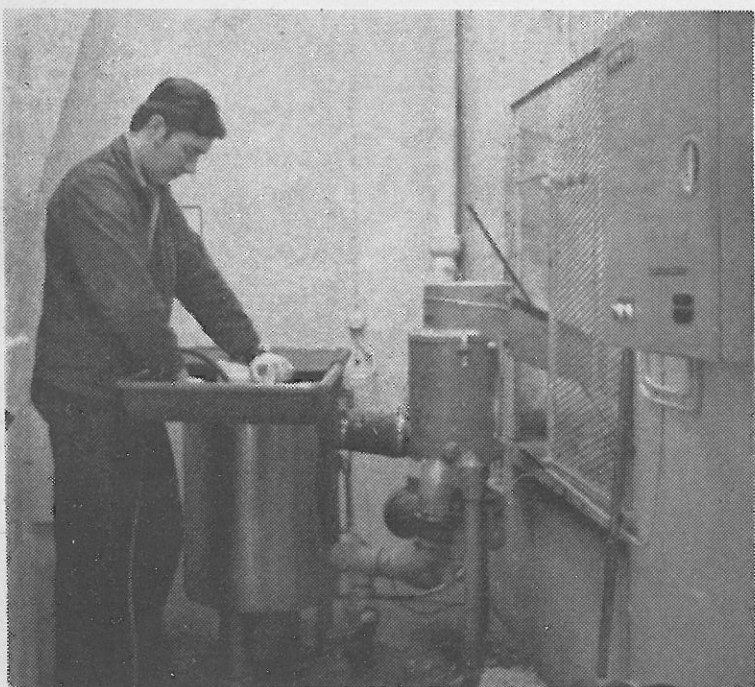


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Bremerhaven Observes Earth Day 1972



PAPER PULPER—Communications Technician (T Branch) Seaman Christopher Ward runs waste paper through the paper pulper in Building 2. By adopting the mulching process, the Navy has greatly reduced the amount of pollutants released into the air through incineration.

By CTA3 Alan Bohanan

Father's Day, Mother's Day, Earth Day. Earth Day? Yes, as is the case with fathers and mothers, some people try to show their concern for the earth, or more specifically, the environment.

Earth Day activities in Bremerhaven on April 22 will focus on attempts to remind individuals of their debt to nature, and to advise them on ways in which they may contribute to their environment. Individuals will be urged not to use their automobiles for transportation to the Staging Area on Earth Day, or at least to share rides with others. Symbolic gestures such as tree plantings are also scheduled. Also being considered at this writing are: the taking of a "pollution inventory" of the Staging Area, a sampling of opinions regarding pollution in order to ascertain the community's environmental consciousness, and the handing out of tips on how to live a saner, more ecologically-conscious life, and enjoy the earth to a fuller extent.

The observance of Earth Day is a relatively new phenomenon; the first such observance took place on April 22, 1970. However, just like Father's and Mother's Days, concern for the environment should continue throughout the year — and it does.

In Bremerhaven this concern takes two forms. One form of concern is evidenced by the efforts of the Ecology Action Committee (ECOACT), Girl Scout Troop 188, and various

concerned individuals. The second form is action on the command level, such as by the appointment of environmental advisors to act as "consciences" (taking environmental factors into consideration as a part of the decision-making process), and through various other positive actions.

ECOACT has started recycling paper and cans in Bremerhaven, and has been trying to make the community conscious of what individuals can do to help preserve their environment. The paper collected so far has gone to help a German charitable organization, Lebenshilfe, which uses the proceeds from sales to paper recycling plants to help support and train retarded persons. Troop 188 of the Girl Scouts has been a major force behind a program of collecting cans from the housing areas for recycling.

ECOACT is presently looking into a program whereby wine bottles could be recycled, since these are the only type of bottle that can be recycled within the local area.

But recycling is not the only activity with which ECOACT and ecology-minded individuals within the community are concerned. Subjects such as conservation, pollution control, population planning and control, and changing life styles are much more important than recycling.

On the command level, the most significant contribution to the preservation of the environment has been the instal-

lation of the paper pulper in Building 2. The pulper was primarily installed to stop polluting the air through incineration of paper, and secondarily, to enable the command to recycle paper that is otherwise destroyed. Although the actual pulping has proved to be simple, there has been some problem with the sorting of material prior to pulping.

Presently the mulch resulting from the pulper's use is being hauled away as refuse, since attempts to have it recycled have met with failure. Still there is the consolation that even if the paper is never recycled, it at least does not go up in smoke, thereby polluting the air.

Other command actions include the appointment of an environmental advisor, the approval of the use of a truck for the Girl Scouts' can recycling efforts, and the planting of trees by the Public Works Department in attempts to beautify the area as well as add to the local tree population. A policy of substituting more perennial flowers instead of annuals is also being studied.

One publication oriented toward preserving the environment, "The Last Whole Earth Catalog", cites three basic laws which serve to emphasize the need for ecological concern:

- Everything is connected to everything.
- Everything's got to go somewhere.
- There's no such thing as a free lunch.

NSGA Represents NAVEUR In Travis Trophy Competition

The director of the Naval Security Group, Europe (DIRNAVSECGRUEUR), in a message received last month by this activity, announced that NSGA Bremerhaven has been selected to represent all of U.S. Navy, Europe, in the eighth annual competition for the Travis Trophy.

The Travis Trophy is named after Sir Edward Travis, a former British representative to the United States. It has been awarded each year since 1964 by the National Security Agency (NSA) to the military cryptologic unit judged to have made the most outstanding contribution to the national cryptologic effort during the calendar year preceding the year of selection.

Agencies participating in the competition include the Army Security Agency, the Air Force Security Service, and the Naval Security Group Command (which also encompasses Marine Corps personnel).

The trophy is awarded based on accomplishments

in the areas of operations, administration, suggestion-scientific achievement, management improvements, or special acts or services.

The Navy is allowed four possible nominations for the Travis Trophy each year. Three of these are made from the Atlantic, Pacific, and European areas, while a fourth may represent the Naval Security Group Headquarters in Washington, D.C.

So far this year NSGA Bremerhaven is the only Navy nomination for the award, and this is the first year that the activity has been nominated. During the seven previous awards of the Travis Trophy, the Army and Air Force have each held the honor three times. The single naval award, in 1966, went to the 1st Radio Battalion Detachment, Vietnam.

The Naval Security Group Command has until June 1 to submit a Navy finalist to the NSA. The final selection will be made by the director of the NSA in September.

12 Sailors Picked For ADCOP

Twelve NSGA Bremerhaven personnel who applied for the Navy's Associate Degree Completion Program (ADCOP) received word last month that they have been accepted for participation in the two-year college program.

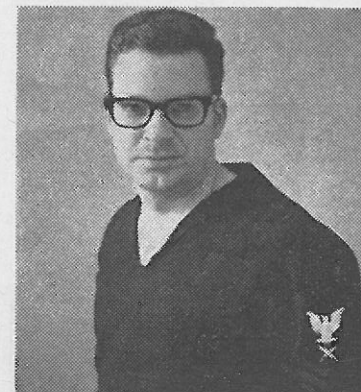
Selected were: CTMC Johnny Davis, CTTC Donald Mickelsen, CTTC Tommy O'Neal, CTTC James Turner, CTM1 Neil Costanzo, CTT1 William Howard, CTT1 Jack Kaye, CTT1 David Madison, CTT1 James Patrich, CTM1 Serio Rossi, and CTR1 Kenneth Royer.

The selectees will have the opportunity to pursue an associate degree at one of several participating junior colleges in the United States.

A total of 17 personnel applied for ADCOP from

this command. Navywide, 1,428 applicants were selected.

Navy ADCOP students normally spend approximately two years working



ADCOP - WO SELECTEE—Communications Technician (T Branch) First Class William Howard, in addition to being accepted for the Navy's Associate Degree Completion Program (ADCOP), was also selected for promotion to warrant officer.

on their associate degrees. During this time they live much the same as civilian students. They are ordered to the program on a permanent change-of-station basis, and report to a local Navy command for administrative purposes.

ADCOP students are under the military control of the local activity, but are assigned no military duties. They are permitted to wear civilian clothing to class.

ADCOP enables career-motivated enlisted personnel to pursue an AA or AS degree in various vocational and technical fields. Typical of study are: engineering, applied mechanics, drafting, electronics, data processing, business administration, food service, industrial management, medicine, and dentistry.

CO's Hot Line

Q: Would it be possible for the NSGA Bremerhaven barracks watch section to have split-duty weekends where one duty section would have duty on Saturday and another section have it on Sunday? This would eliminate one section having to stand the duty for both days.

A: The current Saturday and Sunday duty-weekend for the barracks watch section resulted from the desires expressed by personnel assigned to this watch approximately one year ago. It was reasoned at that time that one long duty-weekend every six weeks was preferable to one weekend-day duty every three weeks. A recent poll of personnel now assigned to this watch shows that the Saturday and Sunday duty-weekend every six weeks is still preferred (26 for, 4 against).

Q: At present all barracks fire drills are conducted at about 3 p.m. This procedure is fine if the purpose for holding the drills is only to ensure the evacuation of barracks personnel. What about training for the Officer-of-the-Day (OOD) though? Since the day-time OOD is always the same person, namely the Chief Master-at-Arms, why not hold fire drills during the evening or early morning hours when personnel are standing OOD watches on a rotating basis?

A: Due to the fact that we are a watch-standing organization and there is always someone sleeping in our barracks, and to ensure maximum training with minimum disturbances, the watch sections were polled to determine the most advantageous time for the drills. The results of this poll indicated that the fewest people would be disturbed between 3-3:30 p.m. Nevertheless, your suggestion, as it pertains to OOD training, is a good one and, hereafter, we will schedule some of the drills on weekends.

Q: I suggest that raised bumps be constructed in the roads that traverse the housing areas for the purpose of slowing down vehicles on these roads. I have witnessed a couple of accidents and near misses lately that were primarily due to the speed at which the persons involved were driving. Do we need to wait for someone's child to be struck before we do something?

A: After forwarding your suggestion to the local Army command for possible implementation, we were informed that such raised bumps are prohibited by Army regulations as potential safety hazards.

Q: I believe that policy should be enacted whereby persons living in the barracks are in charge of the cleanliness for their particular barracks. This would eliminate duty sections and Boat's Force personnel from having to clean up other people's messes.

A: Duty section and Boat's Force personnel only clean common-user areas of the barracks. Personnel are responsible for cleaning their own living areas in all of the barracks, and personnel from the Operations Department clean up common-user areas in Barracks 9 and 13 each night. Generally speaking, the residents of all barracks are responsible for cleaning up "their own messes." If you observe someone making a mess, report it to the Officer-of-the-Day and he will see to it that the person or division responsible cleans it up.

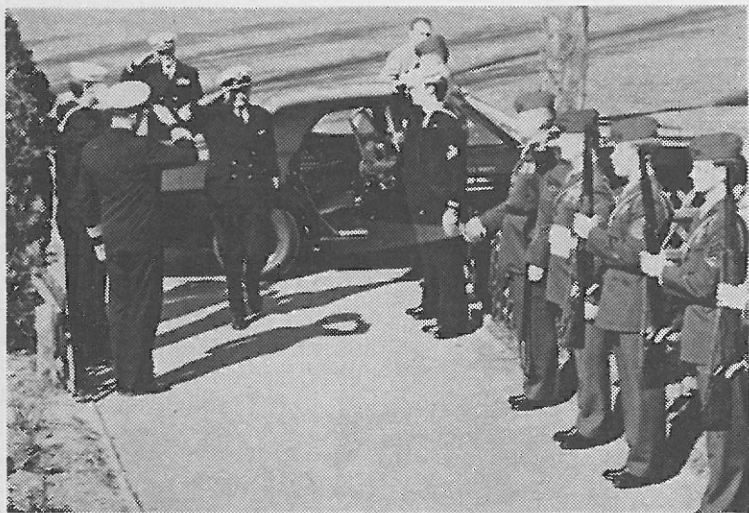
Navy Relief Fund Drive To Get Underway May 4

The Navy Relief Society's annual fund-raising campaign will open May 4 and continue through June 6. The dates of the drive are the same each year; it is conducted during the commemoration of the World War II naval battles of Coral Sea and Midway.

Navy Relief at NSGA Bremerhaven is administered by the Chaplain's Office in Building 11. During last year's drive, a total of \$1,621.57 was left after all

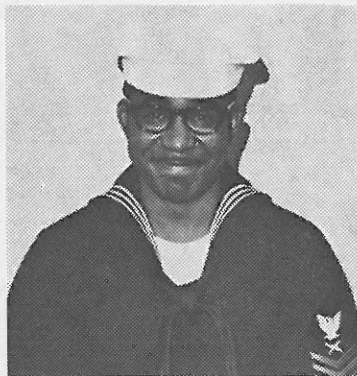
expenses of the campaign had been deducted.

Where do the contributions go? At this command, Navy Relief's prime benefactors are those persons returning to the United States in an emergency leave status, although these are by no means the only persons who receive financial aid. Last year 29 loans totaling \$3,930 were granted. So far this year the Chaplain's Office has made five Navy Relief loans totaling \$1,160.



FAREWELL VISIT — German Navy Captain Herbert Panknin is "piped aboard" during a farewell visit to this activity on March 22. Captain Panknin retired on March 31 after serving as commanding officer of the German Navy's Ships Engineer School at the Bremerhaven Marineschule since 1966.

Sailor-Marine Of the Quarter



CTT1 David Madison

Communications Technician (T Branch) First Class David Madison of Third Division was recently selected as "Sailor-Marine of the Quarter" for the quarter ending June 30, 1972.

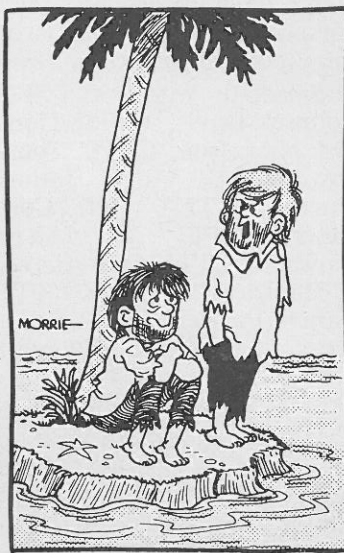
CTT1 Madison was born in Springfield, Mass., and enlisted in the Navy in 1958 at the age of 18. Prior to reporting to NSGA Bremerhaven, he served a tour of duty with NSGA Kamiseya, Japan. CTT1 Madison's wife, Karen, and daughter, Lynn, are accompanying him on his tour here.

In CTT1 Madison's letter of selection, Captain John Jennings, commanding officer, stated in part:

"Since your arrival at this command in November 1969, you have continually demonstrated an outstanding professional ability, and have willingly accepted all assignments with enthusiasm. During periods of personnel shortages, you have taken it upon yourself to become acquainted with numerous tasks outside of your normal area of responsibility, and have given knowledgeable assistance whenever and wherever it was required. Also noteworthy are your suggestions for improvements that are well-planned, and based on good judgement and a sound professional background.

"In addition to these accomplishments, you have contributed your off-duty time to the community by serving as president of the Bremerhaven Bowling Association, and on the coaching staff of the local chapter of the American Junior Bowling Association.

"I commend you on your excellent performance. I am pleased to present you with a \$75.00 U.S. Savings Bond and a plaque commemorating your selection as 'Sailor-Marine of the Quarter.' Well done!"



"AND STOP REMINDING ME HOW YOUR SAVINGS BONDS ARE EARNING INTEREST!"

By Chaplain R. Alan Plishker

Serendipities

Eric Berne's book, "Games People Play", became a best seller a few years ago because it gave the reader a clue to understanding himself and others. The author reiterated a fact which you and I already know about ourselves and others: We are not always what we appear to be. A similar book written by Everet Shostrom, entitled, "Man The Manipulator", shows the ways in which you and I manipulate others to achieve our own ends. Both books show the masks we wear to conceal our real identities. Shakespeare said the same thing when he wrote:

"All the world's a stage, and all the men and women merely players. They have their exits and their entrances, and one man in his time plays many parts."

It is interesting that the very word "person" owes its origin to the masks worn by Greek actors in an effort to amplify their voices. The masks we wear amplify our personality in ways which we least suspect. When I first meet someone I try to listen attentively to what he is saying, but often I find myself wondering what is really being said. What is he really like? A calm cool exterior is often a disguise for someone whose inner life is in turmoil. The more I get to know others, the more I realize that "you cannot judge a book by its cover."

Often people feel misjudged and often are. They have been misjudged because their masks have effectively shielded their real identity. Society, the people they work for, and their wives may have pronounced these individuals mean or generous, active or lazy, brave or cowardly, and none of the adjectives may really fit.

The point is this: If we are going to really try to know ourselves and others better, we are going to have to try and get out from behind the masks we wear. And if we can begin to see some of the contradictions in ourselves, understand some of our masks, and make an honest attempt to be ourselves, then we will be close to opening the door of discovery for both ourselves and others. It is at this point that we pass from factual, intellectual knowledge into a real communion with ourselves and others.



AUGSBURG RE-UP — Senior Chief Communications Technician (R Branch) Thomas Mosher of the Augsburg Detachment of NSGA Bremerhaven is reenlisted for four years by Colonel Richard Koenig, commanding officer of the Army Security Agency Field Station, Augsburg, on Feb. 18. This was the first reenlistment for the Navy detachment, the first time that CTRCS Mosher had been shipped over by anyone other than a naval officer, and the first Navy reenlistment performed by Col. Koenig.



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NSGA Hosts G-A Rifle Match at Frelsdorf

By CTR1 Gerald Quigley

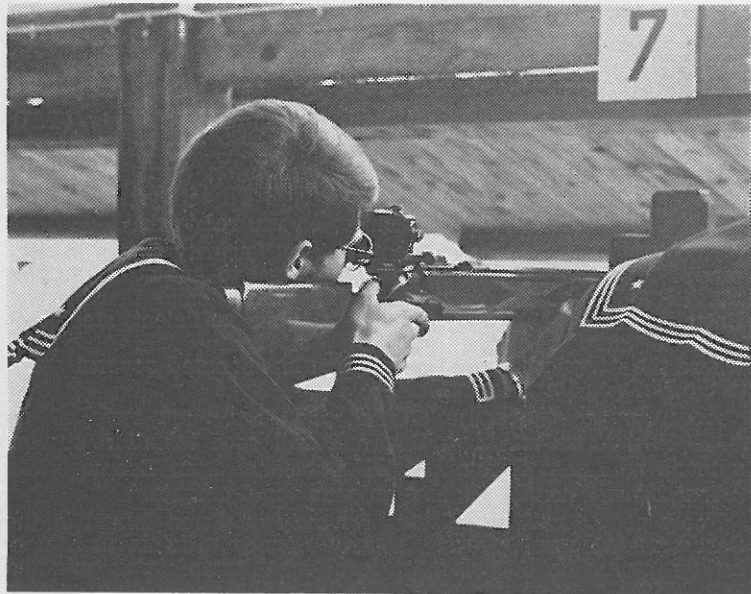
Project Partnership received a boost last month when NSGA Bremerhaven sponsored a German-American rifle match at the village of Frelsdorf.

Participating in the event were 23 German and three American teams, with the German teams being made up of various army, navy, air force, police, and customs personnel, and various civilians. Representing the Americans were two army teams and one navy team.

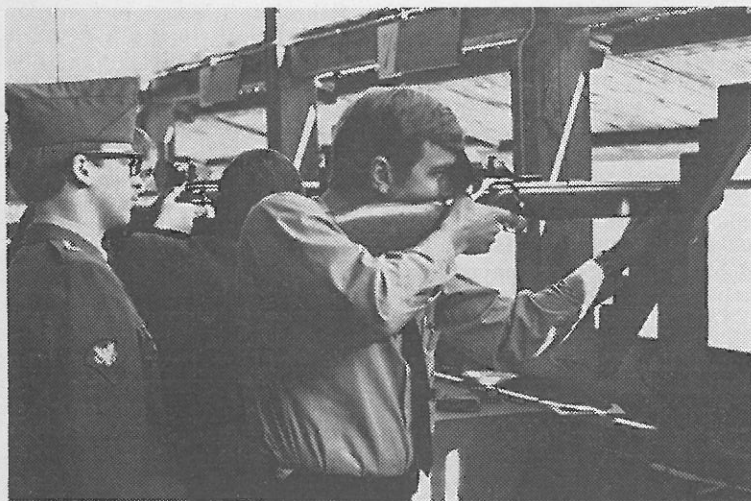
The course was fired with .22 caliber match rifles provided by the Schuetzenverein (shooting club) of Frelsdorf. Each competitor fired five rounds for score on the 50 meter range. Of a possible perfect score of 50, two men scored 49 points: Herr Nowinski of Schuetzenverein Guestemunde, and Herr Huller of the Bundeswehr, or German Army. These men placed first and second respectively.

NSGA Bremerhaven plaques were awarded to the top three teams competing. Finishing in first place was the Schuetzenverein Guestemunde, turning in a score of 228 out of a possible 250. Schuetzenverein Frelsdorf took second place with 215, while third place went to the Schuetzenverein Lehe with 214.

High scoring American competitors were: CTR1 Gerald Quigley of NSGA Bremerhaven (45 points), CTT2 Daniel Wheat of NSGA Bremerhaven and SP4 Kidder of the U.S. Army 2nd Field Hospital (44 points), Army Captain Gary Lacher of the U.S. Army 2nd Field Hospital (43 points), Sgt. Ernest Pilgrim of Company "F" Marine Support Battalion (42 points), and SSgt Horst Neuman of U.S. Army Community Services (41 points).



Communications Technician (M Branch) Second Class Steven Payne takes careful aim during a German-American rifle match on March 25 at Frelsdorf. Twenty-four German and three American teams competed in the match which was sponsored by NSGA Bremerhaven.



Members of the U.S. Army 2nd Field Hospital were among those making up the two U.S. Army teams.



Communications Technician (A Branch) Second Class James Hatch receives some pointers from Sergeant Ernest Pilgrim of the Company "F" Marine Support Battalion.



Members of the German Pioneer Battalion 74 of Marme enjoy a beer between matches.



Examining targets are Communications Technician (R Branch) First Class Harold Pritchett (left) and CTR1 Gerald Quigley.



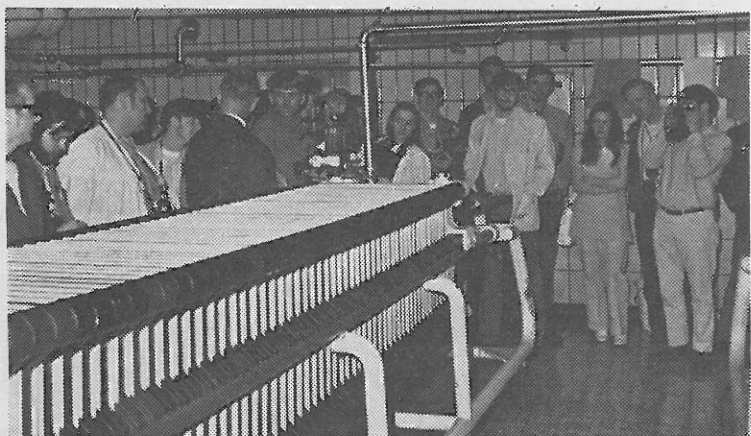
Partnership is the name of the game.

Jever Brewery Trip

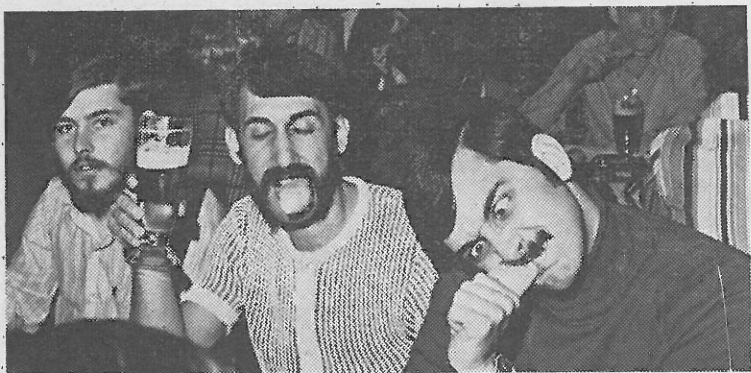
Charlie Samples Suds



Bottling operations at the Jever brewery.



The group learns how beer is filtered.



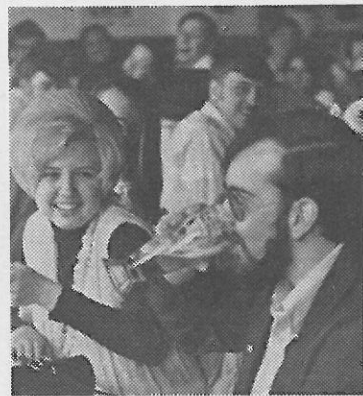
(L-R) Richard McPhail, Robert Somers, and Darrell Cooper ham it up.

Members of Charlie Section learned something of German brewing last month when they took a one-day trip across the Weser River to the Jever brewery located in the city of the same name.

Two buses carried the 77-member group to Jever, which is located near Wilhelmshaven where the group stopped for lunch and a brief tour of that port city's oil fields and naval dock facilities before journeying on to the brewery.

After a guided tour in which they learned of the intricacies of brewing, the travelers were able to sample some of the suds which they had just traced through various production stages. At a dining area in the brewery, the thirsty tourists were served bratwurst and rolls, and all the golden pilsner they could drink.

Someone said that the group was in "high spirits" during the bus trip back to Bremerhaven.



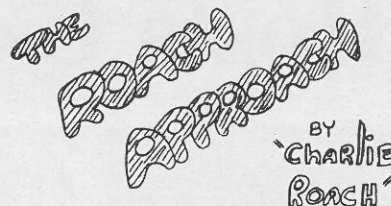
The best part of any brewery trip is in sampling the product. Just ask CTT2 and Mrs. Daniel Wheat.

By Walter Nolte

By the way, our location here in "Rainyhaven" (the lovely city with the "liquid sunshine"), will make it absolutely necessary for the PX to stock a larger supply of raincoats for all of you bicycle fans.

The EES Radio City Cafeteria is now back in operation, and its entirely different look is noteworthy. The Northern Germany Exchange Region's Food and Engineering personnel are to be complimented for designing and executing this project, and the assistance of the office of the local Facilities Engineer is appreciated.

Bremerhaven EES personnel participated wholeheartedly in the recent "Smile" and "Vote For Courtesy" campaigns. Although the latter campaign ended this month, we will certainly apply the principles on a continuing basis. We are here "to serve those who serve." In addition, since all EES employees and concessionaires are employed on a voluntary basis (no one is forced to work for us), and have chosen to work for this service organization, a friendly and courteous service will be rendered.



Upon returning from some Temporary Additional Duty (TAD) recently, I found that the base closing rumors were still running rampant — Edzell, Augsburg, Rota, and so on. Sorry fellas, you really want to know where we're going? I'll tell you since the word will probably already be out when you read this.

According to recent word from a Naval Security Group spokesman, 270 men will be transferred in August to Adak, Alaska. My NAVSECGRU source went on to say that Mobile Construction Battalion (MCB-43) was already moving sufficient steel into Adak to build a bridge adjoining that island with Amchitka, where the Atomic Energy Commission has donated several areas to the Defense Department.

According to the same official, the Army has installed an "APOI" antenna on Amchitka, and will soon install a similar antenna on Adak. Specialized DF personnel from Bremerhaven (about 20) will handle the new antenna requirements.

Forty people will be selected for duty on Swan Island in the Caribbean, where National Security Agency officials are negotiating for a site. Surprisingly, local inhabitants aren't satisfied with NSA's offer of payment in dollars; they're holding out for local currency. I guess one could call it the "Greenback vs. Banana War."

The remaining contingent from Bremerhaven will be divided between sites in Durban, South Africa and Limoges, Ethiopia. These sites are heretofore unlisted areas maintained by the State Department, and both are being turned over to the Department of Defense. The Navy will be sharing both Swan Island and Limoges with Air Force personnel.

You say it all sounds like a big fish story? Okay, just corner someone in the Operations hierarchy, and ask to see a copy of NAVOP COMM PLAN 3-46C2-18072, dated 18 January 1972, and signed by Vice Admiral R. A. Sommers, by direction. There are two copies aboard the station at this time.

Now to move on to other matters, I want to know more about the new female working in the Disbursing Office. I hear she's called Sheila, and has a great figure which she showed off quite admirably at the "O" Club recently. Any kin to the current disbursing officer? Anyway, I'm sticking with Margaret until I catch a glimpse of this bird myself.

I see the skipper shaved his moustache. Want to know why? In a letter to the CO regarding erotic beards and moustaches, CTRCM Earl Loop must have expounded with more than normal force. From outward appearances, however, I'd say the letter had little effect on CWO-2 Lyle Westrom, but then I heard he shaved under the arms just to "get some unnecessary hair off."

Transfers seem to be in the mill these days: CTAC Scott Morris is going to Legal to relieve YN1 Millard "M.J." Saylor who is moving down to the Community Activities Advisor's office to work for Maria Wittig. YN2 Allen Boltz is turning vehicle registration back over to CTA1 Richard Phinney. BMC Jess "Boats" Saur is bringing in SN David "Billy" Kratz who will be responsible for keeping BM1 Lloyd St. Amant out of the restricted reading in the Quarterdeck area. CTA1 George Hagerty, currently the skipper's office help, will move to Fifth Division to relieve CTA1 Douglas Katzenbarger who will take over the Keller Crew. CTT2 Lloyd Marshall has already moved to the Building 2 keller where he assists "Freddie" in stock maintenance.

Cdr William Garner is back to work now, but no one can find a way to force LCdr Dean Grossman out of the commander's chair. Actually, he'd gladly step down, but he was trying out the XO's cleats, and did you know there is a big magnet under Cdr Garner's desk? Well, neither did Mr. Grossman. Hmmm-m-m-m, must be a "white rat" planted by those dirty guys in Second Division.

Since the Marines are getting ready for TAD back to the United States, what are we going to do for protection? I mean they keep saying: "We're your front line of defense." Guess we'll leave the door locked until they get back. Oh? It was locked! Then I guess we can leave it open, huh? By the way, is it true Maj Arthur Finlon is taking up bullfighting since his trip to Spain... with a 45? Oh well, guess that's the way it is. Oh, by the way, April Fool.



CONGRATULATIONS! — Company "F" Marine Ronald Collins receives congratulations from his pretty wife, Kathy, after being promoted to the rank of staff sergeant on March 7.

EES Notes

Consumer demand for bicycles has more than doubled over the last decade. According to the Bicycle Institute of America, 3.7 million bikes were sold in the United States during 1960. During 1971, 8.8 million units were sold, and the bicycle industry does not see an end to this upward trend.

I would like to raise a question: Are bicycles purchased for recreation, for physical fitness, as an economical means of transportation, or out of a desire for an environment unpolluted by carbon monoxide? Obviously, all of the above are valid reasons.

Why not leave your car parked in front of your house next Sunday, or on your next day off, and peddle to nearby Spekenbittel Park, to the Pimpinsburg, or to the woods in Drangstedt? Or, as an "advanced bicyclist," go even farther to Bederkesa and rest at the beautiful lake there before peddling home. In this case you would be using your bicycle as a means of leisure-time recreation.

Discontinue going the short distance from Buildings 9, 11, or 13 to Building 2 by automo-

bile. Utilize a bicycle for such short distances. By doing this you will certainly contribute to your physical fitness (I understand that Public Works personnel at NSGA Todendorf do so 95 percent of the time when they are called on to go from their office up to the hill).

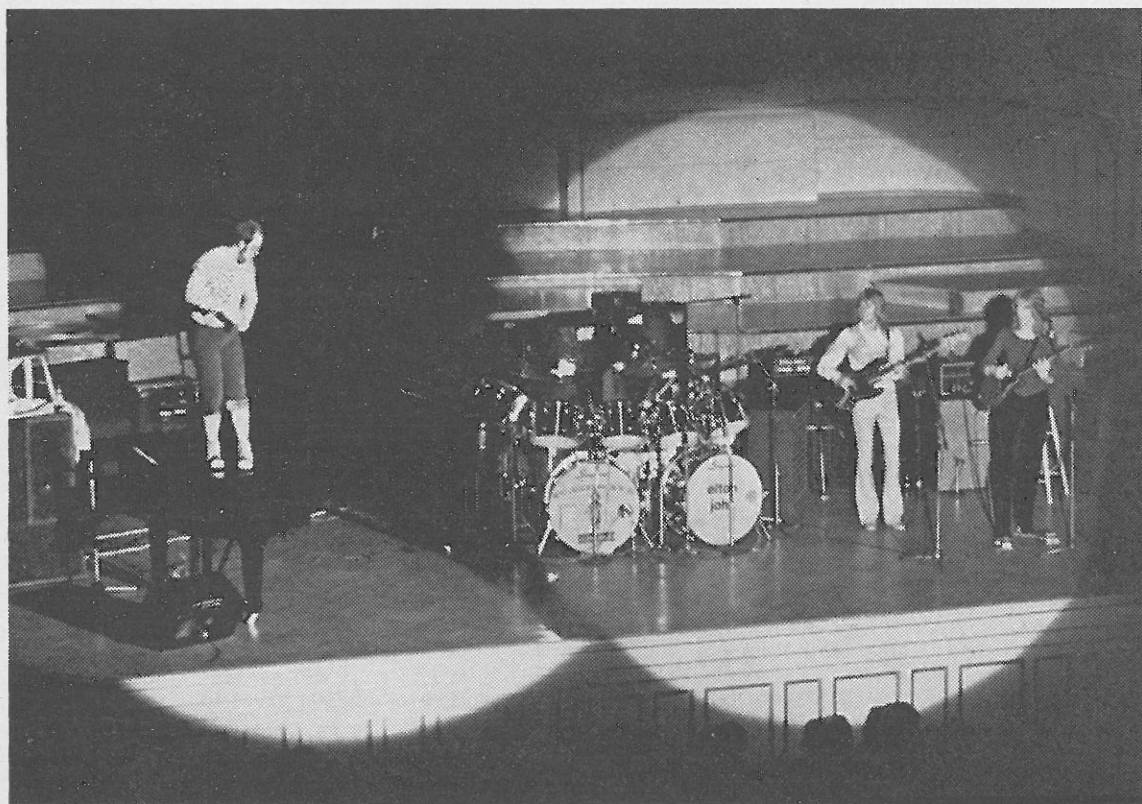
And of course a bicycle is a very economical means of transportation. How would you like using it once or twice a week to go back and forth to work? It is only three miles from Kleiner Blink Housing Area to the Staging Area and, by not burning gasoline on those days, you would be helping to preserve our environment.

Let me state that I am not writing this piece as an agent of Special Services, a physician, a transportation officer, or as an ecology officer. I am writing this as a businessman.

Yes, my whole "spiel" thus far has been for the purpose of causing you to think of buying a bicycle at your friendly Post Exchange. Bear in mind, however, that U.S. manufacturers will have to put on extra shifts in order to assemble the 10 million bicycles they expect to produce during 1972.

The Rockin' Chair

Elton John—Madman?



Elton John (left) and friends in concert at Hamburg

By YN 3 Randall Workman

He's not your typical long-hair "Rock Star"; his hair is short and his music isn't loud and driving. But he's not an "Easy" rocker either (his piano rag is anything but easy). He IS a musician, magician, healer, soother, crowd-mover, performer, and comic. Elton John fills the bill as both artist and professional using his own brand of uniquely flavored rock.

Last month, Elton John brought his work into Hamburg. Bespectacled, in green knickers and a gold cloak, he walked on-stage alone and sat down at the grand piano. Some didn't recognize the elfish form, but they recognized the man as soon as he started in on "Tiny Dancer," from his "Madman Across the Water" album. He ran through a few songs solo to warm-up the audience, and found that every-

one was already prepared for him.

He then introduced the rest of his group saying, "I think it's going to be a good night." It was. Nigel Olson was behind the drums, Dee Murray engineered the bass, and Davey Johnstone rotated around on the mandolin, banjo, electric and acoustic guitars. For the next two hours they played cuts from their four albums and their newest release, "Honky Chateau."

Elton John's music is alive and jumping, with some influence from the rag-time piano of "speak-easy" days. One of the most crucial sides of all the music is timing, and Nigel Olsson and the man at the piano work together making the split-second changes and runs flow together. After seeing these men work, and realizing the absolute crispness in all of their material, one can appreciate the importance

of timing in Elton John's music.

Bernie Taupin writes most of the lyrics for Elton's music and Dee Murray takes care of the backing vocals. Davey Johnstone first appeared with the group on the "Madman" album, and he's an extremely versatile component whose changes of instrument serves to help change the mood and feeling during the music. The result is fresh originality, music that can be enjoyed by anyone who craves the slide of a guitar or a keyboards cry.

Elton John plays to move his listeners, and encourages participation from everyone. He lifts your spirit aboard his flight, and plays through his winding path of intricate simplicity, leaving a smile on your face as he fades away 'till next time. Elton John is like an old friend that you're glad to see again, anytime.

Living In Germany

Boat Trips on the Weser

By Maria Wittig

This is the time of the year when boat trips begin once again, and since we are living on the Weser River, I will talk about cruising on this river. Cruising, on the Weser, flanked by the delightful Weser hill country, has become a standard tourist attraction in Germany.

Boats tour the Weser only in the daytime, departing Hamlin at 8:45 a.m. daily. Passengers spend their nights at hotels, and there is a sightseeing program on land by day.

German fairytales come alive when you visit places like Hamlin, the town of the Pied Piper; Bodenwerder, where the lying Baron von Muenchhausen lived, or Hannoversch Muenden with its ancient half-timbered houses, home of the legendary physician Dr. Eisenbart.

Common to the towns both by the river and in the highlands, is the architectural style, Weser Renaissance, of the sandstone houses.

There are five boat tour programs available; here is a description of a four-day independent tour that I thought might be of interest to you:

Reservation deadline 14 days before departure.

Departures—Daily from April 23 to Sept. 14.
Tour Price—DM 190 (children up to 10 years of age, if they sleep in their parents room—DM 127, and children 10-14 years of age — DM 150.

These prices include all boat trips; overnight

accommodation in single or double rooms as desired; with shower or bath if available without additional charge; all meals; and all necessary transfers.

This independent tour leaves the traveler complete freedom in the arrangements of boat trip, overnight accommodations, and meals. There is a possibility of intermediate stops and extensions for a longer or shorter vacation in the Weser highlands.

During the period May 11 through Sept. 17, special one-day round trips are offered for motorists:

Depart Hamlin at 8:45 a.m. daily, arrive at Polle at 2:40 p.m.; depart Polle at 4 p.m., arrive at Hamlin at 7:45 p.m. On Wednesdays only, depart Hamlin at 2:30 p.m., arrive at Bodenwerder at 5:20 p.m.; depart Bodenwerder 5:35 p.m.; arrive Hamlin 7:25 p.m. The price for either of these tours is DM 14.80, round trip.

A further word is in order on the boat trips. On certain days of the week, you may leave your car at Hamlin, take a boat trip down the Weser, and catch a bus back to Hamlin rather than taking the return trip on the boat.

There are, of course, many possibilities other than the ones I chose to write about. You can go as far as Kassel by boat if you so desire. For complete information on all the available boat tours, stop in and see me in Building 11.

Campus Capsule

By CTTCS Bertrand Moquin



Are you planning to leave the Navy to pursue your education? If your expiration of active obligated service (EAOS) falls sometime before classes commence at the school of your choice, chances are you can stop reading right here. If it doesn't, however, you must be planning on requesting an early release from active duty or an "early out for school".

Commanding officers are authorized to separate or transfer for separation enlisted members for the purpose of commencing or resuming their education at a college, university, or vocational-technical school, provided certain eligibility is established.

Complete information on "school outs" is contained in the Bureau of Naval Personnel Manual, Section 3850220. In this column I will touch on some of the highlights of the program, in particular the "paperwork" that the applicant must secure from the school of his choice before he can be granted an early release from active duty.

The requested date of separation must be within three months of the individual's EAOS and, within this limitation, not earlier than 10 days prior to the class convening date of the educational institution. Married service members desiring to move their families to a location near the school, and members returning from deployment or an overseas duty station may be separated up to 30 days prior to the class convening date. In all cases, however, the separation must be within three months of the individual's EAOS.

The applicant for separation to attend a college or university must provide documentary evidence which substantiates:

- (1) Acceptance for enrollment in a specific school term. (A summer term may be used to fulfill this requirement.)
- (2) Enrollment in a full-time course of instruction leading to an associate, baccalaureate, or higher degree.
- (3) The registration and convening dates of class for the specified school term.
- (4) The listing or approval for listing of the educational institution in Part 3 of the Educational Directory published by the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

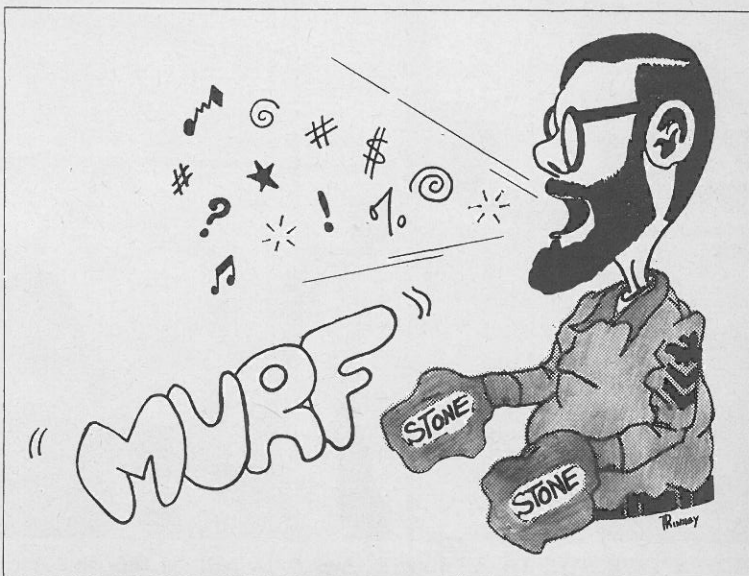
The applicant for separation to attend a vocational or technical school shall provide documentary evidence which substantiates:

- (1) Acceptance for enrollment commencing with a specific school term in a full-time course of instruction of not less than three months duration. Correspondence courses do not meet these requirements.
- (2) The registration and class convening dates for the specified school term.
- (3) The approval of the vocational or technical school by the cognizant State Board for Vocational Education, or by one of the nationally recognized accrediting agencies or associations listed by the U.S. Commissioner of Education, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

I would like to emphasize that there are several other factors involved in establishing eligibility for a "school out". For example, and I quote from the BUPERS Manual: "The commanding officer shall assure to his satisfaction that early separation is not being requested for the purpose of avoiding service." Another requirement states that: "The loss occasioned by the early separation of the applicant without immediate replacement will not reduce the operational readiness of the command to an unusual degree." And also, "The applicant's performance of duty must have been such that he is deserving of consideration for early separation. The performance mark requirements for an honorable discharge must be met."

Other requirements and information regarding "school outs" is also contained in the BUPERS Manual. To get the full story, consult Section 3850220. Best of luck in achieving your educational goals.

Phinney-graph No. 15



SK2 John Murray

The Big Beat

Hardly a month passes in which I do not report a personnel change within AFN Bremerhaven. SP4 Hal Hill joined our "pronouncer" team in late March, and is now well-established as the afternoon "Jock." Hal, who hails from Oregon, is a veteran of educational radio and just loves to work! He has 28 months to go on his tour, and that is good news to me if not to anyone else.

The popular Gary Roberts leaves in June to begin cheering up early risers somewhere in Arizona.

For all of you jazz and rock freaks, the Grateful Dead will be appearing in Hamburg on April 29, and Neil Diamond is due there June 6.

We received many favorable comments following the airing of our "Swing Into Spring" show on March 20. The only complaints that we received were from listeners who claimed we played a lot of sounds that were not really "oldies," since they were still relatively fresh. Our rationale in programming the show was to offer a balance of "oldies"

for all age groups. We feel the whole idea was very successful, and we plan to continue with programs of this type in the future.

Also on the drawing board is a plan to air a day of folk music. But, as in any special program such as this, much research is required, and weeks of preparation go into the shows before they are ready for airing.

I would like to take this opportunity to answer several questions concerning the spring "oldies" show. Many listeners have asked us how we compiled the show. In our archives we maintain a copy of the top hits for each week. We have

been doing this for more than 22 years, so our information is factual and vast.

Finally, a few calls came in to ask if we loaned out our records for private use to be taped. The answer is a polite but strong "No." It is strictly against our regulations and American Federation of Television and Radio Artists guidelines and policies.

Special thanks, on behalf of Gary Roberts and Joe D'Alusio, for the cakes and cookies that the Navy Wives Club brought to the station. Gary and Joe usually manage to devour the goods before Hal Hill or Pat Macke can get to them!



ONCE OVER LIGHTLY — Master Chief Communications Technician (R Branch) Earl Loop of First Division was given the honor of inspecting the troops during the March 17 personnel inspection.

Telling It Like It Is

How Good Is Navy Support in B'haven?

This month I tried to query Building 2 Operations personnel regarding their comments or criticisms on the quality of service they receive from the various support offices such as the Personnel Office, the Administrative Office, the Community Activities Advisor, Supply and Fiscal, the Legal Office, etc. Those who would take the time, offered these remarks:

CTRSN Darrell Cooper: I've been in most of these places only a couple of times, but I've had pretty good service out of them. The Windjammer is always two months behind.

Cpl. Michael Abatte: I think the Mail Room is doing a great job. The postal clerks both deserve another stripe. The Windjammer's doing a good job too, since they've been writing about the rock concerts and groups in the area.

CTT2 Dennis Fuhrman: I think the difference in the total number of working hours between the day workers and watch standers is very unfair. Someone ran a survey, and figured out that a watch stander works, on the average, 42 more days a year than a day worker, and I think that's unfair. As far as the support service provided, I think that they're satisfactory. I think that Frau Wittig's office (Community Activities Advisor)

should be commended. She's doing an excellent job.

CTOC Harry Summers: I think the people in the Mail Room do one hell of a good job.

Lt. Steven C. Myers: I think that the Administrative Department is just outstanding.

CTRSN Richard Spencer: The support offices haven't got a whole lot to work with, really. I think they do a good job with what they have. I have no gripes at all; I've never had any troubles at all. The Personnel Office has been real good to me, for example when my wife came over here. The Post Office crew is a good bunch too.

SSgt. Jerome Duran: The Navy Post Office is about the only place that I've had much contact with. They're pretty good; the postal clerks are courteous and they seem to be proficient and do a good job.

CTASN John Fitze: I think the postal clerks, Clark and Walk, are doing a very good job. They always seem to have the mail out on time in the morning. I really haven't dealt with any of the support offices, so I can't honestly comment on any of them.

WO1 Leo Killen: I think that they did a good job on the Communications Techni-

cian R Branch rating conversions. I also think that Frau Wittig is doing an excellent job as CAA in supplementing what Navy Special Services is doing.

CTA3 Dan McLaughlin: I think the post office is doing a great job.

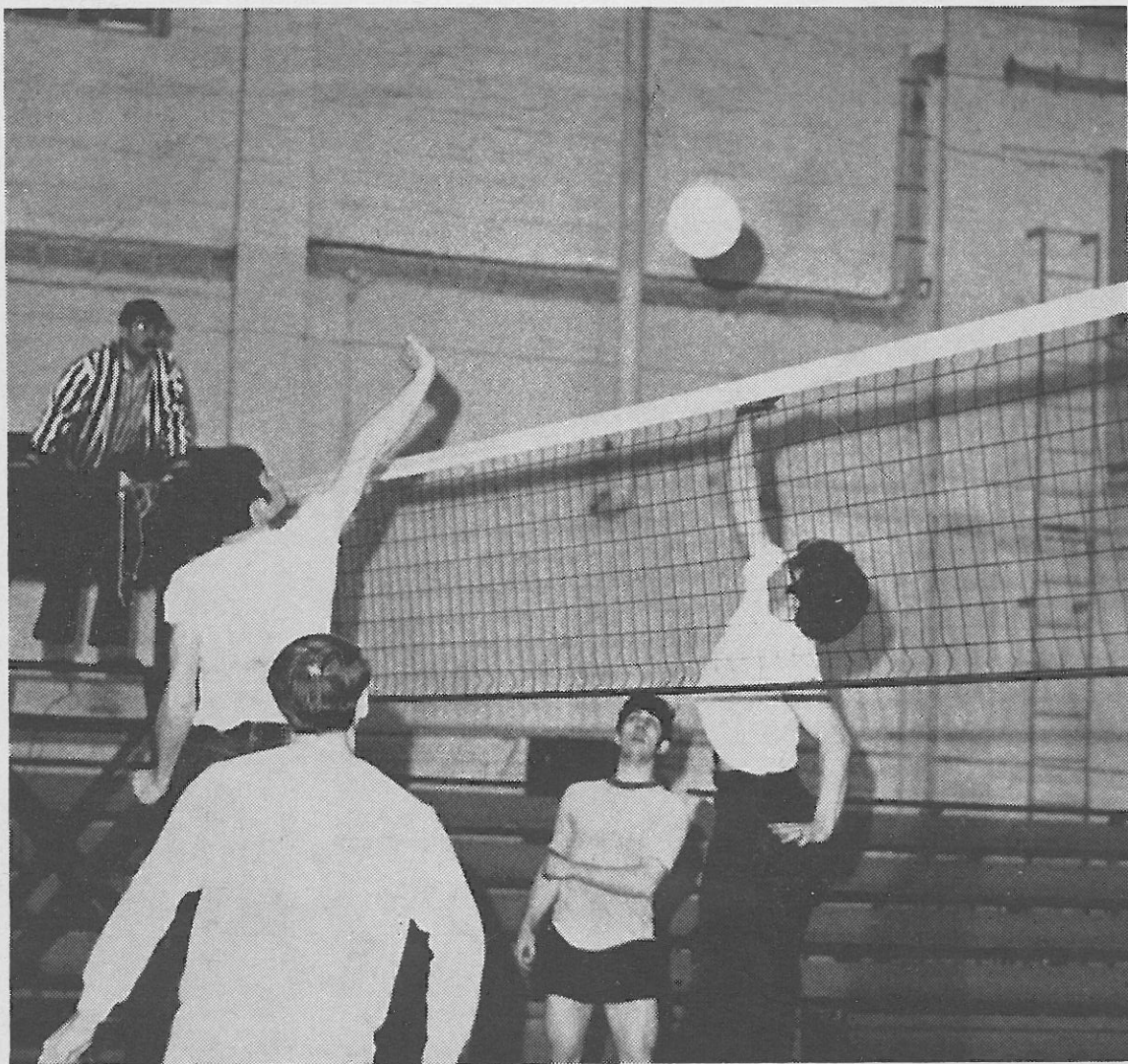
CTT2 Teddy Landis: The CAA has helped very much. She helped us find an apartment when we got kicked out of housing here. The chaplain's office was also very helpful. I got a loan from Navy Relief because our housing money didn't get here until a month later.

CTA1 Kenneth McColly: I think that the support personnel, "A" Division, Supply, and Public Works are doing an extremely fine job under the circumstances. They are understaffed and they are losing personnel like all the other divisions and departments, but I think that they are the ones that are taking the brunt of the problem. I think the Personnel Office and Disbursing have done extremely commendable jobs, because they have been the ones who have had the manpower problems.

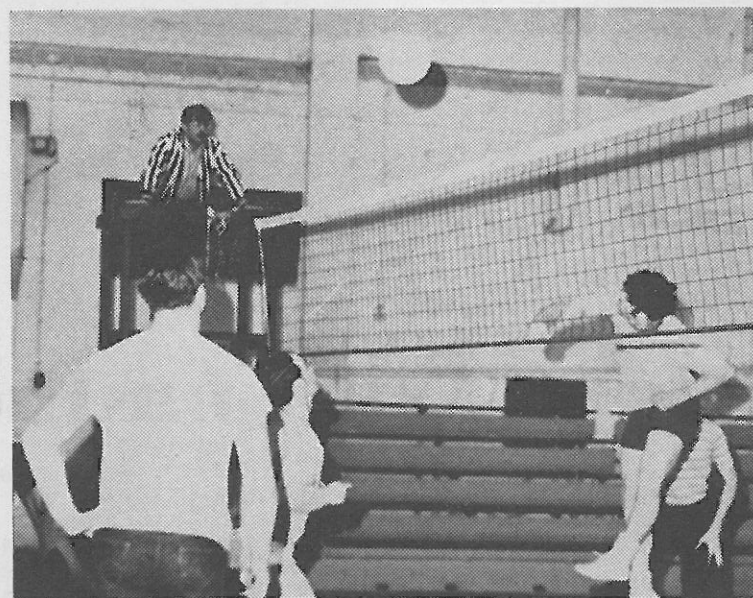
CTA3 Gary Walvoord: I think the Post Office, Educational Services, and Public Affairs all do a good job, but as for the Army support, I think that that leaves something to be desired.



MISS WINDJAMMER for April is Ann Kijowski of Washington, D.C.



DELTA I VS. ALFA — Captain's Cup volleyball in this shot are Kanitz of Delta I (left) and Alfa's got under way last month with 11 teams participating in the sport this season. Trading the ball Delta downed Alfa 15-5 and 15-0.



MORE DELTA I-ALFA — (Top Photo) Alfa's Raubenstine slams the ball over the net, and (Bottom Photo) Smolik of Alfa (left) and Delta's Johnson trade blows on the ball.

