

# MELPARTICULARS

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## 12,000 SQUARE FEET ADDED TO FALLS CHURCH FACILITY



A ribbon-cutting ceremony officially opened the 12,000 square-foot east extension at Falls Church on January 9, 1984. Vice President and General Manager, Talbot Huff, cut the ribbon with our "landlord," Albert Forte. Attending the event were Don Gibbs, Vice President of Finance and Administration; Buck Buckingham, Assistant to the General Manager; John Grizzard, Director of Facilities; and Tony DePasquale, Director of Industrial Relations. Refreshments and a tour of the space followed the ribbon cutting.

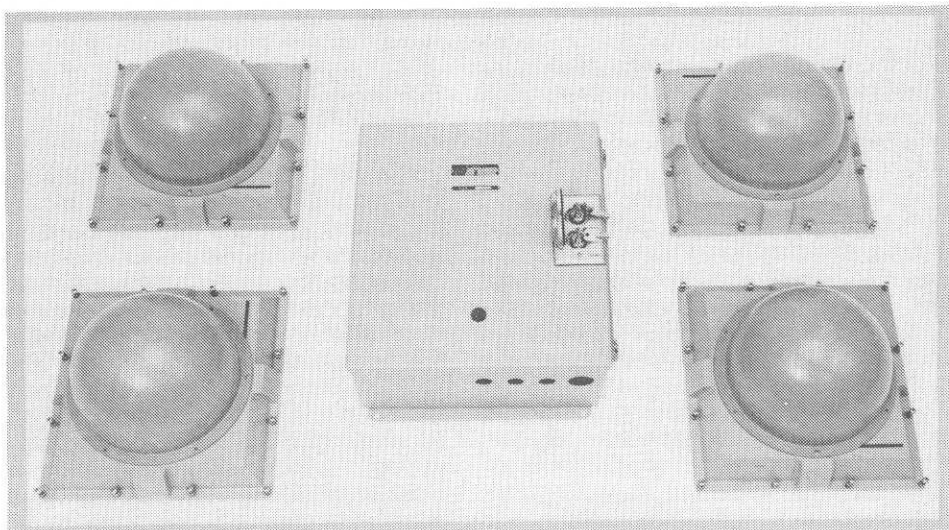
This new space will provide urgently needed square footage to relieve the overcrowding caused by the unprecedented rapid growth of the Division in the last 2 years. The extension will be initially occupied by Configuration Management, Processing Control, and In-Service Engineering.

## MELPAR AWARDED SECURITY SENSOR CONTRACT

The Melpar Division has been awarded a significant contract by Sandia National Laboratories for the production of AN/GPS-15 security sensor systems. The \$2.03 million contract includes the production of 137 of the intrusion detection systems and delivery of supporting data.

The Sandia National Laboratories is under contract to the Air Force Electronic Systems Division to develop the AN/GPS-15. The AN/GPS-15 Intrusion Detection Sensor is a full-militarized sensor designed for protecting items of large physical volume such as aircraft and missile shelters in world-wide locations.

The AN/GPS-15 consists of two basic components, the Control Power Supply and the Detector Units. The Control Power Supply includes the primary ac-to-dc power converter, the government-furnished rechargeable backup battery, and the communication link interface logic. The Detector Units include the Doppler radar transmit/receive radar antenna, the Doppler amplifier, and associated processing circuitry. A single Control Power



The AN/GPS-15(V) shown above provides volumetric protection for spaces of up to 200,000 cubic feet.

Supply can operate up to four Detector Units.

The system will be produced at Melpar Division's new Fairfax facility.

The AN/GPS-15 shelter intrusion detection sensor system is one of a

family of Melpar-developed intrusion detection systems designed for the protection of high-value properties and maximum security areas in which reliability and maintainability are of paramount importance.

## IN THE NEWS

**Dennis E. Nickle**, Manager, Software Quality Assurance, has been named a Senior Member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE). Senior Member is the highest professional grade for which application may be made. This grade requires experience reflecting professional maturity. Only 10 percent of IEEE's 230,000 members have been elected Senior Members.

**Jim Lisbeth**, Connector Buyer for Melpar, became the President and founder of the Virginia Chapter of the Electronic Connector Study Group (ECSG), Inc. The ECSG is an international association that informs members of the latest electronic advances and provides a forum for mutual information exchange among professionals in the industry. The Virginia Chapter meets monthly.

## Credit Union News



The Melpar Employees Federal Credit Union (MEFCU) takes pleasure in announcing the availability of two new services. Credit Union members will now be able to purchase both American Express Traveler's Checks and Money Orders through the Credit Union office at competitive prices. For specific information on sales and fees for these services, stop by the Credit Union at the Falls Church facility between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. or call ext. 2105.

The Board of Directors has declared a dividend of 7 percent plus 1 percent bonus for the dividend period ending December 31, 1983. This action is made possible by the continued support and confidence of the Credit Union members.

The 11th annual business meeting of the MEFCU will be held soon. This meeting offers members the opportunity to participate in the operation of their Credit Union. Watch the bulletin boards for information regarding time, date, and location. Plan to attend.

## JOHN W. DIXON ELECTED TO GW BOARD OF TRUSTEES

John W. Dixon, AB '49, chairman and chief executive officer of E-Systems, was elected as a charter trustee to the university's Board of Trustees at its Oct. 20, 1983 meeting.

As an undergraduate, Dixon was elected to Phi Beta Kappa and the order of ARTUS. In 1981, he received the Alumni Achievement Award from GW.

Dixon received an MA degree in economics from the University of Miami in 1951 and then joined the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics in Atlanta, Georgia. A year later, he became an associate professor of economics at Mississippi Southern College.

In 1953, Dixon joined the Convair Division of General Dynamics Corporation. Eight years later, he became deputy controller, Director of Systems Planning, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Controller), Department of Defense.

He joined Ling-Temco-Vought, Inc., in 1962, and served in several corporate executive positions before being named chairman of the board and president of LTV Electrosystems, Inc., in 1969. The company subsequently became E-Systems in mid-1972—an independent, publicly held corporation listed on the New York Stock Exchange. Dallas-based, E-Systems is the nation's largest developer of electronic warfare systems. The company, with eight divisions and two



subsidiaries, has about 13,000 employees.

Dixon was born March 12, 1920, in Lexington, Kentucky. He graduated from Withrow High School in Cincinnati in 1937, and entered the U.S. Army as a private in 1941. He received a commission in 1943 and was discharged as a first lieutenant in 1946, after serving two-and-a-half years in the European Theater of Operations during World War II. Dixon has since been elected to the Infantry School Hall of Fame, Fort Benning, Georgia.

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## Security Spotlight

A recent memorandum issued by the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Policy (DUSD) (P) contained a Department of Defense (DoD) Policy Statement concerning the adjudication of personnel security clearance for users of controlled drugs. The statement reads as follows:

"It is DoD policy that, as a general rule, any intent by an individual, either expressed or implied, to continue use of any narcotic, dangerous drug, or other controlled substances, to include marijuana and hashish, without a prescription, in any amount and regardless of frequency or occasion, is contrary to the national interest. A security clearance for access to classified information shall be granted only to an individual who has been determined eligible based upon a finding that to do so is clearly consistent with the national interest."

Compliance with this policy clearly indicates that continued use of marijuana or any other controlled substance will be a cause for denial or revocation of a personnel security clearance by the Government.

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## HOLIDAY SPIRIT TAKES MANY FORMS



Who would have guessed that Santa exists and is in our midst? Most of us at Melpark know him as Bill Stone of Advanced Programs, but on Christmas Eve he becomes Santa Claus bringing Christmas cheer to

ham radio listeners. For some 15 years, Bill has portrayed jolly old St. Nick over the airwaves. He makes a super Santa right down to the quiver in his voice as he simulates flying through the frosty air on his sled across the Atlantic from the coast of England.

The Christmas Eve Broadcast runs approximately three hours beginning at 7:00 p.m.. Weather permitting, anyone who can receive Bill's signal on ten meters (28 MHz) can talk to Santa on his ham radio. As the evening passes, Bill switches to his 2-meter radio (146 MHz) for more local broadcasting.

For the past two years, Robert Loder, President of the Northern Virginia FM Association, Inc. and Dr. Enrico Davoli of McLean have brought their ham radios into area hospitals on Christmas Eve so that young patients could talk to "Santa" Stone. Bill's performance has brought smiles to the faces of children, brightening what could have been a less-than-cheerful Christmas Eve.

In another demonstration of holiday spirit, Celeste Robinson of Computer Systems came up with a unique way to raise money during Melpark's fund drive for Children's Hospital. At her suggestion, employees from the E-4 organization brought in their old baby pictures and displayed them on the group's bulletin board. With the help of Sherry Saunders and Cindy Williams, employees cast their ballots and contributed 75¢ for each guess of the "baby E-Teamers." This venture kept the holiday spirit high in E4 and added to the Children's Hospital Fund Drive as well.

Another group that helped to make this holiday season special were the children from Flint Hill Elementary School in Vienna. These young artists were responsible for the 40 holiday-oriented posters that hung in the halls of Melpark's facilities. Following the campaign, they were donated to the hospital, where, as part of the New Horizons Program, they will be displayed in the lobby for all to see.

## E-TEAMERS GIVE RECORD DONATION TO CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

Melpark employees have once again demonstrated their good will this holiday season by a record-breaking contribution of close to \$9,000 to Children's Hospital — \$2500 over our designated goal. Bob Levy stated in his column, *Bob Levy's Washington* (Washington Post—January 18, 1984): "A remarkable \$8,925.94 - largest donation of the campaign so far - from employees of the Melpark Division of E-Systems in Falls Church."

This year's donation was designated for the trauma service facility which ensures young patients immediate treatment and diagnosis by a special trauma-trained team of medical experts. According to Dr. Martin R. Eichelberger, Director of Trauma Services, "The need for special training in pediatric care is unquestioned. It is our hope that these efforts will curb the unnecessary deaths resulting from

trauma, the number one killer of children today."

Our fund drive also emphasized the team approach. With the aid of organization representatives from each department, Pat Stewart and Vicky Woodbury of Personnel coordinated the campaign publicity and canvassing this year. Marty Hays of Publications designed the accompanying greeting card signed by Melpark's contributors. It was presented to the hospital along with our check for all the young patients to enjoy.

The official ending to the drive was December 19, when Talbot Huff proudly announced our total contributions and drew the winning name for a trip to the Bahamas. The vacation for two had been contributed to the fund drive by our travel service. Sandy Dean of Purchasing was the lucky winner.



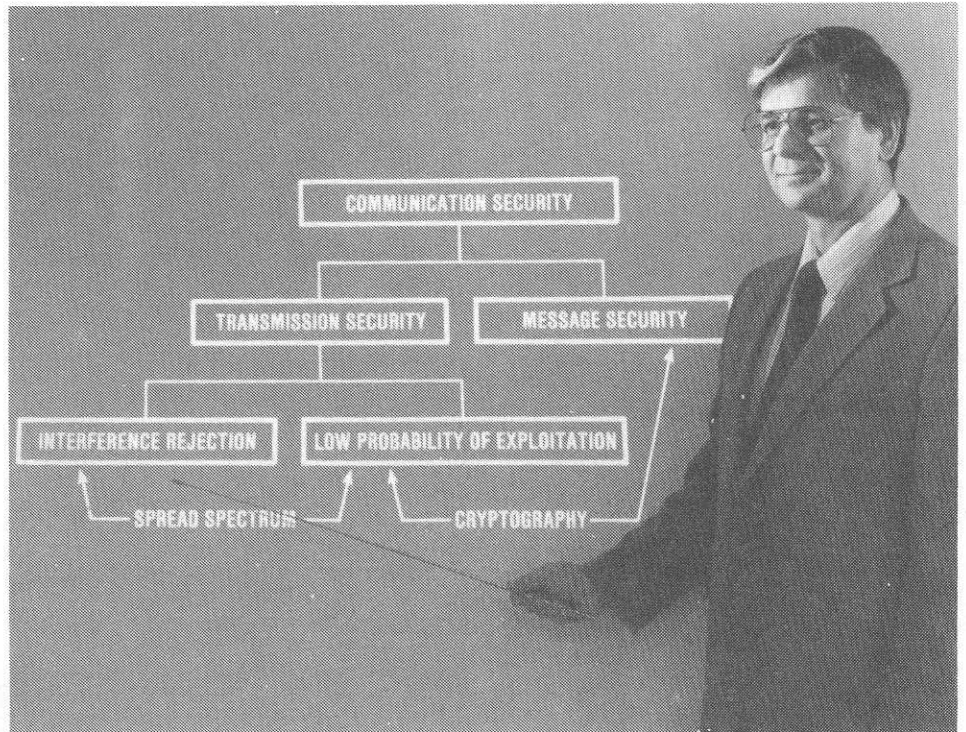
On December 22, Pat Stewart presents Melpark's check to Brewster Terry, Director of Development at Children's Hospital. Vicky Woodbury donates the greeting card and campaign poster.

## DAVE NICHOLSON TEACHES SECURE COMMUNICATIONS

Furthering the mutual cooperative effort between Melpar and the local university community, Dr. David Nicholson, Melpar's Director of Research and Technology Development, will teach a graduate course in *Secure Communications*. Taught at the Melpar Facility, the course is part of the spring curriculum for George Washington University's School of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science.

Known as EE 257, *Secure Communications* introduces the most recent applications of spread-spectrum modulation to achieve Anti-Jam (AJ) and Low Probability of Intercept (LPI) protection for tactical and strategic communication systems. In addition to these topics in Transmission Security (TRANSEC), the course discusses the principles of encryption to achieve Communication Security (COMSEC).

Dr. Nicholson's course identifies and illustrates the theoretical means available to enhance the performance and increase the immunity to exploitation of military communications systems which must operate in stressed environments. This is of particular importance to students from Melpar. As the technical means to protect and hide communications advance, so also must countermeasures, intercept, and emitter location techniques advance. By understanding the principles involved, students will be in a better position to invent new methods for use in the company's communication countermeasures, electronic warfare, and reconnaissance systems and products. The material of the *Secure*



*Communications* course is so new that a suitable text has not yet been written. Selected papers and a set of notes compiled by Dr. Nicholson will be used as the course text.

Dr. Nicholson's experience in spread-spectrum signals began in 1969 with signal processing for ABM radars and underwater communication systems. While teaching at the United States Naval Academy, he was a consultant on modular spread-spectrum Anti-Jam

(AJ) communications. He led a team at Sanders Associates involved with spread-spectrum signal countermeasures and collection systems. In 1979, he organized an intensive seminar on vulnerability of AJ spread-spectrum communications. Since then, he has done considerable consulting work on AJ and Low Probability of Intercept (LPI), spread-spectrum communications for government and industry.

## NETWORKING SYMPOSIUM CHAIRED BY DR. WILLIAMSON

Dr. Joseph B. Williamson, Manager of the Systems Analysis Group of Systems Engineering, chaired the 1983 Computer Networking Symposium held this past December in the Washington area. The symposium, sponsored by the IEEE Computer Society and the National Bureau of Standards, meets annually to discuss advances and research in digital communication technology, protocol, network design, and network performance areas. Two hundred people attended the seminar.

Dr. Williamson (right) is pictured with the keynote speaker, J. Robert Harcharik, President MCI Digital Information Services Corporation, who



addressed the factors affecting the dawning of the digital information age in his keynote speech.

## EMPLOYEE and FAMILY OPEN HOUSE Coming in April

### 1984 SOCIAL SECURITY TAX

The Social Security-Medicare rates are increased to 7% each for the employer and employee for wages paid in 1984. However, employees are given a .3% *tax credit*, at the time wages are paid. This means the amount paid by employees will continue at 6.7% while the amount paid by the employer will increase to 7%.

In addition, the taxable wage base effective for 1984 is \$37,800 up from the 1983 base of \$35,700.



## ONE OF THESE MELPAR EMPLOYEES COULD SAVE YOUR LIFE

Melpar trains personnel to be certified in Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR). The Company goal is to maintain a CPR staff, trained and ready to react in an emergency.



### FAIRFAX



Left to right, standing: Nurse Michaela West, Mike Paljug, Rudy Polak, and John Hale. Seated: Jeff Beige, Norm Taylor, and Steve Floyd. Missing from the photo is Reid Earley.

## INTERACTION MANAGEMENT CLASS

Responding to top management's request for more supervisory training and to help orient large numbers of new employees, Industrial Relations presented the Interaction Management Training Seminar Series. This course is designed to help all levels of management interact effectively with their employees.

The training series taught by Marion Lugar and Pat Stewart of Personnel, lasts 11 weeks and meets once a week for 3½ hours. New supervisors are enrolled as soon as possible to acquaint them with the interaction skills necessary to be understanding and supportive of their employees. It is the goal of Industrial Relations to enroll all levels of management including group leaders in these classes within the coming year.

Topics taught in the Management Training Seminar range from helping an employee overcome performance problems or a bad work habit to handling emotional situations that arise in the work place. The course is beneficial not only for supervisors, but also for employees. It helps to sensitize management to the needs of employees and facilitates better interaction and support. This course also helps to ensure consistency in handling of situations throughout the company.

### FALLS CHURCH



Nurse Shirley Kissinger oversees demonstration of CPR as performed by Peggy Lewis on Pete Severino. CPR qualified employees include left to right, standing: Kevin Segner, Russ Stewart, Susan Duvall, Larry Harris, Dick Taylor, Anita Rodriguez, Bill Barber, Cletus Cave, Dave Kilgore, Cal Baker, Sarah Baroody, Ray Eisenbaugh, and Robert Hohl. Seated: Jane Kinzler, Ann Donnelly, Debby MacClary, Terry Prevost, Becky Testa, Connie Pruitt, Laverne Boyd, Sally Gentry, Phyllis Cove, and Karen Gaizick. Missing from the photo are Richard Beckman, Sam Fones, Sandra Givan, Bob Haggerty, Bev Kowalki, Phil Kless, Arlene Lichtenstein, Monica McMahon, Debbie O'Dell, Kathy Sampson, Rob Selequini, Ann Simmons, Greg Taylor, Jana Thomas, Lois Weimer, and Ned Wright (Merrifield).

## SERVICE AWARDS — FIRST QUARTER

### Thirty Year Service:



Donald R. Gibbs



Charles R. Parker

### Twenty-Five Year Service

Eunice R. Buchanan  
Lucille H. Ferrante  
C. Craig Fritsche  
William L. Mahood  
Leona A. Snapp  
Lillian E. Spivey  
Janis Trop  
James J. Vogel  
Charles F. Wood

### Twenty Year Service

Yvonne A. Crutchfield  
James H. Scott  
Charles Wild  
William A. Wright

### Fifteen Year Service

Robert B. Buxton  
Granville E. Compton, Jr.  
Jerry V. Criste  
Martt Harding

### Ten Year Service

Eloisa Caram  
Anna A. Dierolf  
Esther Hernandez  
Richard W. Lowe  
Sylvester Robinson  
David F. Rubach

### Five Year Service

William H. Ashby  
David G. Black, III  
Rita T. Buckhorn  
Sandra C. Dimond  
Paula G. Franks  
William F. Franks, Jr.  
Hugh J. Gillespie  
Dolores A. Harris  
Gary R. Hollister  
Eric C. Honour  
William C. Horton  
Christian E. Howell  
Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr.  
Richard B. Kitch  
Knowles G. Little, Jr.  
Jack D. Lloyd  
Deborah J. MacClary  
Raymond W. Mandeville  
Robert L. Millner  
James E. Minter  
Elizabeth A. Sherba  
Blanchard D. Smith  
Robert J. Still  
Clarence J. Taylor  
Oscar Von Bredow  
Franklin R. Winklareth  
Donald D. Woodruff  
Joseph H. Zabloutney

## TWO MELPAR ENGINEERS TO RECEIVE MASTER'S DEGREES FROM G.W.



Two students taking courses at Melpar completed their degree requirements this fall. Scheduled to graduate this February from the George Washington University School of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science are Jim McArthur (left) and Art Stefanelli. Jim, a Sr. Electrical Engineer in Search and Analysis Techniques, will receive a master of science degree in communications. Art, an Engineering Supervisor in Processing and Control Systems, will receive his master of science degree in computer science. Our congratulations to both!

## Know Your Benefits...

### WEEKLY ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE

Improved Weekly Accident and Sickness Insurance (Weekly A&S) is one of the benefits of our new Flex-Comp Program at E-Systems. This coverage provides compensation to employees who are unable to work because of nonoccupational illness or injury and are under the care of a physician. All full-time employees are eligible for this insurance.

There are three coverage levels: 40, 50, or 60-percent of normal biweekly pay. E-Systems supplies the 40-percent coverage at no cost to employees. The 50 and 60-percent coverage levels are offered during Flex enrollment for a small premium based on salary and level of coverage selected. Cost for the biweekly premium of 50-percent coverage is .0016 x biweekly salary; 60-percent coverage is .0032 x biweekly salary. Premiums for all coverage levels are paid with pretax dollars.

Eligibility for Weekly A&S begins on the first day after an injury has occurred or the eighth day after an illness commences. Payments begin after all sick leave is used. Accumulated sick leave pays 100 percent of your normal pay. The upper left corner of each pay-

**BENEFITS Cont. on page 7**

## RETIREES



Ira Apter  
32 Years of Service



Robert L. Burke  
22 Years of Service



Ruby F. Gross  
27 Years of Service



John E. Lofquist  
33 Years of Service



Juel A. Seeds  
25 Years of Service



Florine E. Smith  
18 Years of Service



Leona A. Snapp  
25 Years of Service



Kirby Wong  
27 Years of Service



## BENEFITS Cont. from page 6

check stub lists your accumulated sick leave. A&S payments continue for the duration of disability up to a maximum of 26 weeks. At that time, Long-Term Disability payments will begin if you selected that coverage.

In the event that you are away from work because of illness or injury, call and inform your supervisor. After three days absence, your supervisor will contact the nurse at your facility. The nurse will, in turn, contact you and assist in completing the necessary forms. Your doctor will also need to complete a portion of the form for you to receive your Weekly A&S payments.

Changes to your existing Weekly A&S coverage may be made in October during the Annual Flex Enrollment Period. For further information, consult your insurance booklet entitled "Health Care and Weekly Income Disability Plan," or call Evy Lowenstern on ext. 1545.

## ARTHRITIS: IT'S NOT JUST FOR THE ELDERLY

Many diseases carry with them a parcel of myths. Arthritis is no exception! We all tend to think of arthritis as striking the elderly, leaving in its wake the common profile of one bent over a cane.

In fact, there are more than 100 types of arthritis, affecting some 35-40 million Americans, and there are approximately one million new cases each year. Although certain types of arthritis practice age discrimination (in children as well as in the elderly), the disease as a whole can strike anyone.

Arthritis is an inflammation of the joints. It is often confused with tendonitis, bursitis, or other aches and pains. The key is that arthritis solely strikes the joints. There are two categories of arthritis: inflammatory and noninflammatory.

The most common type of arthritis is *osteoarthritis*, or degenerative arthritis. This type tends to affect the elderly more often, and is noninflammatory. There is a genetic component to degenerative arthritis; if your parents or grandparents have it, there's a chance that you may have it too.

An example of inflammatory arthritis is *rheumatoid arthritis*. *Rheumatoid arthritis* tends to be chronic. It has a systemic element, characterized by a low-grade fever, fatigue, redness and swelling in the joints, and possible involvement of other parts of the body. This type can be severe — but not always.

## PROMOTIONS—NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

	From:	To:
D.P. Alter	Software Develop Mgr	Director, Comp Sys
S.M. Bailey	Plan Aid	Plan Asst
T. B. Barlow	Line Inspec	Elec Mech Insp
J.M. Beigie	Sr Test Tech	Jr Test Eng
A.W. Beverly	Sys Eng	Prin Design Eng
M.L. Bing-Grant	Comp Oper A	Supv, Comp Sys
J.W. Blair	Sr Rel Eng	Prin Rel Eng
B. Calloway	Jr Test Eng	Assoc Test Eng
O.J. Chong	Assem	Assem 1CI
M.J. Christofferson	Software Eng Supv	Software Eng Mgr
G.E. Coleman	Assem	Assem 1CI
E.R. Conrad	Jr Test Eng	Assoc Test Eng
C.A. D'Andrea	Software Eng Supv	Software Eng Mgr
A.A. Donnelly	Eng Budget Analyst	Sr Cost Analyst
C.W. Duncan	Ops Analyst Spec	Ops Analyst
B.G. Fisher	Assem	Assem 1CI
P.G. Franks	Sr Elec Eng	Eng Supv
J.R. Hall	Maint Mech	Maint Mech 1CI
E.W. Hampton	Sr Logistics Eng	Eng Supv
J.D. Heald	Assem 1CI	Assem 1CI Grp Ldr
S.A. Hermanson	Eng Tech	Eng Spec
E.F. Hutchinson	Assem	Assem 1CI
D.A. Jones	Programmer	Software Analyst
C.P. Love	Video Prod Spec	Supv, Video Prod
M.S. Machen	Line Inspec	EMI 2CI
R.W. Madlin	Shop Helper	Machinist B
J.L. Nicholls	Budget Clerk	Jr Cost Analyst
R.T. O'Dell	Jr Programmer	Programmer Asst
W.J. Pallone	Software Analyst	Software Eng Supv
S.J. Pfeiffer	Line Inspec	EMI 2CI
J.J. Pistorino	Jr Eng Asst	Eng Asst
E.C. Quillian	Sr Software Analyst	Software Eng Supv
D.A. Sargent	Elec Eng	Sr Elec Eng
J.J. Settle	Design Eng	Sr Design Eng
E.L. Short	Mgr, Ad Prog	Director, Ad Prog
B.J. Shumaker	Assem	Assem 1CI
A.J. Smith	Assem	Assem 1CI
S.A. Sommer	Eng Supv	Eng Mgr
T.W. String	Cost Analyst Supv	Mgr, Cost Analyst
C.W. Swanick	Mech Inspec 2CI	Mech Inspec 1CI
D. Sweetin	Eng Tech	Sr Eng Tech
D.K. Thorne	Jr Cost Analyst	Cost Analyst
J.H. Webber	Jr Facilities Eng	Facilities Eng
J.L. Weinrich	Design Eng	Sr Design Eng
P.A. Young	Assem 1CI	Assem 1CI Grp Ldr

*Juvenile rheumatoid arthritis* is, fortunately, rare. As its name implies, it strikes children. It can be disabling. But, more often than not, it goes into remission, allowing the child to grow normally without any deformity. This type can also carry a genetic factor.

*Gouty arthritis* is what we all classically think of as gout. And, contrary to the thoughts of some (that gout is an imaginary affliction), it is an all-too-legitimate disease. Fortunately, it lasts only a short time, 4-5 days. But it can recur. It is characterized by severe pain, swelling, redness, and tenderness; it begins suddenly and generally affects one or two joints at a time. The big toe is notorious for being targeted in an attack of gout. Gout is no longer treated with diet but by several very effective medications on the market.

*Systemic lupus* strikes women nine

times more frequently than men, and is characterized by internal involvement of the organs and milder arthritis. Symptoms include rash, chest pain, fatigue, loss of hair, ulcerations of the mouth and fever.

*Infectious arthritis* is the result of systemic infection. While it can be severe, usually, it is eradicated by medication. There are, of course, many other types. The most important point to remember is that arthritis is a treatable disease; a number of successful drug and physical therapies do not interfere with a healthy and normal lifestyle. Pay attention to any significant discomfort in your joints or systemic signs that something is wrong; then, turn the problem over to your family physician, or seek a rheumatologist.

From *Health Talk*, Fairfax Hospital

## Sports Corner

### REDSKIN FEVER INCURABLE AT MELPAR



The Fun Bunch in Contracts, left to right: Vickie Riley, Sherri DeSimone, Norma Francis, John F. Knapp, Jean Beane, Linda Key, Cindy Lukowski, and Charlotte Maltby.

*The Fun Bunch In Contracts  
After Rum Punch And Wise Cracks  
Whipped Up A Straw Pole;  
Who'll Win The Super Bowl?*

*Our Piglets (Not Hog-ettes)  
Played Rangers For Riggo,  
And Head Hog Told Strangers,  
That This Year's A Big-Go!*

*The Fun Bunch Are Jumpers,  
Pearl Harborers Are Bumpers,  
The 'Skins' Smurfs Are "Hot-Dogs"  
And The Hogs Sure Are Not "Dogs."*

*So We Pick The 'Skins'  
(Not a Team From The Coast)  
We'll Go With The "Ins,"  
'Cause They've Got The Most!*

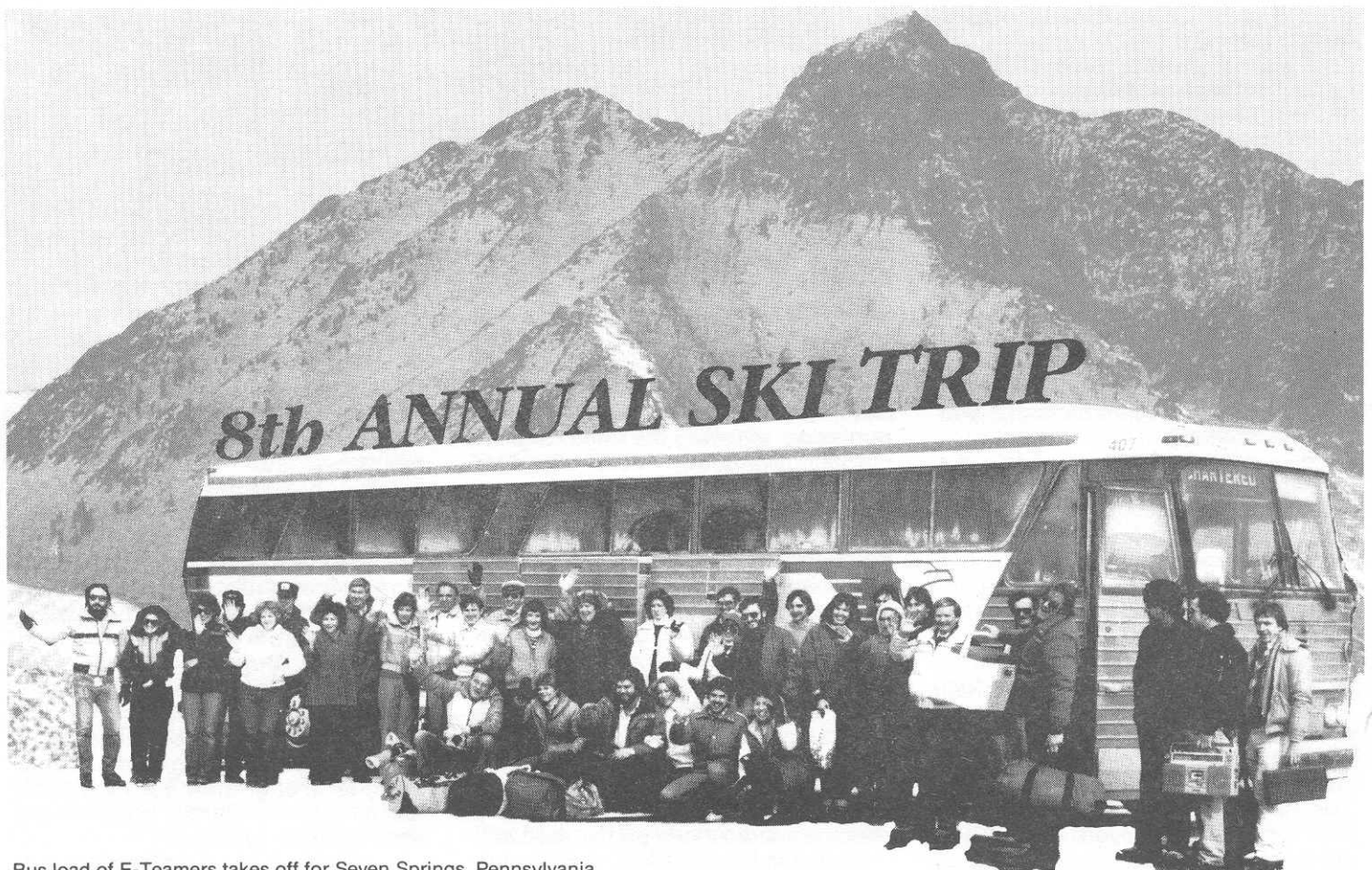
Written by John Knapp

### EAVESDROPPERS PLACE SECOND IN PRESEASON TOURNAMENT

For the second year in a row the Melpar Eavesdroppers won their first three games en route to the C-Bracket Championships of the FCABC Pre-season Tournament. In the final game, Melpar jumped to a quick first-quarter lead but gradually fell behind by 11 points with only 4 minutes left in the game. The Eavesdroppers rallied and cut the lead to 2 points with a minute to go, but could get no closer. They finished in second place, for the second year in a row.

This year's version of *The Eavesdroppers* will feature Tim Garney, Phil White, Brian English, Mike Christoferson, Ronal Butler, Ron O'Dell, Jeff Hamlin, Ken Taggart, Keith Lenert, and Mike Dutchak.

Melpar's other team, *The Marvels*, will be starting from scratch with a whole new lineup. Playing on the team will be Larry Conroy, Dave Schafer, Carl Gabrielson, Mike Dill, Greg Taylor, Jeff Schaefer, Merle Lookabaugh, Jim Tyler, John Rinn, and Mike Harker.



Bus load of E-Teamers takes off for Seven Springs, Pennsylvania.