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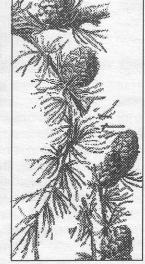










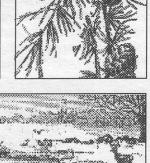






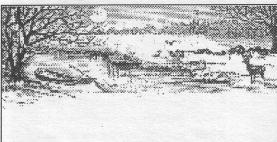








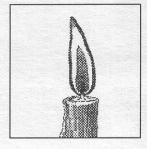




















Melpar As I See It

"Today's headlines

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to each of us . . ."

Today's headlines are full of dramatic reports. The world seems to be in a state of unprecedented change. As a re-

sult, many view the defense budget as a prime target for major reductions.

What does this mean for Melpar? Is there an inevitable decline in the need for our systems and products?

These questions occur just as we have

concluded our annual business development planning cycle. 1989 has been a good year. We will finish the year with record bookings and an historic backlog. It is important to remember that this growth has been achieved against a backdrop of flat defense budgets for the past four years. We have successfully gone against the trend. We can do it again.

The keys to our recent success have been a willingness to aim high and then to work smartly to achieve challenging goals. We recorded several important competitive wins this year when our team won the TACIT RAINBOW Ground Launch program and the MXRAIL GAR-

RISON security sensor program. The CTT Low Rate of Initial Production award was the largest production award in Melpar's history. Through performance and diligent efforts by many, we have also been very successful in capturing follow-on business from our primary, sustaining customers.

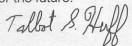
The net is that we have a strong

base of programs with a healthy future. These are not marginal programs identified as candidates for elimination. If we perform efficiently on this backlog

and are creative, we need not fear the future.

Our strategic plan calls for everyone to join in improving our performance. Our Total Quality management (TMQ) program will contribute toward this goal. As we wrap up a good year, we can look forward and plan to achieve even more success next year.

Today's headlines represent a challenge to each of us to quickly adapt our capabilities to a changing world. The flow of events affords opportunities for those who anticipate change. I believe we are ready for the future.



Melpar Wins Again! For the second year in a row, the

Melpar Division has won E-System's prestigious Technical Paper of the Year Award. This year's award-winning paper is entitled "An Infrared Imaging Sensor for Detecting and Classifying Intruders in Tactical and Strategic Applications, "written by Wayne A. Patten and Richard V. Folea. The paper was presented in Philadelphia at the Fourth Annual Physical/Electronic Symposium on C3I Technology.

The paper summarizes work done by Melpar's Physical Security Directorate toward development of an infrared (IR) imaging sensor system. This system detects the presence of a person or vehicle intruding on a protected area by processing the IR energy emitted

by the intruder. Once detected, an IR image of the intruder is compressed and transmitted to remote locations for intrusion threat assessment.

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Richard Folea (left) and Wayne Patten (right) each receive award plaques and checks for \$1,000 from Vice President and General Manager Talbot Huff.

John W. Dixon, **Former E-Systems Chief Executive** Officer Dies at 69



John W. Dixon, 1920-1989

John W. Dixon, chief executive officer of E-Systems from 1969 to 1987, died Saturday, December 2 of cancer. He was 69. Mr Dixon retired as Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer in 1987, but remained on Esystems' Board of Directors as Chairman Emeritus. In addition, he continued as a consultant to E-Systems after his retirement and remained active in several local and national organizations and industry associations related to the Company's business. A graduate of George Washington University in Washington, D.C., he was named to GWU's Board of Trustees in 1983.

Much of the success of E-systems is attributed to the efforts of Mr. Dixon. He became president of LTV Electrosystems in 1969, which was then a subsidiary of Ling Temco Vought, now LTV. Three years later, LTV Electrosystems separated from LTV and was renamed E-Systems. At that time, Mr. Dixon was named Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board.

E-Systems soon earned the reputation of being a leader in electronic military intelligence, reconnaissance, and surveillance systems; aircraft guidance and navigation; electronic warfare: and communications and data systems.

Dr. Le Van Griffis, member of E-Systems Board of Directors, said of Mr. Dixon, "He built the strongest defense team in the nation and left a legacy that will be long remembered."

E-Systems Sales, Income, Bookings, and Backlog Reach Record Highs

E-Systems has announced record high third-quarter and nine-month sales, income, bookings, and backlog.

Third-quarters sales were \$402 million, compared to 1988 third-quarter sales of \$380 million. Sales for the first nine months of this year reached \$1.193 billion, 13 percent over sales of \$1.051 billion for the same period last year.

Net income for the third quarter was \$21.3 million, or 68 cents a share. Net income for the same period last year was \$19.6 million, or 63 cents a share.

Nine-month net income was \$59.8 million, or \$1.92 a share, versus a 1988 nine-month net income of \$54.2 million, or \$1.75 a share.

Bookings reached a new record of \$778 million for the third quarter and \$1.573 billion for the first nine months compared to 1988 figures of \$664 million during the third quarter and \$1.4 billion for the first nine months. Backlog of unfilled orders at the end of September was \$2.625 billion, compared to the \$2.225 billion for the same period last year.

Commenting on the Company's third quarter, Gene Keiffer, chairman and chief executive officer, said, "Third quarter sales and profits were in line with our expectations. Operating margins improved over the first and

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Presenting...The United Way Prize Drawing Winners



The winners of Melpar's United Way prize drawings beam as they sit before this year's campaign goal poster designed by senior graphic artist Deanna Guyett. From left to right are third place prize winner of a Cross pen and pencil, Rozelle Neely; first place prize winner of a weekend for two at the Historic Inns of Annapolis, Lisa Wright; and second place prize winner of a \$100 American Express Gift Cheque, Ethel Lorenzo. M

United Way Campaign Leads to a Contribution Bonanza

By all measures, the results of Melpar's 1989 United Way Campaign far exceeded anyone's expectations.

Records were broken repeatedly. The total employee contribution, percentage of employees participating, number of contributors, and the average contribution per employee all reached new highs. Most importantly, for the first time in years, employee donations met the campaign goal.

"I was confident that we would reach our goal of \$95,000," said campaign chairman Bill Constantine, "but I never imagined that total employee contributions would pyramid to \$104,000.

"A dynamic campaign team and its ability to generate enthusiasm among Melpar E-Teamers were the reasons that this year's campaign was so successful," he said.

This year's campaign team included

campaign vice chairmen Al Jackson and Larry Cecchini, campaign coordinators Tricia Reneau and Debbie Sparks, and nearly 150 campaign solicitors from every organization.

The final tallies for this year's campaign are as follows: total employee contribution: \$104,000—up nearly 20 percent from last year's \$87,700; percentage of employee participation: 79 percent—up from 74 percent last year; total contributors: 1,717—an increase of 174 employees from last year.

Another highlight of this year's campaign was Melpar's team entry in the 10th Annual United Way 10K race in Washington, D.C. Team captains Bill Constantine and Joyce Smith led 16 Melpar runners to a fifth place finish in the co-ed team category.

"It was truly a successful year in every respect for Melpar's annual United Way Campaign," said Constantine. "Melpar E-Teamers demonstrated their belief that touching the lives of others through the United Way is a great way to benefit the community."

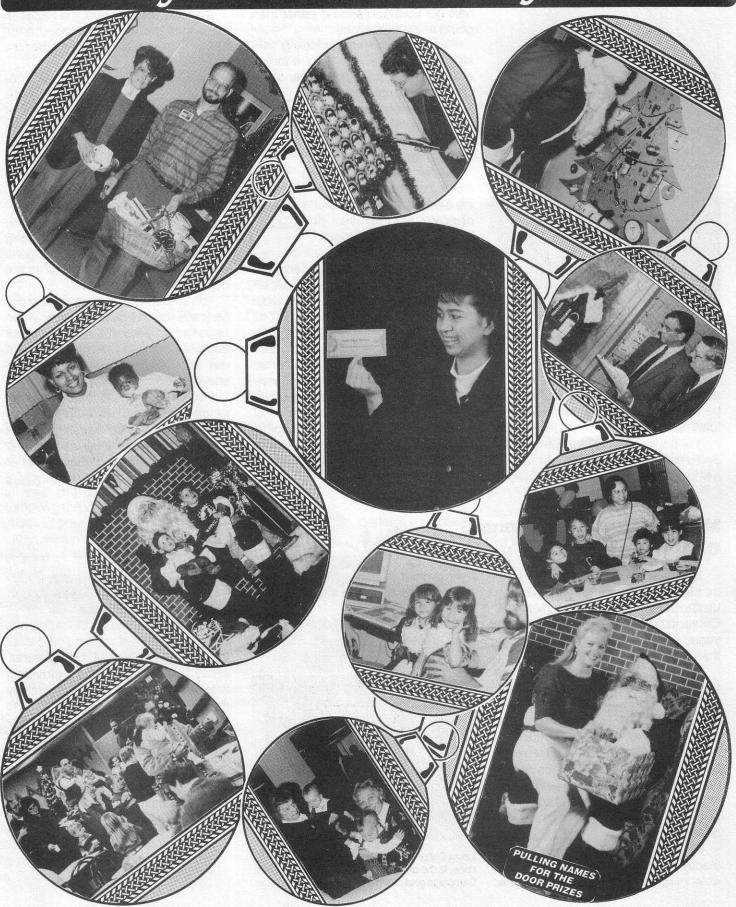


Melpar's 1989 United Way 10K Team: *Backrow (left to right)* Roel Abacan, Richard Schiller, John Humphrey, Don Fikes, Bill Constantine, John Cole, Joe Jones, Dave Haught, Dan Horvath, Debbie Greenstreet, Terry Bonner. *Front row:* Wiley Peck, Dave Conti, Joyce Smith. *Not pictured:* Bill Law, James Grant, Bill Pegues.

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"The Facilities

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To Climb a Staircase



Ramps such as this one leading to the northwest addition have made getting around Melpar a lot easier for Helena.

Eight years ago, Helena Scott managed staircases as easily as the next person. Today, climbing stairs is a virtual impossibility.

Helena, a senior software analyst in Systems Software, now gets around in a wheelchair. She was diagnosed eight years ago with having multiple sclerosis, a disease which causes the nerves to be uncovered such that nerve signals get bounced around rather than going to the right place.

Her first trouble was in feeling sensation in her feet. To help with her walking, she wore leg braces and dis-

covered how difficult stairs could be to negotiate. Three years after she was diagnosed, Helena was forced to use a wheelchair.

Melpar's Facilities department responded by providing a work environment that proved supportive of Helena's continued employment.

"The first thing they fixed was the restrooms," said Helena. "A handicapped stall was put in the ladies room closest to my work area. Since then, all the restrooms have been modified so that they have handicapped facilities."

Not long after Helena was confined to a wheelchair, Melpar built a new addition to the existing building structure. The addition was constructed at a higher level than the original building. A small set of stairs leading up to the new wing presented a problem to Helena.

"I could get to the new wing," she said, "but I had to take a very long detour."

To solve the problem, the Facilities department put in a handicapped ramp. Now, Helena goes to and from the new wing easily.

Helena drives a special van de-

signed for people who use wheelchairs. A special Melpar parking place is big enough to accommodate the space taken by the van when it opens up.

"The Facilities department has been so helpful," said Helena. "Every time they have done something

that has affected me, they have gone out of their way to include me in the decision-making process.

"My whole support system is here at Melpar. Everyone has been great. When I was first diagnosed, I was down in the dumps. But the people here smiled at me, and I found I could smile back," she said.

"It's interesting to think of other people who have disabilities," said Helena. "Three years ago, I remember starting to wheel myself up the ramp going to the new wing. Elaine Shaffer

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Melpar Holds 15th Annual Children's Hospital Fund Drive

This year marks the fifteenth year that Melpar E-Teamers have contributed to the Children's National Medical Center in Washington, D.C. Over those years, employees have donated more than \$82,000 to the hospital.

This year, Melpar hopes to continue this tradition by donating at least \$10,000 to purchase a cardiac output connector for the hospital's intensive care unit as well as a portable EKG.

The cardiac output connector monitors 12 different vital life signs at the same time. Intensive care teams use this equipment to monitor the condition of critically ill or injured infants and children.

The portable EKG measures the electrical activity of the heart. The portable machine is needed during the

time a child is transported from the operating room to the intensive care unit.

Last year, over 200,000 children were treated at Children's Hospital. Nearly 1,900 children were trauma



Laura Childress, senior graphic artist in Publications, is the designer of the Children's Hospital Campaign goal chart for the second year in a row.

victims and were treated with equipment such as Melpar seeks to purchase for the hospital this year.

Since 1870, Children's Hospital has been a provider of medical care to all children regardless of their parents' ability to pay. The cost of providing these services is handled entirely through private funding. Thus, the hospital depends upon the generosity of individuals and companies like Melpar.

Melpar is proud to have been a supporter of Children's Hospital the past 15 years and is looking forward to many successful future campaigns. M

An E-Teamer's Gift

Rich Weaver's holiday gift list this year includes a lot of people—about 200,000 or so. Many of his gift recipients are children and have one thing in common: they all have muscular dystrophy.

A senior logistics specialist in Repairs Administration, Rich gives to these special-needs people in a different sort of way. He plays rhythm guitar in a 40-member choral and orchestral group called the Singing Cedars which directs its proceeds to the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Their credo has long been "They sing so others may walk."

The performers who make up the Singing Cedars are members of the Masonic order called the Tall Cedars of Lebanon. Since it was founded in 1955, the group has appeared on stage, radio, and television, and has cut several records. Their music is played year-round and peaks each year at the Jerry Lewis Annual Labor Day Telethon in Las Vegas. During the telethon, the tuxedo-clad Singing Cedars trumpet out their Big Band style of music,

prompting the donations to pour in.

Rich, who joined the group in 1969, says all the hard work and practice is worth the feeling that his efforts are going to help fight muscular dystrophy.

"You can take and take and take," he says. "but giv-

ing something back and knowing you're helping others who, in a lot of ways, can't help themselves—that's what it's all about."

For the Singing Cedars, success is all about traveling up and down the east coast to play at two or three dances and one or two shows a month. Plus, the rehearsing gets especially heavy as the Telethon draws nearer. Rich

Melpar Receives Patriotic Service Award

The U.S. Treasury Department in October presented the Melpar Division of E-Systems with an Award for Patriotic Service in support of U.S. Savings Bonds. Melpar Vice President and General Manager Talbot S. Huff, Jr. (left) and Savings Bond Campaign Coordinator Tricia Reneau (center) accepted the award from Treasury Department District Manager Kim Treat (right). In addition, Tricia Reneau and Vice President of Employee Relations Tony DePasquale received individual awards for their efforts in promoting U.S. Savings Bonds.



In presenting the award Mr. Treat said, "Once again, the employees of Melpar have demonstrated their strong commitment to saving by achieving the number one position in the Washington, D.C., area for percentage of employees purchasing U.S. Savings Bonds. I commend each Melpar employee who participated and made this year's campaign the tremendous success that it was."

Melpar completed its annual campaign with an unbeatable employee participation rate of 99.3 percent. Corporate-wide participation reached an even 99 percent, enabling E-Systems to retain its enviable first place position nationwide in percentage of employee participation for the 17th straight year.

jokes, "[All the practice and shows] keep us off the streets, but put us on the highways and byways!"

At the Telethon, the many practices and rehearsals are forgotten as the

Singing Cedars perform a medley of tunes with the aid of Jerry Lewis. Rich recalls that Jerry Lewis had put on a little weight this year.

"We always take one of our bright orange coats to him," says Rich. "Although we took the larg-

est coat we had this year, it was too small. He literally tore it up the back and made a vent that ran from the shoulder to the hem. He then got on stage and clowned around with the group. The audience absolutely loved it!"

Rich loves it too. He loves playing music to entertain others, and he loves the sense of giving.

"Especially when we hear about the kinds of breakthroughs that they're making in muscular dystrophy research," he says, "it makes me feel good inside."

Credit Union News

Congratulations to Mary Wohlford of Publications who created this winning logo for the credit union logo contest!

A special thanks goes out to all of our members who participated.



We wish all
Melpar employees and
their family members
a happy and safe holiday
season!!



Rich Weaver (far left) has been giving through his music for nearly 20 years.

E-Teamers Join to Help Get Free Computers for Graham Rd School

Here's another way Melpar E-Teamers can contribute to our partnership with Graham Road Elementary School: save Giant and Safeway cash register tapes.

Both Giant and Safeway are currently running programs whereby collected cash register tapes can be

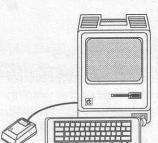


used to purchase computer equipment for a selected school. Giant register tapes are light blue and will help to purchase Apple computers, printers, and software. Safeway works with IBM computers and has gold register tapes. The greater the value of register tapes collected, the more and better equipment can be purchased.

Drop boxes for both Giant and Safeway register tapes have been placed in the Falls Church and Fairfax lobbies. Employees who wish to participate in the Computers for Graham Road program may deposit their cash register tapes there. Giant's register tapes are being taken until March 31, 1990, while Safeway will be collecting through April 21, 1990.

Melpar adopted Graham Road Elementary School two years ago as part of a Fairfax County program to foster relationships between businesses and schools. Since then, employees have volunteered time through one-on-one tutoring, especially in ESL or English as a Second Language, and through the popular Lunch Pal Program. For their part, students create murals and drawings for Melpar hallways and put on an entertaining song and dance pageant each December holiday season.

More programs are in the works and all ideas are welcome.



Employees interested in learning more about the Melpar/Graham Road Partnership or becoming a volunteer should contact Tricia Reneau, ext. 2717, in Employee Relations.

In the meantime, save those register tapes!

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The system is designed to be low-maintenance, low-cost, and small enough to fit in a backpack. This allows the sensor to be deployed in large numbers and be expendable in situations where it would be hazardous to retrieve it after completion of its mission.

Dave Gershberg, director of Physical Security, stresses that it is important for engineers to see how their technical efforts fit in the big picture.

"[Employees] might better appreciate their work at Melpar," he says, "because published papers provide E-Systems with a tremendous source of exposure, which is important in generating new business."

MOVERS AND SHAKERS

Falls Church

W. H. Alkire L. B. Altizer A. M. Aten J. E. Baldwin G. F. Bosco P. J. Britson D. A. Browne D. R. Cantner D. Chuang D. Conti F. S. Davis J. B. Denicola K. C. Dixon D. E. Ekardt J. L. Ferguson E. L. Finn A. G. Finotti B. P. Ford J. E. Fowler III N. J. Halvis T. D. Hauffe M. E. Hernwall W. D. Hill F. J. Holder L. D. Johnson L. V. Johnson E. A. Kaminsky M. D. Long K. C. Martin D. A. Neiss H. N. Nguyen Vu W. L. Norton K. R. Parikh J. E. Reeke D. C. Rowe J. F. Sansotta P. J. Scott

J. Yawornicky **Fairfax**

S. C. Smith

W. H. Storey

S. W. Tedesco J. A. Weaver

M. W. Williams

L. T. Vuong

R. N. Wright

T. R. Hall K. W. Heuple C. H. Hinson

R. W. Hooper R. W. Krayer

S. L. McDaniel N. D. McFall

K. Natale V. P. Nugen

C. D. Roller R. A. Sibley T. D. Taylor

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1989 SERVICE AWARDS for NOVEMBER and DECEMBER

Forty Year Service:



Martin Butler John B. Lynch



Albert H. Myers



June C. Pollet



Carl W. Seese

Five Year Service:

Susan C. Arnold

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came up behind me and asked if she could help. By the way she spoke, I could tell she was deaf. After she got me to the top of the ramp, she was so excited and told me how glad she was to be able to help someone else for a change since everyone was always helping her."

Helena is one who also gets pleasure from helping others. Every Saturday, she does volunteer work at Fairfax Hospital. She likes to spend her remaining spare time gardening, needleworking, and swimming at the pool

"Although I can't feel my legs moving, I am still able to swim by using the muscles in my hips to kick my legs," she said. "I like to swim and usually do one mile a week. It's great exercise and keeps my legs looking toned."

As far as her work at Melpar is concerned, Helena has definite plans to expand upon her 10 years of service.

With a grin, she said, "I'll be here until they roll me out!"

Twenty-five Year Service: Virginia L. Milton

Twenty Year Service: Thomas E. Barclay Stanley J. Scalsky Linda B. Turner

Fifteen Year Service: Ivan N. Dietrich Richard J. Gable William J. Watson Howard S. Wheatley

Ten Year Service:
John M. Allen
Marilyn E. Hernwall
Vassilios L. Ioannou
Ten Year Service:
James G. Menke
Richard A. Patrick
Gilbert J. Patty
Janice G. Robinson
Patsy A. Young

Thomas K. Baker Anne M. Benedicto Charles T. Bosch Vearley J. Edwards Freda E. Elliot Earle T. Greene Charles J. Hunter Clarence B. Johnson, Jr. Stephen K. Lebo Tho H. Ly Walter R. Mahoney, Jr. Daniel A. Mason Paul M. McNeill Todd S. Montemorano

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second quarters of this year and were slightly higher than the same quarter last year. Our bookings of \$778 million was a new record, even with the exclusion of \$47 million from the acquisition of Engineering Research Associates in August.

"The record bookings and \$2.625 billion in backlog are further confirmation of the continuing requirement for our unique capabilities in defense electronics."

Come to Graham Road's Holiday Pageant!

Students from Graham Road Elementary School will be performing their annual Holiday Pageant Monday, December 18 (Falls Church) and Thursday, December 21 (Fairfax). Both performances will take place in the cafeteria and will begin at 11:30.

Don't miss out on the music, Jingle Bells square dancing, and the entertaining limbo contest!



RETIREE



B. D. Smith 10 Years



Sports Corner . . . Tennis League Ends Season with Record Number of Competitors



Presenting Melpar's 1989 Tennis League: front row (left to right) John Cole, Tho Ly, Richie Huang, Ninh Tran, Son Tran. Second row, Mike Stallings, Dennis Krausman, Norma Francis, Linda Altizer, Talbot Huff, Lynn Garland, Te Ito, Ed Fernandez. Back row Chuck Busby, Berry Denicola, Jim Mihal, Bob Dineen, Mark Barbato, Bob Braun, Steve Sprague, Mark Salko.

The Melpar Tennis League celebrated its 10th season and wrapped up the year with its annual awards luncheon in November.

According to John Cole, the tennis league organizer, this season was marked by the largest number of participants in the 10-year history of the league.

The enthusiasm for tennis is growing, as shown by the many new competitors who signed up for the tennis league this year. It has even been rumored that Vice President of Employee Relations Tony DePasquale and Director of Search and Analysis Dennis Krausman were seen practicing in anticipation of next year's tournament.

At the awards luncheon, Vice President and General Manager Talbot Huff joked, "When Tony plays tennis, anybody can play. But when Dennis plays tennis, everybody can play."

Many longtime tennis league players such as Mark Barbato, Lynn Garland, and Tim Harvey returned to retain their winning titles. New competitors such as Tho Ly and Ninh Tran were able to take over titles previously held by others.

A new division, Men's Over 50 Singles, was added this year to the tennis league roster. Six players competed in this category.

Mr. Huff presented awards to each of the winners.

Congratulations to all!

WINNERS

Men's A Singles

1st Place - Tim Harvey

2nd Place - Mark Barbato

3rd Place - Tho Ly

2nd Place - Ninh Tran

2nd Place — Ninh Tran
Women's Singles
1st Place — Lynn Garland
2nd Place — Norma Francis
3rd Place — Linda Altizer

A Doubles 1st Place - Te Ito

Allen Wallace
2nd Place – Steve Sprague
Tim Harvey

B Doubles 1st Place

 Richie Huang Mike Stallings

2nd Place – Lynn Garland Bob Braun

Men's Over 50 Singles 1st Place – John Cole 2nd Place – Bob Dineen

3rd Place - Tho Ly

E-Teamers Run in Marine Corps Marathon

Two Melpar E-Teamers competed in the strenuous 26.2-mile Marine Corps Marathon in Washington, D.C., this November. Cindy Powell, 28 (a senior cost analyst in Signal Processing Systems) and Bill Pegues, 43 (an assistant program manager in Intelligence Programs) both completed the race.

The Marine Corps Marathon is probably the most publicized race in the Washington area. Approximately 11,000 runners participated this year.

Bill, who finished with a time of 4 hours 27 minutes, said, "It is a grueling race that requires a significant amount of training. I got cramps in the last 6 miles and really had to struggle from then on. My goal was to finish in less than four hours, so I will continue training and try to achieve it next year."

Cindy finished in 4 hours and 57 minutes and said that she was just happy to finish the race.

"That was my goal of the year," she said. "My husband and I decided in early spring to start training. I'm glad I did it, but I will never do it again. We were very sore the next day!"

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