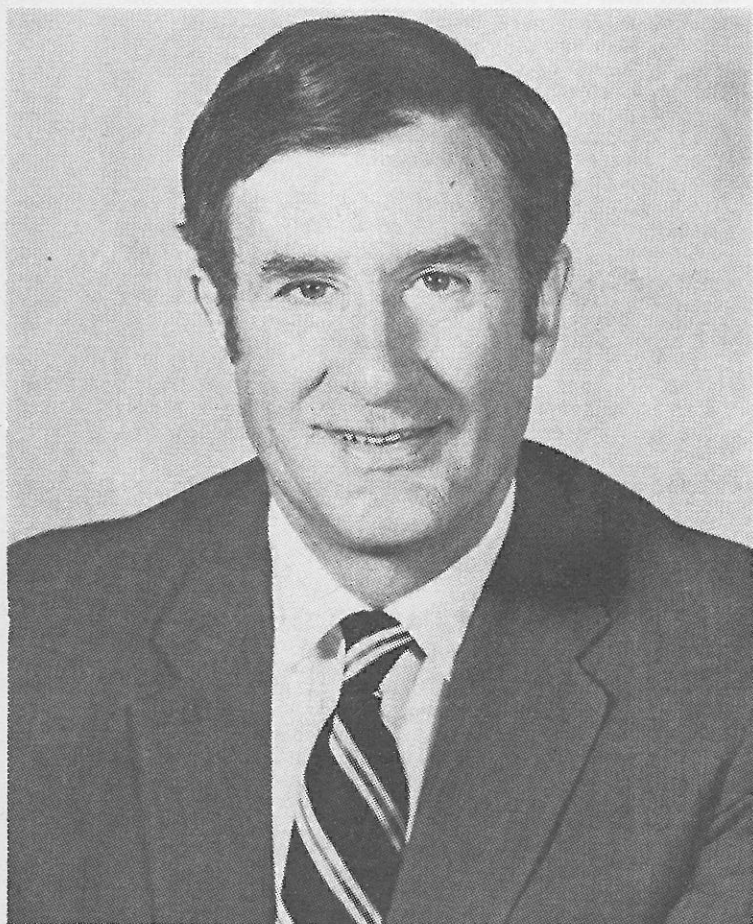




SECNAV Chafee Visits Bremerhaven



Secretary of the Navy John Chafee

Navy Day Ball Nears

Since its inception, Navy Day has been widely celebrated by American naval forces throughout the world. The 1971 Navy Day Ball will be held on Oct. 26 at the Columbusbahnhof restaurant located within the Bremerhaven Free Port.

Program Offers 96-Hour Liberty

Chaplain (Lieutenant Commander) R. Alan Plishker, head of the NSGA Bremerhaven Sailor-Marine of the Quarter Board, recently announced that, in addition to the existing awards of the program, all selectees and nominees for Sailor-Marine of the Quarter will now receive a 96-hour liberty.

All previous honors and awards offered in the program will remain. For selectees these include a \$75.00 U.S. Savings Bond and station plaque, head-of-the-payline privileges, and exemption from personnel inspections. Persons nominated but not selected will continue to receive exemption from one personnel inspection in addition to receiving the new 96-hour liberty.

This year's affair will be somewhat different from those held in the past, in that dinner will not be served. However, a cold plate will be available from 8-11 p.m. at a cost of DM 4.90. This will consist of various sliced meats and cheeses, and potato salad. From 11 p.m. until 2 a.m., a Schnellimbiss (snack bar) will offer a limited variety of foods ranging in price from DM 1.50 to DM 6.00.

Due to the location of the Navy Day Ball within the Free Port, no alcoholic beverages may be taken to the affair by patrons. All drinks must be purchased at the restaurant.

Attire for the evening will be formal-cocktail for ladies, dinner dress blue uniform with jacket for officers and chiefs, and full dress blue uniform for first class petty officers and below. Optional attire for men is dark suit with black bow tie.

All purchases at the ball will be in Deutsche Marks.

There will be a drawing in which the prize will be a one week vacation for two at an alpine ski lodge at Ellmau, Austria. Accommodations are included; however, transportation to Ellmau must be provided by the individual. A cash equivalent is also offered if the individual does not desire the trip.

During his three and one-half hour visit to Bremerhaven on Oct. 4, Secretary of the Navy John Chafee toured the facilities of NSGA Bremerhaven and the Military Sealift Command, Eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean, (MSELM), and addressed the local Navy community.

Despite the short duration of his visit, Secretary Chafee sought maximum contact with young, enlisted sailors, asking their views on a variety of topics ranging from the quality of mess hall food to how easy it is to meet Bremerhaven girls.

Taking part in official welcoming ceremonies at Bremerhaven were Lieutenant Colonel Robert Stump, deputy commander of the U.S. Forces Support District Norddeutschland (host command to local Navy commands); Captain Robert Russell, commander of MSELM; Captain John Jennings, commanding officer of NSGA Bremerhaven; and Oberbürgermeister Bodo Selge, lord mayor of Bremerhaven.

Approximately 300 members of the Navy community turned out to hear Secretary Chafee's address. In his address, he discussed the reduction in naval forces that has taken place in recent years, advances in naval technology, and the great accent that has been placed on people in today's Navy.

Secretary Chafee stated in part:

"Where do I see the Navy going in the next few years? Well, this is a time of transition, as you know. As the war is winding down in Southeast

Asia, we are, in our country, going from a wartime economy to a peacetime economy. We are carrying out the Nixon Doctrine which requires a much lower profile of the United States Armed Forces overseas. It is less dependent on overseas bases. It wants the U.S. to withdraw, where possible, from the fixed bases that we have been so familiar with in the past.

"So this transition ... has caused turbulence in the United States Navy, as it has in the other Armed Services. I have been Secretary now for two and one-half years, and during that time we have had to make very deep cuts in the number of ships, and in the number of men that we have."

Secretary Chafee went on to say that the Navy is particularly well-suited for the Nixon Doctrine due to the fact that it increasingly depends on sea-based, rather than land-based defenses.

"Currently we have under construction," continued Secretary Chafee, "... two nuclear-powered aircraft carriers

... Those ships are the Nimitz and the Eisenhower, both over 70,000 tons. We have under construction three nuclear-powered frigates. These will be similar to ... the Bainbridge and the Truxton. We also have under construction ... a new class of submarine, called the 688 submarine, which is very expensive, but which represents considerable advantages over those that we currently have."

He cited such aircraft developments such as the F-4 Phantom

and the F-14 fighter aircraft, and the P3C and the S3A anti-submarine warfare aircraft. He also mentioned the development of the hydrofoil and the surface-affect craft (which travels at speeds of up to 80 knots) as projects to which the Navy will be looking in the future.

After mentioning these and other developments, Secretary Chafee said that "... you can have all this fancy equipment that I have talked about, ... but unless you have good people operating it, it is not worth having. So we are putting, as you know, great accent on our people in the Navy. We are doing everything we can to make it a challenging and satisfying life, to ensure, to the greatest extent possible, that our people have job satisfaction; that they are doing a job that is worthwhile, with a minimum of harassment; and that they can obtain the satisfaction that they are entitled to."

Secretary Chafee also congratulated NSGA Bremerhaven on its 33 percent reenlistment rate, when that of the rest of the Navy is only 16 percent. He cited this as an indicator of a high level of job satisfaction at this activity.

In ending his address, Secretary Chafee said, "I extend my deep appreciation for the wonderful job that you have done, and bring thanks on behalf of our President, and on behalf of Mr. Laird and all those in the Defense Department. Thank you very much, and it has been a treat to meet with you today."

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COMNAVSECGRU Visits NSGA



COMNAVSECGRU—Company "F" Marines were on hand last month to meet Rear Admiral Chester Phillips, commander of the Naval Security Group Command, when he arrived here last month. Accompanying RAdm Phillips are (L-R) Captain John Jennings, Lieutenant Commander Guy Keenum, and Marine Captain Robert Garrow.

Rear Admiral Chester Phillips, commander of the Naval Security Group Command, visited NSGA Bremerhaven Sept. 11-13 for the purpose of discussing operational matters of this activity.

His visit also included professional discussions with watch standers and day workers, as well as social functions with NSGA officers, chiefs, past Sailors and Marines of the Month, and the Navy wives' ombudsmen.

RAdm Phillips served at NSGA Bremerhaven during the mid-1950's as division officer of Fourth Division. This was the first visit of COMNAVSECGRU to Bremerhaven since 1965.

CO's Hot-Line

Q: Would it be possible to install a "Gedunk Area," including a stove and possibly a refrigerator, in the laundry rooms or other appropriate areas of all Navy bachelor enlisted quarters? The existing soft drink, coffee, and candy machines could also be located in this area? If this would not be possible, would the command negotiate with the European Exchange System (EES) to keep the EES Snack Bar open until midnight each night?

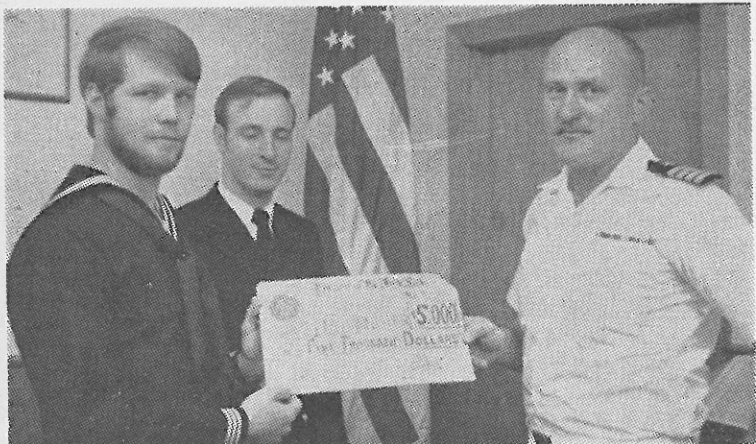
A: Yes, however, I would like to see us go one better and provide a truly well furnished and equipped lounge which can be used for entertaining guests as well as making a snack. Several men have made related proposals, and CT3 Ramon Bannister has offered to act as coordinator for a self-help project along these lines in rooms K-1 and K-3 of Building 9. He has been given the green light and a check for \$5,000 for outfitting. The exact location or locations for any additional lounges will depend on other self-help initiatives and an overall Station Planning Board review of our space needs and Fiscal Year 1972 monies. In answer to your second question, yes, but probably at a reduced level of operations. This is being discussed with EES as a separate matter from the lounge plans.

Q: Why was the recent Department of Defense survey on drug usage, which contained questions which obviously were meant for officer as well as enlisted personnel, distributed only to enlisted personnel at this activity?

A: In accordance with accompanying instructions, the survey was conducted of enlisted personnel only. A phone call to the Navy office in Washington which sent out the survey forms came up with the information that that had been the intent of DOD. They promised to do some further checking and send us the results. If you will identify yourself, we will provide you with the answer when it arrives.

Q: According to a recent column in the station newspaper (August Windjammer), the University of Maryland was offering 16-week courses of instruction for Term I. Later, prior to the beginning of the term, the courses were changed to 8 weeks, causing many watch standers to have to drop courses they had intended on taking. What was the reason for the courses being changed to 8 rather than the previous 16 weeks?

A: You have hit on a subject which has been a "storm center" for several weeks and the subject of a discussion between the local U.S. Army education supervisor and myself on Sept. 24. His reasons for not operating the 16-week courses are manifold, and range from annual course and student loads and instructor productivity to University of Maryland academic principles. It should also be pointed out that the education supervisor was out of the area when these courses were planned. I take exception to some of the University's objections to the 16-week set-up, such as the pat conclusion that "in dealing with a 'movable' military student body the only schedule that is workable, advantageous to the students, and academically sound, especially in the teaching of foreign languages, is an 8-week cycle." If there is a strong preference and stated commitment for the 16-week courses on the part of our watchstanders, we will make an all out official effort to obtain them. The education supervisor has stated that his office is "dismayed when no requests are made for services" and has agreed to do what he can.



BEQ LOUNGE—CT3 Ramon Bannister of First Division receives a \$5,000 check from Capt John Jennings as WO-1 Leo Killen, assistant First Division officer looks on. CT3 Bannister will coordinate a self-help program to provide a lounge in the keller of Building 9 for the bachelor enlisted quarters residents there.

2-Mark Coin Honors Adenauer

If you haven't already, you soon should be getting your first one when you shop in a German store. A new two-mark coin has been placed in circulation depicting postwar Germany's first chancellor, Konrad Adenauer.

The current two-mark piece, with a likeness of nuclear physicist Max Planck, will gradually disappear. Unlike the Canadians, Americans, and pre-decimal British, Germans withdraw an old coin when a new one is issued.

The coin has a raised profile of Adenauer on one side and a German eagle on the other. The words **BUNDESREPUBLIK DEUTSCHLAND** appear on both sides, and the words **EINIGKEIT UND RECHT UND FREIHEIT**, "unity and law and freedom", are stamped into the narrow edge of the coin. (Reprinted in part from Focus on Germany.)

Sailor-Marine Of the Quarter



CT1 Serio Rossi

The first "Sailor-Marine of the Quarter" for NSGA Bremerhaven is Communications Technician First Class Serio Rossi of "E" Division, who was selected for the quarter ending Sept. 30. As the first recipient of this award, CT1 Rossi had the additional honor of officially receiving his letter of selection from Secretary of the Navy John Chafee, who visited this activity Oct. 4. CT1 Rossi's letter of selection stated in part:

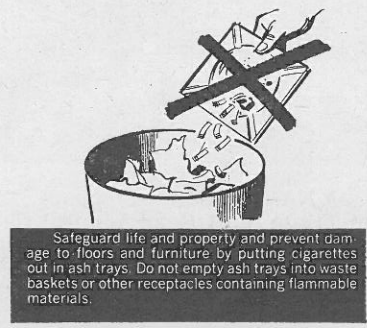
"You have been selected as the U.S. Naval Security Group Activity, Bremerhaven, 'Sailor-Marine of the Quarter' for the quarter ending 30 September 1971.

"Since your arrival at this command in March 1969, you have demonstrated a high degree of professional performance, a keen interest in all assignments, and a willingness to accept additional responsibilities. You were recently assigned to a position which required you to provide technical and supervisory assistance to four watch section supervisors. In this capacity you have been directly responsible for greater cooperation among the electronics maintenance personnel. In addition, your willingness and enthusiasm in instructing personnel in other divisions on technical subjects has greatly increased their understanding of new equipment.

"In addition to your professional accomplishments, you have greatly enhanced the morale of the men in the division by volunteering for the watches of other personnel when their personal needs interfered with the standing of their assigned watches.

"Your active participation in the Command Sports Program has helped to make this program a success. Not one to rest on past performance, you have chosen to continue your education in electronics through correspondence courses.

"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!"



Safeguard life and property and prevent damage to floors and furniture by putting cigarettes out in ash trays. Do not empty ash trays into waste baskets or other receptacles containing flammable materials.

Serendipities

By R. Alan Plishker

This is the first time I have served on an Army Post, and I am overwhelmed by the sheer quantity of rules and regulations which govern our lives on the post, in the housing area, and even in the clubs. The "do's and don'ts" of our life appear to be everywhere.

I would be the last to advocate doing away with guidelines, for I recognize any society needs a framework in order to exist. But on the other hand, I cannot shake my antagonistic and negative feeling when confronted with so many admonitions.

I am reminded of the lyrics from one of Johnny Mercer's old hits, "Accentuate the positive, eliminate the negative, latch on to the affirmative, and don't mess with Mister In-between." Unlike some of Mercer's other lyrics (i.e. "Mares eat oats and does eat oats and little lambs eat ivy") this one makes sense. Why emphasize the negative by reminding people of what they cannot do?

I wonder what would happen if we took a positive approach, reversed the process, and "latched on to the affirmative" by letting people know what they can do rather than what they cannot do.

A park sign at Washington Square in New York reads:

- This is your park, enjoy it:
1. Run and play with your children.
 2. Picnic on the grass.
 3. Enjoy the swings, benches and tables.
 4. Relax, enjoy yourself, and please be considerate of others so they may do the same.

It is a positive statement.

The inspiration of Mercer's advice extends to all areas of life. As a parent, I wonder what kind of feelings the constant refrain "John don't..." conjures up in the mind of my five year old. Occasionally, parents have no choice, and would be remiss if they did not forbid. But a change of pace, by stressing some of the things he can do, goes a long way in changing the atmosphere around our house.

Likewise, in religion there is always the tendency to build ones religious life upon the "don'ts" rather than upon the "do's." But such an approach is negative, where the positive aspects of having life, and having it more abundantly, is somehow lost.

The Big Beat

By SSgt David B. Stewart

Every month or so, two or three Navymen show up in my office wanting to know when they can begin announcing for AFN Bremerhaven. Many claim two or three years of experience as a major network producer, or as a talk show host on a par with Paar (no pun intended) or Carson. Unfortunately, I have to disappoint these "frustrated announcers," and I hate to do it, knowing that I have doomed them for the rest of their tour to performing the job the Navy trained them to do.

Granted, I may have turned down some fine talent, but on the other hand, many of these fellows do not realize that the Army broadcast field, like the Navy's, is a specialized career, and I emphasize that word "career." When announcers report to or leave this station, they are either coming from or going to another broadcast outlet in the vast American Forces Radio and Television Service system.

Nearly all Army announcers are graduates of the Defense Information School (DINFOS); those who are not are products of commercial radio. The Navy has a program which closely parallels that of the Army. Navy announcers are drawn from the Journalist rating, attend DINFOS, and carry a specialized radio and television NEC on the order of the Army's specialized MOS. I hope that this explanation will help to ease any hurt feelings that may have developed over this subject. I can sympathize with all of you who have a yen for broadcasting, but put yourselves in our shoes: How many of our broadcasters would the Navy let work with the complex electronics equipment in Building 2, based on their amateur radio or electronics experience?

And finally, the Windjammer's pet, Charlie Roach, would probably like to take the credit for the removal of Karl Haas from the local airways, and the cancellation of the "1505 to Nashville" show. Sorry, Charlie. We cannot pin the official "Chief Censor" badge on you. The move originated with AFN Bremerhaven.

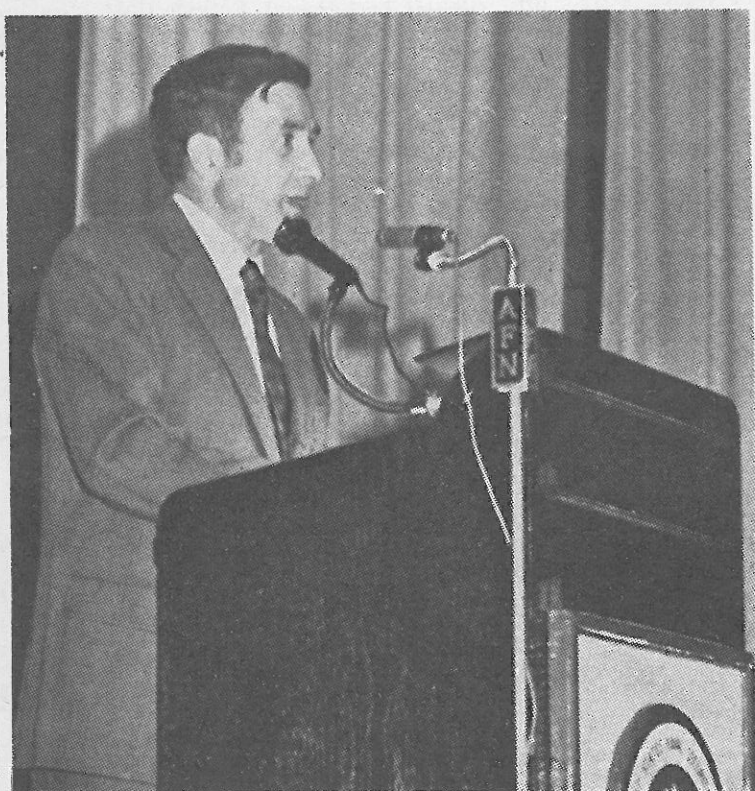


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Port City Welcomes SECNAV



Secretary Chafee addresses the Navy community.



On hand to welcome Secretary of the Navy John Chafee to Bremerhaven were Oberbuergermeister Bodo Selge (left), lord mayor of Bremerhaven; Lieutenant Colonel Robert Stump (center), deputy commander of the U.S. Forces Support District Norddeutschland; Captain Robert Rosseli (second from right), commander of the Military Sealift Command, Eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean; and Captain John Jennings, commanding officer of NSGA Bremerhaven. (U.S. ARMY PHOTO)



During his Oct. 4 visit, Secretary Chafee surprised Communications Technician Seaman Donald Cast of Second Division when he told him of his selection to attend Officer Candidate School (OCS). Here CTSN Cast, who applied for OCS while undergoing basic training at Great Lakes Naval Training Center, receives the news as Captain Jennings looks. CTSN Cast is a 1969 graduate of Clarkson College of Technology, Potsdam, N.Y.



Secretary Chafee and Oberbuergermeister Selge discuss the new Bremerhaven container port.



FOR THE BIRDS — If a member of the Public Works crew tells you that this job was “for the birds,” believe him. He will be absolutely serious. It seems that the trees around Building 2 began harboring a particularly messy flock of birds; so messy, that the sidewalks beneath the trees became absolutely treacherous. At that point, the safety-conscious Public Works Department moved in with chise's and chipping tools to try to remedy the slippery situation. But don't take our word for it. Ask Lieutenant David Nash, Public Works officer, who, incidentally, isn't holding that umbrella to keep off the rain — it wasn't raining.

Matmen Madness

By “Dennis the Menace”

Well, Matmen fans, by this time I'm sure that everyone knows that “Jake the Snake” has departed sunny Bremerhaven. I presume that he can be found soaking up the rays of sunshine with a large juicy hamburger in his hand down on the beach at Miami, Fla. It really makes ya homesick, doesn't it?

“E” Division extends a farewell and best wishes to Ltjg William Thomas, who has departed our division for bigger and better things. Ltjg Thomas is now the new operation watch officer of Bravo Section. Also, we'd like to extend our congratulations to Ltjg Thomas and Mrs. Thomas on their new baby boy, who tipped the

scales at 7 pounds, 9 ounces.

And now for our new division officer. He's been the OWO of Bravo for the past 10 months. He led Bravo Section through the best field problem NSGA Bremerhaven has ever had, and he is currently the only Navy officer on this station allowed to carry a swagger stick to beat his pant leg with while shopping in the PX. He gives paddle ball lessons in his off-time, and knows this great story about a walrus at the Hamburg Zoo. If you haven't guessed by now who I'm talking about, just stop up at Room M-3 and let yourself be known to Ens Scott Fitkin. After a build up like that, my marks should be about 4.0 next marking period.

At this time I'd like to welcome CT2 Russell Weakley and his wife, Chris, who recently arrived here from Skaggs Island. Also new in the division is CTSN Dayton Paschal, who comes to us from the Administrative Department, crossing paths to Building 11 with CT2 Charles Weaver.

And now it's time for the “Fickle Finger of Fate” to point at you and say: There will be no more Ricketa-Ricketas on the mid watches for Ens Fitkin... that CT2 Steve Payne finally bought a car... that Rip Van Winkle shaved off his beard... that CT2 John Johnston shipped over for four years and still doesn't know which line to sign his name on... that smoking is authorized in Room M-3 again... that CT2 David Jones cannot tell what time he's supposed to quit work if he doesn't have his Mickey Mouse watch on!

Where It's At

By CT3 P. L. Albohn

This month we travel to the city of tradition and trade fairs, Cologne.

We first learn that Cologne is noted for its many beautiful old cathedrals, and its Roman ruins.

The most famous of all the Cologne cathedrals is the Dom. Begun in 1248, but not completed until the Sixteenth Century, it is located in the center of the Old City, near the banks of the Rhine. Besides the Dom, there are dozens of other cathedrals and churches, dating from the time of Christ to some of the newest in Europe.

In addition to the many Germanic structures in Cologne, the city is also dotted with portions of walls, fortifications, and other structures from the period when this ancient city was on one of the major trade routes of the Roman Empire. Now, as then, and despite the destruction of 90 per cent of the city during World War II, Cologne remains one of the most important commercial cities in Europe.

On the opposite bank of the Rhine River from the Dom is the very modern business, convention, and manufacturing portion of the city. Here you will discover that many large business concerns have constructed an entire new skyline to rival that of the traditional portion of the city.

Cologne is also well known for its interest in culture and art. Several permanent cultural exhibitions, many museums, a new opera house, and a yearly international seminar of the ballet greats draw many of the culturally-minded to Cologne annually.

Cologne is a classic example of a concentric circle city, having spread from its beginnings on the Rhine (near the Dom) in three directions, like a wheel. In the Old City there are many good restaurants and several fantastic clubs. A few kilometers west of the Dom, on the Habsburger-Ring, near the University of Cologne, are the student bars.

For the shopper, Hohestrasse offers an almost irresistible charm. Several blocks long, it is filled with shops and stands featuring everything from mink to meerschaum, from lachs to lederhosen. It has the advantage of being completely cut off to traffic, preserved as a pedestrian mall.

Parks are an important part of the scene in Cologne, the major ones being the city zoo, and Rhine Park. There is open air dancing nightly in the latter, weather permitting.

For the historian, the culture buff, or the shopper, Cologne is a city not to be missed.

CAMPUS CARPUL

BY
CTCS B. MOQUIN



This month I will discuss academic policies and standards, and the grading system for the University of Maryland, European Division.

All courses in the European Division carry full resident University of Maryland credit. All courses are identical to those offered on the main campus, texts and syllabi are the same, faculty appointments are approved and controlled by the appropriate department heads and deans, and all University academic policies and standards apply.

The unit of credit is the semester hour which represents 16 hours of classroom work in addition to required outside preparation.

The following grades are used on a student's permanent record to indicate the lecturer's evaluation of a student's academic achievement: A — Superior Scholarship, B — Good Scholarship, C — Average Scholarship, D — Passing Scholarship, F(a) — Academic Failure, F(n) — Failure due to non-attendance, I — Incomplete, WX — Official Withdrawal (last attended class during the first half of the term), WP — Official Withdrawal Passing (last attended class during the second half of the term with a passing grade), WF — Official Withdrawal Failing (last attended class during the second half of the term with a failing grade), X

— Ceased to attend class under emergency circumstances which precluded filing an Application for Withdrawal.

The grade of F may be given for academic failure or for non-attendance without official withdrawal.

The grade of I (Incomplete) may be given only after a student has attended at least three-fourths of the total number of class meetings, and has completed all course work to that point with passing grades. In recording the grade of I, the lecturer states the quality of the student's work, the requirement remaining, and the deadline for completion. Unless the remaining requirements are satisfied, a grade of I reverts to a grade of F at the time of a student's graduation from the University. In case of transfer, other institutions will evaluate an I grade as an F.

If a student officially withdraws and last attended class during the first half of the term, he will be given a grade of WX. If a student officially withdraws and last attended class during the first half of the term, he will receive a grade of WP if his work was passing and a grade of WF if his work was not passing.

The designation X is limited to circumstances beyond the student's control such as accidents, emergency leave, or sudden transfer upon limited notice. Unless it is clear that an emergency prevent official withdrawal, the grade of F(n) (non-attendance) must be reported.

In computing scholastic averages, numerical values are assigned to the marks per semester hour as follows: A — 4.0, B — 3.0, C — 2.0, D — 1.0, F — 0. The grades of X, W, and I are not included in computations of scholastic average.

Advance Leave May Become Excess Leave

WASHINGTON, D.C. (NAVNEWS) — The early release program causes certain members to be indebted for advance leave which becomes excess leave upon early release.

When an indebtedness occurs for this or any other reason when discharge is imminent a request for remission of indebtedness should be submitted immediately upon discovery of the debt by message to the Chief of Naval Personnel, Attention Pers-P5b.

Indebtedness for leave used in excess of leave that would be earned to date of normal expiration of active obligated service (EAOS) will be considered for remission only when caused by emergency.

Phinney-graph No. 9

LOOK HERE, PHINNEY...
THIS OFFICE RAHT CHEER
DINT HAV NUTHIN WHIN
AH CAME; AH GOT ALL
THEM SUPPLIES... 'SIDES
AH'M THE LEGAL
YEOMAN... AH
MAKE UP WILLS,
BILLS OF SALES, AN
AH ALSO BOWL. HOW
'BOUT THET ?!

YN1

M. J. SAYLOR



YN1 Millard J. Saylor

Don't Let It Happen to You!



'T'-BONES

By CT 3 P. L. Albohn

The scene is the Third Division office. One officer, two chiefs, three first class, and a partridge in a pear tree speak in muffled tones as the victim is led into their presence by another first class. They fall silent.

"CT3 Albohn, I guess you know why you are here."

"Yes, sir."

"We have been examining your performance here in the division and felt we should discuss it with you," he continues. "We have weighed the good and the bad and have come to our decision. Here are your quarterly marks."

Yes, it's that time again, when the All High pass judgment on all the rest, and then are, in turn, judged themselves by their superiors.

The system used by Third Division, as set up and coordinated by Division Officer Ens Jessie Ross, calls for submission of tentative marks by the watch supervisor, review by the function supervisors, re-review by the division chief, and division officer, and finally a conference between the measured man and the men who measured him.

Aside from the Spanish Inquisition aspects of facing such a gathering of naval position

and experience, it seems like a very good system.

In this month's Doggie Bag we have a story passed on to us from Delta Section's own lovable Operations Watch Officer, Marine Capt Robert Garrow, one each, olive drab in outlook. He tells of two brothers who come to the United States in search of their fortune. After a long trek west, they end up in California Territory, and stake a claim to a large amount of range land there. After several hard years they are able to produce a good herd of beef cattle, sell the beef for a good price, and thereby raise the funds necessary to bring their mother over from the Old Country. When she arrives, they show her around the ranch, and after the tour they ask her what she thinks of the spread. "It's wonderful," she exclaims, "but you really should have a name for such a large enterprise as this. I suggest that you call it the Focus Ranch." The young men thought and thought, but could not come up with a reason why she had chosen that particular name. Finally they asked her. "Because that's where the sons raise meat," she replied. And the crowd boos. . . .

The Karate Myth

By Capt. Robert Garrow, USMC

Not too long ago in the Third Division maintenance shop, a bearded Delta Section "R" Brancher attempted to break a board with the edge of his hand. After trying three times and achieving nothing but a bruised hand, he asked me what he was doing wrong. When he explained his method, the problem became quite clear — he was trying to break it across the grain. No experienced karate man would have attempted the feat, because it is well-nigh impossible. Even the professionals split boards, and usually pine boards at that.

Invariably, due to the over-exposure in commercial media of faked and simulated "karate" demonstrations, people have come to think of karate students as masochists who constantly beat their hands and feet on bricks and boards in order to "toughen" them-

selves, and whose ultimate in skill is to leap eight feet into the air and break three-inch thick boards with their hands and head.

A recent movie, "Marlowe," included a "karate strong-arm man," played by Bruce Lee (who is indeed an outstanding Kung-Fu man). In one scene, Lee wrecks Marlowe's office with his bare hands, climaxing the job by smashing a chandelier with a kick (the chandelier was eight feet off the deck!). All of the things Lee did could have been as genuine as that flying kick, but the producer had to get phoney: Midway in his activities, Lee, almost absent-mindedly, broke a wooden coatrack to pieces with the edge of his hand. That job would have been difficult with an axe.

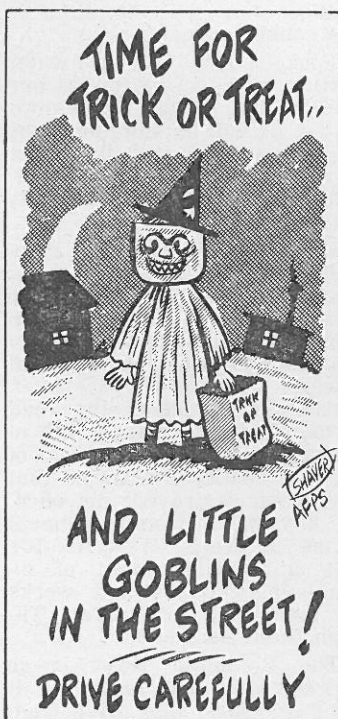
In contrast to these theatricals, what is karate really all about? What are its benefits to the average person? How did it evolve?

The history of karate is buried in Oriental myths, but the most generally accepted version indicates that the predecessors of karate evolved in the monasteries of South China as secret "bare-hand" fighting techniques. These were developed by a priesthood which was denied weapons by customs and law. Various forms emerged throughout China and Korea, which can generally be divided into the kicking styles of the Northerners and the hand techniques of the Southerners.

During the 1500's, the Japanese conquered Okinawa, and this event directly resulted in the development of modern karate. The occupiers denied the natives any edged or metal weapons. In fact, each village had only one chopping knife, which was chained to a block in the center of town and was guarded by a Japanese soldier. Understandably, the Okinawans did not appreciate the benefits of "liberation", and conspired to arm themselves. They sent a number of men to China to learn the art of "empty-handed" fighting. (the word "karate" implies "empty hand").

The returned fighters taught others secretly, and along with empty-hand fighting they developed the weapons which are characteristic of Okinawan karate. The great contribution of the Okinawans to karate is not in the weapons, however, it is in the "kata," which are combinations of kicks, blocks, and punches performed without an opponent. The kata are the core of karate, which is divided into the art, the sport, and self-defense.

The Port City Karate Club meets approximately three times a week at Gym 103. Any military personnel or their dependents over 14 years of age may join. Two Black Belt instructors teach Shao-Lin-Ryu style karate. The meeting schedule for the remainder of October is as follows: Oct. 23, 3 p.m.; Oct. 28, 6 p.m.; and Oct. 30, 6 p.m.



The Supply Scoop

By SK2 D. A. Caruso

Well, with winter coming on, that favorite indoor sport of bowling is upon us. The Supply Department "Super Heroes" have come up with two great teams; both are called "Gen-Sers". One bowls on Monday and the other on Tuesday, while both are showing great power with a 7 and 1 win-loss record. Leading the pro's are SKSN Gary Barker; up behind him is fast-moving SK1 Charles Bradd. Rounding out the well-balanced attack are; SK3 Jerry Martin, SK2 Donald Caruso, FN Thomas Battan, SN Randall Workman, and holding up the end is "Old Reliable" SK2 Dennis Harris. It really looks like this team is out to prove

they're No. 1, so watch out, they're on the move.

On another note, it seems the Supply Department was unjustly accused by an unnamed infantry-type NSGA organization, noted for its ability to close with, and engage in foot-in-mouth activity, of not having a certain item in stock. However, in reality, Supply had 1,600 each of the subject item. A 3-foot by 5-foot by 5-foot box of the requested material was personally delivered by the reliable SKs to the commanding officer of this unnamed organization. For this intrepid action, Supply was presented with the "Fickle Finger of Fate" award by an unarmed escort.

Sports Corner

At this writing, football season has passed the halfway point in Bremerhaven, and the race for the top position is still wide open with Delta leading the pack with a 6-1 win-loss record. The Day Workers, Alfa, Charlie, and the Marines are all within striking distance, however, and the final weeks of football action promise to be closely contested.

In other sports developments, the official standings and Captain's Cup points through the golf season have been compiled by Navy Special Services and show the Day Workers in the top spot with 200 Captain's Cup points. Overall standings are as follows: Day Workers, 200; Company "F", 145; Alfa Section, 140; Delta Section, 135; Charlie Section, 130; Officers-CPOs, 130; and Bravo Section, 120.

In tennis action, CT3 Galen Johnson captured the open singles title during the recent Theater Army Support Command tennis tourney at Garmisch, thus gaining a berth in the U.S. Army, Europe tournament.

Johnson, representing Bremerhaven, defeated Joe Egan of Heidelberg 6-1, 6-1, and 6-3 for the singles crown. He teamed with Army Captain Dave Crane to score a second in open doubles play. In the fi-

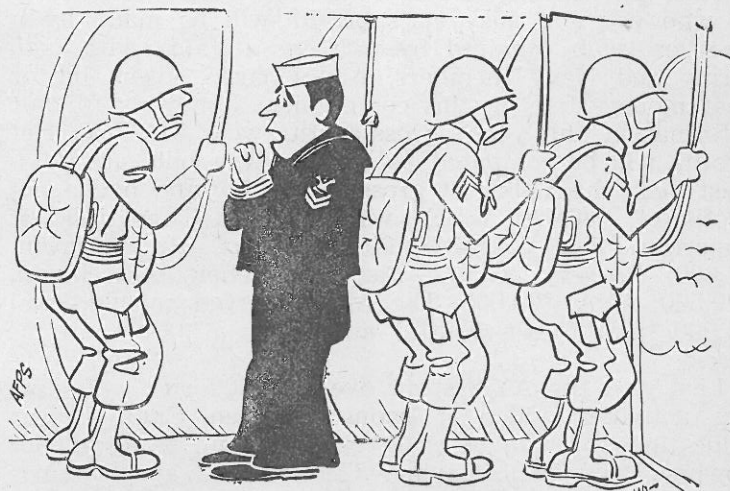
nals, Johnson and Crane were defeated by Egan and his partner, Mike Taylor of Stuttgart, 5-7, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3, and 6-4.

Also representing Bremerhaven were Army Captain Harry Dickerson and CT3 Robert Dietrich. This duo lost to Egan and Taylor 6-1, 6-1 in a doubles semi-final, after having scored two upsets in earlier rounds.

Enroute to his title, Johnson swept through four matches without losing a set. Considered a definite dark horse at the onset of the tourney, he earned a tough 7-5, 8-6 win over Taylor in the semi-finals. Then, in the finals, Johnson conquered tournament favorite Egan with devastating ground strokes and accurate placements, followed by solid winners when he advanced to the net. Johnson also displayed a steady serve throughout the tournament, and fooled Egan with several outstanding drop shots.

The TASCUM tournament featured the top players in Germany, but competition is expected to be tougher in the upcoming USAREUR tourney, in which the top players from all over Europe will compete.

Finally, on the sports horizon in Bremerhaven are bowling and basketball. I'll have more on those next month, along with coverage of the football finale.



'Beautiful Back Road'

The 'Romantic Road' Is Too Long

"We crept out into the darkness when the town was asleep, save for a few twinkling lamps through leaded glass windows. We crept along crooked streets, over a bridge, along a road where lanterns hung from iron railings, lighting up heavy old knockers on fantastic carved doors. On till we came to the buttressed city walls with their ancient towers and gates. Here we listened while the hour echoed forth."

So wrote an impressionable American woman after a 1930 visit to Rothenburg. And this was before the day of atom bombs and autobahns. The "escape into a story-book" lure of Rothenburg is all the stronger today.

The city, happily, is virtually unchanged since 1930, or indeed since 1630. The only real difference now is in the way it and its neighboring communities are being plugged touristically. Certainly, one of the best touristic ideas Ger-

many ever had was to string Rothenburg together with such other medieval gems as Noerdlingen and Dinkelsbuehl into the "Romantic Road".

The job, however, was overdone. Half of the Romantic Road is superfluous. South of Augsburg it has a sunny "baroque and Alpine" character that's simply out of tune with the northern half. Up there the road might be termed "storybookromantic", replete with gables, half-timbering, twisty streets, walls, towers, vineyards, forests and castle-topped hills.

Mind you, the southern half of the road is well worth a drive. There you'll find the uninhibitedly rococo Wies Church and King Ludwig's hundred-year-old Neuschwanstein Castle, which looks as though it were copied from storybook illustrations. And, in fact, was copied from storybook illustrations. But then Germany has many other

beautiful back roads. The northern part of the Romantic Road, Wuerzburg-to-Augsburg, is unique; a really unspoiled bit of medieval Europe, miraculously handed down to our age.

Up to 300 years ago, the cities along this road were important centers. But the Thirty Years War changed all that by breaking up the vast landholdings of the local gentry. The area became (and remains) a political and economic backwater. Of the "gem cities" of Rothenburg, Dinkelsbuehl and Noerdlingen, Rothenburg is the biggest. It has a spectacular hill-top setting, and has learned through long experience to use itself as a "living stage setting". "The Wonderful World of the Brothers Grimm" was filmed there; fireworks boom over its towers during its big festival; there are big outdoor plays; and Rothenburg is the scene, just before Christmas, of an outdoor fair with carollers in the cobbled streets.

Dinkelsbuehl has a water setting to reflect its towers and gables. And, should you want a guide, he will be summoned by the ringing of a bell in the Martin's Church tower. (Catch: it's rung electronically by pressing a button.)

Noerdlingen has a completely intact city wall, and you can circle the city on top of it. Here, too, is a watchman who calls out the hours from his perch atop a high medieval tower.

Another feature of the road is the Harburg Castle, south of Noerdlingen. It must be one of the few castles in Europe that was never destroyed; not once, in any war, from medieval times to World War II! It's now a treasure chest of incunabala, gobelins and works by the great woodcarver, Tilman Riemenschneider.

The Romantic Road is so marked on most maps. If it isn't on yours, just drive from Wuerzburg to Augsburg, via Rothenburg, Noerdlingen and Dinkelsbuehl. You'll be on the Romantic Road. It can be worked into many north-south journeys if you have the time. If you want somebody else to do the driving, there are Romantic Road buses, replete with stewardesses and refreshments. They leave early each morning from the main railroad stations in Wiesbaden, Frankfurt, Wuerzburg, Augsburg and Munich. You can break your trip anywhere along the way.

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MISS WINDJAMMER—The time for ghosts, goblins, and witches is upon us, and who couldn't become bewitched by lovely Linda Walker, our Miss Windjammer for the month of October? Linda is shown here sunning herself far away from the bleak weather of Bremerhaven, but still close to the sea. She is in a bed of sea oats at Pensacola Beach, a resort in Northwest Florida. Having recently completed modeling school, Linda hopes to make a career as a model. With her qualifications, we don't think she could have chosen a more appropriate line of work...

On Volksfest Column Roach Gets Rebuttal

(Editor's Note: Last month Windjammer writer Charlie Roach gave his own, admittedly subjective, account of the 1971 Bremerhaven German-American Volksfest, including, among other things, his opinions on where the profits went. Charlie left himself open to criticism by asking for a rebuttal of the conclusions drawn in his column. Lieutenant Commander Edward McGrath, NSGA Bremerhaven project officer for the Volksfest, accepted the roach's challenge, and his comments appear below.)

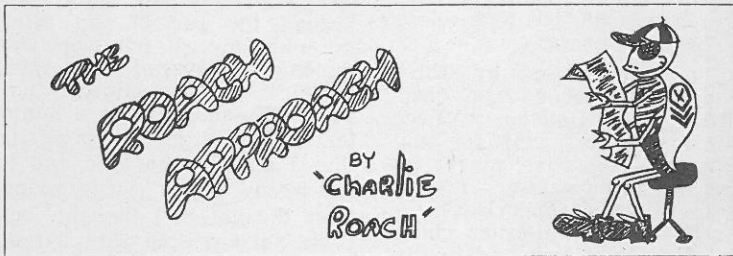
Shame on you, Charlie! And you said you came "in from the cold." How obvious it is that you have been hibernating for the better part of the last three years. Why, even new arrivals to the area know all about the American Youth Activities (AYA) organization, and where the Volksfest profits go. Had you bothered to speak with me (the command's "front man" as you phrased it), you would have found our conversation anything but "unproductive," and I would not have contaminated the ecological harmony here with such smoggy suppositions as appeared in your gossip column last month.

To further enlighten yourself, you might have made yourself available to be counted as one of the interested members of the Bremerhaven American community, who attended a special meeting of the AYA Board of Governors who explained, on any roach's level, the Volksfest's role, its profits, and their distribution. The Board also answered all questions put forth by those present, and the meeting was announced in advance in the Sept. 8 Plan-of-the-Day. Where were you, Charlie? We who did attend are all certain of one thing: There were no insects present.

In response to a few of your comments: Those "Southerners" do not receive any of the money generated by the Bremerhaven Volksfest. In fact, they send us more than \$1,000 each year to be used for Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and Little League. The decisions as to who will get this year's profits will be made by a Boosters' club (chaired by a Navy captain) with both Army and Navy members. And Charlie, every bit of that money stays in this community! For your further information, this year's gross profits were \$115,700. Net profits will be computed as soon as the bills are paid. Last year the Volksfest grossed \$86,500, and had a net profit of \$36,000 which was distributed as follows: American Red Cross, \$1,000; City of Bremerhaven, \$1,000; Nursery, \$3,500; Parent Teachers Association, \$10,500; AYA, \$20,000. The AYA received an additional \$1,200 from "down South," and nearly \$3,000 from interest.

Last year the AYA spent over \$36,000 on the following activities which it sponsors: Teen Club, Driver Education, football, baseball, girls softball, tennis, junior bowling, basketball, boxing, Cub Scouts, and summer youth programs.

So, Roach, you asked for a rebuttal; how is that for a mandibleful?



Last month my boss, the Windjammer editor, gave me the O.K. to wander around the base and to jot down whatever bits of information I found interesting to me.

During my stroll, I was thoroughly amazed at some of the truly interesting situations I saw. For example, CTC Robert Anderson's encounter with RAdm Chester Phillips. After listening to the admiral's thoughts on how NSGA Bremerhaven would be around for many years to come, Bob asked, "Admiral, didn't you give this same opinion at Kama Seya?" Chief Bob is now working with the antenna maintenance crew, repairing the rhombics in the farthest part of the antenna field.

I watched Ens Jessie Ross receive the "Bremerhaven Boot Ensign" award from Admiral Phillips. Ens Ross will remember the award for a long time to come, at least as long as the impression remains behind him... Hm-m-m, I didn't know admiral's shoes had stripes on the bottom.

I recently wondered who was doing the cooking at the Army Mess Hall. One of the Navy "head count" people reported that several out-of-town truckers more or less helped themselves to the facilities. Bet their omelet wasn't as thin as mine.

Thought the general's comment in Stars & Stripes last month as to why the insurance is so high for Americans in Germany was very interesting. He failed to mention that the members of the officer corps are able to obtain their insurance from a U.S. firm, while enlisted men have to bow to the whims of foreign and American-run insurance companies here. He further stated, that if we all (meaning all enlisted men) become better drivers, the insurance rates will go down. Excuse me, sir, while I, a single man under 25 and not married, go out and pay my \$600 premium. I'll keep your comments in mind as I get run over by a local driver who could not stand waiting for me to get to the top of the hill, and so decided to pass anyway. And sir, while I realize the maximum alcohol blood content 1.5 percent, just remember, I would have caught the base bus... had it operated a little more often.

I see that there has been an abundance of No Parking signs posted in the housing areas. When guests come, where are they to park, in the yard or under the porch? Why not turn the playgrounds into parking lots? With the condition these areas are in, this move would be an improvement.

I've often wondered what would happen to this base without Navy support. I mean support by personnel, not physical support by the Navy Department. Without the Navy, I feel sure the following facilities would come close to crumbling within a month: PTA, AYA, Little Theatre, Photo Shop, and the Teen Club. Those which might survive, but would be seriously curtailed would be the NCO Club and certainly the EES facilities, including the Snack Bar. Anyone having doubts on the accuracy of this would do well to check the record for Navy sponsorship and participation.

Oh, I saw a lot of things that one could become aroused over, things which would never make the paper. But all I can say, in the greatest sincerity, is: I'm sure glad I'm Navy!

Guess Who?



This month's mystery guest was photographed in 1957. Last month's photo was of Chief Communications Technician John Kromas of Second Division.