



CROSSCURRENTS

ST. PAUL DISTRICT
U.S. ARMY, CORPS OF ENGINEERS

Vol. 3, No. 9

AUGUST 1980

Emergency military defense planners discuss responsibilities



Lt. Col. Holly

CERL visits district

U.S. Army Construction Engineering Research Laboratory (CERL) personnel from Champaign, Ill. visited the St. Paul District on July 29 to discuss areas of possible mutual support where our organizations have overlapping missions.

Staff members from CERL included Col. Circeo, Commander and Director; Dr. Shaeffer, Technical Director; Dr. Jain, Chief, Environmental Division; and Dr. Kim, Program Manager, Facilities Systems Division.

Open house draws large crowd

Over 3,000 persons visited the Upper St. Anthony Falls Lock and Dam during an open house on July 27. The nine staff members of the facility worked hard in giving tours, but were very pleased at the large turnout.

Bob Stahl, Lockmaster of St. Anthony Falls Lock and Dam, thanks his staff for their efforts in making the event successful.

The open house was in conjunction with the annual Minneapolis Aquatennial celebration.

What role would the Army Corps of Engineers play in a military mobilization?

Army Corps of Engineers mobilization planners from the North Central Division (NCD) and the Missouri River Division (MRD) gathered together in St. Paul last month to discuss that question.

The two-day mobilization workshop focused on military construction contracting, new relationships between districts and divisions, and the Corps employee's role during mobilization.

The planners discussed procedures to expedite military support construction. For example, they discussed alternative solutions to letting contracts in the shortest possible time.

This military construction would result in new responsibilities for district and division employees in key locations. Furthermore, retired personnel would be reinstated on a voluntary basis.

Mobilization Day takes place when the President orders the Armed Forces to prepare for military defense. Should mobilization occur, the St. Paul District would reduce its nonessential civil works projects and transfer its resources to military construction needs.

Lt. Col. Frank Holly, National Emergency Planning Section, Office of the Chief of Engineers, summarized the status of mobilization planning at the OCE level on the first day of the workshop. Lt. Col. Holly noted that the "Corps of Engineers is way out ahead of the rest of the Army" in conventional mobilization planning.

The Mobilization Workshop, which was sponsored by NCD, was moderated by Lynn Cuyler, St. Paul District Emergency Operations Planner. The workshop was also attended by members of the St. Paul District's National Emergency Planning Committee, and representatives of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, U.S. Department of Transportation, as well as consultants from private industry.



From the editor's desk

Thanks so much for the articles submitted to Crosscurrents; response has been good. Please continue to support the newspaper staff through your contributions of information, photos, stories, and news features.

Let us know what is happening to you, your co-workers, and your office; our staff is especially interested in office operations and various projects. We are also interested in the happenings of former Corps employees.

The deadline for submitting all articles to the next issue of Crosscurrents is 4 p.m., Aug. 22.

Essay contest initiated by board

The Federal Executive Board of the Twin Cities is sponsoring an essay contest for all federal employees in the Twin Cities area.

The theme around which contestants should structure their essay is "Don't Let the Critics Fool You - Government Employees Work For You." The purpose of this contest is to offer employees an opportunity to address the significance and importance of federal service to our society.

All entries must be submitted no later than Sept. 26, 1980. Winning entries will receive U.S. Savings Bonds. To receive a complete set of rules, write: Essay Contest, Federal Executive Board of the Twin Cities, Room 570, Fort Snelling Federal Building, Twin Cities, Minnesota 55111.

Lost and found

A women's blue coat with white trim was found at the Engineer's Day picnic at Lake Phalen Park in mid-June. Please contact Leonard Lohmann at 725-7522.

Federal Women's Program news

by Denise Blackwell, CO-RF

The FWP is planning another informal discussion session for Wednesday, Aug. 20, 1980. The session will be held from noon to 1 p.m. in Room 1515. The discussion will be centered on job advancement, development opportunities, and training. Various "resource people" will be available for questions related to these topics. More information will be posted on the bulletin boards. All employees are invited to attend. Hope to see you there!

"How to Run an Effective Meeting" will be the topic for the August YWCA Continental Breakfast. Gini Johnson, a professional communicator and supervisor of market development at 3M, will be the guest speaker. The breakfast will be at the St. Paul Downtown YWCA on Wednesday, Aug. 27, at 7:30 a.m. Each breakfast costs \$3 and advanced registration is required. For more information, or to register, call 222-3741.

1981 photo contest begins

The St. Paul District 1981 Amateur Photographic Contest is underway. All active District employees are encouraged to participate.

All photo entries must be taken between June 1, 1980 and June 1, 1981. Black and white prints and color prints of 5 x 7 inches will be accepted by the Public Affairs Office no later than June 1, 1981. Winning entries will be announced and displayed at the 1981 annual Engineer's Day picnic.

The contest officials are Maj. Arthur McKee, XO; James Braatz, PA; and Blanche Hom, PA. The officials have administrative control over the competition. The contest judges are Lyle Nicklay, AS-P; Dale Lynch, ED-D; and Jean Thurmer, ED-D.

For extra copies of the contest rules and entry forms contact the Public Affairs Office, Room 1530, 725-7505.

CROSSCURRENTS is an unofficial publication authorized under the provisions of the AR 360-81, published monthly by offset press for employees of the St. Paul District. Views and opinions expressed are not necessarily those of the Department of the Army. Address mail to: CROSSCURRENTS, ATTN: Public Affairs Office, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Paul District, 1135 U.S. Post Office and Custom House, St. Paul, Minnesota, 55101. Phone: (612) 725-7505

District Engineer
Public Affairs Officer
Editor
Editorial Assistant

Colonel William W. Badger
James E. Braatz
Blanche Hom
Margaret Krumholz

Intensive research planned

by Dennis Holme, ED-H

In early July, Dr. Kent Thornton of Waterways Experiment Station (WES) presented a briefing in the St. Paul District Office on the field studies planned for the Eau Galle Reservoir. The studies will be conducted under the Environmental and Water Quality Operational Studies (EWQOS) program during FY 1981.

The briefing was attended by representatives from the Wisconsin and Minnesota Districts of the U.S. Geological Survey, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Deputy District Engineer Lt. Col. Draper, and other District staff personnel.

In his presentation, Dr. Thornton described the EWQOS program in terms of its specific objectives and the massive technical effort which is currently in progress nationwide.

The Eau Galle field studies will play a key role in the EWQOS because, due to its small size and relatively simple morphometry, it is ideally suited for intensive study of discrete ecological processes as they relate to a whole system.

WES will begin field studies at Eau Galle Reservoir for approximately 14 months, beginning in August 1980. With so much work to be done, Eau Galle Reservoir may soon have the distinction of being the most intensively studied body of water in the region.

Employees urged to stay on

Corps employees nearing retirement age may be interested to know that the President's Commission on Pension Policy is encouraging them to keep working to supplement retirement income.

The commission said recently that older employees who do not wish to retire when retirement age rolls around should be encouraged to keep working full- or part-time.

The ever-increasing pressure on the Social Security system would be somewhat eased if older employees stayed in the work force after they became eligible to collect benefits, according to C. Peter McColough, chairman of the Commission.

McColough said he regrets the "inaccurate stereotype that all older employees are unable or unwilling to work in their later years."

Extracted from "TODNVSG," Vol. 4, No. 3; May-June 1980; Omaha District.

Political rights retained

Under the Hatch Act provisions, all federal employees are free to engage in political activity to the widest extent consistent with the restrictions imposed by law. Any activity not listed will fall under the prohibited category for federal employees.

Each employee retains the right to:

- * Register and vote in any election.
- * Express his/her opinion as an individual citizen on political subjects and candidate.
- * Display a political picture, sticker, badge or button.
- * Participate in the nonpartisan activities of a civic, community, social, labor, or professional organization, or of a similar organization.
- * Be a member of a political party or other political organization and participate in its activities to the extent consistent with law.
- * Attend a political convention, rally, fund-raising function; or other political gathering.
- * Sign a political petition as an individual citizen.
- * Make a financial contribution to a political party organization.
- * Take an active part, as an independent candidate, or in support of an independent candidate, in a partisan election.
- * Take an active part, as a candidate or in support of a candidate, in a nonpartisan election.
- * Be politically active in connection with a question which is not specifically identified with a political party, such as a constitutional amendment, referendum, approval of a municipal ordinance or any other question or issue of a similar character.
- * Serve as an election judge or clerk, or in a similar position to perform nonpartisan duties as prescribed by state or local law.
- * Otherwise participate fully in public affairs, except as prohibited by law, in a manner which does not materially compromise his/her efficiency as an employee or the neutrality, efficiency, or integrity of his/her agency.

Employees are not authorized to engage in political activity in violation of law, while on duty, or while in a uniform that identifies him/her as an employee. The head of an agency may prohibit or limit the participation of employees of his/her agency in the above mentioned activities, if participation in the activity would interfere with the efficient performance of official duties or create a conflict or apparent conflict of interests.

Foundation Seeks \$upport

The Corps of Engineers Historical Foundation was chartered as a non-profit organization in the District of Columbia. Its Board is composed of retired military and civilian members of the Corps and distinguished members of the construction industry.

The Foundation specifically plans to raise funds to underwrite different activities:

- * Projects to support Corps museums located on military bases.
- * Participation in the establishment of the National Museum of the Building Arts in Washington, D.C. by providing assistance which will highlight the role of the Corps and its supporting elements of the construction industry in the Nation's building, both home and abroad.
- * A fitting memorial in the Nation's Capitol dedicated to the accomplishments and the people of the Corps of Engineer-Construction

Industry Team. The Foundation has been working with Felix W. de Weldon, a noted sculptor, architect, and engineer to develop the concept for the memorial.

* Research fellowships to document the history of the Corps participation with the construction industry in the United States and foreign countries.

Please support the Foundation; they seek support from the active, retired, reserve - civilian and military - members of the uniformed services; the construction industry to include planners, architects, engineers, contractors, and equipment and materials suppliers; unions; and insurance and financial institutions.

If you wish to donate your tax deductible dollars to the Foundation, you may give them to Lt. Col. Stephen Draper, DD, Room 1222, at 725-7566. Lt. Col. Draper will contribute the monies as St. Paul District's donation to the Foundation.



Keeping navigable rivers open

River maintenance is a never ending job that the Dredge William A. Thompson handles on the Mississippi and Illinois Rivers for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, from its home base in Fountain City, Wisc. Annual dredging ranges from one million to two and a half million cubic yards covering 800 to 900 miles of river. Operations are continuous except for the winter months.

Recently on the Illinois River south of Pekin, Ill., the dredge was operated for three weeks moving 600 to 1200 yards per hour in a 15-hour day. This work maintained a 50- to 250-foot river width and a channel depth of 11½ foot along a 2330-foot length of the river. Dredging is necessary every three to four years.

Silt and other soils from rain run-off, bank erosion and currents cause continuing channel filling and shoaling. The need for dredging changes with seasonal variations in rain, stream flow, bank losses and the river's course, at most locations.

Improvements made by the Corps of Engineers conserve soil, keep navigation open, and offset erosion of the public lands along the river banks.

Extracted from "Construction Contracting," Vol. 62, No. 7; July 1980. Bobit Publishing Co.; Redondo Beach, Calif.

Extended navigation plan dies

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Rock Island District recommended that the Mississippi River Year Round Feasibility Study be terminated because there is a lack of public support for an extended winter navigation season on the Upper Mississippi River.

For many years, farm exporters who had been unable to move out their stocks before winter closed off a portion of the upper river, had sought the year-round plan.

Rock Island District held several public meetings over a long period of time to receive input on the proposal, but the move by the shippers failed to gain sufficient support.

The report read, "The low number of responses received from the barge companies, shippers and other industries, would seem to indicate that a strong interest for extended winter navigation by the industries and companies most directly involved, does not exist at this time."

However, the report recommended a long-range environmental plan for monitoring the situation to be initiated by Rock Island District for the future management of the Upper Mississippi River system.

Extracted from "Inland Waterway Weekly," Vol. 5, No. 28; July 14, 1980. Congressional Information Bureau, Inc.; Washington, D.C.



A NEW VISITOR CENTER in Rock Island District at the Mississippi River Locks and Dam 15 opened to the public in mid-May. The center has inclosed and open observation decks, exhibits on navigational operations and activities, and a small theater. On opening day, over 900 people toured the center.

Extracted from "Tower Times," Vol. 2, No. 9; June 1980; Rock Island District.



Just between us

Get-well wishes go to the following persons hospitalized: Jody Rooney, ED-PB; and Stan Anderson, Eau Galle Dam & Recreation Area. Get-well wishes also go to Richard Hollom, DC-FR, and Jan Wallace, EP-R, who were ill.

Best wishes and good luck go to Richard Pomerleau, ED-H, and former Kathleen Spillane on their marriage in late June.

Congratulations go to the following new moms and dads: Susan (former Corps employee) and Al Bjorkquist, ED-PB, welcomes son, Eric Michael born 6½ lbs. on June 30; Dan and Pat Blaskowski, DC-FP, welcomes daughter, Alicia Dawn born 6 lbs., 13 oz on July 6; Kathleen and Brent Johnson, ED-P, welcomes son, Joshua Brent born 5 lbs., 14 oz on July 19.

Thanks for the memories

The following letter of appreciation was received from recently retired employee Joan Quitter in late July:

"I wish to thank all who were able to attend my party at the 'Rathskellar In the Sky,' to those who gave me gifts, and to everyone who sent me cards or stopped me in the hall to wish me well in my retirement. All of this is sincerely appreciated.

I'm going to miss everyone I saw each day and all of you in the field too. Thanks especially for your nice cards and kind words. I had a nice, long career with the government, particularly with the Corps of Engineers; I'll miss not being a part of the action each day. Thanks again."

IN REMEMBRANCE

Sympathy is extended to George Fortune, ED-D, on the passing of his mother.

Sadness is felt on the passing of former Corps employee George Guesmer in mid-June. He was with the St. Paul District from 1929 to the early 1950s; he retired from government service later. He is survived by his wife, Velva (Schmidt) Guesmer, also a former Corps employee.

Incentive awards

Outstanding Performance Ratings:

Roger G. Fast, ED
Dennis E. Cin, CO-PO
Denise G. Blackwell, CO-RF
Harold E. Taggatz, CO-C
Lynn M. Stebbe, OC

Outstanding Performance Rating and Sustained Superior Performance Award:

Charles D. Malmer, ED-P
Lyle J. Nicklay, AS-P
Florence M. Leseman, ED-PB
Mary Kay Linder, ED-ER
Mary Rivett, DE
Donald Gerlach, AS-G

Sustained Superior Performance Award:

Allen L. Geisen, ED-D
Donald M. Kohler, CO-RF
Robyn Tangeman, L/D #10

Special Act Award:

David W. Rydeen, ED-F

Suggestion Award:

Paul Martinez and Marvin A. Hrdlicka, AS-R
Loretta Lipke, DC
William Vogt, AS-R

New employees given warm welcome

by Sharon Brown, EE

Through cooperative efforts with the University of Minnesota Institute of Technology, the St. Paul District hired seven high school students in summer positions as engineering aides.

The students participate in a special University of Minnesota educational program designed for youths who are interested in and have the aptitude for engineering or other technical fields.

We are happy to have the following students with us for the summer and wish them a very challenging and rewarding experience:

Carl Adams, ED-PB
Leann Christjaener, L/D #1 Project Office
David Perry, ED-D
Roberto Pineda, ED-HF
Hugo Ramirez, ED-PB
Joseph Tyner, CO-PO
Wenetta Westbrook, CO-CT

Electronic paychecks adapted by the Corps

A new salary payment program will be available to Corps of Engineers employees throughout the country Aug. 20, according to the Omaha District Payroll Office, which pays the entire Corps of Engineers.

The Direct Deposit Electronic Funds Transfer (DDEFT) program, which electronically deposits salary payments in employees' banks, is called "the system of the '80s" by Maj. Grant Fredricks, coordinator of the program.

"This system is safe, reliable and more convenient than the composite check program," said Fredricks, referring to the current system.

How does it work?

"Net pay is computed and put onto computer tape and sent to the employee's financial organization through the Federal Reserve Bank system," explained Fredricks. "More than 99 percent of all the institutions in the country are electronically equipped to process the DDEFT transactions."

Fredricks pointed out that postal strikes and mailing delays would not have an effect on the arrival date of the payment. "It will be available on Wednesday morning when the bank opens," he said.

"Employees won't have to waste gas or time going to the banks and standing in line. Technically, speaking, it is the system of the '80s," he said.

It is also a tested system. Other government agencies--such as the Social Security System--have been handling payments electronically since the mid-'70s.

Gene Robson, chief of the Systems and Support Section for the Central Payroll Office, likes the reliability of the program.

"With this system, employees are assured the money will be deposited quickly and accurately because it is being handled through the Federal Reserve System, not by the post office anymore," said Robson.

Robson also noted that since the money will be deposited quickly, more interest may be earned.

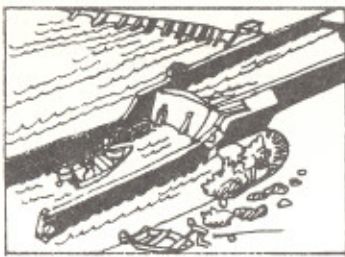
Lee Williamsen, acting chief of the Payroll Office, labels the new program "super."

"Once it's operable, it will take all the individual's worry away. It's reliable, secure, efficient and confidential," he said.

Other major points of the program, according to Fredricks, include: Payments can be sent to credit unions, savings and loans, and savings banks, as well as commercial banks.



FEELING HONORED AND PROUD...Martin McCleery, ED-PB, received a graduation certificate upon the completion of the Water Resources Planning Associates Program at Fort Belvoir, Va. in mid-June. Lt. Gen. John W. Morris, Chief of Engineers, presented the certificate while Martin's wife, Judy looked on. (Photo courtesy of the Professional Development Division, Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors, Fort Belvoir, Va.)



Lives saved by Corps employees

The following letter of appreciation was received in late June from a recreation boating couple, Lon and Betty Geiger:

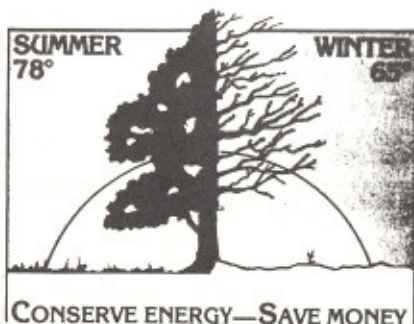
"My husband and I wanted to tell you how much we appreciate and respect the people that work at Lock and Dam #9 at Lynxville, Wisc. Because of them, we are alive.

My husband and I were attempting to get to the head of the Mississippi in our 19 foot canoe (we have a 4 h.p. motor). This year we began at Dubuque, Iowa and made it to Lansing, Iowa. On June 19, we ran into some very bad waves in the Lynxville pool. We decided to lock through anyway, which was a very bad mistake. We thought once we made it in the locks, we would be alright. However, we began taking water over the stern and our canoe swamped.

The lock attendants had seen our plight and as soon as I hit the water, they threw me a life ring. I cannot swim and we did not have our life jackets on. My husband made it atop the canoe and from there, another attendant threw him a line and pulled him to the ladder, which he was able to climb.

In no time, they had a boat in the lock collecting most of our equipment, but without their fast action we wouldn't have saved any of it. They helped my husband get the motor started and began dragging to see if they could save more of our equipment. Two days later, they called to inform us they had found more of our equipment.

My husband and I learned a lot that day and we have a lot to be grateful for. We can never thank those men enough for their time, kindness, and helpfulness."



Library inventory yields surplus

by Jean Marie Schmidt, AS-L

Thanks go to everyone who cooperated in the library inventory by returning their books. The inventory enabled the District librarians to make catalog corrections and to update circulation records.

In an effort to make room for new materials, many duplicate copies have been withdrawn from the library's collection and will be available in the next LIBRARY GIVE AWAY, scheduled to be held on Aug. 20, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., outside of Room 1120.

Scouts enjoy recreation area

by Robin Clark, Park Ranger;
Eau Galle Dam & Rec Area

In mid-June, 104 Girl Scouts and 25 adult leaders used the Eau Galle Recreation Area for a day camp for three days with the assistance of several Corps Park Rangers.

The girls, between the ages of seven and 10 years old, were divided into groups of 13 to 20. Each group participated in different activities including arts and crafts, nature interpretation, songs, games and sports, and flag ceremonies.

As a safety precaution, the Scouts asked for the presence of a park ranger at the camp area with a radio that could be used to relay information or needs to the maintenance building, where if necessary, help could be telephoned for.

During the first two days of the day camp, Park Ranger Mark Spinler was on duty.

On the last day of camp, the Scouts planned a bonfire and concluding ceremonies to be held from the afternoon and into the evening. However, inclement weather threatened. I was on duty that day; I monitored the weather reports and relayed them to the Scout leaders.

In the early evening, the Scouts decided to evacuate the camp site due to the weather and went to a local school gymnasium to finish their ceremonies.

At the closing ceremonies, a plaque was presented to Acting Park Manager, Lloyd Mathiesen in appreciation for the use of the Corps recreation site and for our assistance.

The spirit of the Mississippi

If you climb to the top of one of the surrounding bluffs
you can stretch your mind's eye over an endless valley
carved by the winding Mississippi River.

Sometimes, if you rise before the morning,
you can hear the solitude of a November wind as it
catches the passing summer and spreads
its colored quilt for the coming snow.

The seasons speak for themselves.
Summers are hot,
letting you forget the snapping cold of winter.
Autumn captivates your every sense.
Winter can be unkind. But just when you think you've
seen all the snow there is in the world, spring arrives.
And, suddenly, the valley is in renaissance.

From "The River Center," Winona County Historical Society; Winona, Minn.

New Winona visitor center planned

An educational museum designed to interpret the Mississippi River is being planned and developed by the Winona County Historical Society in Winona, Minn.

The River Center will provide information to the public about the natural history of the river valley, the history of settlement by man, and how the river has affected our economy, our work, our leisure, and our culture.

Currently in its planning stage, the River Center is scheduled to begin Phase I of the construction and renovation work plans in the fall of 1980. Phase I includes restoration and relocation of the "Julius C. Wilkie" paddleboat to the site of the proposed building; construction of a reflecting pond, a mini-amphitheater and a plaza; and completion of all landscaping.


Depending on the amount of future funds available to the Winona County Historical Society, future plans include a 2-story main building to house various exhibits; the building will utilize several different kinds of energy producing devices (e.g. solar panels, a wind mill, low head hydro generators, etc.).

According to construction plans, the River Center facility will interface with structures of the Corps of Engineers Winona flood control project.

Extracted from "The River Center," Winona County Historical Society; Winona, Minn.

MEN - WOMEN

Job training in the Army Reserve can pay off for a lifetime.



Once you learn a skill in the Army Reserve, you could have a better chance of landing a civilian job. Which of these fields interests you?

- Transportation • Auto Repair • Law Enforcement
- Food Service • Communications • Medicine
- Finance • Administration • X-Ray Technology
- Pharmacy • Plumbing

If you have what it takes, and your local Army Reserve unit has an opening, you'll get Basic and Advanced Training and be well paid while you learn. Back home, you'll continue to polish your skills and collect pay for the 16 hours a month and two weeks Annual Training you put in. The skill you learn could pay off for a lifetime.

Call Army Reserve Opportunities

612-725-5626

Part of What You Earn is Pride.

An Equal Opportunity Employer

EBF officers retire after successful tenure

by Henrik Strandskov, CO-RF

The recent election for new officers of the St. Paul District Employee Benefit Fund (EBF) marked the retirement of several EBF council members under whose supervision the organization made significant achievements.

According to one EBF member, these achievements resulted from the "work, thought, and imagination" displayed by the council in recent years.

The guiding light of EBF in the last two years was its President, Joel Rogers, CO-CT. Under his leadership, the Fund itself grew to well over \$2,000. In addition, benefits given to members have increased, and the range of EBF's activities and involvement has expanded.

Joel was assisted with dedication by three other retiring members of the council: Secretary, Diana Tschida, DC-FE; Disbursing Officer, Dan Reinartz, ED-H; and Valorie Burlingame, CO-PO.

Newly elected EBF President, John Blackstone, ED-HF, praised the retiring individuals for having done a "tremendous" job and that they deserve special thanks from the District for their hard work.

One reason why the Fund increased was that the Council placed portions of the money into an interest-earning savings account.

The council was able to increase the amount of benefits paid to eligible employees retiring or leaving the District. EBF also provides benefits to eligible employees

who are getting married, have welcomed a new child into their family, or have suffered a death in their family.

EBF sponsors the annual District Engineer's Day picnic, the annual Christmas party, and the fall arts and crafts bazaar.

An improvement in the EBF's operating procedures was the changeover from monthly to semiannual collections of contributions from members. A new policy was initiated to allow members to specify which of the two categories, General Fund and Special Events Fund, their contributions could be allotted to.

These improvements have considerably increased the efficiency of EBF and enhanced its quality of service provided to members.

Feeling optimistic, Joel foresees that EBF will be involved in more District activities in the future. EBF will try to provide monies for traveling trophies for the fishing contest and the amateur photography contest, and provide support to the chess club. EBF also plans to provide special souvenir coffee mugs to retiring and departing members who decide to receive one.

EBF was instituted to "contribute to the comfort, pleasure, and well-being of eligible employees." Any questions concerning EBF can be directed to John Blackstone at 725-7704, or the EBF liaison person in your office branch.

Weekend sprinters make surprise finish

by Tom Raster, ED-PB

In late June, a cadre of Corps runners distinguished themselves at the Apple Valley Summer Classic.

In the 1-mile run, John Bailen, ED-PB, captured first place in his age group and second place overall with a sparkling performance. I took second place in my age group with a leisurely pace; however, I was outclassed by my wife who took first place in her age group with a heartpounding, flashing sprint for the finish line. My two children, who also competed, ate up the course and finished well.

In the 10-kilometer event, John and I, and John Henke, ED-PB, turned in asphalt-searing performances to capture ribbons in our respective age groups.

The older coed

A student life is hard to bear
When grey appears among the hair.
No ivory-tower dorm for me,
Instead I stop Psychology
To do the chores that must be done
And know my knowledge doubly won.

A younger coed needn't mind
The mundane jobs a mother finds
Imperative, so Mother goes
Chanting French to dirty clothes.

My concentration is distressed
Tho child's child behave his best.
And so the books must wait awhile,
And so must sleep, while I defile
The midnight hours with toil and sweat
But I will win that B.A. yet!

Author unknown; Submitted by Sharon Brown, EEO

Fishing competition strong in district

by Wilbur Walleye

There are three fishing contests being administered by me in the District. The St. Paul District Fishing Contest is open to all District employees and the results are published in Crosscurrents regularly. In addition, the Environmental Resources Branch and the Planning Branch each have office branch contests underway.

The underlying objectives of the three contests is to promote good fellowship among District employees, good sportsmanship, and to provide and opportunity to enjoy the outdoors.

District Fishing Contest

The following standing is as of July 18:

1. Dave Haumersen, ED-PB; 76 points.
2. Don Kohler, CO-RF; 70 points.
3. Tom Heyerman, ED-D; 69 points.
4. Bruce Norton, CO-RF; 67 points.
5. Wayne Koerner, ED-PB; 47 points.

The overall office branch standings are:

1. Regulatory Functions, 195 points.
2. Planning Branch, 141 points.
3. Design Branch, 110 points.
4. Environmental Resources, 94 points.
5. Procurement & Supply, 25 points.

Participation in the District contest is good. Competition is strong; however, more entries are welcome. Employees at the field sites are especially encouraged to enter.

Environmental Resources Branch Fishing Contest

The Environmental Resources Branch Fishing Contest, now in its fifth year, distributes a traveling trophy for the top Environmental Resources Branch Fisherman. Past winners were Robbin Blackman, 1979; Ed McNally, 1978; Ted Ondler, 1977; and Gary Pallesh, 1976.

The current leader in this year's contest is Ed McNally, followed closely by Gary Pallesh and Robbin Blackman.

Planning Branch Fishing Contest

The Planning Branch Contest is in its first year. Its rules are similar to the District Contest except there are fewer species eligible for entries. Dave Haumersen is now in the lead, with Wayne Koerner pressing a close second.

Corps softball news

CAPITOL HILLS SOFTBALL LEAGUE
Standings as of July 16

	Won	Lost
Health	9	0
Corps #1	8	1
MPCA	8	1
Corps #3	7	2
Legislative Audit	6	3
Luther	6	3
State Planning	6	3
Port Rupert	5	4
Ramsey	4	5
Metro	4	5
BCA Lab	3	6
Corps #2	2	7
Water	2	7
Public Service	1	8
Economics #4	1	8
Economics #2	0	9

SCORES

Week #7

Corps #3	7	Luther	6
Corps #1	6	Ramsey	5
Health	15	Corps #2	7

Week #8

Corps #1	17	Corps #2	3
Corps #3	5	Economics #4	4

Week #9

Corps #1	15	Leg. Audit.	10
Water	12	Corps #2	1
Corps #3	7	BCA Lab	4

Week #10

(Final week of the season)

Three games were scheduled to be played during the week of July 28th: Economics #4 vs. Corps #2, State Planning vs. Corps #1, and Ramsey vs. Corps #3.

League Tournament

All 32 teams from the Monday and Thursday Night Divisions will play double elimination on Aug. 16-17 in McMurray Fields at Lexington Parkway and Jessamine Street, south of Como Park, St. Paul.



Carpool and Save

Carpooling can save you almost \$1700 a year!

You can see in the chart just how much money you might save in auto owning and operating costs. These include gas, oil, maintenance, tires, repairs, insurance, depreciation, finance charges, licenses and taxes.

There are two carpool options to consider: Shared driving — you drive today, I drive tomorrow, and shared riding — I drive my car all the time, you ride with me all the time.

The information was developed by the Federal Highway Administration. You can find out more by writing for the pamphlet, "Rideshare and Save — A Cost Comparison," from Consumer Information Center, Dept. 512G, Pueblo, CO 81009.

Annual Costs of Commuting to Work

One-Way (Miles)	Vehicle Type	Cost Category	Drive Alone	Ridesharing Options							
				Shared-Driving Carpool				Shared-Riding Carpool			
				2-Person		4-Person		2-Person		4-Person	
		Costs	Savings	Costs	Savings	Costs	Savings	Costs	Savings		
10	Subcompact	Operating	\$ 264	\$ 132		\$ 66		\$ 132		\$ 66	
		Owning	236	144		86		118		59	
		Total	500	276	\$224	152	\$ 348	250	\$ 250	125	\$ 375
	Standard	Operating	418	209		105		209		105	
		Owning	332	204		121		166		83	
		Total	750	413	337	226	524	375	375	188	562
20	Subcompact	Operating	528	264		132		264		132	
		Owning	330	230		144		165		83	
		Total	858	494	364	276	582	429	429	215	643
	Standard	Operating	837	418		209		418		209	
		Owning	464	326		204		232		116	
		Total	1301	744	557	413	888	650	651	325	976
40	Subcompact	Operating	1056	528		264		528		264	
		Owning	412	321		224		206		103	
		Total	1468	849	619	488	980	734	734	367	1101
	Standard	Operating	1674	837		418		837		418	
		Owning	580	454		326		290		145	
		Total	2254	1291	963	744	1510	1127	1127	583	1671