

TID employees win 'Award of Merit' in publications contest

The Society for Technical Communication has announced that three employees of the Technical Information Department have received the Award of Merit for publications entered in the San Diego Technical Art and Publications Program.

Elizabeth Babcock, a writer in the Special Writing Projects Branch, received the Award of Merit for her article entitled "Lasers in the Navy," which was published in the September/October issue of National Defense Magazine.

Cerro Coso College concert to feature California Zephyr

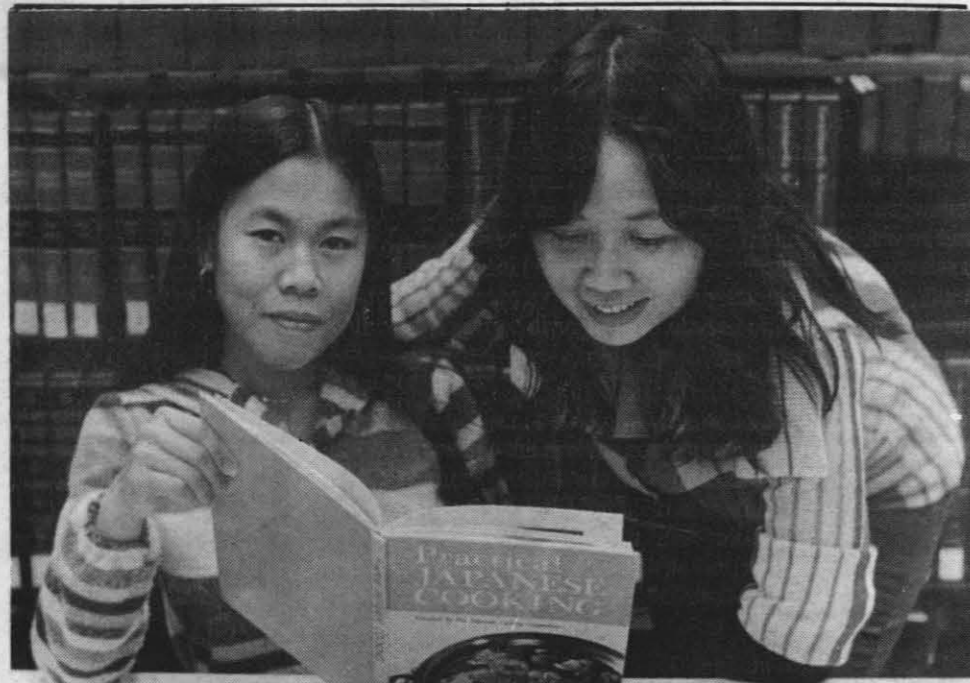
A variety of music will be heard tonight at the Cerro Coso Community College lecture center when the California Zephyr plays a concert at 7:30 p.m.

The group plays bluegrass, footstompin' country-western, jugband music, blues, old rock'n'roll, new rock'n'roll, and even Mariachi music.

The four members of the group play an assortment of instruments — from electric bass to dulcimer — and pseudo instruments such as washboard and kazoo.

Group members Alan Arnopole, Doug Benson, Mark Raus and Mark Masarek have received rave reviews following their appearances at colleges throughout the state.

General admission is \$2; but for student body cardholders there is a reduced admission rate of \$1. Advance tickets are on sale at the Gift Mart, Sports Etc., and the College Business Office.



HELPING TO PLAN MENU — Cerro Coso Community College students Belan Waller, a native of the Philippine Islands, and Sylvia Wu, whose background is Chinese, study cookbooks in preparation for the oriental dinner scheduled for Feb. 17 at Joshua Hall (the main exhibit building at the Desert Empire Fairgrounds).



IN REHEARSAL — Members of the Burroughs Players rehearsing a scene from "The Curious Savage" are (l. to r.): Juli Pinney, Julie Standard, Stan Caine and Brett Baffles. "The Curious Savage" will be presented on two weekends—Friday and Saturday, Feb. 3 and 4, and Feb. 10 and 11—at 8:15 p.m. at the high school lecture center.

Entertainment at fund-raising dance Saturday will feature Ernest Tubb, of country-western fame

Ernest Tubb, who was among the featured entertainers last Sunday night on NBC TV's 50th anniversary salute to country and western music, will be in Ridgecrest on Saturday for a benefit performance from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. in Joshua Hall on the Desert Empire Fairgrounds.

Tubb, who was the sixth member to be elected to the 30-member Country Music Hall of Fame, presented a singing tribute to Jimmy Rogers, the nation's No. 1, all-time country and western musician and vocalist, during the nationwide television show last Sunday.

For his appearance here, Tubb will be accompanied by his Texas Troubadours musical group. He will sing and play for a dance that is being staged as a fund-raiser for the purpose of bringing in money needed to help pay for additional seating and other improvements at the Burroughs High School football stadium.

This event is being sponsored by the Indian Wells Valley Century Football Association, and all proceeds from the admission price of \$3 for tickets purchased in advance (or \$4 per person at the door tomorrow night) are earmarked for the above-mentioned purpose.

Tickets are on sale in Ridgecrest at the Victory Market, Hucek's Travel Service and at the Baker Bros. furniture store. They also can be obtained at the Buttermill Acres Store on Inyokern Rd. and the Inyokern Market.

Tubb, who is best known for his hit record, "I'm Walking the Floor Over You," has sung on the "Grand Ole Opry" program for the past 35 years. During his lengthy career as a country and western musical entertainer, at least 30 million of his records have been sold, and he has recorded more than 250 songs.

Maturango Museum annual meeting to be held Mon. night

Preparations have been completed for the annual meeting of the Maturango Museum, which will be held on Monday at the Community Center, starting with a social hour at 6 p.m.

A dinner, prepared under the direction of Sue Byrd, chairman of the Maturango Museum Luncheons Committee, will be served at 7, and the program for the evening will follow.

Featured speaker will be Jeanne LaBarbera, of Laguna Niguel, whose topic will be "Tutankhamen, the Boy King: Preview of Touring Treasures." At the present time, Mrs. LaBarbera is teaching at Long Beach State University, and her major is Egyptian art history.

Business to be taken up during the annual meeting will include an election of new board members and voting on a revision to the by-laws.

Reports on the past year's activities will be presented by K. H. Robinson, director; Carroll L. Evans, treasurer, and James Baird, chairman of the museum building fund.

COM weekend menu offers prime rib, steak dinners

The Commissioned Officers' Mess will once again feature a prime rib dinner for \$5.95 tonight from 6 to 10. A band will provide musical entertainment for patrons from 8 to 12 midnight.

Saturday night also will be "steak night" again at the COM. A complete top sirloin steak will be served from 6 to 10 o'clock.

SHOWBOAT

MOVIE RATINGS The objective of the ratings is to inform parents about the suitability of movie content for viewing by their children.

(G) - ALL AGES ADMITTED General Audiences (PG) - ALL AGES ADMITTED Parental Guidance Suggested (R) - RESTRICTED Under 17 requires accompanying Parent or Adult Guardian

Regular starting time—7:30 p.m. Program subject to change without notice. For further information call NWC ext. 2259

FRIDAY 27 JANUARY "NETWORK" (121 Min.)

Peter Finch, Faye Dunaway (Drama) This behind the scenes look at television charges through the staff, studios and executive offices of fictional UBS (United Broadcasting System), a network with ratings so low that it is an industry joke.

SATURDAY 28 JANUARY "NICKELODEON" (107 Min.)

Ryan O'Neal, Burt Reynolds (Drama) This is a slapstick tribute to the pioneer filmmaking era which combines romance, comedy and drama. Set in the early 1900s, "Nickelodeon" recalls the days of Mary Pickford and the 5-cent theater admission.

SUNDAY 29 JANUARY "KING KONG" (134 Min.)

Jeff Bridges, Jessica Lange (Drama) This is a remake of the renowned 1933 spectacular. The giant ape "King Kong" is captured and displayed in New York City. He eventually breaks out of his cage and creates havoc in the city.

TUESDAY 31 JANUARY "THE ISLAND OF DR. MOREAU" (105 Min.)

Burt Lancaster, Michael York (Horror Drama) Burt Lancaster is an injection-happy scientist who conducts tests on humans and animals on a remote Pacific island. Michael York is washed ashore after a shipwreck and falls in love with a girl he meets there.

WEDNESDAY 1 FEBRUARY

IWV Concert Association presents HARVEY PITTEL, SAXOPHONIST 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY 3 FEBRUARY

"GOD TOLD ME TO" (90 Min.)

Tony Lo Bianco, Sandy Dennis (Horror Drama) Lo Bianco is a deeply religious New York policeman who gets involved in investigating various mass killings in which all the perpetrators said that God told them to do it.

Dance slated at Shuttle

The Moonlite Express, a rock music group from Los Angeles, will be appearing for the dancing and listening pleasure of patrons at the Shuttle from 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. both tonight and tomorrow night.

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1977 Bluejacket of Year award won by HM2 Conley



CONGRATULATIONS EXTENDED — When the big moment came last Saturday night, the spotlight was focused on HM2 Yvonne M. Conley, who is shown being congratulated by Rear Admiral W. L. Harris, NWC Commander, following his announcement of her selection as NWC's Bluejacket of the Year for 1977.

For first time in event's 9-year history, woman sailor tops field of candidates

For the first time in the nine year history of the program, a woman sailor assigned to duty at China Lake was singled out for recognition as the Naval Weapons Center's Bluejacket of the Year.

This special honor, which was bestowed upon Yvonne M. Conley, hospital corpsman second class assigned to the local Branch Clinic of the Navy Regional Medical Center, was announced Saturday night by Rear Admiral William L. Harris, NWC Commander, at the climax of the annual Bluejacket of the Year award banquet.

A record crowd of some 200 persons, assembled at the Chief Petty Officers' Club for this annual event that is sponsored by the Indian Wells Valley Council of the Navy League, vigorously applauded HM2 Conley's selection as the outstanding sailor of the year at China Lake.

On Duty at Medical Clinic NWC's Bluejacket of the Year for 1977 serves as petty officer-in-charge of the Branch Medical Clinic's Surgical Service Department. Her responsibilities include maintaining all surgical supplies in good order and sterile condition, and dispensing supplies to patients and staff members. In addition, she has volunteered to assist staff doctors in diet therapy.

Seven Bluejackets of the Month for 1977 were in contention for the coveted honor won by HM2 Conley. They were: AD2 Scott

Ely, YN1 Kathy Helton, AOOA Nathaniel Snelling, BM2 Robert R. Stearman, AD1 Garry Walker and AMH1 Michael J. Zych.

Each of them, with the exception of AOOA Snelling (who was on leave) were introduced and all received envelopes containing checks in the amount of \$100. This was in recognition of the point brought out in earlier remarks by RADM. Harris, who stated: "You are all winners as evidenced by the fact that you are here and have been selected as candidates for the Bluejacket of Year award. That means you are dedicated, professional, and think of other people," the NWC Commander added.

Cash Prize Totals \$750 In addition to the \$100 sum, HM2 Conley also received a cash award of \$650, gift certificates valued at \$60 from local merchants, an NWC plaque, and the centerpiece from the head table at the Bluejacket of the Year banquet.

On top of that, Madge Hucek stepped to the microphone to announce that Hucek's Travel Service was providing an additional award to the NWC's first woman sailor to be chosen as the Bluejacket of the Year. It is an expense-covered stay of three days and two nights in Las Vegas for HM2 Conley and a friend, as well as the use of a rental car for the trip.

The 1977 Bluejacket of the Year award began with presentation of the colors by a color guard from the NWC Sea Cadet Squadron, an invocation delivered by Capt. T. C. Herrmann, NWC Senior Chaplain, and welcoming remarks by Dianne B. Murray, president of the IWV Council of the Navy League.

Honored guests were then introduced by (Continued on Page 3)

Changes pending in federal personnel system subject of talk presented at ASPA meeting

Changes that are pending in the federal personnel system were outlined during a brisk, informative talk that was presented last Friday noon during a luncheon meeting of the East Kern County Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA).

The speaker, who was introduced by Eva Bien, head of the NWC Personnel Department, was Ann M. Brassier, area manager of the U.S. Civil Service Commission's Los Angeles office.

Earlier in the day, Mrs. Brassier had been the featured speaker at two meetings held with groups of supervisors at NWC before addressing the well-attended luncheon session that was arranged by ASPA at the Commissioned Officer's Mess.

Winds of change are whistling through the corridors of the White House and other buildings in the nation's capital relative to the federal Civil Service program, the speaker noted in referring to President Jimmy Carter's pre-election pledge to improve the management and efficiency of government.

Need Seen for Change As a 10-year veteran of employment by the Civil Service Commission, she noted that there is no doubt in her mind of the need for changes in the Civil Service system, which she characterized as being "too rigid, too restrictive" and one in which "managers do not have the freedom to make the decisions they need to make."

In the forefront of the movement for changes are the Civil Service Commission's new leaders who have been brought in from private industry or other non-government areas of employment and have no ties to old ways of operation that have led to some of the current problems in the management of Uncle Sam's 2 1/2 million Civil Service employees, Mrs. Brassier said.

"Some proposals I'll share may seem threatening," the speaker observed, but she was then quick to point out that top government officials are looking only at broad, overall objectives — not at the abolishment of specific jobs or the lowering of salaries of any group of employees.

Broad objectives of the changes that are pending were listed by Mrs. Brassier as: Reorganizing personnel management (the Civil Service Commission itself), establishing a form of top level executive

management service, and making it more feasible for the government to meet Affirmative Action goals more quickly than at present.

In place of the present Civil Service Commission, plans call for two new agencies — one an Office of Personnel Management and the other a Merit System Protection Board. The first would be the management arm of the Civil Service system, while the function of the merit system protection board would include handling appeals, reviewing merit system violations, and providing the mechanism for reviewing any abuse of the merit system.

"New Ball Game" "This is kind of a new ball game, since it raises the level of personnel management in government to that equal to the Office of Budget and Management," the head of the CSC's Los Angeles area office explained. Oct. 1, 1978, is the target date for reorganization of the Civil Service Commission, she added.

Part and parcel of the change is the creation of an Executive Management Service for managerial positions currently at GS-16 and above of which 85 per cent will be career and 15 per cent non-career. Pay level of those in the Executive Management Service would be based on the personal contribution of the individual, the speaker noted.

One anticipated effect of establishing an Executive Management Service (which executives would have the choice of entering), is a greater movement of top management officials between agencies, or within the same agency, Mrs. Brassier (Continued on Page 3)



Ann M. Brassier

Firemen from NWC help fight blaze at market

Naval Weapons Center fire fighters — responding under mutual aid agreements — joined Kern County fire fighters in battling a spectacular blaze last Sunday afternoon that destroyed the K&R market in Ridgecrest.

Before the fire was finally quenched hours later, the NWC Fire Division's involvement included 39 fire fighters who pulled over 4,000 feet of hose of various sizes and pumped 285,000 gallons of water. Three pumpers from the Center were used as well as the rescue truck and its special equipment, and two Navy pickup trucks relayed personnel, additional survive air bottles and other equipment. Two Navy tank trucks carrying water were filled and held on standby by Public Works Department personnel.

When Lee Stahl, Kern County Fire Department battalion chief, called for assistance at 12:40 p.m., a crew of six firefighters from China Lake, headed by Lt. Gene Villalba, responded with the first of three 750 gallon-per-minute pumpers which eventually were used, along with the Fire Division's rescue truck.

Joining them shortly were acting Fire Chief Leroy O'Laughlin and additional off-duty Fire division personnel who were called in to help. Some, indeed, responded even before being called, joining Kern (Continued on Page 3)



SAXOPHONIST TO PRESENT CONCERT — Harvey Pittel, a musician who has won world-wide acclaim for his talent as a saxophonist, will play for a concert program next Wednesday evening, Feb. 1, at the Center theater. A musician who has premiered several new works for the saxophone, Pittel will be playing music from the small soprano to the common tenor saxophone during his appearance here.

Noted saxophonist to present concert at Center theater Wednesday night

A concert featuring music from Bach to the "big band era" tunes of Jimmy Dorsey will be presented by saxophonist Harvey Pittel, who will be appearing next Wednesday night at the Center theater.

Pittel's performance, which is to begin at 7:30 will be the fourth in the 1977-78 series arranged by the Indian Wells Valley Concert Association. The featured performer's ability to fully exploit the musical potentialities of an unusual concert instrument have won him world-wide acclaim for his talent, local concert association officials report.

During his program here, which will range from baroque to be-bop and include the use of several sizes of saxophone, Pittel will be accompanied by Levering Rothus on the harpsichord and piano. In addition, he will accompany himself (using a pre-recorded stereo tape) to play "Saxophone," a piece written for him in 1971.

Pittel, who is a native Californian, earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Southern California. In addition, he studied with Joseph Allard of the Juilliard School of Music in Manhattan, and

continued his studies in France — both in Bordeaux and in Paris.

He toured the Far East in 1966 on behalf of the U.S. State Department, and continued to serve his country while in the Army as solo saxophonist with the West Point Military Band.

The New York Times called Harvey Pittel's 1973 Carnegie Recital Hall debut "An evening as stimulating musically as it was dazzling technically." During the season following his debut, he appeared again in New York as a winner in the Concert Artists' Guild "Encore Series," and has continued to amass one of the most remarkable accumulations of critical raves of any young artist — on any instrument.

Pittel has been the saxophone soloist with the Boston Symphony, Los Angeles Philharmonic, London Sinfonietta, and Suisse-Romande Orchestras, and has performed under a number of outstanding conductors.

Since his appointment as an Affiliate Artist in 1974 and '75, he has played several hundred concerts in the United States, Hawaii, England, Switzerland and Canada. He incorporates a busy concert schedule into his regular responsibilities as lecturer on saxophones at the University of Southern California.

Invited to Capital

In January 1977, Pittel was invited to the nation's capital to perform in the Inaugural Concert Series honoring President Jimmy Carter.

Tickets to the Feb. 1 concert are priced at \$4 each for general admission, with a half-price rate of \$2 extended to persons under 21 or over 65 and to enlisted military personnel. They are now on sale in Ridgcrest at the Gift Mart, The Grainery, The Music Man, Lilly's Dress Shop, Medical Arts Pharmacy, Professional Center Pharmacy, and El Ranchito School.

Tickets are also available at the Inyokern Market, in Trona at the Trona Argonaut newspaper office, and in Johannesburg at the Rand District News and Miner.

Tickets will also be available on the day of the concert at the Center theater box office, which will be open from 4:45 to 7:15 p.m. Doors will open for seating at 6:45.

Special-event passes will be available to concert goers at both NWC gates on the evening of the concert, so that all interested persons may attend.

Personnel development opportunities

The following courses will be offered during the first half of February. Listed are the course titles and numbers, the date they will be offered, and the deadlines for submission of a training request and authorization form.

For further information, consult the Personnel Development Opportunity Course schedule, or the NWC Announcements bulletin.

Management Use of the Employee Assistance Program (4850A8); Feb. 1, 8:11:30 a.m. and Feb. 2, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., deadline Jan. 27.

Assertion-Training (1500C8); Feb. 6, 3:30-6 p.m.; Feb. 8-10, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., ongoing enrollment.

EEO for Managers and Supervisors II (2000B8); Feb. 8, 7:45-11:30 a.m.; deadline Jan. 30.

EEO for Managers and Supervisors I (2000A8); Feb. 15, 7:45-11:30 a.m.; deadline Feb. 3.

Human Relations Workshop (8300B8); Feb. 15-16, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; deadline Feb. 8.

High Production/High Yield Solder Inspection (5000C8); Feb. 6-17; deadline

Jan. 27.

1110 Concepts for Fortran Programmer (5130B8); Feb. 14 - March 9 (Tues. and Thurs.); 8:30-11:30 a.m.; deadline Feb. 3.

Results-Oriented Engineering Management (1500K8); Feb. 6-10, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.; deadline Jan. 27.

Management Improvement Techniques I (2100A8); Feb. 13, 14, 21, 27 & 28, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.; deadline Feb. 3.

Happenings around NWC

Thirteen enlisted personnel assigned to duty with Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Five were advanced in rating during the month of January. The enlisted personnel, their new rating, and their current assignment are as follows:

AMSAN D. R. Dienethal, Galley; AEAN C. T. Byrd, Aviation Electric Shop; YNSN Calvin Brown, Safety; AD3 J. B. Trindle, Power Plants; AZ3 J. M. Johnson, Maintenance Control; AMH3 L. G. Mesa, Hot Line; AO3 Mitchell Hammonds and AO2 M. A. Bergquist, Aviation Ordnance Shop; AT2 F. C. Rowe, Electronics; DP2 L. L. Parthemar, Projects; AMS2 G. L. Baldwin, Air Frames; and AOAN Nathaniel Snelling and AMH3 M. E. Hooker have both been detailed to NWC.

Blue Cross Agent Due

Jean Sainsbury, the Blue Cross/Blue Shield insurance representative, will be at the Community Center on Wednesday, Feb. 1, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Enrollees in the plan who wish to talk with her will be seen on an appointment-only basis.

A sign-up sheet is available at the front desk of the Community Center. No appointments will be accepted by telephone.

Commissary Store is now open on Saturdays

A new schedule of operation will go into effect next week at the Commissary Store, which will be closed on Mondays but will offer Saturday service instead.

According to SHCM J. D. Holley, Commissary Store officer, the new hours of operation are: Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., and Saturday, 8:30 to 5 p.m.

Henceforth, the Commissary Store will be closed on Sunday and Monday.

Responsibilities of Code 08 cover wide range

By Mickey Strang

Mentioning the personnel of the Office of Finance and Management — Code 08 — conjures a picture of a group of accountants with green visors scribbling into massive ledgers, with perhaps an occasional cluck of disapproval as some extravagance is perceived.

The Office of Finance and Management at the Naval Weapons Center does indeed employ accountants, but its personnel also include the guard mail messenger who wishes everyone a cheery "have a good day" as he drops the mail into each office, the travel and disbursing clerks who get a travel advance check into a traveler's hands on time, the attendant at the Center gymnasium, the manager of one of the Clubs. These and many more Code 08 personnel are scattered throughout the Center.

The budget analysts, for instance, are physically located with the codes they serve.

Office Furthest Afield

Furthest afield from the department office is Isabel McLaughlin, administrative assistant in the NWC Liaison Office in Washington, with her legendary helpfulness to travelers from China Lake who are in the nation's capital.

The old Central Staff (Code 17) organization has evolved and changed through various reorganizations until now the five divisions of the Office of Finance and Management encompass a wide assortment of functions that early Station management would never have dreamed would be included in that group, such as the Clubs, Messes, and Special Services.

The total number of Code 08 personnel has varied directly with the assortment of tasks assigned to that organization.

When the Naval Ordnance Test Station became the Naval Weapons Center in 1967, Code 17 (forerunner of Code 08) numbered 150 personnel; Center reorganizations since have brought that number to a high in 1974 when 240 were employed. Currently 08 personnel number 220.

More Work, Fewer People

Each new function assigned to that code from elsewhere at NWC has brought an increase in personnel as they transferred from their prior organization. Billet cuts here, as elsewhere on the Center, have resulted in fewer personnel responsible for the accomplishment of more work.

Head of this far-flung organization is Dr. Richard Kistler, the latest of a group of distinguished scientists, engineers, and managers who have headed China Lake's staff function.

He notes with pride that 20 percent of the Center's female employees work in his organization — and on a completely equal basis. A large percentage of the Center's high grade women employees are in Code 08, he observes also.

Since the responsibilities of the Office of Finance and Management directly affect all personnel at the Center, a series of Rocketeer articles is planned to describe the function of the department office and the five divisions.

The finance and accounting aspects of the code are heavily emphasized within the department office and staff.

Serves Controller Function

The department staff functions as controller for the Center (a controller being the "chief accounting officer for a business enterprise or an institution," or a public official "who audits government accounts and certifies expenditures").

The department staff advises on all aspects of Center management to both NWC and to all outside organizations. It provides to NWC technical and support codes the latest requirements from off-Center, and provides needed information to the Chief of Naval Materiel, NAVCOMPT, and the Systems Commands. Reduced budgets and added requirements have resulted in a dramatic increase in paperwork and in communications needed between NWC



PLANNING SESSION — Dr. Richard E. Kistler, head of the Office of Finance and Management, discusses future plans and operations of Code 08 with his deputy, Bernard F. Connolly. The functions of Code 08 personnel — which range from distribution of guard mail through handling of checks to the operations of Special Services — directly affect each NWC employee. —Photo by Ron Allen

staff and Washington offices.

The department staff integrates the overall operations of the five divisions — Weapons System Cost Analysis, Management, Budget, Financial Operations, and Special Services — and includes the Internal Review Staff as well. The Internal Review Staff functions organizationally directly under the department office in order to assure its objectivity.

Internal Review Staff

The Internal Review Staff consists of four professional accountants and a supervisory accountant. This group has a wide range of responsibilities, mainly to provide Center management with an independent and objective appraisal of the effectiveness, efficiency and economy with which the financial and operating responsibilities are being administered.

The Internal Review Staff audits all the non-appropriated funds (funds not provided by the U.S. Treasury which are spent by government-related activities). These include such widely assorted funding as that provided by the Clubs and Messes, Special Services activities, the Employee Services Board, the Chaplain's funds, the Package Store, and others.

Audits are also performed for diverse activities such as the Navy Wives Club, the Women's Auxiliary of the Commissioned Officers' Mess, and the Combined Federal Campaign.

Special Audits Performed

When requested by Center management, special audits are performed such as one to determine realistic expenditures for long term travel, a determination of how well the civilian payroll function is being carried out, or how well plant-accounted property has actually been accounted. Even the Center's weighmaster who handles a California state-approved scale is audited by Internal Review.

Members of the Internal Review Staff also are tasked with other special functions such as a recent accounting of the Center's small arms, and with being a point of liaison with the Government Accounting Office, the Naval Audit Service, and other outside organizations which need to perform audit or accounting functions on Center.

Verification of cash also falls into their bailiwick and they find themselves counting money for groups such as the housing office, disbursing, police funds, the galley, and imprest funds used by Center personnel to make small cash purchases.

Members of the Internal Review Staff feel that their main function is to "protect us

Host families sought for summer student exchange program

The American Scandinavian Student Exchange (ASSE) is seeking American families to serve as hosts for high school students from Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Finland. All the students are fluent in English, have been screened by their school representatives, have pocket money and medical insurance.

One group of students for whom host families are sought will arrive on June 21, 1978, and will remain in this country for five weeks. They will not attend school.

A second group, which is to arrive in August, would attend the local high school throughout the 1978-79 school year and then return home in June 1979.

American families with small children are welcome to participate in both programs.

The ASSE is the official Swedish high school exchange program in the United States, operating under the auspices of the Swedish Board of Education.

More than 150,000 students have taken part in student exchange, home stay, and school exchange programs in the United States, Sweden, Denmark, Norway, Germany, France, England, and Switzerland since 1938.

Those who may be interested in serving as host families or those seeking further information are asked to call Mrs. Miriam Waddington at 446-6186.

Assessments due following death of former TID employee

Assessments are now due from members of the Government Employees Benefit Association and the China Lake Mutual Aid Society following the death on Jan. 21 in Ridgcrest of Maxine Malone, 55, a long-time former employee of the Technical Information Department. This is assessment No. 420.

In order to avoid taking up time at work, there are no more GEBA and CLMAS collectors on the job. Instead, members are asked to mail their assessments to Larry Mason, treasurer, 1812-A Young Circle, China Lake, CA 93555.

Mason also urges that GEBA and CLMAS members check to make sure up-to-date information regarding their beneficiaries is on file. He can be contacted after working hours by calling 446-4794.

A drive for new GEBA-CLMAS members is currently in progress. There is an initial membership fee of \$4.50, and periodic assessments of \$1.80 fall due when members die and their survivors receive an immediate lump sum payment of \$1,500.



RESEARCHING — Larry Parrant (standing) points out to his fellow Internal Review Staff members Pat Brice (l.) and Jim Roy a regulation applicable to a current problem. More than 15 linear feet of manuals and books of regulations and rulings apply directly to the work done by the Internal Review Staff.