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RAMASUN STATION, THAILAND

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THE DOOR'S OPEN, COME-ON-IN

It's nothing outstanding.....it's just a room....the walls are there...as are the floor and ceiling.....yet it's kinda decent.....'cause of what it is.....it's a place made of people.....in back of the mess hall is where it's at.....there's a stereo set-up...some cokes...some coffee an' tea...every once-in-a-while some donuts find there way in.....ya' don't do nothing there...unless you want to talk. ...to yourself or your friends....pretty soon it will be open 24 hours a day.....least that's what "they" tell me.....if you wanted to you could sit there and write a letter.....if ya wanted to.....I guess that you could play your own records and tapes there...if you wanted to ..the place is for everybody...but built with nobody in mind....it's nothing outstanding...it's just a room....the walls are there...as are the floor and ceilingyet it's kinda decent.....

Religious Services

For Guitar Players Only

RELIGIOUS SERVICES RAMASUN STATION

BOBBIE J. BUNDICK - Station Chaplain

CATHOLIC

Confessions and Mass.....1100 Sunday
 Discussion and Mass.....1800 Tuesday
 Discussion and Mass.....1800 Thursday
 Appointments and Rap..0800-1100 Saturday

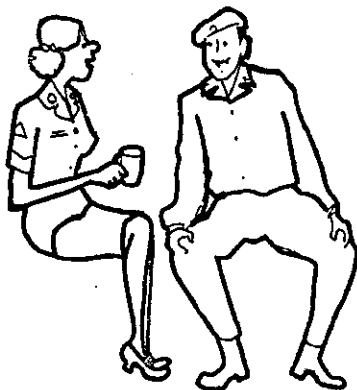
PROTESTANT

Sunday Worship.....0930 Sunday
 Evening Fellowship.....1900 Sunday
 Bible Study.....1900 Tuesday
 Choir Practice.....1900 Thursday

JEWISH

As announced
 For an appointment call 2219/2429

"Your war stories are so fascinating, Sir. All those poor girls..."



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SCARBOROUGH FAIR

by PAUL SIMON

Dm Em7 A7 Dm
 Are you going to Scarborough Fair?

F Dm G Dm
 Parsley, sage, rosemary and thyme.

F Bb Dm Bb
 Remember me to one who lives there,

Gm Dm G C Dm
 For once she was a true love of mine.

Verse II

Have him make me a cambric shirt,
 Parsley sage, rosemary and thyme.
 With out a seam or fine needle work
 And then he'll be a true love of mine.

Verse III

Have him wash it in youderdry well,
 Parsley, sage, rosemary and thyme.
 Where ne'er a drop of water e'er fell
 And then he'll be a true love of mine.

Verse IV

Have him find me an acre ofland,
 Parsley, sage, rosemary and thyme.
 Between the sea and over the sand
 And then he'll be a true love of mine.

Verse V

Flow the land with the horn of a lamb,
 Parsley, sage, rosemary and thyme.
 Then sow some seeds from north of the dam
 And then he'll be a true love of mine.

Verse VI

If he tells me he can't I'll reply,
 "Parsley, sage, rosemary and thyme."
 let me know that at least he will try
 And then he'll be a true love of mine.

Verse VII

Love imposes impossible tasks,
 Parsley, sage, rosemary and thyme.
 Though not more than any heart asks
 And I must know he's a true love of mine.



BYE BYE,
BABY!

STAYS
OR
BUST!

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RM UP

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ADP

Company News Briefs

A CO.

For the first time ever, Hamasun's candidate to the all Thailand USARSUP-THAI soldier of the quarter walked away with the honor.

To be sure, SP4 Dave L. Wright is assigned to Company A. Rightfully so, we are extremely proud of him, as is Hamasun as a whole. Of course, competition was fierce, but our man was well prepared, and won by a unanimous vote. (Dave confided in me afterwards that walking on water is not really that difficult; It's the three inches above that requires all the effort.)

An additional RAF plus a fifty dollar savings bond, coupled with his three day pass and fifty dollars already won on the soldier of the month boards was well earned in all respects. Good job Dave!

IT PAYS TO STAY

It may pay to stay in the Army, here are some general benefits (a reminder). In-service benefits - Your standard of living in the Army is high - it would be very good job to equal in civilian life. Even though a civilian paycheck may be bigger, so are all the things that come out of your paycheck - doctor bills, food, rent, transportation, education and recreation, insurance, retirement. Consider all the facts, and you may find that it could pay to stay.

- Free medical and dental care for you
- Minimal cost for medical care for your family
- Free or low cost travel
- 30 days annual leave
- Service clubs
- Commissary and post exchange privilege
- VA and VHA housing loans
- First Run motion pictures
- Many fine recreational activities
- Free legal assistance and family services
- Low cost life insurance (10,000 - 50,000)
- No income tax on certain allowances
- Complete tax exemption in combat zones
- USAFI and other educational programs
- Assured income
- Regular raises
- Credit Unions
- Moving expenses and dislocation allowances
- Housing
- Early retirement pay and health care benefits

In general, it's usually safe to figure that Army benefits double the value of the pay.

HS CO.

Federal Campaign:

SFC Walter M. Poole, key man for the motor pool is showing the way for all other H&S "key men". To date the men of H&S Co. have contributed over \$605.00. SFC Poole has been responsible for collecting over \$121.00 of that sum. Before his departure, MSG Lacy, Electronic Equipment Support Franch did an outstanding job. He collected over \$140.00. All of you other "key men" don't get discouraged, the campaign still has a few days to go.

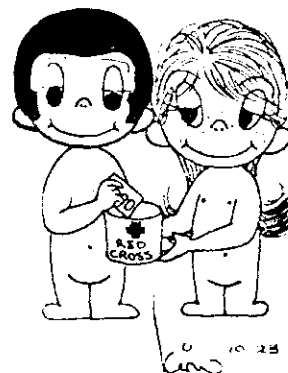
Baseball:

H&S Company personnel have organized three teams. With that much talent, it looks pretty good for another championship season. With sluggers like Doc Frazier of the MP's and Brown of UPO/FIN it should be a great season.

VD Quiz: (True/False)

1. _____ Since the discovery of Penicillin, VD has become easy to control.
2. _____ Syphilis is like measles, once a person has it, he becomes immune.
3. _____ Syphilis is likely to cause more serious damage to the victim during the first few months of his infection.
4. _____ One infection of Penicillin is a sure cure for Gonorrhea or Syphilis.
5. _____ There is no reason to be concerned about VD because a sore is slow to heal.

Love is...



... sharing with people who need help.

Word Block 11

Quacky Quiz 12

Find the 18 rock musicians or groups with help (if you need it) by using the hints below:

T O M P S E T T H I T C E C O O K I E A
 A N T E L E O A R M S D R Y B A F M J P
 H E N D R I X Y N D Y T D E K L E I T C
 S D C L O L R D L R O I G L A M I C K H
 J B K B L A C K S A B B A T H M O B E R
 W C M Q L C U R N O H N L A C D E R N F
 L A H E I G L E E L C A H O B S O N O V
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 M E C W N F U H G A D A B D S W Z M N K
 E N A D E C B O A S M O F L N C U N I O
 F S G T S H D I J L L U T O R H T E J K
 A L Z G L E W F G T N H Q N E I R M O L
 C B I Y E E S X R K S R A P M C N L P A
 T O C R E Q S Y U I V E X C O A E L L E
 L L H D M O O D Y B L U E S O G C T I N
 I T N W S H O N O S K C A J A O G O N T

Hints: experience; miles high; Brian Keith; catch the bull; sold out Shes; celebrate; see-saw; Mark Farner; 3-2 record sets; Aqualung; me & bobby; Derek; acid rock; Ginger Baker; jingo; new girl in school; rock opera; downer rock.

Flick Sked

- 25 MAR Get to Know your Rabbitt
- 26 MAR " " " " "
- 27 MAR Support Your Local Gunfighter
- 28 MAR Chato's Land
- 29 MAR " "
- 30 MAR 3 in the Cellar
- 31 MAR The Public Eye
- 01 APR Twins of Evil & Hands of Ripper
- 02 APR " " " "
- 03 APR Now You See Him, Now You Don't
- 04 APR Nicholas and Alexandra
- 05 APR " " "
- 06 APR Valdez is Coming
- 07 APR Horror on Snape Island

Chato's Land and Nicholas and Alexandra 75¢ - 35¢

All others are 50¢ - 25¢

Mon		1830	
Tues	0030	1830	2030
Wed	0030	1830	
Thur		1830	
Fri	0030	1830	2030
Sat	0030	1830	2030
Sun	0030	1830	1830

Thursday late shows (2030 only)

- 29 MAR Perfect Friday
- 05 APR The Statue

1. Where is the famous "WOWO" AM radio station located?
2. Broderick Crawford won the Academy Award for best actor in 1949. What was the title of the movie for which he won the award?
3. What was Abraham Lincoln's mother's Christian name?
4. Who was Johnny Carson's announcer on his old TV quiz program "Who Do You Trust?"
5. Who is the founder of the Church of the Latter Day Saints?

ANSWERS TO WORD BLOCK #10

Here are the answers to last issue's Word Block - the names of the 12 Field Grade Officers of Ramasun Station.

J	L	G	E	N	E	R	A	L	M	A	R	S	I	C	O	A	T	O	Y
O	L	B	J	X	C	E	L	T	T	I	H	W	M	A	I	L	L	I	W
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A	L	C	O	V	Q	N	B	R	O	O	H	S	A	L	O	D	I	M	B
F	I	H	D	A	X	S	W	Z	M	N	O	I	N	U	N	L	O	M	A
C	W	E	D	B	U	D	D	Y	V	E	F	A	A	S	E	A	T	A	K
M	Y	C	R	H	O	L	L	Y	Z	S	E	N	Y	A	S	N	X	I	E
J	W	K	A	J	O	S	E	P	H	M	A	B	R	Y	B	O	E	L	R
N	K	E	H	S	T	E	W	A	R	D	T	C	G	O	D	D	P	L	G
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J	B	K	R	O	B	E	R	T	S	T	A	C	H	E	L	R	I	E	S

ANSWERS TO QUACKY QUESTIONS #11

1. Pope Pius XII was born Eugenio Pocelli.
2. The Woodstock rock concert was held on the property of Farmer Yasgur.
3. The B-29 which dropped the atomic bomb on Hiroshima was the Enola Gay.
4. David Copperfield is a semi-autobiographical novel by Charles Dickens.
5. "Bones" McCoy, the medical officer on Star Trek was played by DeForrest Kelly.

Night Life In Downtown Ramasan

Well they're at it again! The powers that are, in the process of trying to build a better Ramasan, know that in order to have better individuals there are three basic and important things that must be done. And here is how the clubs are taking care of us in the lines of there "basics" - food, "beverages" and girls.

O CLUB

Now that the reconstruction of the club has been completed a few new extras have been added as final touches.

For those of you who frequent the "Cobra Pit" a new bartender is now doing the honors. The former head bartender for the Chao Phya Hotel, Steve can mix any and everything from a Gin and Tonic to a Golden Cadillac. And, in order to make good use of the new portable stage, bands and Go-Go Girls have been booked for every Friday nite. Along with the regularly scheduled evenings there will be unannounced nites that will feature Go-Go Girls for your listening and viewing pleasure.

So stop on by the club and watch your dues in action.

NCO CLUB

Starting April 1, the NCO Club will reschedule the two bands to play from 5:00 to 10:00 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. to 3:00 a.m. Poor Boy's Night will again be held on Friday night and will feature a surprise dinner.

Tentatively scheduled for April 14, the NCO Club will sponsor a Thai boxing match and an International boxing match in accordance with Poor Boy's Night, all of which will be held on the softball field. Details will follow in the next KOBRA-7.

WORLD HISTORY

APRIL 2, 1792

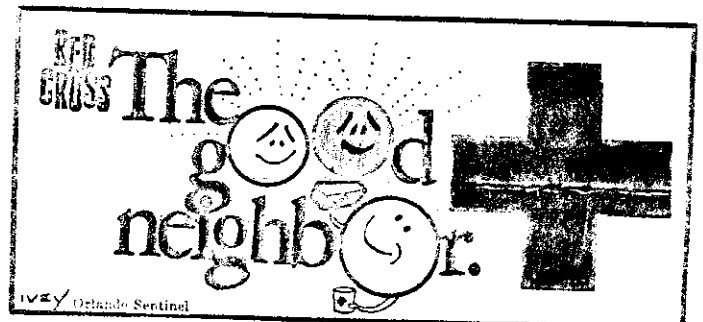
The first U.S. Mint was established in Philadelphia, then the nation's capital, by the Act of April 2, 1792 which provided for gold, silver, and copper coinage. Originally, supervision of the mint was a function of the Secretary of State, but it became (1792) an independent agency reporting directly to the President. When the coinage act of 1873 was passed, all mint and assay offices activities were placed under a newly organized Bureau of the Mint in the Department of the Treasury.

The Bureau of the Mint manufactures all U.S. coins and distributes them through the Federal Reserve banks and branches. The mint also maintains clerical control of the Treasury's monetary stocks of gold at Fort Knox, Kentucky, and silver at West Point, New York. Functions performed by the Mint on a reimbursable basis include: the manufacture and sale of medals of national character; the production and sale of numismatic coins and coin sets; and, as scheduling permits, the manufacture of foreign coins.

The mint derives their income from fees charged for assaying, refining, and coining of the monetary metals.

Last year's domestic coinage at Philadelphia exceeded \$123 million representing nearly 30% of all manufacturing activities. The U.S. has two other mints in Denver and the newly re-opened San Francisco mint.

Source: The Bureau of the Mint



RECORD REVIEW

URIAH HEEP

"He was the wizard of a thousand kings, and I chanced to meet him one night wandering. He told me tales and he drank my wine. He and my magic men kind of feeling fine."

It is with these opening lyrics that Uriah Heep inaugurates their latest effort "Demons & Wizards" (initially available at the air base "cave club"). As the title suggests, it is an extremely enchanting album, both musically, and lyrically. This unique album closely parallels "The Twelve Dreams of Dr. Sardonicus" by Spirit, yet seems to have taken on a more delicate approach of its own. This approach tends to induce a yearn for the days of yore, when magic was as plentiful as pollution is today.

The core of this sound emanates from rhythmic keyboard work and strong, clear vocals, accentuated by a versatile acoustic guitar.

For those of you who long to be somewhere else, where fantasy and magic run amuck, let your imagination be your passport, and "Demons & Wizards" will be your vehicle.

SIGN-IN AT CDF & AVOID C's

It's not the mess hall, it's the Ramasun Station Consolidated Dining Facility, AND DON'T YOU FORGET IT! Most of us Ramasunians are more than aware that the mess hall, oops, Consolidated Dining Facility is here at Ramasun Station, but I'll bet a stuffed pepper (man, they were lousy) that you didn't know that all the chow comes up to us from Camp Samae San at Sattahip, 500 miles away. That's right - meat that housewives complain about prices on in the states, is trucked up once a week from Samae San and believe me it's just as expensive here as it is in the states. Non-perishable foods appear on trucks at Ramasun once every 2 weeks and here's hoping none of those trucks are ever too late or we'll all be chowing down on Khao Pot or C's for awhile.

But speaking of chow for Ramasun diners, did you know that Unc Sam issues a fairly measured quantity of food items to his dining facilities based on the number of signatures gathered on those headcounts, guest register and cash meal payment sheets you sign when you enter the Dining Facility. The availability of seconds of anything, meats included, depends exclusively on the amount of excess chow on hand. For example, one way

that seconds become available is through forced issues, which are made to the dining facility, at no cost, only when the supply point at Ramp Samae San becomes so overstocked that the life expectancy of the meat or other items would be shorter than the time it would take to normally issue these items to the dining facilities. These forced issue items are then given (free) to the dining facilities so they would not have to be destroyed at a later date.

You guys stationed at Ramasun this past December probably remember all the pork slices, pork roast and veal that was served in the dining facility. These items were free by forced issues and seconds were served in almost unlimited quantities all month with no strain on the budget as determined by the signatures mentioned above.

It's a different story, however, when forced issues aren't available, as in January through March of this year, except for those (yeeech) prepared stuffed peppers. Seconds at meals are hard to come by without forced issues and even harder to conjure up when most guys have separate rations and don't contribute a heckuva lot of signatures except when they are powerfully hungry. Then, they

4 SEASONS

by Skip Forcier
Certified Gemologist

In a small base camp located about seven miles from the metropolis of Udorn-tonis, a Roman soldier sits. His thoughts wander over the miles until they focus on his loved one in tender bliss. But like a bolt of thunder from the mighty Jupiter, he now realizes that her birthday is only days away! And as he mounts his horse for the quest of a gift, he remembers a number of shops within the city limits that sell lovely golden bracelets. These bracelets of fine handcrafted gold are called Four Seasons bracelets. Sound familiar?

This particular bracelet may be one of the best jewelry purchases that you could make. The karat gold of the local version ranges from a low of 10 to 15 to a high of 18 to 19. There is also another type imported from Laos that has a gold content of 18 - 21 karats.

The bracelet itself consists of four distinct panels. Each depicting one of the four seasons. The reason they all may look alike is that they are all the same characters. Usually in between each of the separate seasons there will be another plate of Chinese writing, your level of good fortune and luck.

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THIS IS THAILAND

(This is the second article of a series to acquaint you with the traditions, customs, and life-style of the people of Thailand.)


Of the roughly 35 million inhabitants of Thailand, some 93% are Buddhist and model the teachings of Buddha in manner, thinking, acting and in handling family affairs.

The doctrine of Buddhism is studied and preached by monks who are often scholarly and intellectual. These monks act as the philosophical and moral standard to all levels of society and are well respected in their community.


Buddha was born on the southern slope of the Himalayas and was the most perfect of the various incarnations (the embodiment of God in human forms), several stages of which are often described by religious authors and painters who lead back to eternal time.

The story of Buddha is well known to all Thais. Born with worldly wealth and status, heir to the kingdom, and the husband of a beautiful princess, the mere sight of man's suffering gave him no rest. He fled from his palace searching for wisdom and peace. After preaching to all of his disciples in India and conquering the evil spirit of Mara, Buddha lay down in order to ascend to Nirvana (heaven).

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Just once I'd like to walk into the NCO Club and order a #47 and not have the waitress laugh at me and say, "Never happen!".....All the dumb things said in this column are the courtesy of the combined efforts of SSG Wiswell and his shadow.....It's official now, CPT Wilker has been placed on orders as a disinterested officer....To John Abel - We don't care what CPT Pfeiffer says, your still ok in our book.....Contrary to popular belief the men in blue jump suits at the O Club are not bus boys.....Has Johnny Malispina used his gift certificate yet???.....Coming to the Ramasun Theater soon - the Ten Commandments.....When was the last time that it rained Thais in your office???.....Half of an over heard telephone conversation - "OK, now say you love me,....thanks, I love you too!" (sound familiar, CPT's Yount and Pagni?).....What does SGT Subt and a person carrying a coke have in common - a collision.....Will CPT Lustig be \$25 richer when he leaves here???.....Another first for Ramasun - Round the clock softball. And every time I walk past the field the same guy is always playing right field.. ...The following blank space is left for you to fill in your own words about the IG Team...



To Bill Valenti - Don't worry, I won't tell....With all these people working in the C&S shop easier has it that they're going to start their own unit...More than anything else it's been real....


THAT'S A FACT



SILVER CHOICE
 IF YOU HAD YOUR CHOICE OF THE CONTENTS OF EQUAL BARRELS-4 FT. HIGH AND 2 FT. IN DIAMETER-ONE FILLED WITH DIMES, THE OTHER WITH SILVER DOLLARS... WHICH WOULD YOU PICK? *

DO YOU SAVE THINGS?
 LOTS OF PEOPLE DO - STAMPS, COINS, SILVER FOIL, KEROSENE LAMPS, AND IT'S FUN, TOO. BUT IF YOU WANT PROFIT FROM THE SAVINGS HABIT, JOIN THE PAYROLL SAVINGS PLAN. IT SAVES AUTOMATICALLY AND IT'S EASY - EVERYTHING IS DONE FOR YOU!

ENROUTE TO THE WHITE HOUSE
 IN THE CIVIL WAR, THE OHIO 23RD VOLUNTEER INFANTRY REGIMENT BOASTED TWO FUTURE PRESIDENTS - MCKINLEY AND HAYES!



* DIMES: \$96,536. DOLLARS: \$84,670

THE PHILOSOPHY OF A RELIGION (from Pg 8)

Buddhism is not an idea of a divine being or of a permanent individuality of the soul. Rather, the universe is in a state of evolution in which phenomena are temporary, contingent, and the cause of all human suffering. There is no absolute reality. Man is subject to the laws of Karma, being the cycles of birth, death, reincarnation, and submitted to the suffering of existence. He may be freed and finally reach Nirvana by following the example set by Buddha.

Buddhism is a state of mind, improved by knowledge and meditation by practicing good deeds and being charitable. The soul finally reaches the point where it is purged of all earthly attachment and becomes immobile in peace and perfection.

The teaching of Buddha is more of a philosophy than religion, but recommended practices such as prayer, meditation, and renunciation, level the most devout to gather in the monasteries. This explains how the clerical structure became the teaching element in the community.

A Buddhist community is headed by a Patriarch who directs the devout monks. The rules imposed at the commune remain strict; however, the clergy is not separated from the "lay world" as in other religions. The monasteries are open to anyone who wishes to retreat to them and help teach the philosophy of Buddha.

These monks, who shave their heads and wear yellow robes, lead a monastic life for as long as they wish. It is customary for every young man to spend time in a temple to acquire a religious experience. The king himself entered Wat Bowornivet at Bangkok for a period and like the other monks, lived by alms alone.

GEMS (from pg 8)

Four seasons bracelets come in two sizes. A small one with the plates measuring about one inch by a half and a large one with the plates measuring two inches. When buying one, craftsmanship is also important. Make sure that all of the plates are connected securely, but not to the point of being inflexible. Another good point is that the more highly detailed the design, the more time someone spent making it. One other thing to remember, if your loved one has a bigger than average wrist, make sure that you have an extra plate added. This is to insure that she will have enough room. It can always be removed and made into a pendant.

Next and most important is the price paid per gram of gold. Due to the devaluation of the dollar, the gold price has increased 13%, bringing the current selling price to a low of \$1.90/gram and a high of \$2.10. Don't pay any more if the bracelet was made in Thailand! If the bracelet is of the Vientiane gold, make sure it has a rosey hue to it almost pink in color. This will tell you that the gold content is around 18 to 22 karats. Now if you have any questions, feel free to stop by Special Services and ask for Skip.

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND

TERM 4

Registration is now open thru 2 April for the following courses:

English Composition	T/F	1900-2200
Western Civilization II	M/Th	1900-2200
Elementary Thai I	M/W/F	1700-1900
Elementary Thai II	T/Th/S	1700-1900
Intermediate Thai I	T/F	1900-2200

The cost is \$18.75 per course for military personnel receiving tuition assistance; others pay \$25.00 per credit hour. Students registering with the University of Maryland for the first time must pay a \$10.00 matriculation fee. Books are additional.

DINING FACILITY (from pg 8)

generally eat a lot of chow and there's little left from their ration for seconds. But, the guy with a meal card might drop in for a quickie snack or sandwich, since it's free, and the dining facility has his signature to draw a whole ration against and the extra chow he didn't eat to use as seconds. It adds up in the long run, especially when you consider that high value foods like steaks, roast or shrimp are automatically losing propositions, financially speaking, and can only be budgeted regularly when you have a lot of signatures, from guys that don't eat a whole lot of chow to draw against. Get the picture! Under the Army Ration Credit System if 400 servings of meat are cooked for supper, then there must be 400 signatures verifying that 400 meals were served for the dining facility to break even.

The more diners that eat in the dining facility, the more signatures available to draw rations against - and if all those signatures don't consume a full ration then what's not eaten is generally either thrown to the good towards a high value steak dinner or turns into seconds.

All these words on the Ramasun Consolidated Dining Facility are just a few nice to know facts for you guys that think they might be nice facts to know. The dining facility is there to serve YOU - we genuinely don't like unhappy customers and will lay out the best chow possible all the time. If you have a gripe about the food service, we want to hear it. Let your unit representative to the Enlisted Advisory Dining Council know about it, or talk to the Mess Steward, SSG Davis or the Mess Officer, CPT Thomas. They will get an answer to your queries and do their dead level best to rectify as many gourmet problems as possible. We are here to serve.

EDITORIAL

by Jerry Collins

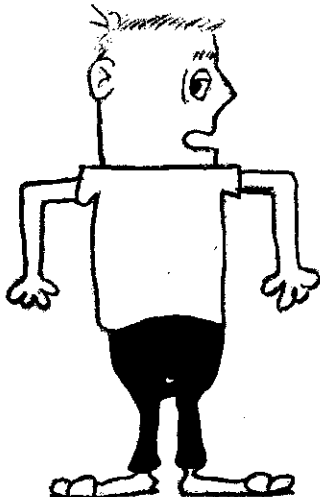
After more than 20 years, the United States and the People's Republic of China have officially opened liaison offices in each other's capitals, marking the first step to full diplomatic recognition. No other man is more qualified to lead the office of Ambassador to China than David Bruce.

David Bruce is the hand-picked choice of the president and has been termed as "the professional's professional". Mr. Bruce has worked with the OSS, the equivalent to today's CIA, and has been Ambassador to West Germany, France, and more recently Great Britain. But he is probably best known by presiding Henry Kissinger as chief negotiator at the Paris Peace Talks in 1970-71.

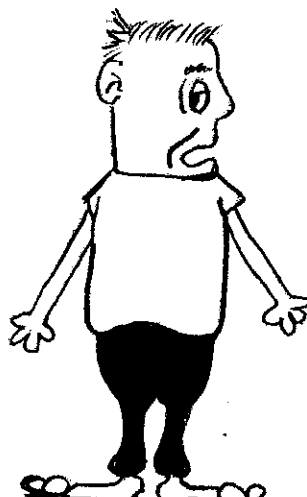
Mr. Bruce will have a complement of 20 American diplomatic personnel including two of this nation's top Chinese experts. Both of these men speak fluent Chinese and have travelled China extensively. The Chinese officials are just as excited about Mr. Bruce's appointment as American diplomats. In the high respect this man has been accorded with his experience and expertise in the diplomatic world, we agree.

The establishment of liaison offices in Beijing has been long overdue and will greatly enhance relations with China. We can think of no other man who ranks so high than the Honorable Mr. Bruce.

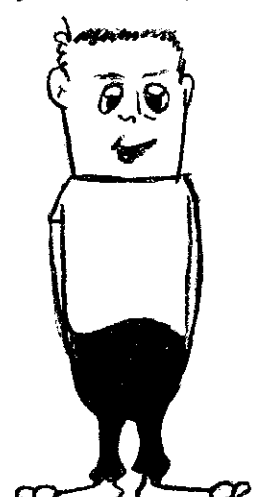
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SPORTS

softball

SOFTBALL STANDINGS

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PRO SOFTBALL?

by Jim Hobson

Many of you have not heard of the King and his Court. The curious among your group found out at 7:00 p.m. on March 20 and 21, by attending an exhibition game held at Udorn Air Base.

These inquisitive people found not only a large crowd, cold beer, and exceptionally good hamburgers, but a team made up of four men whose abilities to entertain were second only to their softball skills.

The King and his Court is a softball team consisting of only four men. Doug Anderson, the catcher, is no small man and neither is his home run record of 79. At first is Floyd Berger, who contributes mostly laughs from the right field line. Playing short is Gary West, who aside from spending much of the game running after fly balls in the outfield, by far put on the best show comedy wise. The pitcher is Eddie Feigner, the King.

The King started the team back in 1946 after being released from the Marines. In the past 28 years he has appeared in 2900 cities and before 11 million people, pitching 5500 games and maintaining an incredible .916 game record. He is the mainstay of the team with his phenomenal pitching and is best remembered for pitching from second base blindfolded. Eddie also has a devastating behind the back pitch. The most crippling part of it is when he pretends to throw it, the catcher pretends to catch it, and the batter pretends to hit it. Solo audiences have been known to take part by imagining to see it.

basketball

by Dan Guern, Gym Supervisor

Basketball season at Ramasun came to an end Sunday, March 13 on a happy note: The Ramasun All-Star team defeated Udorn Air Base All-Stars 75-66 at the Post Gym. The victory avenged an earlier loss the night before at Udorn 75-66.

During half-time, the 1972-73 intramural basketball awards were presented. Tim Willbeck, Ramasun's Sports NCO acted as MC with Post Commander, Col. J.J. McFadden presenting the awards. Awards presented were individual trophies for 1st and 2nd place finish, Most Valuable Player, Outstanding Sportsman, and 1st and 2nd place team trophies.

MM1, by virtue of winning a best two out of three playoff series, was named Post Champions, with MP's Co. runner-up. A special committee made up of both officials and coaches, chose Bodie Vines as the league's Most Valuable Player, and Robert Gilbert as the Outstanding Sportsman of the year. Both individuals were deserving of the high honor for such an outstanding effort.

tennis

TENNIS TOURNAMENT:

April 9 - 13 will be the dates for tennis enthusiasts to gain a birth in the USA/USPTTHAI Tennis Tournament. Special Services will conduct the tournament with the best four players and two seniors advancing to the Thailand regionals. The local tennis tournament will consist of three sets, six games to a set.

golf

GOLF TOURNAMENT:

April and May will be big months for golfers at Ramasun. Two golf tournaments will be held, one sponsored by the NCO Club and the other by the Officers Club. Both tournaments will be a warm-up and precede the 72 hole post tournament that will be sponsored by Special Services. This 72 hole tourney will determine the four best scores and two seniors who will compete in the USA/USPTTHAI tournament at Bangkok in June.



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Here's a personalized picture of MEKHLA, the Goddess that Ramasun is always chasing, for your loved ones back in the States. Simply detach and mail it. You can even color it if you want - courtesy of KOBRA-7...