



# The HELMSMAN

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## In Memoriam



This issue of "The Helmsman" is dedicated to the memory of USS Scorpion (SSN 589) and her crew who were lost in May while transiting from the Azores to Norfolk, Virginia.

SCORPION, launched in Groton Conn., in December 1959 and commissioned in mid-1960, was one of our 'fast attack' nuclear powered submarines.

## COMMAND COLUMN



by

### Captain H. J. Trueblood

The extensive and diversified capabilities in CANOPUS and her crew were put to good use early this month in an interesting and unusual manner. I refer to a Gas Gangrene victim treated in CANOPUS' recompression chamber.

An Army Private, stationed in Liberia, developed gas gangrene of the left leg following a motorcycle accident on June 8.

The soldier was taken to a missionary doctor where his wound was sutured. Two days later, swelling of the leg accompanied by great pain forced a visit to the civilian physician in the American Embassy in Monrovia. The inflammation and gases escaping from the wound site enabled the Embassy doctor to diagnose gas gangrene, a disease rarely found among Americans.

Gas gangrene is caused by members of the Clostridia family of bacteria. These bacteria are very widely found in nature, but rarely cause disease because they can only grow and produce toxins in an infected wound in which oxygen has been excluded. It is the toxins, tissue poisons, which produce the destruction of muscle and the formation of gas that characterize this disease. Gas gangrene is treated with high doses of antibiotics and by placing the patient in a chamber where oxygen under pressure is driven into the tissues.

The patient was rushed to Rota on June 11 and aboard CANOPUS which had the nearest pressure chamber. Supervised by Dr. Urbanc, CSS 16 Medical Officer, and with the assistance of Lt. Whitaker and the CANOPUS divers, the patient was pressurized in the chamber for a total of six hours over the next four days. Several physicians from the Air Force medical facilities in Weisbaden, Germany flew to CANOPUS to observe the procedures and techniques employed.

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*"Consequences, good or . . . ?"*

A very learned and busy man once said, "I don't allow myself to think seriously about religion. I'm afraid of the consequences". I sometimes think that statement answers the question that plagues me every week when I record the number of men attending Divine Services on the ship. I make it a habit to invite every man who comes into my office to attend church and I have never received a flat NO for an answer. Most of the answers are covered in the first half of the above quote - I don't allow myself to think seriously about religion. When I press the issue into a deeper conversation I find that the real reason for failure to participate in Divine Services is the second sentence of the quotation - I'm afraid of the consequences.

This philosophy or rationalization would be perfectly right if a man feared the honest consequences, namely death, frustration, unhappiness, loss of eternal life and communication with the creator. Because fear of these consequences will never permit anyone the luxury of not thinking about religion. But the sadness of this whole treatise is the fact that the consequences people fear are really the loss of a good time, guilt feelings about over-indulgence, the need to change,

## Two Stars for Capt. Barrett

"The Helmsman" takes this opportunity to congratulate Captain John M. Barrett, USN, on his selection for promotion to Rear Admiral. Captain Barrett was CANOPUS' first Commanding Officer. He later served as Commander Submarine Squadron SIXTEEN and is now Commander Submarine Flotilla ONE. The "Green Crew" is still on the mailing list Captain so they will all get the word.

## CROSS — CURRENTS

### by Chaplain F. E. Whitaker

the protection of moral standards, and obedience to the laws of right.

My honest opinion on this subject is based upon observation and conversation from which I conclude my answer. People are always afraid to think seriously or practice religion because they are afraid they will have to give up more than they will receive in return.

How utterly sad that people will take all kinds of chance by dabbling in that which is evil, sinful, and wrong and suffer the results or consequences of pain, anxiety and frustration; rather than pursue true happiness, peace of mind, and self satisfaction by doing what is right, moral, and obedient to the laws of society.

Most of all of us need to reevaluate our lives, the direction we are going, and look at the consequences we are enduring.

In my long years of professional ministry I have never seen a seriously religious man in deep trouble or unhappy. This record of problems and frustration by and large falls to the one who says, "I don't allow myself to think seriously about religion".

Just in case this article inspires you to consider positively what is being said why not take the first step toward change by attending the Divine Services of your choice this week.

# SEE BREEZE

## SECOND DIVISION

Second Division experienced an unexpected change in May when Chief Frechet received orders to the USS Oakridge (ARDM 1). His leadership inspired many of us, especially our training petty officer. BM1 Gary R. Holmquist is now our leading petty officer. He has a twofold job - leading the troops and watching the typewriting keys.

BM3 Ed Fives, Navy diver, was shipped out on May 31 for a tour of duty with the seabees. Old Ed left with a bang! Speaking of leaving, Doc Edgerton left for Washington, D.C. to attend experimental diving unit, a sophisticated school associated with work involving decompression systems. When Doc returns, Second Division will have some interesting training lectures! Boatswains Mate's Murdock and Reitz are still waiting to get piped off CANOPUS. No word has been received on their orders.

BMC Glen Douglas reported to the EOD office in May to replace the "Old Salt" - BMC John Coco. Chief Douglas came from Indian Head, Maryland where he underwent refresher training in EOD tactics.

BM2 Noyes, SN Fazzalano, and SN Guedes managing to sneak in some leave time late in May and early June. Oh by the way, did you know that SN Agostino Guedes' dad is the former heavyweight undefeated boxing champion (retired) of Portugal. Small world isn't it?! In the future we will run an interview on shy "Gas" to get more dope on the champ.

Everyone is studying for the August exams except Koepke.

Recently Second Division was subject to two different zone inspections. The Captain inspected the big missile cranes, traveling cranes, small boats, etc. The comments varied.

BM2 Murdock turned 21 on June 3, while SN & Mrs. LaPorta celebrated their first wedding anniversary on the same day. Happy birthday and best wishes to the "honeymooners".



Mrs. Clara Hobbs, wife of CS1 William Hobbs of S-2 Division, joined our select group of "Starlighters" at a presentation in the Captain's Cabin, June 6. Mrs. Hobbs' name was permanently inscribed on the Quarter Deck plaque of "Starlighters".

As per the words of the "Starlighter" certificate, "this honor is bestowed upon any woman, military or civilian, who has distinguished herself by voluntary public service to benefit the U. S. Navy, CANOPUS, or the civilian community".

Mrs. Hobbs joins a select list of people which include Mrs. Claire Lowrance, wife of Vice Admiral Vernon L. Lowrance, USN; Mrs. Abie V. Rose, wife of RM1 Robert Rose, USN (2 awards); Mrs. Tina J. Luffman, wife of EM1 L. R. Luffman, USN; and Mrs. Blanche R. Slank wife of MMC R. M. Slank, USN.

# SEA BREEZE



## MARINE DETACHMENT

On May 7, 1968, another Marine reported for duty. Private Walter Eric Bowden, 8 pounds, 9 ounces, the son of Captain and Mrs. H. J. Bowden, USMC. He is presently undergoing recruit training at 12 Ejercito Avenue, Chipiona, Spain for an indefinite period. The Detachment sends its congratulations to the parents.

Our Viet Nam volunteers have received their orders and will be leaving in the latter part of June. The Detachment is to receive replacements for Pfc Dennis, Pfc

Russo, and Pfc Wilkinson during the first part of July. May the good Captain of CANOPUS grace us with a short voyage the first few days of July, for the thought of running guard for an extended period of time is not of sound character.

Another CONUS returnee on the rolls of the Detachment is the Commanding Officer, Capt. Bowden himself. His next duty station and date of detachment are not known, but the contact relief by Captain Keith will be some time in August. Capt. Keith, accompanied by his family, will join this Detachment from the 2nd Marine Division, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

Other anticipated CONUS returnees with a June rotation tour date are Cpl. Brewer, Cpl. Simms, and LCpl Crisp. Notification of transfer for these personnel has not been received.

# Square Dancing News

by EMC R. M. WILSON

The weekend of May 17th. and 18th. saw a group of tired and happy square dancers as the Rota Whirlaways held their Second Annual Spring Fling. Visiting the Rota area were the Madrid Squares from Torrejon AFB, the Pueblo Promenaders, also from the Torrejon AFB, and the San Pablo Spinning Wheels from San Pablo AFB, Sevilla.

Although the majority of guests didn't arrive until Friday noon, they were ready to go at 8p.m. Gary Ball, president of the Whirlaways, welcomed the groups and Jerry Long of CANOPUS, host caller, kicked the evening off with a medium tempo Patter Call. The magic of square dancing kept the participants swinging and swaying to the calling of Len Bergquist of Torrejon, Harry Casey of Torrejon, and Ray Garza of VQ 2 Rota. The gala affair was held in the beautifully decorated "May Day" multi-purpose room of the David G. Farragut School. Among the highlighting decorations was a beautiful "May Pole" around which twirled 100 enthusiastic dancers. Friday night's "Get Acquainted" dance ended smashing spirited at 11:30p.m.

Saturday's day of Fling began at 2p.m. aboard the Spanish Aircraft Carrier "DEDALO". This dance was topped by a special treat for the Spanish sailors when Ray Garza, club interpreter, called a dance in Spanish. This was an example of true people to people friendship in the tradition of square dancing. Participating in the Saturday afternoon dancing were not only the Whirlaways and the visiting Air Force groups, but the "DEDALO" crewmembers as well. This made it a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon for all. The frilly dresses and colorful bouffants added much decor to the smiling happy sailors. Needless to say the dancers and personnel of the carrier had quite a "Fiesta". The "DEDALO" was marvelous and their refreshments thirst quenching.

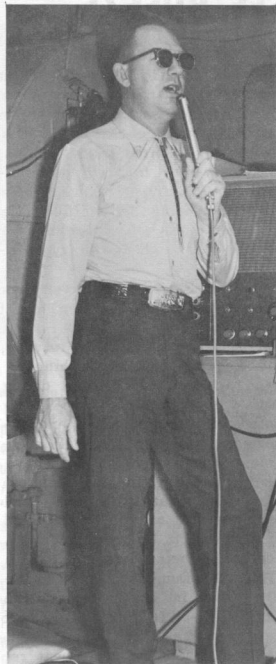
Saturday evening a barbecue was held featuring Steam Boat Barbecue, at the David G. Farragut school at 6p.m. The women provided three beautiful cakes for desert. One featured the "May Day" theme and another was decorated with a basket of flowers.

Back to more square dancing at 8p.m. with Len Bergquist starting the evening of fun for everyone. The laughter, music, and golden voice of Len could be heard for blocks around. The gala festivities of the busy weekend were a credit to the preparation and hospitality of the host club, the Rota Whirlaways.

## ATTENTION: Supply Department

Did you serve with SK1 Mike Gourgeois (Ret)? If you did, he would like to hear from you. In a recent letter to the "Helmsman", he asked that all his old buddies write to him. His address is:

Mr. Michael R. Gourgeois  
845 Plaza  
Atlantic Beach, Florida 32233



JERRY LONG



# Sea Breeze

## SEA BREEZE



NAVAL ACADEMY GETTING  
NEW CHIEF

### "A" DIVISION

July is the first of four months wherein many familiar faces will depart from "A" Division. EN3 Juden, EN3 Tanner, and MM3 Dempster are all leaving for civilian life. EN2 Brock is leaving for conversion training for Electronics Technician at Great Lakes, Illinois. ENFN Kotch is also leaving for Great Lakes to study at Engineman "C" School. The Division wishes good luck and smooth sailing to these men. August will see ENC Ryder leaving for the underway training unit at Norfolk, Virginia and MM3 South will be going to sea aboard the USS Mississinewa (AO 144), homeported at Newport, Rhode Island.

The men of the Division would like to welcome our new Department Head, Lt. Zimmerman, and bid a farewell to LCDr. Lewis, our departing Chief Engineer. Mr. Lewis has been with the CANOPUS Engineering Department since it was a baby and has watched it grow up into a smooth running, efficient operation that knows no equal. "A" Division is especially thankful to Mr. Lewis for his guidance during the last few years.

### W-2 DIVISION

It has to be a first for W-2. We finally won a CANOPUS intramural sport .... VOLLEYBALL. We started by taking the Weapons Department competition in a double elimination tournament. It looked bad for W-2 after losing the first game, but we pulled together to take everything. Much of the credit has to go the FTG1 Florin, FTB1 Young, and FTG1 Murphy. The class "B" bowling team for the summer season is getting off to a slow start, 0 to 8, but things are looking up. They should win a game or two before the end of the season.

The last couple of months has seen us saying farewell to MT2 McGoye, FTG2 Daddona, FTB1 Farham, and MT2 Ellis. No new faces???



Mrs. D. K. Howe, Jr. (left), the outgoing President of the CSS-16 Officer's Wives Club, welcomes Mrs. T. J. Lynch as her successor. Mrs. Howe, wife of Cdr. D. K. Howe, CANOPUS' Supply Officer, left with her husband on June 12 after having served the club for over a year. Mrs. Lynch is the wife of Lt. T. J. Lynch, CANOPUS' Supply Assistance Team Officer.

Washington, D.C.

Rear Admiral James F. Calvert, USN who commanded the first production model of the nuclear submarine, has been selected as the new superintendent of the United States Naval Academy.

He will replace Rear Admiral Draper L. Kauffman, USN who served as superintendent since June 1965.

Admiral Calvert, 47 years old, is a native of Cleveland. He will become the youngest flag-ranking officer ever named to the academy post.

He was commanding officer of the nuclear-powered USS Skate (SS(N) 578) when she became the first ship in history to surface at the North Pole in February of 1959.

Admiral Calvert comes to the academy from a 15-month tour as Commander of Cruiser Destroyer Flotilla Eight presently operating in the Mediterranean.

## SEA BREEZE

### X DIVISION

Along comes the beautiful Spanish summer (?) and right behind it the not so beautiful mountain of work due to personnel transfers this summer and fall. If you are among the waiting to detach make sure your affairs are in order. Keep in touch with the personnel office.

Speaking of transfers, we say farewell to CWO2 McCarthy and his family as he assumes new duties in Southeast Asia. We also congratulate him on being promoted to Ensign. YN2 Carter and PN2 Cadoret have also left us: the former for duty in Norfolk and the latter for return to civilian life in New England. We welcome PNCM Gall to the division and hope he enjoys his tour with us.

"At this point the "X Division Maulers" are the best softball team in the CANOPUS intramural league and will very surely finish number ONE". Copies of the preceding statement are available from PNSN Wenzel for distribution to all hands.



## Salty Sam Sez

Dear Salty Sam,

Do you know where the sales officer can procure pro-line golf balls to sell in the ship's store for 35¢.

--- "The Sales Officer"

I sure do --- try the lake at the 6th. hole.

Dear Salty Sam,

I've been offered an officer's stateroom, but it's a double and I don't like the idea of sleeping with another chief --- what should I do?

--- TCMC (Anonymous)

Sleep in the officer's barber shop!

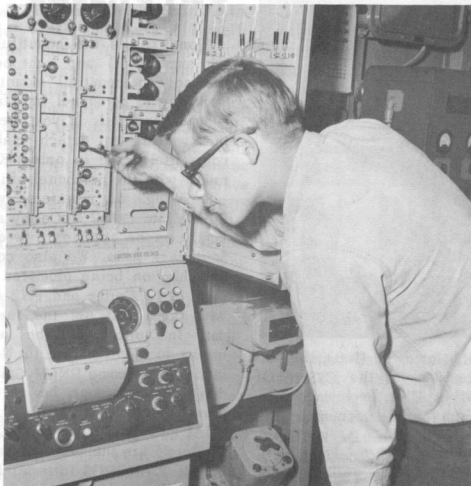
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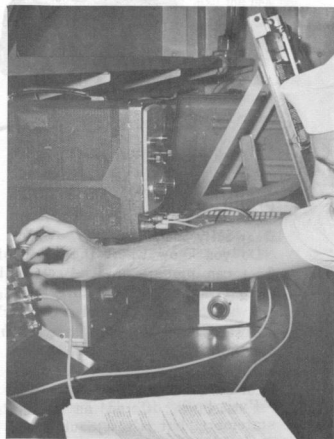
FTBC John Bowmann reads his tech manual to find the 'a' key on his typewriter. Any luck?!



Lt Howard Albright,



SN Clark Godfrey, the **ONLY** reserve, adjusts his mount 31's radar console.



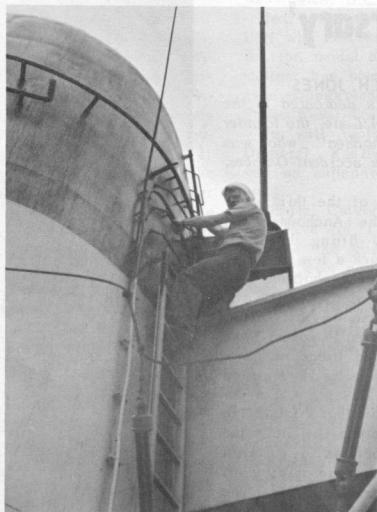
FTG2 Don Nickle checks the calibration of fire control systems.

# the Month

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Division Officer



FTG3 Ray Bieze, Jr. climbs the stack to 'skate' in his hide-away, 32 gun-director.



f electronic equipment for underwater



FTB1 Rob Gabbard wonders what's wrong with his TV screen. Try the 'on' switch Rob!

*Our last underway operations were observed by a crewmember of one of our SSBN's. Sure looks like a tempting target!*



If you should want to hear the sounds of total music from this outstanding group, just give a listen at any one of the parties we play. We blend the sounds of jazz, rhythm and blues, country, pop, rock & roll, and soul sounds. So just give a listen to *"The Anchormen"*.

## SEA BREEZE

### S-1 DIVISION

Summer is here and with the extra warm weather comes softball, swimming, and more travel. Our varsity softball team got started on the right foot when they defeated the Rota Naval Base on Saturday, June 1. The score was SubRon SIXTEEN 3 -- NavSta 2 -- in 13 innings. On Sunday, June 2, NavSta defeated SubRon SIXTEEN 2 - 1 in ten innings. S-1 team members are: SK1 Lassiter, catcher; SK3 Fichtel, outstanding; and SK3 Coomer, infielder. Lassiter and Fichtel are starters and are very adequate players. SubRon SIXTEEN should have a fine season. We wish them the best and hope they go far in representing the CANOPUS.

Looking further into the summer we find the base pool is open and also the beaches to accommodate the many who want to sun and swim their leisure hours away.

Our fine and able bodied coach is running Supply's Intramural softball team. Our first and only all-American is doing a fine job with the team. Doesn't he do everything well!?!?

I'm sure all hearts are saddened by the departure of Chief Jarrell and soon to depart Chief Miller. Chief Jarrell is going to do some teaching, or maybe be taught some new tricks himself. Chief Miller is going to the land of Viet Nam. I wonder if the beer is free in Nam?!?

This will be this writer's last article since I'm to be discharged on July 1. The new writer or co-writer will have the joy of writing about Supply in many new ways. There is always something to write about, and I'm sure my relief will do well.

I've heard talk that SK3 Wissler is willing his TAD orders to Douglas Fichtel. Doug must step down as "Man of the Year", but I'm sure he'll enjoy his new position and responsibility. Good luck Doug; watch the arrows.

# 'Anchormen Anniversary'

by MMC H. JONES

*This article is dedicated to the memory of Darrel Lane, the founder of "The Anchormen" who was killed in a truck accident October, 1967.*

In observance of the third anniversary of "The Anchormen", I think it is only fitting that I attempt to bring back a few memories of the original "Anchormen" for those of us aboard CANOPUS who still remember the original group.

The "Anchormen" combo was started by a good friend of mine, the late Darrel Lane. We were formed when the CANOPUS pre-com detail was in Norfolk, Virginia, in June, 1965. I joined the group the following October as a guitarist and vocalist. There are only two of the original members left. The original group were: Darrel Lane, Juan (Saxy) Catano, Al Scungio, Donnie Butler, Chuck Smith, Jim Martin, Jim McKee, and myself.

Since then "The Anchormen" have made many friends and given to many listeners a different concept of musical entertainment, the music of the fabulous "Anchormen". We earned the name during the CANOPUS shake-down cruise at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. We have played in every port that CANOPUS has been in except Fort Lauderdale, Florida and missed that only because we were left in Gtmo to perform for their yearly Mardi Gras celebration. After flying back to Charleston, South Carolina from that engagement we played in almost every major hotel and night spot in Charleston, including a banquet for the Governor of South Carolina.

The group presently has a sound that is better than ever. The present members are: Al Scungio, manager; Juan (Saxy) Catano, saxophonist; Bob Canavello, percussionist and vocalist; Phil Zahn, guitarist and vocalist; and myself as leader.



# Torrejon AFB vs ComSubRon 16

Sparked by the strong hurling of veteran righthanders Bob Ratley and Leo Garcia, the CSS-16 varsity softball team handed a pair of weekend defeats to the visiting Torrejon AFB varsity nine on June 15-16.

The CANOPUS nine won on Saturday 4-1 as Ratley handcuffed the enemy, allowing just a few hits while striking out numerous aimen. Rightfielder Larry Gross, making his varsity league debut, backed Ratley's hurling with a pair of clutch hits as did leftfielder Doug Fichtel.

The local squad notched their Sunday win, 7-3, as they banged out 12 hits during the contest to back the servings of Garcia. Ratley came in on the top of the seventh inning to close the door and seal the win for CSS-16. Speedy centerfielder Tim Hanley led the SubRon offense with a pair of hits and some daring base-running. This included a fan-pleasing



belly slide at the plate and the winning run for '16.

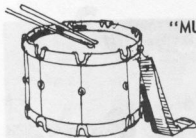
Plans are being made for the CSS-16 team to visit Madrid in July or August when the locals will again meet the Torrejon AFB nine.



## New Warrants for '16

Looking on as (front row) WO1/YNC H. Acosta and WO1/ETC J. Brackney put on their new Warrant Officer bars are their old Division Officers, Lt. Clapper and LCdr. Hewitt. The Warrants are "all smiles" and have every right to be -- Congratulations to you both.





"MUSIC

BEAT"

## WSTC RADIO

Thirty-nine months ago a radio station began aboard CANOPUS for the purpose of airing entertainment to the crew. The station was "dubbed" WSTC, meaning, "Wonderful Submarine Tender CANOPUS."

Today, WSTC continues to bring the best in listening pleasure with live shows to the crew daily through the efforts of six full-time disc jockeys and five men on a stand-by basis. All the announcers work in the station on a volunteer basis under the direction of LCdr. F. E. Whitaker, Chaplain and ship's entertainment officer. Assisting Chaplain Whitaker is SN George Heddleston, who acts as Station Manager.



**SN BILL DOWNS**

Program Director, SN Bill Downs, is responsible for supervising the daily programs and also handling some of the station's paper work. He is assisted in the latter capacity by GMGSN Chris Reed, alias "Brooklyn Benny" and ICFN Charles Caufield or "Bob Reynolds", who serve together as station librarians. They bear the job of filing new records, making a card catalog of all the WSTC records, and typing the weekly "Top 40" record survey and program logs.



The WSTC staff from left to right are, ICFN Caufield, GMGSN Reed, SN Heddleston, Chaplain Whitaker, SN Downs (seated), SN Roby, FN Dumas, and SN Villerreal. Not present are SN Hamrick, MM3 Goodwin, SN Jaffe, and ICFN Dunn.

WSTC is heard weeknights from 4p.m. until 9:55p.m. and from noon until 9:55p.m. on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays. Recently the programming was adjusted so that every popular type of music is presented to the crew at some time during the week. Regular weekday shows include rock & roll, popular, and country and western music. Jazz music, along with oldie but goodie programs, are added on weekends. Oldie shows are also aired on Tuesday and Thursday evenings hosted by "Brooklyn Benny".

The majority of records in the WSTC library are supplied by the Armed Forces Radio and Television Service (A.F.R.T.S.) in Los Angeles, California. D.J.'s working in the station have added variety to the programming by playing their own records for the crew's enjoyment. A daily "Date with Chris" show is aired aboard CANOPUS, Monday thru Friday, from 8p.m. 'til 9p.m. Featured is Miss Chris Noel who provides well known hits presently on the charts in the States.

The station begins broadcasting each weekday with the Mr. Music show, hosted by Bob Reynolds, who presents the latest rock hits. Bill Downs is next with the "Top 40" show. He spins the sounds from the CANOPUS "Top 40" record popularity chart. This chart is based on the

popularity of a record with the crew, who vote for their favorites on Saturday afternoon from noon 'til 2p.m. Also helping the programming of the "Top 40" and "Mr. Music" shows are radio stations in the States, which have been sending record surveys from their local areas. Among the stations lending support are WABC Radio in New York City, WLS Radio in Chicago, CKLW Radio in Windsor, Ontario, Canada, WOWO Radio in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and WHYN Radio in Springfield, Massachusetts.



**GMGSN REED and FN CAUFIELD**

Country western music is next at 6p.m. under the direction of the Rochester Rebel, "Pacos Bill". When Bill Dunn, "Pacos Bill", has the duty he is assisted by Gary Hamrick, the West Virginia Mountaineer "Rick Gary".

Tempo, the psychedelic sounds of WSTC, is next at 7p.m. "Brooklyn Benny" plays the sounds of rock & roll with a touch of jazz, popular, and soft popular music. Following Tempo is the daily "Date with Chris".



### SN GEORGE HEDDLESTON

Ron Roberts is none other than station manager, SN George Heddleston. He sits-in nightly at 9p.m. for the final 55 minutes with Night Beat. This show is designed to bring relaxing, easy listening music to the crew prior to taps.

The sixth announcer used on a regular basis is SN Michael Villerreal. He is able to do all of the aforementioned programs but he also provides his station-mates with much needed information through his knowledge of records, both old and new.

Stand-by announcers who provide assistance on weekends or when other D.J.'s have to work or stand duty are SN Mark Roby, FN Michael Dumas, SN Stan Jaffe, and MM3 Morris "Gator" Goodwin.

**LISTEN TO WSTC  
RADIO DAILY**

## Toti's Career Corner

by CSC A. E. TOTI, Jr.

In the April issue of the "Helmsman", an article on page nine said: "Don't read this story", but most of us read it anyway. As this is my last article I will have in the "Helmsman", I would like to write about the same thing -- just to see if a man will make the same mistake twice.

First of all I want to talk about the impression one makes on other men in the Navy. Just so no one gets mad at what I have to say on impressions of other people, I will write about the impressions some people on CANOPUS have about their career counselor, and also, try in some way to justify my job. The Captain thinks that I have better working hours than he does. Why he thinks this I don't know, because I never go on liberty before noon, (unless I am on special liberty). Now the Executive's Officer impression is that I just don't have a full time job. The reason for this is that men on CANOPUS want to reenlist and I just don't have to go out and beat the bushes. My late Division Officer's impression of me was very good. Last month he was telling the Captain and X.O. about all the extra work I do, and that they just didn't realize all the effort I put into my job. I still don't know why my Division Officer got his orders to Viet Nam so fast.

The one man on CANOPUS that has the biggest impression is our Medical Officer. His impression is-- No I better not write what he thinks because someone may send a copy of the "Helmsman" home to his mother, and I don't think she would like to read all the bad words. I will just say that the Doctor does have thoughts on me too. All my fellow CPO's keep telling me what a fine job I have on CANOPUS. Yes, the Career Counselor's job is very good, but as I have stated before, the working hours are just too long. If I could just close my office by 10a.m. at least two days each week, it would help a lot.

Now, I will tell everyone the impression that most of the crew has of your overweight career counselor. They think I walk around the ship with a pen in hand and a reenlistment contract in the other. This isn't true at all as I let the man that ships over use the Captain's pen.

So as one can see, if you go around and ask people their impressions of someone, you can get lots of different opinions. In my case, it seems like most of the impressions are at least part (90%) true.

As I said in the beginning of this article, "Don't Read This Story", but since you did anyway, all I can

hope for is that I am gone from CANOPUS before this issue of the "Helmsman" comes out.

Let me give my opinion of the CANOPUS, the Officers, CPO's, and crew. This is my true opinion by the way. I have enjoyed the 18 months on CANOPUS very much. As Career Counselor, I have worked with most of the Division Officers at one time or another, and have had the best of cooperation from them. As for the CPO's on CANOPUS, I hope my next duty on USS Orion has as fine shipmates on it as CANOPUS. As for the crew, I want to say thanks to all the men that have reenlisted. You made a good choice. (Also it makes it look like I have been working hard.) This is a dam good crew. I know you have heard this before but I will say it again; CANOPUS will be in my mind for as long as I live.

Good Luck to all, and remember this, "The Navy is an Honored Profession. Go Navy and You Won't Go Wrong."

## Command Column con't

Under this treatment the infection rapidly diminished. On June 17 the dramatically improved patient was transferred to the Naval Station Hospital for convalescence prior to his return to duty in Liberia.

Both the Medical Department and the First Lt. Department can take pride in an unusual assignment carried out in the usual outstanding CANOPUS fashion. Well Done!

# Sea Breeze

## R-2 DIVISION

We are sorry to say it but the next few weeks R-2 will see many of it's "Hard" workers leaving. Among the already departed are EN1 Souther, MR1 Czajkowski, MM1 Tolbert, ENC Bunch, and MR2 Crain. Those leaving in the near future are OM2 Berger, EN2 Young, and EN1 Reineke. A few of the less fortunate ones are MR3 Cunha, MR3 Rivard, MR3 Tazewell, (hello reserve center), OM2 Rico, OM3 Weichmann, MM3 Harmon, EN3 Alberson, FN Spence, and MM2 Hall who are returning to "Civ-Lant".

Naturally with all the above men leaving, R-2 should see some new faces around the different shops. Among the new arrivals are MRFN Rich, MRFN Vosburg, MM3 Goodwin, and IMSN LaPointe, straight from "A"

## R-3 Sea Breeze

by ICFN CHARLES CAUFIELD

R-3 is now a clean shaven group. Both of the "Smith Brothers", EM3 Marshall and EM3 Carter have met up with the blade again.

New in the division this month is EM1 Joseph H. Ray. Joe is presently enjoying the life of a bachelor. His wife will soon join him. Sorry Joe, all good holiday's must end sometime.

IC2 Jackson has decided to tie the knot and has gone home to pick-up his new boss. The best of luck to the Jacksons.

IC1 Guthy has gotten "away from it all" by moving his projector repair shop to the quiet air-conditioning spaces of the sound shop.

EM1 Hilton will soon depart for the USS Dale (DLG 19). All the gang in the rubber and plastic shop will deeply miss him.

Chief Hofer is to hear the cry of "teacher, teacher". The Service School Command in San Diego is calling.

Most of the division is still recovering from a two-day free-for-all held on May 24 & 25. Mr. Yelm can't seem to forget about those egg fights.

school. Also OM1 Silliman, MM1 Hyslop, and MR2 Schreifels are welcomed aboard.

With the coming and going of enlisted personnel, we are also witnessing some changes among the officers of the Division. It's no longer Lt. James F. Turner who signs our early liberty chits. WO1 M. L. Dresbach is the new R-2 Division Officer. Mr. Dresbach, we all welcome you as our new leader. Incidentally, we're hoping you don't get writers cramps from all those liberty chits, just keep signing! Last of the more recent changes, but by no means least, we want to mention that LCdr. Bannon has replaced Cdr. Fox as Repair Officer. We all want to thank Commander Fox for a job well done and wish him the very best in the future. He's still trying to figure out just what that was R-2 gave him upon his departure, does anyone know??? Greetings from all of us to LCdr. Bannon.

To change to more serious business and the scholastic side of our division, we want to welcome back MR1 Case. Casey just returned from 7 weeks of heat treatment school. It should be noted that the heat treatment oven located in X-31 will no longer be used for heating beans and franks!

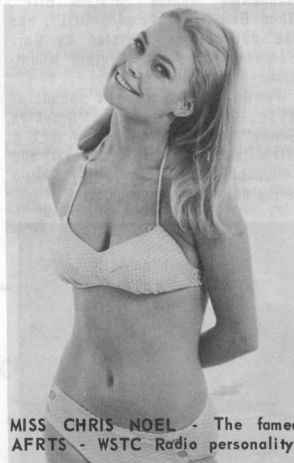
R-2 is now planning to hold a division picnic on Friday, June 12 for the assorted personalities, and the enormous amount of "Merry Makers" in our division. It should be quite a treat, needless to say we should warn the medical staff of the increase of personnel from R-2 at sick bay on Saturday at 8a.m. "Break out the Aspirins".

Before we forget, we would like to extend our appreciation to the men of R-2 who made it possible for us to receive the "El Asno" award for the month of May. Until next time, all you men in X-31, keep those fingers out of the drill press, and chief Taylor, 'Please remove your fingers from the hatch edge before closing same'.

## RM3 Gordon Departs

*The "Helmsman" lost one of its most important staff members when RM3 "Mike" Gordon left for discharge last month. Mike was a member of our original crew and his interest and willingness to work contributed much to the success of "Helmsman". We thank him. Mike has gone home to Massachusetts to continue his education. We wish him God speed and the best of luck in the future.* ---The Staff

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MISS CHRIS NOEL - The famed AFRTS - WSTC Radio personality.

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