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Jobs Now Slow Down

According to Mr. Elmer J. Leet, Institutional Parole Officer, all men who were scheduled to begin the next "cycle" with Jobs Now, Inc. of Louisville, will have an indefinite wait.

Mr. Marshall Abstain, Intake Coordinator for Jobs Now has notified the institution that the "cycle" has been discontinued until an undisclosed date.

Mr. Leet suggested that if a man who was going to be a part of the Jobs Now program has definite employment, he should send out another set of papers to that employment. This way, Mr. Leet pointed out, the man can have one set of papers being processed. If they are approved, we will then send his first set back to Frankfort and release him to the job he has secured on the second set. If the second set, for some reason, is not approved, he will still have a valid set of papers from Jobs Now and only has to wait until they begin operations once again.

The reason for the further continuance to a future date of the "cycle" was given as the present slow-down in work in the Jefferson County area.

Color TV-and Curtains To

No, that isn't just a figment of your imagination, someone has been putting curtains up in your Television and Recreation Rooms. According to James Ware, Chairman of the K. S. R. JayCeas' Curtains for Dormitories Project, the idea was to place the curtains in every T.V. Room so that we would not have glare from outside light sources playing on the screen when we were trying to view our favorite shows.

Danny Kiefer and Gary Kiefer, who are working on the project

with Jim Ware, have been busy all week putting up the curtain rods and curtains to insure that they were all in place before the arrival of our new color T Vs'.

The next time you see a member of the JayCeas, or any Club that is helping to improve our little community, show them that you do notice these small efforts-thank them.

Data Processing

The Data Processing section of Prison Industries is in full swing as the holiday season approaches, and the key-note is on new men and new programs.

A night shift has been in effect since the 17th of November, thereby increasing the output almost two-fold.

Eighteen men have been assigned to Data Processing since the 1st of December and are now involved in a revolutionary (for Data Processing) On-The-Job training program. From the results to date, this program would seem to be very effective.

Some of the people instrumental in training the new key-punchers are Leon Blackstone, Phil Johnson, Steve Richardson and Mike Wilkerson.

Employees trained in this field are much in demand on the streets, so that these men are not only learning an interesting type of work, but one that builds for their future, also.

Mr. Jim Pickett, Supervisor of Prison Industries has obtained new contracts for Data Processing, and these new punching programs will be implemented under Mr. Howard Garrett and Mr. Edmond Waters, day and night shift supervisors respectively, in the coming new year.

The headquarters of The United States Jaycees is in Tulsa, Okla.

Jobs For the Future

There is an old adage that says it is better to give than to receive. Some truth must lie in those words because every day we see instances of this. One of the more recent examples of this giving is right here at the reformatory.

Every year, the Kawanis Club of LaGrange collects, repairs and distributes toys to the underprivileged children in Oldham County. The Sheriff collects the toys from the donors and turns them over to the Kawanis club. From that point it is up to the Kawanis club to have the toys repaired so that they can be given to the children for Christmas.

When several men here at KSR heard that the Kawanis Club needed volunteers to help repair the toys, they took the challenge. For the past week the men have been giving their time and energies for these children, most of whom they will never see or ever hear of again.

For that reason, the Skytower News would like to give credit where it is due. Although Jack Short and Bobby Sadler will never see any tangible profit from their unselfishness, we bet they are glad they've made the sacrifice.

Cost of Crime

The Department of Corrections asked for a budget of 23.6 million dollars for the next two years, (11.8 million per year). The Governor's proposed budget has allocated for the Department of Corrections \$18.2 million, a cut of \$5.4 million.

According to a State Budget Breakdown given in the Courier-Journal, the Reformatory operated at a cost of \$2,988,692 in 69-70. The proposed budget for the years 70-71 and 71-72 are \$3,227,115 & 3,350,350 respectively.

Chapel Activities

Sunday	9:00 A. M.	Roman Catholic Mass
	5:00 P. M.	Choir Practice
	6:00 P. M.	Chapel Services
	7:00 P. M.	Reception Unit Services
Monday	11 - 12 Noon	Chapel open for meditation
	7:00 P. M.	Roman Catholic Mass for Segregation & Reception Unit
Tuesday	11 - 12 Noon	Chapel open for meditation
	1 - 4 P. M.	Father Cecil holds Interviews
	7 - 8:30 P. M.	Roman Catholic Instruction Classes
Wednesday	6:00 P. M.	Bible Study
	7:30 - 9 P. M.	Choir Practice
Thursday	Chapel Closed All Day	
Friday	9 - 12 Noon	Father Cecil holds Interviews
	11 - 12 Noon	Meditation Hour
Saturday	9 - 9:30 A. M.	Seventh Day Adventist Services Held
	9:30 - 12 Noon	Father Cecil Holds Interviews and Hears Confessions

Chaplains Faucette and Davis are available during the week for interviews. A Duty Chaplain is in the Institution all day Saturday and Sunday and available for emergencies at other times.

Notice All Clubs

With the start of the new year it occurs to me that no organization should exist unless it has a purpose, plan, and organization. By that I mean:

- (a) An organization should have purpose which serves
 1. Its group
 2. Each individual in it
 3. The institution in which it functions.
- (b) It should have a plan for carrying out these purposes in some organized manner.
- (c) It should have leadership to serve the purpose and carry out the plans.

In order to establish your purpose (goals), your plans, and your organization for the year ahead (calendar 1970), please submit to me, via Mr. Keowyn, your outline of planned activities and programs which will serve the above, not later than Wednesday, January 28, 1970.

Howard C. Kassulke

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S.P.A.D.E.-Xmas Party

The up and coming S.P.A.D.E. Club held its annual Christmas-New Year's Party on December 29th. The affair was spiced with invited guests, door prizes, a delicious chicken dinner and various game-board tournaments. Members of the S.P.A.D.E. Club started gathering at the gaily decorated clubroom in Dormitory No. 8 at 4:00 P. M. to take part in the tournaments being held. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by President Gary Barrow. President Gary welcomed the invited guests - Mr. Howard C. Kassulke, Associate Warden for Treatment; Mr. Harold E. Keowyn, Club Co-ordinator, Mr. G. C. Vanderpool, Club Advisor, and Mr. John B. Southard, Assistant School Principal. A certificate of Honorary membership was awarded to Mr. Kassulke who expressed his appreciation and his desire for all the clubs to work together in their goals. He stated his wish that all the clubs publicize their activities in the SKY-TOWER NEWS and in that way inform other men on the yard and their families at home of their interests and goals. A certificate of Appreciation was also extended to Mr. Vanderpool for his help and interest in the S. P. A. D. E. Club. It was brought to the attention of the membership that Mr. Keowyn was already a Honorary member of S.P.A.D.E.. Charles McWorter, a member, was presented a Certificate of Merit for his past work.

President Gary then unveiled S.P.A.D.E.'s newest project The Electric Letter Writer. Briefly, this is a recording device that used miniature records. The records are almost indestructable and can be mailed for the price of a regular letter. The S.P.A.D.E. Club will make use of this machine available to the general population so that they can record and send home spoken messages. The idea behind the project is that the S.P.A.D.E.

Proclamation

Whereas, the civic bodies and service organizations of our community and the departments of the local government recognize the great service rendered by the K. S. R. *JayCees*, and

Whereas, The United States *JayCees* and its affiliated state and local organizations have set aside the week of January 18-24, 1970, to observe the fiftieth anniversary of The United States *JayCees*, and

Whereas, this organization of young men has contributed materially to the betterment of this community throughout the year,

Therefore, I James F. Howard, Warden of the Kentucky State Reformatory, do hereby proclaim the week of January 18-24, 1970, as *Jay-Cee Week* and urge all citizens of our community to give full consideration to the future services of the *JayCees*.

Date Jan. 15, 1970 Signed James F. Howard

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Whereas the civic bodies and service organizations of our community and the departments of the local government recognize the great service rendered by the K. S. R. Jaycees and

Whereas the United States Jaycees and its affiliated state and local organizations have set aside the week of January 18-24, 1970, to observe the fiftieth anniversary of The United States Jaycees and

Whereas this organization of young men has contributed materially to the betterment of this community throughout the year.

Therefore I, James F. Howard, Warden of the Kentucky State Reformatory, do hereby proclaim the week of January 18-24, 1970, as Jaycee Week and urge all citizens of our community to give full consideration to the future services of the Jaycees.

Date _____ Signed _____
James F. Howard

Club feels that often times the spoken word is more meaningful than the written one. As soon as final details are completed, tickets will be sold in the Inmate's Canteen. The Letter Writer will be used in the S.P.A.D.E. Clubroom on Saturday Mornings.

Following the report on the new project, the drawing for the door prizes was held. Winners were Frank Williamson and Larry Croft. The drawing over, President Barrow called for a "social hour" so that everyone present could become acquainted. During the "social hour" dinner was served.

The "social hour" over, the members and guests were shown films of a Ski Meet at Sun Valley, Colorado, titled Attack. We of S.P.A.D.E. would like to thank Granville Howard for making the film available.

Speaking for all the members of S.P.A.D.E., I wish you a very Prosperous and Happy New Year.

Color comes to inmate

The heading "Inmate's Canteen" is by no means a misnomer, it is exactly that, a Canteen for the inmates of this institution. Any profits from the Canteen come back to the inmate population through various expenditures such as paying for eye-glasses and an annual budget to the Chapel, Athletic Department and School Program. In truth these three departments could not function adequately without the Canteen budget. Each of the inmate organized clubs are given an annual donation from the Canteen Fund, so we at the Canteen are involved in the JayCees, S.P.A.D.E., A.L.T.E.R. A/C, A. A., and H.E.L.P. Clubs. And, all the outside entertainment that performs on the Gym Stage is paid for by the inmates Canteen. But we are wandering from our subject matter, so lets go back a few weeks.

At a recent meeting of the Canteen Board, approval was given for the

purchase of a Color Television for each Dormitory Recreation Room. These sets were delivered to the Inmates Canteen on December 15 of this year. At this time the Vocational Radio & T.V. School personnel are putting up outside antennas on each dormitory and the sets will be installed approximately December 23, 1969.

The acquisition of these televisions should be appreciated by each of us confined here at La-Grange, for they are delicate pieces of furniture and are extremely expensive. A very large percentage of the "Free People" outside cannot afford one and yet we are given one for our enjoyment. Each of us helped pay for these sets each time we purchased some item from the Inmates Canteen, so let's not destroy or mutilate OUR televisions.

Those Bowl games are going to be better than ever for us on a 23-inch color screen. The only way that we can show our appreciation for this Christmas present is to take care of the televisions and not let them be abused by someone that isn't interested in Sports or whatever else may be on television.

Pay Raise Due

Guards here at the state reformatory (and other state institutions) will be getting a raise in pay shortly if the budget proposed by Governor Nunn is approved by the Kentucky General Assembly.

Governor Nunn's budget includes \$548,000 to provide pay raises for the correctional officers of the state institutions. This money would be used to up-grade the guard pay during the next two years. According to Department of Corrections officials, this would mean raises for about 450 officers. The Department of Corrections also noted that Kentucky ranks 48th in the nation in its pay-scale for prison employees.

This proposed pay raise is the only proposed salary increase in the budget. "But," as a Governor's

aide noted, "this pay raise is in response to a crying need".

If the proposed raise is not approved by this General Assembly, it will be two years before it can be reconsidered.

The Tigers Den

The Varsity Tigers opened their season Sunday, December 21st, 1969, against the GUTHRIE A. C. from Jeffersonville, Ind.

The men from across the river looked good, but they just couldn't keep up with the fast pace set by the TIGERS. James Smith pitched in 36 points and led the TIGERS to an easy 112-99 win. Alton Moore, the tallest 5' 9" forward anywhere, had 20 points for the TIGERS.

The Madison Merchant's from Madison, Indiana invaded Tiger-land Sunday, December 28, 1969 with the hopes of leaving with a victory. Their hopes were all in vain as J. Smith (25 pts.) and Alton Moore (24 pts.) led an attack that never gave up until the final buzzer was sounded. The final score was 106-86 and the Tigers were 2-0 on the season.

Expectations were great on Sunday, January 4th because Larry Pursiful (former U. K. All-American) was bringing his team from Hodgenville, Kentucky, in to meet the roaring TIGERS. The "old timers" around here were speculating a defeat for the Tigers because they had seen Pursiful perform down on the "Mountain." The Tigers, not easily impressed, never lookd back after Earl Stover layed one in on the opening tip-off. The Tigers went on to win 105-77 Pursiful had 22 points for the losers and at times showed some of his shooting and passing brilliance that made him a true All American. Stover had 24 points for the Tigers followed by James Smith with 20 points.

All Tiger games are played at 2:00 on sunday Afternoons in the K.S.R. Gym.

SPORTS AND RECREATION ACTIVITY

THE WINTER MONTHS

Tigers Tumbled

Can this be so? Unfortunately it's true. The Tigers are no longer undefeated. It all happened on a snowy Sunday afternoon January 11, 1970. Gutheries A. C. from Jeffersonville, Ind., were late getting here due to bad roads and were very apologetic about having brought only five players with them, but what those five players did to our team is just about unbelievable. The game started as most of our Tiger games do, with the home team jumping out to a 5-0 lead. The Tigers didn't stay in front very long as Bobby Stewart, Donnie Stemler and Ralph Guthie, all of Louisville K. B. A. fame, led the visitors to a 61-53 half-time lead. Both teams played first-class ball the first half, and the game was much closer than the eight point difference shows. James Smith led the home team with 17 points and Stewart led the visitors with 19 points at the intermission.

When the teams came out on the court after the break, the visitors looked tired and it looked like the home team might run away with the game as they tied up the ball game 77-77 with 12 minutes to play. Stemler, who had been giving a concert with his "string music" all afternoon got hot at this point in the game and dropped in 6 fast points to put the visitors ahead 83-77. Earl Stover, of local fame, started giving a concert of his own and brought the Tigers to a 104-104 tie.

The two teams swapped baskets and with 1½ minutes left, it looked as if the game would go into overtime.

A three-point play by Stewart put the visitors ahead and the Tigers were never to catch up. Two turn-overs by the Tigers

and a couple of field goals by Stemler put the game out of reach. The final score: Gutheries 115, Tigers 111.

Earl Stover led the home team with 31 points and James Smith tossed in 29. Stemler and Stewart both gave sparkling performances for the visitors as they combined for 76 points, 39 and 37 respectively. James Bryant of the Tigers showed that he really is as good as everyone said by getting 23 points and 11 rebounds. The Tigers had four more field goals than the visitors (50-46), but the winning margin came at the charity line where the visitors outshot the Tigers 23-11.

In all, it was a very fine game played by two very fine ball teams, and even though defeat never has a very sweet taste, I think that everyone who saw the game will agree that the Tigers are a great team and all of us who know them are proud of their effort. I think that everyone who saw the game will agree that the Tigers are a great team and all of us who know them are proud of their effort.

The Tigers as a team are very potent in their scoring, averaging 108.5 points per game compared to 95.8 for their opponents.

The leading scorers for the Tigers are:

J. Smith	27.5
E. Stover	20.7
A. Moore	14.3
J. Bryant	12.7
J. Elliott	12.3
W. Caudle	9.3

The Muscle Factory

The weight room has been getting a lot of use during the cold, gray, winter months and if all this activity keeps up, it will look like Muscle Beach around here

come spring.

Dillard Harris and Mike Sells, the two instructors, say quite a few new faces are being seen under the iron bars.

Little Eugene Mitchell, our 125 lb. Power Lifter, is really working out hard and should be in great shape to help the team this year.

Lou McGavic and his partner John Rosenbarger must be getting ready for the "streets" as they both have been pushing a lot of iron lately.

Charlie Rosenbarger and Mike Sells have been working out together and both of them are looking real good. Ronnie Hall, a member of the power lift team is keeping in good shape and is just waiting for the next meet so he can show his style. Harry Lee Hayes said he has the trimmest 195 lb. body anywhere.

Sorry About That

In the last issue the name of Joseph David Shepard was inadvertently left off the list of Trophy winners. Joe won the First Flight in the K. S. R. Annual Golf Classic.

Checkerboard Square

A lot of action has been taking place on the Ping-Pong tables and some of these guys might become a threat to Earl Stover's crown as the King of Ping-Pong at the next tournament.

Shubie Williams, Jack Bartlett, Ralph Jennings and Henry Green well have all been batting the ball around pretty good.

Is Eddie Dobson really the King of Chess? Maybe Frank Glen knows the answer to that.

The Boxing Dilemma

What has happened to all our boxers? Coach Pike has been trying to line up a fight card for later in the month. All men who are interested can sign up on the telephone platform. Melvin Northern, one of our ex-boxers is back with us again and said he may try to get in shape for the next card.

Coming Attractions

The movies coming to the Gym during the next few weeks are:
Jan. 16th Hard Contract
Jan. 23rd Joanna
Jan. 30th The Last Shot you hear
Feb. 6th Che

Next issue will feature an article on two of the varsity Tigers Basketball players plus a look at the State League.

Holiday Classics

Three intra-mural basketball tournaments took place over the Holidays here at K. S. R. and each one provided thrills and surprises worth remembering.

The first game in the Kentucky League Tournament got underway on December 26th between the Bullets and the Comets. At the end of the regular play the score was tied 51-51. At the end of the 1st overtime the score was still tied, 53-53. The second overtime period only set the stage for the climatic "Sudden Death" overtime. In a "Sudden Death" overtime, the first team to score a field goal wins the game. McKinny Bell sunk one for the Bullets and they won 61-59. McKinny Bell had 28 points for the winner and Roger Bailey had 37 points for the Comets.

Herb Ross coached the Onery 5 to a 40-35 win over Jack Bartlett's Fabulous 5 in the second game. P. Sanders had 11 points for the winners.

Robert King and his Celtics edged out the Bullets 38-37 in the Semi-Finals. Dan Smith had 10

points for the losing Bullets.

The Championship game found the Onery 5 up against the Celtics. W. Sizemore had 11 points for the Celtics as they won 47-44.

The State League Tourney was also played the day after Christmas. The first game was played between the Midgets and the Bullets (Coached by B. Lyons). The Midgets won 49-41 as Joe Cain pumped in 14 for the winners.

The second game saw defense prevail as the Whiz Kids turned back the Comets 33 - 20. O. Buchanan had 7 points for the Winning Whiz Kids.

The Semi-Final game saw Cain and Christian pass and shoot the Midgets to a 32-16 win over the Bullets.

In the Championship game a team effort by the Whiz Kids gave them a 34-32 victory over the Midgets. Christian had 17 big ones for the Midgets, but it just wasn't enough.

The Club League and the Saturday Morning League combined for the third tournament. The tourney was played on the 2nd day of the new year.

The first game was between the H. E. L. P. Aces and Hud's Hornets. Big Ben Duncan and the Aces were just too much for the Hornets as they won 48-24. Crenshaw and Duncan had 20 of the 24 Hornet points.

The second games contenders were the S. P. A. D. E. Gambelers from the Club League and Earl's Upsetters of the Saturday Morning League. The Upsetters did just that as they won 32-31. John Gregory had 14 points for the Upsetters.

The third game was between Alter A. C. and Tommy Kimbrell's Mag 5. Alter A. C. won 38-27.

The fourth game was between the strongest teams in the tournament, H. E. L. P. Aces and the A. A. Stoners. The Aces won the game 33-25. George Wilson had 9 points for the winners and Jerry Hudson had 15 points for the Stoners.

Earl's Upsetters won out over the Tired Tigers in the fifth game.

In the Semi-Final game, the H. E. L. P. Aces set down the Vans 38-23.

The Upsetters set back the Alter A. C. in the other quarter-final game 33-31.

The Championship game was between the Aces and the Upsetters. It was a close game all the way, but the Upsetters went down 58-53.

Fever Hits K.S.R.

No amount of rest or medication can cure the fever that is going around here. The only shots that the Doctor has prescribed are hook shots, jump shots and foul shots.

You may not be aware of it, if you haven't been out of the Dormitory for the past three or four weeks, but a new basketball season is beginning to unfold all around us.

There are 20 teams playing in four leagues here at KSR. The league a person plays in is determined by his ability. We have back with us this year a varsity team that will play against stiff outside competition.

Here is a rundown of the Leagues and Teams.

The Kentucky League:
This league is composed of five teams with 8 men on each team. The skill of the men playing in this league is of the highest quality. The coaches are Herb Ross the Onery 5; Jack Bartlett with his Fabulous 5; Robert King with the Celtics, Joe Haycraft's comets and the "Baron" himself, Bud Lyons, with the Bullets. These men coach in the Kentucky League and the State League. Without the cooperation of men like these our program just wouldn't be possible. Now, let's take a look at the teams.

The current league leaders are the Onery 5 with a record of 4 wins and no losses. Herb Ross has a great bunch of men and a lot of talent in the likes of Kelly

Moffitt, Jimmy Woodard, Willie Caudle, Greg Cotton, William Waite, Paul Carr and big Paul Sanders. This team looks like it may be the one to beat.

Robert King and the Celtics are in 2nd place with a record of 3 wins and one loss. Bob has Jazzy Williams, Arthur Broyles, J. Sizemore, T. Head, R. Workman, D. Sowell and C. Granison going all out for him, so he'll end up in good shape.

Tied with the Celtics for 2nd place are Joe Haycraft and his Comets. Roger Bailey, Herb Clay, Pete White, B. Roberson, Darryl Lewis, Carl Wayne and David Jackman team up for what could be the league's surprise team.

Along way back in fourth place with a record of 1 win and 4 losses are the Fabulous 5, coached by Jack Barlett. Jack has "Clutch" Bryant, A. Cross, D. Deadwyler, R. Chandler, J. Green, F. Baker, H. White and M. Millhouse playing for him, and these men should come around before the season is over.

The last place Bullets (0-5 won-lost record) and Bud Lyons, seem to be having their problems. But Dan Smith, McKinny Bell, Carl Roach, Jerry Scales and company have the talent to make it a real close race before the season is over

The State League lines up like this:

Whiz Kids	3-0
Lakers	2-2
Bullets	2-2
Midgets	1-1
Comets	0-3

The playing level of the men in this league is just below that of the men in the Kentucky League.

Next in line is the Club League. There are six teams in this league representing all the self-help clubs plus the staff team. The Staff, the Alter A. C., and the A. A. stoners look like they may be too much for the S. P. A. D. E. Club, the JayCee and the H. E. L. P. Club teams.

The Saturday Morning League

is for the men just beginning to develop their skills. There are four teams in this league and this is how they are shaping up so far.

Mag 5 Coach Leon Kendrell	5-2
Hud's H. Coach Jerry Hudson	4-3
Upsetters Coach Earl Stover	4-3
Vans Coach Dan Smith	1-6

The Jaycees

The United States Jaycees are now in their 50th year of service to your community.

The Jaycees is a civic organization working for community betterment open to all young men 21 through 35 years of age.

The first Jaycee organization was formed in October of 1915 at the Mission Inn, St. Louis Missouri.

The President of The United States Jaycees lives in the "Jaycee White House" in Tulsa, Oklahoma, during his year's term of office.

In Appreciation

Middlesboro, Ky.
Jan. 20, 1970

To all the men at LaGrange that tried to help Stevie McCray and the ones who would of helped if they could. I wanted to tell you where your money went. We laid Stevie to rest on January 13. Your money paid for a little blue suit, white shirt, blue tie and a plot to rest in the Good Shepard Garden of Roselawn Gardens, at Middlesboro, Ky. We were grateful for men like you to help in our time of sorrow. May the Lord Bless you all.

Stevie's Grandmother
Mrs. John Peck

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Good Thinking

Recently, a member of S.P.A.D.E. Club, Ed Griffin, read an article in the Courier Journal concerning the outstanding task the Cincinnati Burn Center has undertaken in repairing otherwise, hopelessly scared victims of fire - mainly children. The Burn Center operates on a "pay as you can" basis. Most of it's patients are unable to pay for extensive specialized services, making the Burn Center practically a non-profit organization.

S.P.A.D.E. Club was impressed by the tremendous service to mankind being performed by the Burn Center. What could they do to help? They do not have helpful (large) amounts of money, but they do have blood - one pint per person - ready and available! When blood is needed, nothing else can take it's place - not even money. Regardless of a person's financial status, death is inevitable if necessary blood is not replaced or replenished when needed.

S.P.A.D.E. strikes again! Every member of the club marched himself over to the Gym when the Blood Mobile Unit visited us here, and donated his one pint of blood specifically for the Burn Center. Under the auspices of the American Red Cross, the blood will be sent to the Burn Center accompanied by a list of names of those men who donated their blood to them. This is S.P.A.D.E.'s way of saying "Burn Center, We're behind you, keep up the good work!"

