

Ladies nab 'All Comers' league

Benn's lady-bowlers captured the Naval Station's "All Comers" handicap league by winning 71 games while losing only 24 and tying one.

Members of the team are captain, Mrs. Petty Jo Gauanis, wife of SH1 George Gauanis; Mrs. Jerry Dodd, wife of SKC Carl Dodd; Mrs. Diane Hughes, wife of DPC Robert Hughes, Jr., and Mrs. Joyce Stoddard, wife of CSI Ron "Red" Stoddard.

The team was formed last fall when CSI Stoddard asked the Welfare-Recreation Committee to purchase uniforms for the wives. When the committee turned down the proposal, Stoddard then took it upon himself to purchase the uniforms while the ship was in Sasebo, Japan. Even though he had to buy the uniforms, Stoddard had BENNINGTON written across the back of them.

With the team winning the league championship, Stoddard finally received recognition for his efforts in forming the team. He was presented a two and half-foot high sponsor's trophy.



BENNY WIVES WIN LEAGUE--They are, left to right, Mrs. Ron Stoddard, Mrs. George Gauanis, and Mrs. Robert Hughes, Jr. Kneeling is the team's sponsor, CSI Ron "Red" Stoddard.

Army, Air Force, Marines Finally halt Dycus

It took the Army, Air Force and Marine Corps to stop Bennington's six-foot, 230-lb. wrestler at the Interservice Wrestling Tourney at Norfolk, Va., recently, from going to the Nationals, and possibly the Olympics.

ET2 James L. Dycus, 22, of OE Division, got as far as the Interservice Tourney from March 31 to April 3, after having placed first in two earlier tourneys.

Dycus began his climb to the Interservice Tourney on March 14 when he placed first in the heavyweight class in the 11th Naval District Wrestling Tournament at NTC in San Diego. From there, he went on to the West Coast All-Navy Tourney on March 26 at Treasure Island near San Francisco and placed first in the heavyweight class. Dycus then tackled the Interservice level, but was stopped short in three attempts by contestants from the Army, Air Force and Marines.

Dycus noted his loss was primarily due to his relative lack of conditioning. He pointed out he had undergone only three weeks of intensive training, while his other-service opponents practiced and worked out daily, all year round.

The next step up from the Interservice level is the "Nationals" where the wrestler would be matched against anyone, not necessarily from the military. Olympic candidates are oftentimes chosen from this lot.



WORKING OUT--ET2 James L. Dycus works out in Bennington's weight room.