

Coed basic training in Army to end soon

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FORT MONROE, Va.—Men and women will no longer go through basic training together after August because their physiological differences make it impractical, the Army says.

The Army has decided that basic training companies should be segregated by sex to ensure men and women are challenged. It isn't that women don't meet the standards, the Army says. It's just that they don't meet them the same way men do.

"The reason for (the change) is to ensure that the men and women are challenged physically, to the full potential of their abilities," said Capt. Douglas Haywood, assistant public information officer at the Training Center.

"We're not saying that the women don't meet the standards. They meet the standards. What we're talking about is men and women being assigned to separate companies as opposed to a pure female platoon or a male platoon within" the same company.

The Army decision was made last month and will take effect Aug. 30. Some bases are already phasing in the new requirement.

The events in which the Army said men outperform women, High-point man 'pacs' computer

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BUFFALO, N.Y.—Eric Schwibs, a computer science student at Buffalo State College, put a quarter in a Pac-Man machine at 9:45 p.m. and walked away at 6 a.m. the next day. He had run up a score of almost 3 million points and left the computer game in shock.

Schwibs, 18, got his 2,935,590 points between Saturday night and Sunday morning before the Pac-Man machine overloaded and split its screen.

"I am the king of Pac-Man," Schwibs said. His play was witnessed by a bartender who kept a pub open as Schwibs continued to roll up the points.

Schwibs said the computer twice turned over after reaching 935,590 points, something the program does because the game only accommodates a six-digit number.

However, when his score reached almost 3 million, the image on the screen divided.

Landers to heed advice: no reruns

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CHICAGO — Ann Landers says she saw nothing wrong with recycling old letters in her worldwide advice column, but now that a small town publisher objects she'll stop the practice.

Barbara Sancken, a reporter for Illinois' Pontiac Daily Leader, was compiling the paper's "Remember" column — a daily digest of newspaper excerpts from years past — when she found letters dating back to 1966 that seemed very familiar.

Over a period of several months, she came up with more than 30 letters from 1966 and 1967 that ran again in 1981 and 1982.

She showed the rerun letters to James Pearre, the newspaper's publisher, who called Landers Monday.

Pearre said the columnist admitted the letters were old material, but told him she believed the letters "sharply illustrated certain points of continuing concern to today's readers."

Landers told Pearre she saw "no harm in presenting the old material as new, and she didn't think the readers would care," he said.

But Pearre said he objected to old letters and advice being recycled and the first lady of problem-solving devised an immediate solution — she promised to stop the reruns.

Pearre said Landers' ready agreement impressed him, adding the Leader will continue to run her column, as it

has for 24 years. Landers said later in her statement she recycled letters occasionally, added, "It had not occurred to me that this would be considered deceptive."

"The letters are recycled and it's the quality of answer that counts," she said.

Her column appears in 1,000 newspapers around the world and is read by 70 million people daily.

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