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Keith Evans Joins NERDC Operations

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Keith Evans re-entered computing in October 1998 after a short hiatus. Evans, who works as a computer operator in Operations during third shift, gained computing experience during his time with the US Army, CIRCA, and UNIMAST. The short hiatus was working at Pizza Hut "to pay the bills," Evans said.

His three and a half years of service to the Army included work on a project called DASH (Deployable Automation Support Host). DASH, Evans said, provides 'E-mail in the foxhole.'

He also worked with Cisco routers, modem banks and terminal servers during his enlistment.

Prior to the Army, he worked in Atlanta for UNIMAST Inc. At UNIMAST, a drywall metal framing company, he worked as a second shift computer operator; doing dataprocessing and backups on the VAX's. Before that, he worked at CIRCA for four years as a computer operator. For his last two years with CIRCA, he was the remote training coordinator.

NERDC, while home to similar equipment that he saw in the Army, is still quite a change for Evans.

"I'm not used to having so much, so big, so fast. We'd have one copper wire connection to the local Internet host," Evans said. Evans' duties here at NERDC include making tape backups, watching the console, and others.

Evans attended high school in Niceville, Florida (in the Panhandle area) and received his Associate of Arts from Okaloosa-Walton Junior College. He then entered the Chemical Engineering program at UF, but has been led by circumstances to put that "on hold" for the time being.

A Florida native, his hobbies include hunting and fishing, and reading.

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