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pe airmen save toddler

By SSgt. Dave Skeen 317th TAW Public Affairs Office

Two Pope AFB airmen would walk through a wall to save a life.

And they did just that Friday.

SSgt. O'Dell Howard and Amn. Randy Boggess of the 1943rd Communications Squadron were on their way to a local service station when they passed a burning trailer, owned by Army Private, Edward Lilly of Fort Bragg.

They noticed several people standing around the trailer, so Airman Boggess turned his car around and went back to see what was going on. At that point, neither realized the life and death

drama that was about to unfold.

After parking the car, Sergeant Howard and Airman Boggess began walking around the trailer, looking for someway to help put out the fire. As Airman Boggess was walking near a center wall of the trailer, he heard the frantic cries of twoyear-old Daniel Lilly

Both men immediately went into action. Sergeant Howard tried to get in by the front door, and Airman Boggess tried the windows and the back door. Because the fire had gone too far, neither was successful, so they began looking for ther ways into the trailer.

Suddenly someone produced a crowbar, and with the help of some of the people they began prying a strip off of the center wall.

The fire had started in the back and the bedroom there was burning. Somehow it had managed to get to the front and there was no way Continued on Page 4



SSgt. O'Dell Howard (left) and Amn. Randy Boggess, both of the 1943rd Communications Squadron, discuss the method they used to gain entrance to this trailer before it

was destroyed. Sergeant Howard helped to rip a hole in the side so Airman Boggess could enter to rescue a child. (USAF photo by SrA. James D. Camp)

Assistance fund drive begins Thursday



The 1980 Air Force Assistance Fund drive is scheduled to begin Thursday and continue through March 31. The base goal for this year's drive has been set at \$14,000.

Each year, the AFAF raises money for three different charitable organizations; the Air Force Aid Society, Air Force Enlisted Men's Widows and Dependents Home, and the Air Force Village.

These organizations benefit active-duty, reserve and retired Air Force people and their

dependents, including surviving spouses and dependents. Last year Pope AFB people and affiliated organizations contributed more than \$17,000 to this campaign.

Air Force Aid Society

The Air Force Aid Society assists in relieving financial emergencies of eligible active duty, reserve and retired members. Surviving spouses and dependents are also eligible to receive assistance. The society also helps these people with educational loans. Last year there were 148 loans and 11 grants given to base people. These loans and grants amounted to more than \$35,000 or more than twice what Pope people contributed to the fund. During January of this year the society contributed more than \$1,800 to needy Pope people

Under society guidelines qualified people are given interest-free loans or grants during personal and family emergencies. Help is given for such purposes as food, rent, utilities, clothing, dental and medical care, moving costs, transportation, and special education requirements. The Society also assists commands that have special family support needs that cannot otherwise be financed. Installation commanders can approve requests for aid up to \$1,500. Exceptional cases are handled quickly around-the-clock by the Air Force Manpower and Personnel Center, Randolph AFB,

Emergency financial assistance may be applied for at Aid Society sections in the consolidated base personnel office at most Air Force instal-lations. If an Air Force Aid Society office is not nearby, the society has assistance agreements with the American Red Cross, Army Emergency Relief and the Navy Relief Society

The society has two educational loan programs under which eligible Air Force people may attend vocational, undergraduate or graduate studies. Need for the loan is established by the applicant and no assessment of the ability to pay school costs is made. These loans are made possible by the Federal Guaranteed Student Loan Program. Money loaned by the participating bank is guaranteed by the United Student Aid Funds, Inc., on the basis of reserve funds deposited by and held for the Air Force Aid Society

The General Henry H. Arnold Student Loan Program replaces the old "Arnold Educational Assistance Program." It covers dependent sons Continued on page 6.

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For all Pope AFB employees and residents

If you have a question or recommendation you want to bring to my attention, dial 4357. Your message will be recorded and your question with answer will be published in the newspaper or will be answered personally as soon as practicable. Please clearly give (or spell) your name to insure a reply. If you request anonymity, your name will not be used in answer preparation. I would like to use this column, however, to select those questions which pertain to more than the individual involved.

Col. Tom Boe, Base Commander



Question: Why doesn't the base shuttle bus run on schedule? I waited for the bus for 40 minutes one morning and it never showed up. This caused me to be late for work.

Answer: The shuttle bus runs on a fixed schedule to all established stops. When the new stop was added (MWR building) one run was missed. With that one exception, I know of no other run that was missed.

Question: The base child care center currently offers a 25-hour or a 50-hour weekly rate. Why can't there be a more selective rate, something like an hourly rate of 35 hours for people who use the center more than 25 but less than 50 hours

Answer: The 25-hour rate is designed for

people working part-time; the majority of parttime workers fit into a category of using the center 25 hours or less. Therefore, a 35-hour rate would not be beneficial to the majority of the base population. For patrons using the facilities 35 hours a week, the center offers a 9-hour daily rate to reduce costs for more than 25 hours.

Question: Is there a regulation governing how long married members can be separated?

Answer: No. However, the assignment people at the Military Personnel Center at Randolph AFB, Texas, make every effort to minimize separation of Air Force couples. There are also some actions that the individuals can take to minimize the length of separation. Visit the Customer Service section at CBPO for further guidance.

Introducing!



Sneaky Snake-Thief Extraordinaire

Hissssss! Did you catch my double S column last week with all the resolutions? I'v decided to give you a real treat this week and expose myself for the first time ever! How long have I remained unseen? Well, some say I am the best land pirate known. Have you got the picture? Good, let me tell you of my latest adventure.

Last week, Just to support the energy crunch, I slithered into a nearby trailer court and fanged my way through a copper tube connecting a Butane gas bottle to a trailer and later sold the gas container to a young couple just up the road. Guess that's real sneaky, huh? Better check the security of your Butane container before its honored with my double S brand!

tires Grease create serious problems occupant

By MSgt. Boniface L. Gaydosh

Base Fire Chief
Kitchen fires contribute between 10 and 15 percent of all occupant fires in the Military Airlift Command each year. It's time that you, the occupant, become familiar with what to do in

case of a kitchen grease fire.

Most of these fires occur because occupants are not aware of what happens when cooking oils or grease gets hot. Cooking oil or grease, whether solid or liquid, is a flammable substance when it is heated to its ignition point.

When heated, these substances produce vapors, which are heavier than air. These vapors flow over the sides of the cooking utinsil and onto the heat source. When this occurs, the vapors ignite and create a flash-back to the pan, thus igniting the contents of the pan.

The extent of damage done by this fire will be determined by how you react. The following safety tips will help you prevent major damage.

• When cooking with oils or grease, never

leave the pan unattended. If you must leave the room, turn off the burner and allow the grease to cool before doing so.

 Always have a cover available in case the pan catches fire. By placing the cover over the pan, you smother the flames.

If a fire does start, turn off your stove. This will eliminate the heat source and prevent the fire from re-igniting

· Always notify the fire department immed-/ MAC

iately. Even if you extinguish the fire, the fire department must investigate. The Pope AFB Fire Department can be reached by calling Ext. 2117.

 Never store attractive foods such as candy or cookies above the stove. This can causserious accident if a child tries to climb upreach them.

Remember, as one of the heads of the household you have a very important responsibility to insure each member of your home knows what to do in case of a fire. The few minutes it takes to discuss these tips with your family will not only help eliminate kitchen fires, but may also insure that your loved ones will be with you tomorrow. Only you can do this. If a fire should occur -you've failed.

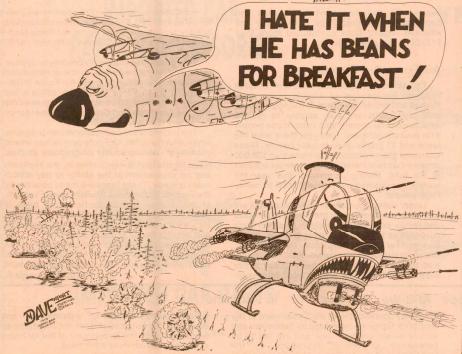


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General Allen

The Air Force Sergeants Association recently presented Gen. Lew Allen, Jr., Air Force chief of staff, with its L. Mendel Rivers Award at ceremonles in the Pentagon.

In his acceptance remarks, the chief of staff paid special tribute to the men and women of the Air Force and pledged that people "must be our first priority." The general explained why he places such high priority on people:

"I am honored to receive the L. Mendel Rivers award from the Air Force Sergeants Association.

"I am honored to receive the L. Mendel Rivers award from the Air Force Sergeants Association. This award is dedicated to the memory of a great American, whom I greatly respected and admired. It is presented by an organization which I hold in esteem. We in the military profession have missed the powerful voice of L. Mendel Rivers during the past decade, especially in matters dealing with the welfare of the people who serve our country. However, during this period, the Air Force Sergeants Association has played a valuable role in presenting the needs of our enlisted force and

"I believe that people must be our first priority -- that our people are our Air Force..."

building concern for these needs in policy making circles throughout the government.

"I believe that people must be our first prioritythat our people are our Air Force and that the

security of our nation in these troubled times demands an Air Force of skilled, experienced people. We have made insufficient progress in maintaining the quality of life of our Air Force men and women. Our quality people are clearly necessary and responsible for the high state of readiness we must maintain at a time when we ace a formidable challenge to our national ecurity.

Loomis wins scout honor



Cub Scout John Loomis

John Loomis, a nine-year-old Cub Scout from Pope AFB, was recently selected as the Tuocs District Representative to the 50th Anniversary of Cub Scouting.

Loomis, of Cub Pack 759, was selected from 315 eligible Cub Scouts from the Pope, Fort Bragg and Spring Lake area. Selection considerations include civic and religious involvement, scouting record and all-around boy concept.

He was actively involved in the Manchester Road clean-up project, collection of food for needy families, support of the base library, Pope Little League and his church junior choir. He also holds the Cub Scout rank of Wolf with four arrow points.

makes people

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"I am proud of the dedication and sacrifice shown by our people as they shoulder the additional workload required and step up to the greater responsibilities they must assume as we lose crucial middle level managers, as we fail to retain key NCO leadership. The substantial decline in second term and career reenlistments is posing critical difficulties for the Air Force. This disturbing trend in retention is of greatest concern as it strikes at the very core of our present readiness and future capability."

"To date, we have been able to hold the line in readiness. However, to do so we are taking extraordinary management measures, which in some cases, are expedients which only postpone the problem and perhaps will make it worse later. Experience is a precious commodity, it cannot be replaced quickly."

"Our retention problems of the draft is not a solution for this pressing problem. We must keep the highly skilled professional whose talents and abilities are absolutely essential to preserving Air

Force mission effectiveness. I am concerned that inadequate compensation is the single most important factor causing our experienced people to leave service. Immediate corrective action is essential as these losses are now causing damage to the Air Force and to national security, which cannot be quickly corrected. I am pleased with the fact that these are some positive initiatives in the FY 81 DOD budget which should help. However, they fall far short of being sufficient. They

first priority



Gen. Lew Allen, Jr.

will not totally solve the retention problem, but they are a vital start to what must be a continuing effort to preserve a decent standard of living for our military professionals. More must be done. More will be done."

"This is my single greatest concern as we enter the decade of the 1980s, a point I underscored in my testimony to Congress. In the tradition of L. Mendel Rivers, I intend to keep this issue before the congress. I am committed to the welfare of our people and I appreciate the support and encouragement of organizations such as the AFSA. No responsibility of my office weighs more heavily than maintaining the quality and well being of Air Force personnel."

Unit commander chairs committee

By SrA. James Camp 1943rd Communications Squadron

Maj. Everett W. Young, 1943rd Communications Squadron commander, moonlights as committee chairman for Cub Scout Pack 759 at

Pope AFB.

Major Young has been involved in the Cub Scout program since September 1978 when he assumed the position of publicity chairman for the committee. In that capacity, he produced a monthly internal newsletter for the cubs and obtained publicity through other channels such as the base newspaper "Hercules Herald" and radio.

Since becoming committee chairman in July 1979, Major Young has chaired monthly committee meetings, presided over all meeting activities and assumed Cub Master duties when required.

Major Young and his wife, Kathy, hold four of the 10 positions on the committee. They are chairman, treasurer, secretary and publicity chairman.

The efforts of Major and Mrs. Young have made it possible for the 38 boys in Pack 759 to participate in a variety of activities throughout the year, including ice skating for families, Blue and Gold Awards Banquet, a bicycle rodeo and a trip to Weymouth Woods Nature Preserve.

The Pack, sponsored by the NCO Wives Club, also participates in district and council activities, a summer day camp, and a council field day. They also get involved in community clean-up drives one of which was the recent clean-up of Manchester Road, a major access road to the base.

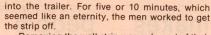


Cub Scout David Keck gets a helping hand from Den-Leader Mrs. Janice Logan prior to his badge pinning-on by Maj. Everette

Young (right). David's father, Lawrence, looks-on in the background. (USAF photo by SrA. James D. Camp)

Airmen save life

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Removing the wall strip was only part of their



Amn. Randy Boggess views the destruction by a fire that ravaged through this trailer. Risking his own life, the airman

entered the flaming trailer to rescue a twoyear-old child. (USAF photo by SrA. James D. Camp)

problem. By the time they did get it off, the smoke level had dropped to two feet.

"When I went inside, I couldn't see anything," said Airman Boggess. "Sergeant Howard was trying the front door again because we couldn't see the child. His cries finally led me to him. He was on the floor, crawling toward the middle of the trailer."

AFter getting the two-year-old youngster outside, Airman Boggess made it about 30 feet away when the entire trailer became engulfed in flames.

"It was close and we were lucky," said Airman Boggess. "I wasn't scared while I was in there. I got shakey when it was over. All I could think of at the time was getting that little guy out of there."

The trailer was a total loss, according to Sergeant Howard. Two panels were all that was left standing. The walls had collapsed, and everything else was destroyed.

"There's no way the child could've made it out by himself," concluded Airman Boggess. "I'm just glad we were able to get to him when we did. I don't think he could've made it another five minutes."

Daniel was taken to a local hospital, where last reports indicate he is only suffering from a minor neck burn and smoke inhalation. He was kept for observation and released the next day on a weekend pass. Presently he is in satisfactory condition.

Although Daniel can't say the words, one can be certain he will remember the faces of the two Pope airmen who gave him another chance on life.

"It was something that had to be done," smiled Sergeant Howard. "I'm glad we were there and able to do what we did."

Community ties determine voting residence

Whether stationed away from home within the United States or overseas, members of the armed forces can easily determine voting residence by assessing their ties to a particular community.

To determine your voting residence, answer the following questions: Where is your Official home of record? Do you own property in a state? Did you establish a new residence after entering the service? Did you register to vote and did you register your automobile before or while in the service, and where? Do your children go to a state

college as "in-state students"? Where did you last

If you are residing overseas you also need to know the location of your last permanent residence before leaving the United States.

The place where a person has the strongest ties should help determine voting residence. So, physically living away from a voting residence should not cause a problem if someone needs to vote. In many cases members of the armed forces have the advantage of being able to select their voting residence from among the various places where they have lived or where they are presently living.

Other questions arise when the voter is a family member of someone in the armed forces.

Children usually take the residence of their parents and a civilian spouse takes the residence of the military person. Recently, however, these traditions have given way. If family members have sufficient contacts with another community, therethey may have a different voting residence from their parents or spouse.

Of course, caution should be exercised in choosing a voting residence. Income-tax liability, the right to attend state universities as an "instate student" and other obligations and privileges affect the selection.

For more information and voting assistance, contact 2nd Lt. Roslyn P. Smith, base voting assistance officer, at Ext. 4741 or the base legal office at Ext. 2341.



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Beings from outer space checking out a C-130? No, not really. This 317th Field Maintenance Squadron decontamination team practiced decontamination procedure during a recent Military Airlift Command

directed chemical warfare exercise. The team is made up of members of the squadron's Corrosion Control and Aerospace Ground Equipment Branches. (USAF photo)

Lockheed plans 'Twin Hercules'

Lockheed Corporation recently announced it has started production of a new L-400 "Twin Hercules" aircraft. According to Roy A. Anderson, Lockheed chairman, the company plans to have the first L-400 flying in the spring of 1982.

The new aircraft will be designed, developed and produced at the Lockheed Georgia division at Marietta, Ga. Anderson said the L-400 will be "a lighter weight twin-engine Hercules offering many operational efficiencies for moderate ranges with and answer to ever-rising fuel costs."

This new "mini Hercules" will be built on the ame production line used for the C-130/L-100 aircraft.

Designed as a lightweight, in-country airlifter, the L-400 has been described as an ideal replacement for countries phasing out C-46s, C-47s, C-119s and C-123. Lockheed officials say they expect to sell more than 400 of the new aircraft to more than 40 countries.

The new aircraft will retain the same cargo dimensions and capabilities of the C-130 presently used by the Military Airlift Command. The Twin Hercules will operate with a two-man crew and will have common parts with other C-130 aircraft. It will aslo use the same ground handling equipment as the present aircraft.



This artist's rendering shows how Lockheed's new L-400 light twin-engine transport will look. Lockheed is entering full-scale development of the new airplane, with the

first flight scheduled in the spring of 1982 and first deliveries in January, 1983. (Photo courtesy of the Lockheed Corporation)

CBPOanswers commonquestions

It is not uncommon for military people to run into stumbling blocks when they encounter administrative paperwork. This usually occurs because they are not sure where to begin. The following questions and answers deal with some of the most frequent problem areas encountered. Remember, if a problem should arise, check first with the Customer Service section of the con-

dated base personnel office.

Q. - I'm geting married soon. How can I get my

spouse an identification card?
A. - It's important that your spouse gets an ID card as soon as possible after you are married. To get the card, take your spouse, marriage license and some type of identification on your spouse to the Customer Service section of CBPO. There you will receive an application to be presented to the Security Police Pass and ID section.

If your spouse is not in the immediate area, the application can be mailed to the spouse and the ID card can be issued at the nearest military installation. Either way, you must take your marriage license to the CBPO.

Q. - When can I change my "Dream Sheet?"

A. - Anytime your dreams change. Just go by the Customer Service section of CBPO and ask to have it changed. They will give you the proper forms and assist you in filling it out. You may change this form as often as you like, but remember the last one you filed is the only one the Air Force considers valid.

When TDY

Dependents prohibited

Public law, comptroller general decisions and Joint Travel Regulations all prohibit reimpresement of transportation costs for family members who accompany blue suiters to a temporary duty location en route to a permanent-change-of-station assignment, Air Force transportation officials said.

The reminder was sent to base officials in a recent message. An example of the problem was set in the Pacific.

People who are on permanent change of station to Korea and Japan, except Okinawa, with a temporary duty assignment in Hawaii should be aware they are liable for the excess cost of the travel of their family members to Hawaii.

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Members must pay this extra cost -- if they plan to arrange such travel -- to the local accounting and finance office prior to departure and prior to issue of a military transportation authorization, officials said.

Q. - When I separate from the Air Force, am I still covered by my present military insurance?

A. - Your Serviceman's Group Life Insurance coverage continues for 120 days free of charge. Within that time you can apply to the Veterans Administration to extend your insurance for five years under the Veteran Group Life Insurance program. The VGLI offers up to \$20,000 coverage at the same rate as you pay as a servicemember if you are under the age of 34. People over 34 and older must pay twice the amount they pay in the military.

Q. - Where can I find out what to study for my Weighted Airman Promotion System test?

A. - Each unit has a WAPS librarian who has this information. The unit WAPS librarian also has study reference material that can be signed-out for studying.

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and daughters (including step-children or legally adopted children) of an Air Force member who is on active duty, retired or deceased. It also covers dependent children of eligible members of the Air National Guard or Air Force Reserve. An applicant must be a United States citizen and enrolled for full-time study in a school or college certified by the U.S. Office of Education.

The General George S. Brown Senior Student Student Loan Program covers eligible Air Force members and spouses who are enrolled for at least one-half of the studies required of a full-time student in vocational, undergraduate or graduate

Retirement Communities

The AFAF also supports two communities for retired Air Force members, their dependents and surviving spouses

Both communities have recreational and laundry facilities and are located near Air Force bases with hospitals and other services

The Air Force Enlisted Men's Widows and Dependents Home, also known as Teresa Village, is located in Fort Walton Beach, Fla.

People eligible to apply for an apartment at Teresa Village are:

 Retired Air Force enlisted people, age 62 or older, and their spouses.

· Widows and widowers, age 55 or older, whose spouses were retired enlisted people from the regular Air Force, Air National Guard or Air Force Reserve.

 Surviving spouses under age 55 and their dependents also may apply under special cir-

cumstances. Their residency would be limited to the adjustment period immediately following the loss of a spouse

Teresa Village consists of 113 one and two bedroom apartments and six adjacent houses. A new complex is being planned for the Eglin AFB, Fla., area. It has been named Bob Hope Village and initially will provide 56 apartments and a 20bed nursing facility.

Residents share in the home's operating expenses, but subsidies are available for those unable to pay their share.

The Air Force Village is located in San Antonio, Texas. The Village has 248 one, two and three bedroom apartments and a licensed nursing facility: The Village is also planning an expansion for living quarters and nursing crew. It will expand from 277 residents to 600 by mid-1981 with a 34-room nursing home.

People eligible to apply to live in the Air Force Village are:

 Retired officers and their spouses and dependents.

 Widows or widowers of retired officers from the regular Air Force, Air National Guard or Air Force Reserve.

Retired officers or their surviving spouses must be at least 62 years old to qualify for residency. Those accepted for permanent residency have a lifetime lease on an apartment. People support the AFAF

Neither the Air Force Aid Society nor the two retirement communities receive taxpayer's support. They rely largely on voluntary contributions made by Air Force people--Air Force people helping Air Force people.

Funds are needed to meet the increasing emergency assistance required by Air Force people for basic living expenses; also for medical, dental, moving and educational costs. The Fund should be able to help Air Force people when they require aid in an emergency, for educational needs, or to have a secure retirement home for themselves or their spouse.

Contributions for this year's drive can be made by cash or payroll deduction. Each base unit has keyworkers to assist anyone who would like to contribute to this campaign. Contributions may be made to the general fund or to a specific organization within the Fund.

seeks outstanding for duty

Ready for a new challenge? If so, now would be a good time to consider applying for unique and interesting duty as a special agent for the Air

Force Office of Special Investigation.

Now celebrating 31 years of service to the Air Force, the OSI is intensifying its efforts to identify outstanding noncommissioned officers for duty as special agents. "We're not interested in someone merely seeking a change," advised Special Agent James Moraski of Pope's Detachment 2101. "Our job is demanding, involves irregular hours, and requires a special dedication. We want NCOs and officers who are up to the challenge.

Headquartered at Bolling AFB, D.C., AFOSI directs some 1,900 special agents and support people in 28 district offices and 127 detachments and operating locations worldwide. It serves as an investigative agency for Air Force commanders.

All agents are given ten weeks of intensive training at the Air Force Special Investigations Academy in Washington. After gaining investigative and administrative experience in the field,

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qualified agents return to the academy for advanced or specialized training -- and earn substantial Community College of the Air Force credits as well.

AFOSI investigates criminal, fraud, and counterintelligence matters and also serves a role similar to that of the U.S. Secret Service: providing personal protective services for high-ranking Air Force officials and other dignitaries. It also keeps commanders informed of the ever-changing world-wide terrorist threat.

Perhaps one of the greatest challenges faced by agents is assisting commanders in resolving "white collar crime." This demanding task puts specially trained agents on the front lines of an Air Force-wide campaign against fraud, waste, and abuse.

Of special interest to airmen with training in electronics is AFOSI's Technical Services Directorate. Technically trained agents are located in 22 strategically situated district offices and assist with legally sanctioned surveillance and electronic countermeasure tasks. Although subject to temporary duty, technically trained agents are not stationed in isolated tour areas

'Our job ranges from investigating crimes against property or persons -- from theft to homocide -- to conducting complex fraud cases, such as false claims by Air Force contractors. We are also involved in investigating terrorist acts or even in the protection of high level Air Force and national/international VIP's," said Norman Tupper, Det. 2101 commander.

'What surprises many people," he continued, "is that good agents come from any career field, such as logistics and personnel, not just auditinor security police; but the screening process i tough. Agent trainees are selected on a 'best qualified' system. An applicant must be intelligent, motivated, and possess an ability to communicate. Otherwise he or she won't make it as an agent."

Anyone interested in learning more about AFOSI or about applying for available openings should call the AFOSI at Ext. 4264.



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Chapel offers seminar

Having problems with your teenager? A seminar is scheduled at the Pope chapel Wednesday from 7-9 p.m. on parenting teenagers.

Dr. Kenneth Kastleman, a clinical psychologist and staff member of Human Resources Consultants, who is the course instructor, has specialized in working with parents, children and youths.

Center sponsors tour

The arts and craft center is sponsoring a tour to Charlotte for the Annual Southern Living Spring Garden and Craft Show.

Seats are available for the tour bus at the Arts and Crafts Center. Reserve seats can be obtained by calling Ext. 4192 or 2779.

The tour will leave Sunday at 8 a.m. from the recreation center.

Suggestion contest

Submit a_suggestion at Pope's Suggestion Office, Building 306, Room 207, and be given the chance to win the "Sweetheart Special." The "Sweetheart Special" is an evening of free entertainment and other gifts. All eligible suggestors have a chance to win.

The NCO Club is providing a dinner for two. The winner also receives two free passes to the Fort Bragg Little Theater's production, "Sound of Music." Six hours of free baby-sitting at the child care center will also be included in the package. From the Springdale Nursery the winner will receive a fresh flower arrangement.

The more eligible suggestions a submitter turns in the more chances they will have to win. The drawing will be held Feb. 29 at 3:30 p.m.

Circus performing

Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus will perform five performances at the Cumberland County Memorial Auditorium. Tuesday at 4 and 8 m. and Wednesday at 11 a.m., 4 and 8 p.m. All seats are reserved.



Col. Tom Boe acts as the Pope AFB Officers Wives Club President of the Day during the Club's recent "Sweetheart Luncheon". Seated are Mrs. Lillian Meloy and Lt. Col. Roger Smitley. (USAF photo)

Local happenings

Tickets are \$5.25, \$6.25, and \$7.25. Children under 12 will receive \$1.25 off on the 4 p.m. and 11 a.m. shows only. Tickets are availabale at WSHB Radio, Raeford and Eddie's Music Center at the Cross Creek Mall.

Auditorium features display

Reeves Auditorium, on the Methodist College campus, will feature a display of photographic prints by the photography students of Dick Johnson. The photography will be on display during the production of "Oedipus Rex" on Friday.

Johnson is a prize-winning photographer from the North Carolina area.

Leap Year disco

Friday, all unmarried women will receive special treats when they bring an unmarried man to Leap Year Disco to celebrate Leap Year at the Pizza Parlor. Disco starts at 9 p.m. and special prizes will be awarded.

Center offers movie

Monday, a Clint Eastwood movie, "Where Eagles Dare," will play at the Arm-Chair Theater in the Recreation Center:

Movie starts at 7:30 p.m. and popcorn, punch and the movie are free. Children must be accompanied by one of their parents.

Guitar lessons available

Guitar lessons for beginners are available at the recreation center. The center will begin these lessons as soon as four or more people enroll. The lessons will last four weeks with half-hour lessons. Sign up as soon as possible. Lesson fee is \$10

Library presents film

"Spirit of the Beehive" is the Friday Film Connection to be held at 8 p.m. The Spanish Film will play at the Cumberland County Public Library and the Fayetteville Technical Institute. Admission is free.

'Oedipus Rex' tonight

"Oedipus Rex", presented by the Methodist College Drama Department is scheduled for tonight at 8 in the Reeves Auditorium at Methodist College. Admission is free.

Film festival starts

The Spring Lake Film Festival will present "Seven Wishes of Joanna Peabody" Thursday at 8 p.m. The Film Festival is part of a school-age children's program.

Arm wrestlers compete

A base-wide arm wrestling contest will start Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at the recreation center. The contest will eventually determine the base champion.

Pit crew race coming

The Union 76-Rockingham Pit Crew Race is scheduled for March 1 at 12:30 p.m. Another race is scheduled for 2 p.m, the Peach Blossom 200-mile NASCAR Late Model Sportsman.

Tickets are available seven days a week at the North Carolina Motor Speedway's business office in Rockingham, N.C.



Mrs. Katherine Lednicky is the Family Services Volunteer of the Year for the second consecutive year. She will now represent the base in Military Airlift Command competition. (USAF photo by SrA. Bob E. Tobias)

Center offers lessons

Piano lesons for beginners will start in March. For more information call Mrs. Hogan, Recreation Center director at Ext. 2779.

Lessons for advanced students can be arranged at a later date.

Superwalk in Fayetteville

What health agency has come up with a cure for Polio and is presently looking for a cure for Birth Defects, our nation's number one child health problem? If you answered the March of Dimes, you are correct.

This year the March of Dimes is sponsoring a Superwalk and the First Annual Executive Trek. Participants in the Executive Trek will walk a quarter mile and donate \$150 to the March of Dimes.

A telephone company has showed support in the program. The March of Dimes has also asked a television station to cover this event.

Wolfman Jack and the Cumberland County Poster Child have been asked to join in the walk March 8. Governor James Hunt has also been invited to be included on a float.

The Executive walk is scheduled for 6 a.m. The Superwalk will begin at 8 a.m., starting at Pine Forest Jr. High School and ending at the Jaycee fairgrounds. At the end of this 9th Annual Superwalk a VIP float, bands and hot food will be available at the fairgrounds.

OWC offers scholarships

Applications for the Pope Officers Wives Club 1980 scholarships are available at all area high schools and the cashier counter of the Officers and NCO Clubs. Deadline for applications is March 15.

For additional information, contact Dottie Reneau at 868-5952.

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Sunday and Monday 7:30 p.m. "10" (R) Dudley Moore and Julie Andrews Running Time - 123

Tuesday 7:30 p.m.
ESCAPE TO ATHENA (PG)
Roger Moore and Telly Savalas
Running Time - 102

Wednesday 7:30 p.m. SAINT JACK (R) Ben Gazzara and Denholm Elliott Running Time - 114

Thursday 7:30 p.m.
A FORCE OF ONE (PG)
Jennifer O'Neill and Chuck Norris
Running Time - 96

esk sergeant's job requires quick response

By SSgt. Dave Skeen 317th TAW Public Affairs Office

If variety really is the spice of life, the security police desk sergeant undoubtedly has one of the spiciest lives in the Air Force. A normal duty shift is 11 hours-plus, and he never has a slack moment.

All alarms on base are monitored by the desk sergeant, along with taking calls from excited people. These calls may concern anything from a lizard on the road to an actural emergency situation requiring a roadblock.

Each call answered by the desk sergeant recieves a response. Some require little action while others may need hours of tense, alert investigation.

"They stay busy," said MSgt. Donald Tumas, 317th Security Police Squadron superintendent of law enforcement. "A lot of calls are everyday-type events, while others are considered dangerous. The security of the base is foremost on our minds, and the first person notified when anything is wrong is the desk sergeant.

Pope desk sergeants have a direct line to Fort Bragg's Military Police. This helps in setting up roadblocks and staying on top of situations when Pope's security police are needed.

They also have access to the National Crime Information Center. Once the desk sergeant receives a license plate number from the patrolman, he can have information such as who owns the car, and whether the person has a driver's license, regardless of what state the car is registered in. This information can be back to the natrolman in less than a minute.

Some of the calls patrolmen respond to are dangerous. According to a security police spokesman, domestic disputes rank very high on the list. Animal control is also very high on this list.

"Regardless of what the call is about, it's routine for us." concluded Sergeant Rumas. "It's part of our job and we feel good when we have helped someone out of a bad situation."

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Through educational achievements

Pope controllers 'break record'

By CMSgt. Lawrence Bledsoe 1943rd Communications Squadron

The campus is exceedingly small. Other than a softball team that is undefeated in eight years, the school has no sports program. All of the students and some instructors wear uniforms. But, since all the students work in an Air Force control tower and not a college, this is to be expected.

'We do, however, have an outstanding, bably even a record breaking, educational gram here," said instructor MSgt. Terry Bowman.

From an air traffic control standpoint, Pope Tower, which is operated and maintained by the 1943rd Communications Squadron, is the busiest control tower in the Military Airlift Command and the seventh busiest in the Air Force, according to a recent common publication. The controllers work everything from the smallest to the world's largest aircraft while supporting a wide variety of Air Force and Army tactical exercises and missions. "But from an educational standpoint, Sergeant Bowman added, "we proudly state we are No. 1 in the Air Force."

With a fluctuating work force averaging 35 people, 11 controllers have associate degrees in Air Traffic Control from the Community College of the Air Force. "That would be an impressive figure in most any facility," said Sergeant Bowman, "but not here. That's a total of 29 degrees held by 35 controllers. Of course several controllers have more than one degree.

"We will proudly stand our educational achievements against section or squadron in the Air Force."

"The frosting on the educational cake," the sergeant continued, "is the five controllers who continued the program by enrolling in the Webster University masters degree program.

The controllers have degrees from Southern Illinois University, Southeast Missouri State University, University of Southern Mississippi, University of Maryland, Golden Gate University and Embry Riddle Aeronautical University.



Students (I to r) A1C. Kevin Lewis and SSgt. Gregory Parker view a slide briefing presented by SMSgt. Richard Bilodeau. These students are among the 29 who have

recieved degrees through the control tower training program. (USAF photo by SrA. James D. Camp)

"The big educational push began when the Fort Bragg division of Embry Riddle University agreed to teach classes on base if there was sufficient interest," Sergeant Bowman said.
The senior air traffic control personnel enabled

the program to be launched immediately, using the tower training room for the night courses. "The success of the program and the outstanding record are due mostly to hard work and the sacrifices of the individual controllers," the sergeant continued.

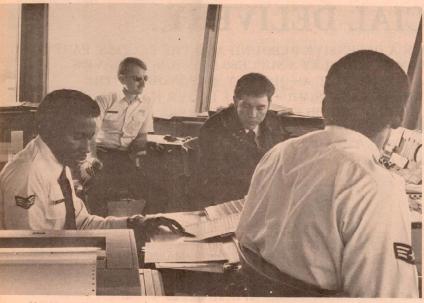
The 29 degrees held by 35 controllers isn't the end of the story. There are more on the way Others are enrolled who are in various stages of completing their degrees. Other bases in the area have seen the results of the program here and are in the process of establishing a similar program.

The tower personnel are still airmen and controllers first, students second, but according to Sergeant Bowman, "We will proudly stand our educational achievements against any section or squadron in the Air Force.

Pope Scene"

With SSgt. Jim Palmer Each Sunday morning at 10 WFBS AM Radio "1450". Spring Lake

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Members of the base control tower handle all aircraft arrivals and departures at Pope AFB. Seated are (I to r) Sgt. Donny Massey, SSgt. Steven Solomon, A1C Rickie Farmer

and Sqt. Howard Smith. The controllers hold informal study periods when air traffic permits. (USAF photo by SrA. James D.

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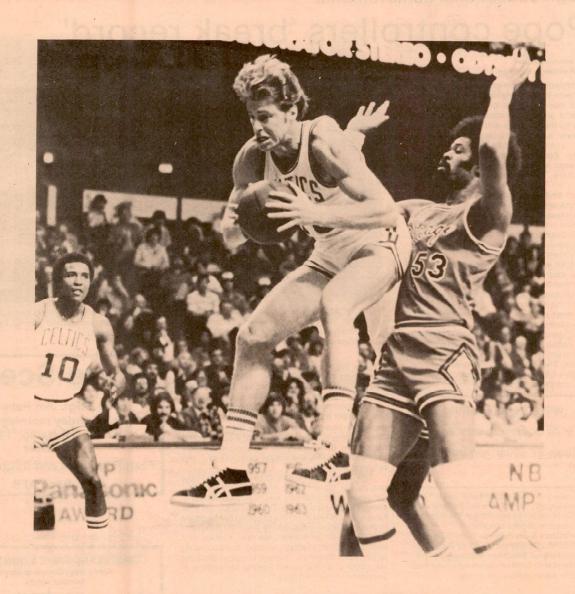
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