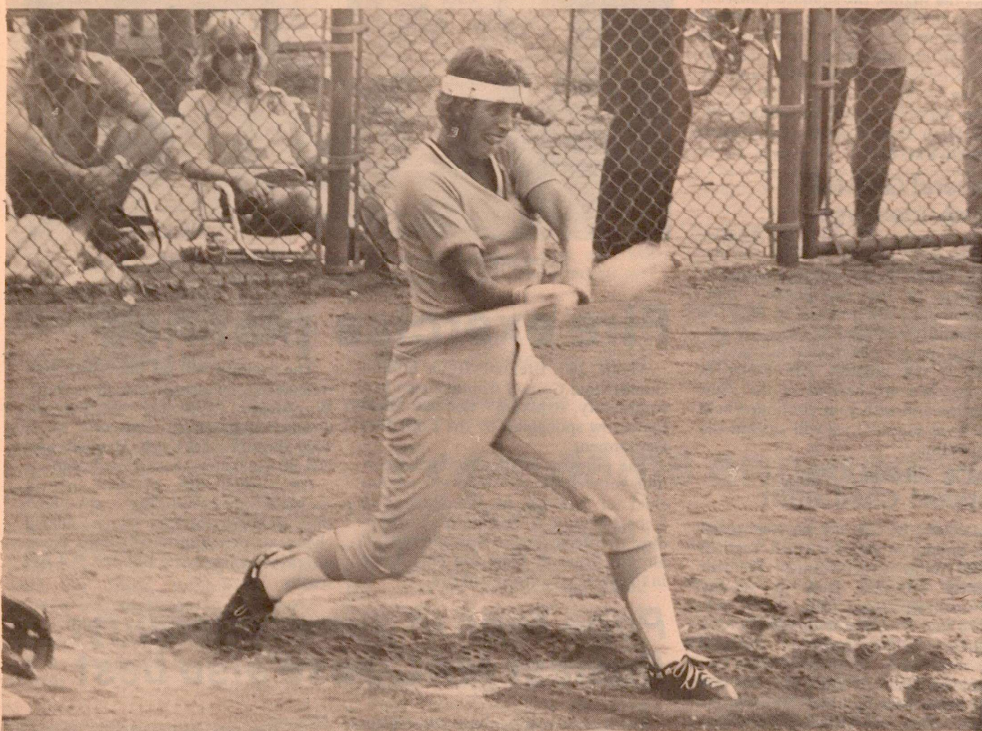


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Tournament action
Denise Johnke (left) slams in one of the decisive balls during Monday's game against Bolling in the Military Airlift Command Women's Slowpitch Softball Tournament. Meanwhile, her Pope teammates (above) cheer her on from the bench. They are, from top, Julie Swain, JoAnne Huntley and Louise Fergusson. (U.S. Air Force photos by 2nd Lt. Walter Thorp)

Women's slowpitch softball

Pope hosts command tourney

By A1C Andy Knef

Pope's women got off to a fast start in the Military Airlift Command's Women's Slowpitch Softball Tournament Monday, defeating Bolling AFB, 5-1.

The Falcons were led by the stellar fielding of Cathy Vann, Jackie Buffett and Judy Swain in their victory.

In Monday's game against Bolling, Pope was unable to score a hit during the first four innings while Bolling smacked two runs. But Pope's break came in the fifth when three runs were walked in.

The Falcons held off Bolling through the rest of the game while racking up two more runs. Final score was 5-2.

The fifth inning held the charm again for Pope in Tuesday's game against Kirkland. The Falcons scored

two in the fifth. One of those was walked in.

The big play of the game came in the top of the seventh. With runners on first and second, the Kirkland coach put in a pinch-runner in the hopes of gaining more speed.

Pope third-base woman July Swane picked up a line shot, tagged the runner at third and shot the ball to second for a double play.

The final out was caught by Donna Ricky, ending the game with a 2-1 victory for Pope.

Herbert Thacker, Pope coach said, "We're capable of giving someone a run for their money. The team is comparable to the team I coached at Lakeland two years ago and they won the Air Training Command title."

Fourteen teams are entered in this year's tourney representing every MAC base but Rhein Main AB, Germany.

Pope will provide limited transportation for active duty Air Force members and their families to the CAPEX/Fire Power Demonstration at Fort Bragg Tuesday.

Two buses each will leave from the Clothing Sales parking lot and the lot adjacent to the 39th Tactical Airlift Squadron building at 7:15 a.m.

According to Dale Drake, project officer for the tournament, this is the first time all eligible teams are competing. Drake said no clear-cut favorite exists but the Kirtland AFB, N.M., team must be respected as the defending champions.

The double elimination tournament will be decided Friday with the championship game starting at 5 p.m. at the main ball field.

Pope's team was considered in top form before the start of the tournament. The Falcons have practiced rigorously for four months to get ready and were confident of victory.

"We don't have any stars," said Thacker. "We are very team oriented. One of our players could strike out on one turn at bat -- then get up off the bench and hit a home run the next time up."

The Falcons have already demon-

strated their desire to win, taking the base championship and tying for first in the tough Spring Lake league.

Seating will be on a first-come, first-served basis and spectators are urged to arrive early. Those who cannot be accommodated by the Pope buses can find other transportation at the Fort Bragg Main Commissary parking lot and the Vo-Tech parking lot on Butner Road starting at 7:30 a.m. More on page 3.

Coach Thacker believes the Charleston AFB, S.C., team may give Pope the toughest competition because their women are bigger, although he did add, "people think bigger means better, but that is not always true."

While falling short of predicting a Pope victory, Coach Thacker insisted with a knowing smile that "the winner will surprise a lot of people."

Pope team members are Denise Johnke, Jacqueline Buffett, Cynthia Cirigliano, JoAnne Huntley, Nancy Klein, Linda Karkalik, Laorraine Russell, Julie Swain, Louise Fergusson, Kathleen Vann, Toni Barber, Lisa McNutt and Donna Rickey.

**Transportation
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Tuesday CAPEX**

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Year to date through June 6	47
June 7-13	0

Total	47
Last year at this time	31

Briefs

Colonel Angell farewell planned

There will be a farewell party for Col. Jerry Angell, 317th Combat Support Group commander July 24 at 6:30 p.m. at the Officers' Club. Officers and civilian equivalents are invited. Cost of the dinner is \$12.50 per person. For reservations or more information call Ext. 4739.

Airlifters hold elections

Pope Airlifters Association elected new officers July 6. Lt. Col. Robert Foerster, 317th Tactical Airlift Wing Operations was elected president; Lt. Col. William H. Walker, 317th TAW, Operations, is vice president; Maj. Howard Chambers, Airlift Center was elected secretary and Maj. James Kahler, 41st Tactical Airlift Squadron was selected as Treasurer.

Small gasket saves energy

An easily-installed rubber gasket that stops small air leaks around the home or office is now available at the 317th Civil Engineering Squadron Self Help Store.

The rubber gaskets are designed to be inserted behind electrical outlet and light switch plates. Building custodians and residents of family housing can pick up the gaskets at the Self Help Store in Bldg. 604. Be sure to bring a list of how many of the two style gaskets are needed.

Contact SrA Marcus Clark, Ext. 4830 for more information.

Bowling tournament winners named

Pope Lanes was the site Saturday of the first Pope NCO Open Mess Summer Singles Classic.

The Clinic's Larry Darrah claimed his first tournament victory in the men's division with a six-game total of 1,236 pins. Highlighting the winning effort was a tourney-high scratch set of 585.

Close behind in second place was Pat Liggett who finished 22 pins off the pace with a 1,214 total. Falcon stand-out, Ed Fenstermacher, finished a close third with 1,212 pins. His 224-pin game was high in that category.

Patricia Thompson walked away with top honors in the women's division with a six-game total of 1,240 pins.

Pammy Termeer finished second with a 1,214 total. Her 210-pin game and 572 scratch series were tops in those categories.

Perennial tournament title holder, Ro Callahan, finished a close third with 1,212 pins.

The next NCO Open Mess-sponsored tournament, the Summer Mixed Couples Classic, will be at Pope Lanes Aug. 28 and 29.

39th plans open house for squadron families

The 39th Tactical Airlift Squadron

will host an open house for squadron family members July 23.

Events scheduled for the day are orientation flights for spouses of squadron members from 10-11 a.m. After the flights, the squadron mission will be briefed. Then the families will be transported to Sicily Drop Zone for air drop demonstrations. A picnic at the transportation park will round off the day.

For more information contact Lt. Col. Ryan Denny or Lt. Col. Byron Hooten, Ext. 4311.

General Gabriel sends message

Washington (AFNS)—Gen. Charles A. Gabriel, chief of staff of the Air Force, sends the following message to members of the Air Force: "Mrs. Gabriel and I are honored to have the opportunity afforded us today—to serve you, the Air Force and our nation. Ours is the greatest Air Force in history. We are headed in the right direction and with your continued help and loyal support, we will sustain the momentum."

ALCE, 3rd MAPS support Chad airlift

Members of the 3rd Mobile Aerial Port Squadron and the 317th Tactical Airlift Wing Airlift Control Element recently returned from a six-day mission in Kinshasa, Zaire.

The four ALCE and nine 3rd MAPS members helped transport Zairoise personnel and equipment from Ndjamena, Chad to Zair. The Zairoise were peace-keeping observers from the Organization of African Unity who were returning to their home stations.

In six days, nine C-141 missions were launched into Chad to transport 129 people and 252 tons of equipment.

In addition to the Pope people, the missions were supported by seven maintenance people from Charleston AFB, S.C., four communications people from McGuire AFB, N.J., and two aircrews each from Charleston and McGuire.

"Everybody did a really fine job," said Maj. Pat Phillips, ALCE commander. "It was a totally successful mission."

New Space Command announced

The Air Force has announced the formation of a new major command and in separate but related action, a reorganization within Air Force Systems Command. Both actions are intended to consolidate Air Force Space activities.

The new command, Space Command, will begin Sept. 1. The organization will be located in Colorado Springs, Colo., and will be commanded by Gen. James V. Hartinger, current commander in chief, North American Aerospace Defense Command.

Air Force officials believe Space Command will develop quickly into a unified command.



Pope fire fighters practice for upcoming exercise
Two hundred civilians will attend

Fire exercise planned

About 200 firemen from around Cumberland County will take part in a community training exercise here tomorrow sponsored by the Pope Fire Department.

The purpose of the exercise, according to Mr. Grady Gregory, assistant chief of training at the Pope Fire Department, is to familiarize surrounding fire departments with the type of aircraft flown at Pope and Fort Bragg in the event of a crash and fire.

The exercise will get underway with welcoming remarks from Col. Jerry W. Angell, 317th Combat Support Group commander, followed by a walk-through of a C-130 Hercules and UH-60 Blackhawk on Yellow Ramp.

Other activities planned are a simulated structural fuel fire, a simulated three-dimensional fuel fire, requiring chemical extinguishment and mock aircraft fire involving P-2 and P-4 fire trucks.

Pope tops in June reliability; Busiest MAC base also best

Pope continued to have the highest reliability rate in the Military Airlift Command through the month of June.

The base's overall reliability rate of 94.8 is a measure of the percentage of flights which take off on time. Uncontrollable delays because of weather, etc. are not counted against the rate.

Pope's rates, broken down by types of missions were:

Mission Type	Total	Rate
Enroute missions	317	99.3
Home missions	186	97.8
Training missions	533	91.1
Overall	1,036	94.8

As compared to other MAC bases:

Base	Total missions	Rate
Little Rock	768	85.0
McGuire	526	90.8

Base	Total missions	Rate
Norton	416	93.9
Travis	570	82.4
Dyess	493	92.2
McChord	480	89.7
Elmendorf	290	94.8
Yokota	269	86.6
Clark	345	86.0
Rhein Meir	402	92.5
Charleston	574	94.5
Dover	361	90.0

Ex-POW tells story at chapel service

An Air Force pilot who endured seven years in a North Vietnamese prison camp delivered an emotionally charged message of faith in God and pride in America here Friday.

Col. Scotty Morgan spoke of his experiences as part of the National POW/MIA Day observances at the Base Chapel.

"Freedom is a hard thing to describe unless you've lost it," Colonel Morgan reminded a large Chapel audience. "The people in jail with me were run of the mill G.I.s. We were put in a bad situation and we simply did what we were trained to do."

Colonel Morgan said that a strong basic belief in God and the knowledge

that America would never forget them got the POWs through many hard times.

Colonel Morgan expressed his thanks to the many Americans whose hard work and persistence brought the POWs "home with honor."

The Colonel added he was glad the President saw fit to propose July 9 as a day of recognition for American POW/MIAs.

"For 200 years people have fought for this country," he said. "We continue to fight for this country -- we've got something no other country has and a great deal of it is based on God. We have a whole lot to be proud of. We live in the best country in the world."

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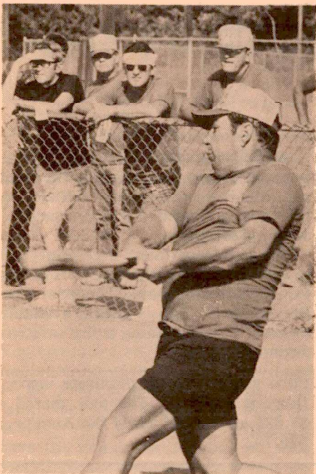
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Niger officers visit

First Lt. Steve Schuerman, 41st Tactical Airlift Squadron, explains Pope's mission to a Niger Capt. Mahamane Koraou during a visit here July 9. Four Niger officers and their three escorts toured Pope for orientation training. The day was spent viewing Base Operations, 3rd Mobile Aerial Port Squadron, Command Post, a flying squadron and the flight simulator. The general-equivalent foreign officers were briefed on the base mission and also viewed airdrops. (U.S. Air Force photo by 2nd Lt. Walter Thorp)



Chiefs-Colonels' game

CMSgt. Ed Miller, Airlift Center, strides into the ball during last Friday's game pitting Pope chiefs against the colonels. The colonels won the third game in the best five out of seven series 11-10 for their second victory. The chiefs have one win with only four games to go. (U.S. Air Force photo by Dave Davenport)

The Navigator available

The Summer 1982 issue of *The Navigator* is now in distribution. In addition to several articles for practicing navigators, this issue includes features to interest all officers and aviators. For information about *The Navigator*, contact Capt. Bill Smith, Editor, *The Navigator* magazine, 323 FTW/PS, Mather AFB, CA 95655.

Pope C-130s support CAPEX

The XVIII Airborne Corps at Fort Bragg, in conjunction with Military Airlift Command and Tactical Air Command, will conduct its annual capabilities exercise (CAPEX) Tuesday.

The public is invited to attend the exercise, which will feature a mass tactical parachute operation and firepower demonstration.

The 317th Tactical Airlift Wing at Pope will provide 13 C-130 Hercules aircraft for the event. The transports will fly personnel, heavy equipment and Container Delivery System airdrops; airland missions; and Low Altitude Parachute Extraction System (LAPES) missions. Charleston AFB's 437th Military Airlift Wing also will provide three C-141 Starlifters to air-drop troops.

Twenty Air Force fighter aircraft and one observation plane also are scheduled for the firepower demon-

stration. The 132nd Tactical Fighter Wing (AFRES) at Des Moines, Iowa, will send 5 A-7 Skyhawks. The 354th TFW at Myrtle Beach AFB will provide five A-10 Thunderbolts. Five F-4 Phantom jets from the 4th TFW at Seymour Johnson and five F-16 Falcons from the 56th TFW at McDill AFB also will demonstrate tactical air support of ground forces. Shaw AFB will send one O-2A spotter plane.

Unlike last year, no spectators will be allowed to bring their cars to the exercise sites and all traffic will be routed away from the demonstrations.

Transportation for spectators will be by buses leaving from the Fort Bragg Commissary and Vo Tech parking lots on Butler Road near the Spring Lake entrance to Fort Bragg. Signs will be posted directing traffic to the designated parking areas. Following the demonstration, these buses will return to those locations.

Bus transportation will be available

for about 4500 spectators on a first come, first serve basis. No other transportation into the demonstration areas will be permitted.

Buses will begin leaving for the first exercise site at 7:45 a.m. with the last bus departing at 8:20.

At the conclusion of the airborne portion of the demonstration, spectators will again board the buses for transportation to the firepower demonstrations.

When this final portion of the CAPEX is finished, buses will begin returning spectators to the commissary and Vo Tech parking areas at about 12:30 p.m.

The CAPEX is the highlight of the post's summer training schedule and offers the public a unique opportunity to learn how airborne and Air Force units perform their missions on the modern battlefield. For additional information call 396-2920.

All in one package

Pope gains engineer, medal winner

By 2nd Lt. Walter Thorp

When the Air Force commissioned a Duke University graduate last May they wanted a mechanical engineer. The service got these cerebral talents. But they also got a physical dynamo as well.

That dynamo is 2nd Lt. Richard Block, 317th Civil Engineering Squadron, who just prior to reporting to Pope June 15 stopped off at the Naval Academy—and picked up two gold medals in the 1982 Interservice Track and Field Championship.

In fact, the young lieutenant led the Air Force to its first resounding team victory in an interservice track meet.

He won the medals by clocking 3:49.33 in the 1,500 meter race and 1:49.89 in the 800 meter run.



Richard Block

To Block though, winning is not new. He was an ACC All American two years running and captain of Duke's Blue Devils. He still holds the school record in the 800 meter run. In late June, he ran his finest 800 meter performance at the U.S.A./West Germany/Pan African International Meet with a time of 1:47.38—a seventh place finish in world-class competition.

But while winning may not be new for Block, running is.

"I was not as dedicated as I should have been during my first two years at Duke," Block said. "I was a frustrated

3rd MAPS wins safety award

The 3rd Mobile Aerial Port Squadron won the Military Airlift Command Support Safety Achievement award for 1981.

The award was presented to recognize significant achievements in support of MAC air operations. In the award certificate, the squadron was cited for safely transporting 30,000 tons of cargo, loading and unloading 20,000 aircraft and handling 142,000 passengers in 1981. The squadron had no reportable accidents that year.

soccer player. Everyone told me to try track."

At that time, Block said, he would have been happier watching soccer games on TV than competing at the track. Today, he advises others, especially children, to diversify their sports interests. "Stay active in as many sports as you can," he said. "A lot of people push young children so hard that by the time they reach high school and college they are burnt out."

Block is certainly staying active at the track. While learning a new job with the Civil Engineers, the athlete has managed to gear up for another international meet tomorrow in Ontario.

But this meet will be tougher than the interservice. Unlike other world-class competitors who train almost exclusively for the event, Block had to balance his time between his Air Force duties and running. "I still have the spirit to win in me," he said.

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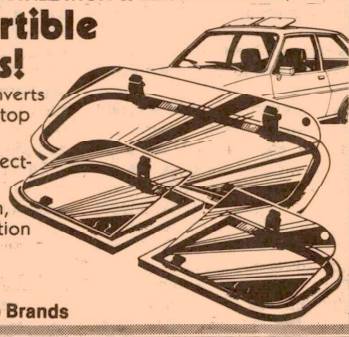
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Editorials

First impressions

By Lt. Col. James Miller
Deputy Base Commander

As I begin writing, I must admit preparing an editorial complaint is quite unfamiliar to me. I even thought very seriously about not sharing my impressions with you because I'm so new to the base. However, after some thought, I decided I needed to share a personal perception about Pope with all of you.

First and most importantly, since the first day I drove in the gate I have been continually impressed by the professional and cooperative attitude of everyone here at Pope. I have never felt so at home and comfortable with

any organization as quickly as here. However, I have observed one area where that commitment seems not to measure up. Specifically, I'm referring to our response to the daily retreat ceremony.

Unfortunately, in the past two weeks I have observed almost every conceivable response to the retreat ceremony from complete disregard to proper military respect and courtesy to our flag. It seems contrary to me that people who make a conscious decision in the morning to put on a uniform would willfully disregard the respon-

sibilities of that uniform later in the day. Please take into consideration your actions not only serve as an impression to civilian and military visitors to Pope, but most importantly, they also serve as a commitment of our profession to the entire Pope AFB community.

We all take great pride in our accomplishments, but we should also be able to have the same pride in our daily actions. With a very little extra effort, we can truly make Pope the best base in the Air Force. Thank you for your support.

Dishonesty in claims doesn't pay

By SA Phillip M. Epting
AFOSI DET 2101

Shipping household goods at government expense for government directed moves is an entitlement of every military and civilian Air Force employee. Along with the entitlement; however, comes a certain amount of responsibility for honesty. Unfortunately, some people have disregarded the latter while exercising the former.

Your Traffic Management Office, located in building 708, can make your move a lot less burdensome and a bit less complicated. They provide services you need and will answer questions you have about your shipment.

They also will provide you with a list

of "dos and don'ts" so that you know exactly what the restrictions are. That leaves no room for the excuse "I didn't know" if you are caught cheating on your claim.

But even with all these precautions people continue to devise a number of not so new ways to make a few bucks from the system. As a result, a lot of them have suffered grave consequences and learned that the cost of such a venture can be much greater than the profits.

He didn't do it - sort of

One example of this type of fraud costing more than it is worth was experienced recently by a civilian employee at a mid-western Air Force base. Our dishonest friend was transferred to another mid-western base and filed a claim for HHG shipment and the expense of moving his family. One year later our same friendly crook was sent back to his original base. Once more he asked Uncle Sam to foot the bill for HHG shipments and expenses.

A short time later AFOSI found out that there was something amiss with his claim. (We find out lots of things that people think are too small or too well hidden for anyone to discover.)

The agents who looked in to the claim made an amazing discovery. There was only one little problem with the claims made by our friend—he had never shipped any household goods anywhere and his family had never moved!

The commander took a very dim view of our crook. After all, our friend's "sideline" had cost the government \$4000. The Justice Department also developed a distinctly unfriendly attitude toward our hapless hero and proceeded to prosecute him Federal court.

The judge, however, did the most damage. He sent him to prison for two years, put him on probation for two more years and fined him \$500. The Air Force—never one to sit on the sidelines for this kind of action—promptly fired him from Civil Service and recovered the full \$4000 from him as well.

Inflation will get you, too

Another example of the type of pay you can expect from HHG claims fraud involved an Air Force NCO. He shipped his household goods quite legally, but they got lost in transit. Being nobody's fool, he promptly filed

a claim against the government for his losses. So far, so good.

Unfortunately for the NCO, the household goods were later found. Since the Air Force paid for the property, Uncle Sam had it sent to the Defense Property Disposal Office for disposition.

Not being careless folks, the DPDO people inventoried the shipment and discovered that the NCO's rate of inflation was way ahead of the dollar's. Some of the items were worth less than one-third of what he claimed them to be worth.

He had inflated his wallet by several thousand dollars and DPDO folks thought something should be done. The base commander agreed and the sergeant soon found himself facing a court-martial, reduction in rank, prison and a fine as well as having to give the government back every penny of "profit" from his one man "inflation" fraud. He lost everything he earned, ruined his career, and will have to live with the embarrassment of a Federal court conviction for the rest of his life.

Was it worth it? Do you think it would be worth it for you?

Cigarette smoking tops fire list

Courtesy Base Fire Department

Cigarette smoking is at the top of the list for fire causes in Air Force facilities and military family housing.

A cigarette can accidentally be dropped on furniture and lay there undetected for several hours before erupting into flames. Careless use or handling of smoking material is the largest single cause of fires in the United States.

The Fire Department offers the

following measures which could prevent a smoking material fire:

- Use deep, noncombustible ash trays for smoking materials.
- If you have friends over for social gatherings, provide enough ash trays, and before going to bed check behind your furniture cushions or between cracks where smoking materials may have dropped.

- Sprinkle water on the cigarette butts before throwing them in the trash can. Metal receptacles with self closing lids are preferred for disposing of smoking materials.

The Fire Department urges everyone to get involved and share in making Pope a fire safe base. The Base Fire Prevention Section is always available to assist in maintaining a fire safe environment.

Prevent waste, save big bucks

Courtesy MAC News Service

Suggesting the Military Airlift Command change an aircraft schedule to eliminate backtracking during missions earned a Norton AFB, Calif., captain \$1,330 and saved the Air Force \$227,478.

Across the Atlantic, a staff sergeant at Rhein-Main AB, Germany, suggested an encoder unit could be modified to prevent replacing the entire unit if one of its components broke. SSgt. Timothy P. Hann thought it was a waste to lose an entire encoder and so did the Air Force which paid him \$1,230 for saving \$98,675.

For Capt. Conrad R. Braun, saving energy and time led him to suggest the itinerary to the Far East intertheater mission out of Kadena AB, Japan, be changed.

His suggestions represent MAC people's growing concern for saving money through energy conservation efforts and waste prevention, says Jackie Brink, MAC suggestion program monitor.

"People are finding they can save energy and prevent waste by suggesting simple things," she said. "Rather than discuss why something can't be done, they are putting their ideas on a Form 1000 and making money for it."

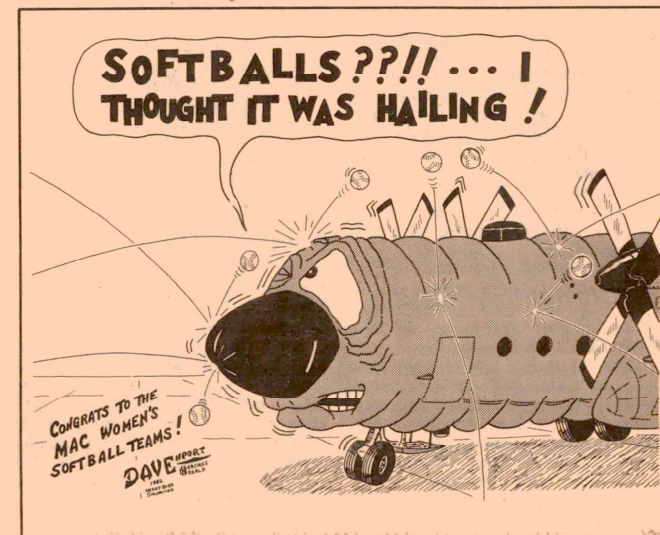
The Air Force has saved more than \$1.2 million so far this year on the ideas of MAC suggesters. Altus AFB, Okla., and Little Rock AFB, Ark., lead MAC bases with more than 180 suggestions adopted so far, earning their suggesters \$5,300. Throughout the command, MAC people have earned \$56,775 for their suggestions.

Other energy conservation and waste prevention suggestion winners include Rudolph Gruber at McGuire AFB, N.J., who found the incinerator used to burn refuse from aircraft was left on, burning excess fuel when it was not needed. An attendant was assigned to turn the burner off when it was not in use, saving 4,800 gallons of fuel in three months. Benefits to the Air Force totaled \$5,925, and Mr. Gruber received \$350.

TSgt. Edwin Stefan III, of Pope AFB, N.C., suggested replacing 24 300-watt incandescent bulbs with fluorescent fixtures. He received \$160 for saving \$2,154.

Kenneth L. Hightower and Timothy W. Lucey of Andrews AFB, Md., suggested that documenting aircraft inspections during in-depth depot inspec-

tions would prevent duplicate inspections at the base. The pair shared a \$1,085 award and saved the Air Force \$26,702.



CMSgt. retires after 34-year career

Chief's long journey ends

By Sgt. Tanya L. Lalramore

It's a long road from the Ozark foothills of Springdale, Ark., to the North Carolina triangle region and Pope. But CMSgt. Alvie W. Boatright says his 34-year Air Force journey has been, "a heck of a lot of fun," and he hates to see it end.

The last leg of the journey, a retirement ceremony Aug. 31 will end the military career of the Air Force's third highest ranking and Military Airlift Command's top ranking chief.

The chief's journey began in June 1943. He was 20-years old and the country was at war when he was ordered to report to his local draft board.

"I came in the Army in Field Artillery at Fort Sill, Okla.," he said. "Then I took the test to switch to the Army Air Corps. I was a flight engineer on B-24s during the war, stationed in the Pacific."

The chief flew in a bomber nicknamed Streamliner during campaigns in China, New Guinea, South Philippines and Luzon. "My crew and I came through the war without a scratch. You had a job to do and you did it."

After the war, Chief Boatright left the Army for civilian life in Springdale. But he just wasn't satisfied. The Korean War in 1950 called him back to

active duty and he was stationed at Barksdale AFB, La., which was just fine with him and his wife, Jimmie. "I always thought he should have stayed in the service all along," she said. "But he thought civilian life would be better. I was glad when he went back in."

At Barksdale, Chief Boatright did maintenance on KB-29s. "They were the first boom tanker aircraft the Air Force had," he said. "In fact, I went to Oklahoma City and picked up the first KB-29 the Air Force ever had. It's tail number was 123. I never will forget that."

Since then, the chief has had many assignments and seen many aircraft come and go. "I went from the KB-29 to KC-135s, then B-52s and KC-135s. I went to Vietnam in 1966 and had O-1s and O-2s—rinky-dink aircraft."

"When I came back from Vietnam, I went on 102s, T-33s and T-37s at Parrot AFB, Texas. Then I was in Germany on F-4s. That was probably the most fun I ever had in the Air Force. We flew hell out of those F-4s."

In 1963, Boatright was promoted to chief master sergeant. Only two other people who made chief earlier than him are still on active duty today. Chief Boatright came to Pope in 1973 and has been the maintenance superintendent with the 317th Tactical Airlift Squadron Deputy Commander of Maintenance since then.

Chief Boatright has seen many changes since the beginning of his military journey. "The pay wasn't very darned good back then, I'll tell you for sure," he said. "The living conditions and everything are better than it was back years ago. Barracks are much nicer, housing is better. There's been lots of improvements in the Air Force."

"You're constantly going through change in the military," he added. "For instance, years ago we were doing isochronal inspections on aircraft (inspections based on calendar periods). I'm talking about 1950, '51 and '52."

"Then we went out of that and went into what we called a phase inspection where you pulled one portion of the aircraft at a time. We're back to the isochronal inspections now. It's always a circle it seems."

Another big change the chief has seen in the Air Force since beginning his military career is the attitudes of the young people coming in. "I get the impression now-a-days that most of the young people come in the military for pay and to get the benefits," he said. "I don't believe—now this is my own personal opinion—that the young people in the military today are as dedicated as they used to be."

"I think it's a general attitude in America and I probably had a lot to do with it," he said. "It's in the way we

raised our children. My sons were raised in the time when they didn't want for anything. They never had to really scratch to get anything—of course they are now. It's probably the way we raised our children."

The chief says that the Air Force has been a good place to raise a family. "It's been good for us. I've been through two wars with my family—three if you count World War II which my wife went through with me—and it hasn't hurt us."

"My wife doesn't want to get out either," he said. And Mrs. Boatright agrees. "I've always been proud to be an Air Force wife," she said.

The chief had to miss his oldest son's high school graduation because he was in Vietnam at the time, but when Rodney graduated from the Air Force Academy in 1971 he was on hand. Rodney is now a Captain in the Air Force, stationed at Zweibrücken Air Base in Germany.

Their other son, Zane is a mechanical engineer with Civil Service at Tinker AFB, Okla.

"The military is a fine way of life," Chief Boatright said as he reflected on the 34-year journey that has brought him from the Arkansas hills to Pope. "I hate to get out, but you can't stay forever. They don't like 59-year-old men running around in the military."

Unit representatives key to publicity

By Sgt. Tanya L. Lalramore

What is news?

In 1918 John B. Bogart said, "When a dog bites a man, that is not news, because it happens so often. But if a man bites a dog, that is news."

When a person sees a newsworthy event, how can he or she get it in the newspaper?

For Air Force people, the answer is very simple according to 2nd Lt. Walter Thorp, assistant chief of Public Affairs. "Unit Public Affairs Representative are the key to insuring that every unit gets full media coverage of all their newsworthy events," he said. "Our Wing Public Affairs staff is actually very small, and just doesn't have the manpower to keep up with everything happening at each unit on base. That's where additional-duty PARs come in."

Unit commanders select one or two people to be PARs for each unit. It is that person's job to keep track of events in the unit and to pass the word on to the Public Affairs office.

There are several channels used by Public Affairs to tell the stories supplied by PARs. The most visual of these is the base newspaper, the Hercules Herald. Most PAR material eventually ends up as stories in the unof-



TSgt. Callahan works on story 'The most productive PAR on base'

ficial weekly publication.

Another successful avenue for unit publicity is the Home Town News Program. PARs keep up with promotions, award presentations, etc., throughout the unit. Affected people fill out a Home Town News Release form. These forms are forwarded through the Public Affairs Office to the Home Town News Center at Kelly AFB, Texas. News releases are made up from the forms and sent out to the

person's home town newspaper.

"Some news leads which we get from PARs are frequently sent out to local media," Lieutenant Thorp said. "We have had good coverage for the base and from local television and newspapers based on such leads."

"For instance, recently a PAR from the Base Fire Department called to tell us about a live fire fighting training exercise they were planning. We not only plan to cover it for the Hercules Herald, but have arranged for two local television stations and the downtown newspapers to come out to cover it. We are also submitting the story to the national story program for possible use by a national magazine."

The lieutenant added that the more information a PAR can give about an event, the better the coverage will be. "Another PAR recently gave exceptionally good support on a story," he said. "He not only called in the original lead, but also brought us background notes, supplied a map of the area where the event occurred and

did all the ground work to get clearance for media representatives to be there."

"Some PARs just call in news facts and others give us neatly-typed stories, ready to publish," he said. "Some of our better contributors are TSgt. Mike Callahan from the Clinic, SSgt. Tom Neville of the 317th Security Police Squadron and Sgt. Lowell Beckner from the 1943rd Communications Squadron."

In order to help PARs do a better job, the Public Affairs office holds quarterly meetings where representatives are supplied information on the program. They also give advice on a one-on-one basis as needed.

"If a PAR has an idea for a story, we will work with him or her to tell that story in the best possible way," Lieutenant Thorp said. "We like to see our PARs get byline credit for their work."

Anyone who would like more information on the PAR program should contact Lieutenant Thorp at Ext. 4183.

Child restraints required

North Carolina children younger than 2 are now required to wear seat restraints while riding in moving vehicles and children younger than 1 must ride only in approved (crash tested) safety seats.

The law, passed by the North Carolina General Assembly, became effective July 1. As North Carolina enforces the new law on public roads, the Pope Security Police have announced that they also intend to strictly enforce it on base.

Currently, the law requires a war-

ning ticket for the first two years. After that, however, a \$10 fine and court costs will be assessed.

In passing the law, the Assembly cited that children account for more than 200 traffic deaths each year in the state. Children even have died in accidents where the vehicle was moving at speeds as low as 1 mph.

The Assembly further stated that in the past six years, no child younger than five has died in a North Carolina traffic accident where safety restraints were used.



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Cinema schedule

Friday: Quest for Fire (R) 7:30 p.m. Quest for Fire takes the moviegoer back to visions of the past, dealing with primitive man's first stirrings of human love at a time when possession of fire was a matter of life and death.

Saturday: Digby—The Biggest Dog In The World (G) 2 p.m. Time Bandits (R) 7:30 p.m. The time bandits are six mystical, slightly addled dwarves who, though unable to tie their own shoelaces, steal the map of time from their employer and set off to sack the centuries. A wrong turn finds them in a suburban home, where they pick up a young boy who joins them on their wild misadventures at some of the turning points of history.

Sunday and Monday: Wrong Is Right (R) 7:30 p.m. Contemporary comedy involving the escapades of a tough journalist and macho adventurer.

Tuesday: The Seduction (R) 7:30 p.m. An erotic suspense story of a young photographer who turns a one-sided romance with sexy TV newscaster Morgan Fairchild into a twisted affair.

Wednesday: Penitentiary (R) 7:30 p.m. A raw, brutal prison drama with a touch of "Rocky" and lots of man-to-man confrontations.

Thursday: On Golden Pond (PG) 7:30 p.m. Katherine Hepburn, Henry Fonda and Jane Fonda in a dark comedy about three generations confronting one another during an emotionally charged summer.

Officers' Club

Friday: Prime rib special in the dining room 6 to 9 p.m. Entertainment in the lounge 8 p.m. to midnight.

Saturday: Ladies' night with steak for two 6 to 9 p.m.

Sunday: A la carte breakfast 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Monday: Shrimp Platter special 5:30 to 9 p.m.

Tuesday: Chef's choice 5:30 to 9 p.m.

Wednesday: Broiled or Baked Red Snapper special 5:30 to 9 p.m.

Thursday: Mongolian barbecue 5:30 to 9 p.m.

Rec Center

Friday: Old fashioned barbecue, cosponsored by the Recreation Center and the Pizza Parlor will begin at 11 a.m. and end when the food runs out. Buy a chicken or rib plate, get a lemonade and watermelon free!

Saturday: Carowinds tour departs at 8 a.m. Discount admission tickets available at Rec Center.

Sunday: Dungeons and Dragons begins at 1 p.m.

Monday: "Classic Film Festival" continues with a silent film, "Phantom of the Opera," 7:45 p.m.

Tuesday: Aerobic dance class runs from 7 to 8 p.m. Group guitar lessons at 7 p.m.

Wednesday: Newcomers Orientation and New Wives Welcome at 7:45 a.m. Today also is final registration for the free one-day CPR course to be July 28.

Thursday: Aerobic dance class from 7 to 8 p.m.

Friday: Base-wide family scavenger hunt begins at Rec Center at 6 p.m.

Sign up now for tour to North Carolina Zoo and for the weekend tour to Busch Gardens and/or Colonial Williamsburg. Get details by calling 394-2779. Ticket office hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

NCO Club

Friday and Saturday: "Easy" will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Sunday: Membership appreciation buffet, 1 to 5 p.m. Member and spouse or date free.

Monday: All the chicken you can eat and two for one steak night in the dining room. No disco.

Tuesday: Cash drawing between 5 and 6 p.m. Disco with "Midnight Stroker" from 8 p.m. to 12 a.m.

Wednesday: Western night with "Sounds of Nashville," 8 p.m. to 12 a.m.

Thursday: Disco with Stan the Man from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

See Denise for that free ticket for three free games of bowling.

Win a trip to Hawaii, Sept. 4 through 12. For more information call 497-4051.

Joe Klauzar Memorial Golf Tournament is Aug. 7. Tickets on sale now.

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Swimming pool

Planning a party? Check at the Consolidated Pool for information on reserving the pool from 8-12 p.m. for a nominal fee. Call Ext. 2629 for more information.

Youth swimming lessons are now in full swing for the 2nd session. If you're still interested in signing up for lessons, the next session is Aug. 10-20. This is the final session for the summer. Sign up is Aug. 3-8.

Bowling Center

The next King and Queen of the Hill Bowling Tournament will be held on July 17 and the Grand Jackpot Roll-off will be held on July 24.

Police blotter

July 7

11:05 a.m.--During an open door barracks walk-through a small amount of Marijuana was found. One Airman was apprehended and later released to his commander.

11 p.m.--A GOV overturned on Moore County Road approximately 5 miles from Camp McCall injuring the driver. Camp McCall ambulance responded, carrying the driver to Womack Army Hospital for treatment.

July 8

9:26 p.m.--A disturbance was reported at the NCO Club, two individuals ignoring a request, by the management, that they leave. These individuals left upon the arrival of the Security Police.

July 9

4:02 p.m.--A civilian telephoned the Law Enforcement Desk and reported several small children were painting on the side of the refreshment stand on Warhawk St.

July 10

1:45 a.m.--A civilian was stopped for DUI after hitting the road curb several times. Same was released at 3:30 a.m. on own recognizance.

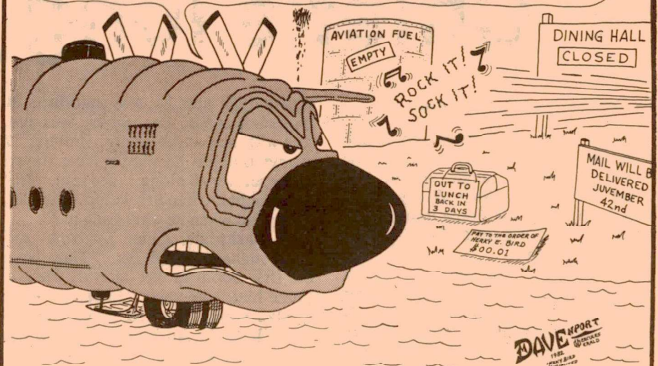
11:35 a.m.--An Air Force NCO approached a Security Police Vehicle and reported he had found a snake approximately 16 inches in length, red face, pointed nose, red spots incircled with black marks and a white under-belly. The species has not yet been identified.

July 11

6:30 p.m.--An Air Force NCO telephoned this office and related that two children were playing in the burned out house on Packet Circle. When the Security Police arrived there was no one in the Bldg., however, two boards were needed to board over the door.

There were 153 vehicles denied entry to Pope AFB from July 7-July 11.

OKAY-THAT'S IT...I'M CALLIN' THE
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Forum gets results



By Col. Edsel R. Field
317th TAW commander

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