

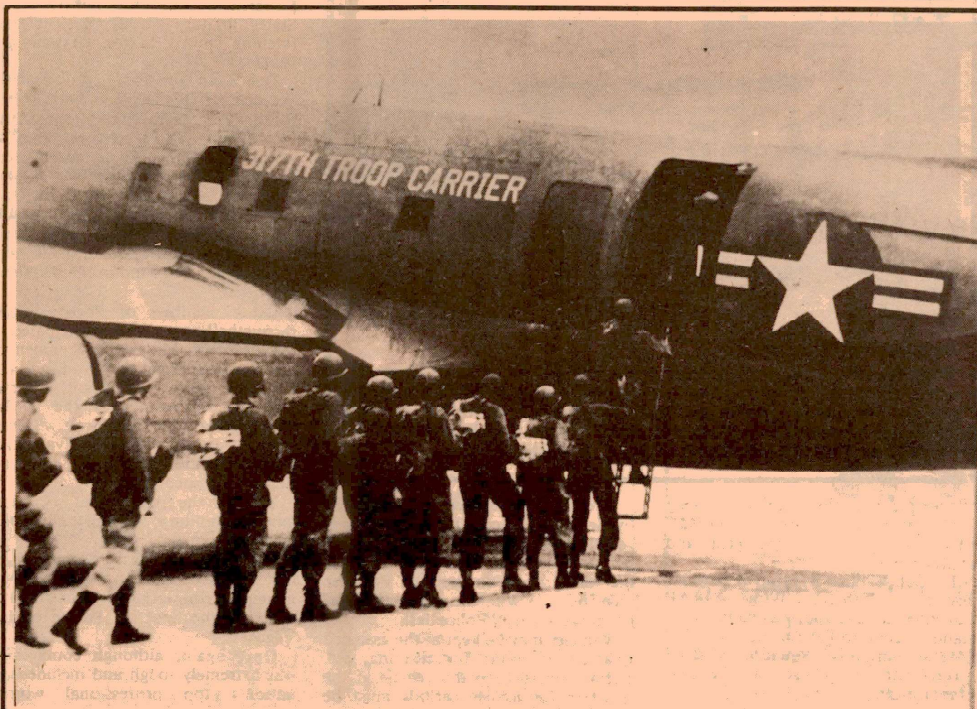
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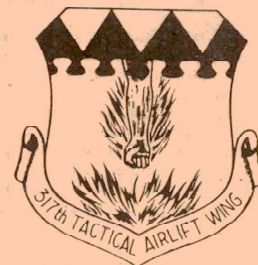
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317th in World War II

Members of the 503rd Airborne Infantry Regiment board a C-47 from the 317th Troop Carrier Wing, which would later become the 317th Tactical Airlift

Wing. They are loading in preparation for the assault on Nadzab, New Guinea, the largest airborne assault in the southwest pacific in World War II. Over 1800 troops were airdropped. (U.S. Air Force photo)



Insignia

The insignia of the 317th Tactical Airlift Wing has remained unchanged since it was originally approved for its World War II counterpart, the 317th Troop Carrier Group, on December 22, 1942.

The official heraldic description of the insignia is as follows: "Shield. Or issuant from chief a dexter arm, fist clenched inflamed proper, in base a fire of seven tongues of the last, on a nebuly azure, three piles of the first."

Stripped of this medieval terminology the insignia depicts a flaming arm and fist plunging into a flame: a pictorial representation of the motto, "I Gain By Hazard," or more informally, "The tougher the going, the better we 'ke it.'" The insignia also represents the "317" in the unit title, with the three represented by the three triangular darts across the top of the shield, the one by the vertical arm, and the seven by the seven tongues of flame in the fire at the base.

Airlift wing celebrates 40th anniversary

By Janie Downs, wing historian

Monday will mark the 40th anniversary of the 317th Tactical Airlift Wing. Activated Feb. 22, 1942, the 317th is one of the oldest tactical airlift wings. Its primary mission then as now was to transport men, equipment and supplies into combat.

The wing received its baptism of fire January 30, 1943, when its C-47s carried allied troops, ammunition, light artillery and supplies across the Owen Stanley Mountain Range to reinforce the airfield at Wau, New Guinea.

Hand-to-hand fighting raged at the end of the runway as the first aircraft touched down under fire. The 317th lost three crews and planes at Wau and earned its first Distinguished Unit Citation.

Eight months later the wing dropped 1,800 paratroopers on Nadzab, New Guinea, in the first mass paradrop in the southwest Pacific.

The 317th moved to Buri Strip, New Britain, during November 1944 but was forced to withdraw on Dec. 5 when the enemy broke through their perimeter defenses. Although the withdrawal was successful, it was a close shave--the 39th Tactical Airlift

Squadron had to leave their breakfast cooking.

In its last combat assault of the war, the 317th lifted the 11th Airborne Division to Corregidor in the Philippines. The drop zone was only 400 yards wide and heavily defended. With only six seconds on each pass over the zone, it took over an hour to deliver the first serial of 1,000 soldiers and six hours and 563 passes to drop the 1,292 bundles required to supply them.

When the war ended, the 317th moved to Okinawa and became part of the occupation forces.

After an overseas tour of 21 years, the 317th returned to the United States on June 20, 1964, and was stationed at Lockbourne AFB, Ohio. The wing had served with distinction during the Berlin Airlift of 1948 and had airlifted relief supplies during 11 different natural disasters and crises during this period.

Civil war erupted in the Dominican Republic in 1965 and the 317th joined other airlift units to move 16,000 United Nations troops and their equipment to the Caribbean to restore order. This operation earned the wing the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award.

The wing was administratively moved to Pope AFB in August 1971.

One of the most important roles of the 317th in recent years was its involvement in the development and testing of the sophisticated Adverse Weather Aerial Delivery System (AWADS) that allows accurate air-drops through cloud cover and at night, thereby expanding the environment in which airborne operations are possible.

This system first proved its worth in combat in Vietnam in May 1972 during resupply missions at An Loc.

On Dec. 1, 1974, the 317th was transferred to the 21st Air Force of the Military Airlift Command.

On a daily basis the personnel of the 317th fly men, equipment and supplies all over the world to support the far-flung military obligations of the United States. They also take part in numerous Joint Chiefs of Staff exercises each year to develop and refine the skills required to respond rapidly to any contingency.

The 317th Tactical Airlift Wing also is often involved in humanitarian disaster relief and emergency evacuation of American nationals from troubled areas of the world. Most

recent of these operations were the relief missions to the snow-bound Northeast during the winter of 1977, assistance to the residents of the Caribbean whose homes were ravaged by hurricanes "David" and "Frederick," and the 1979 evacuation of personnel from Iran.

In the 1980s the wing is continuing its outstanding traditions. The 317th won the title "Best Overall Wing" during the 1980 Volant Rodeo.

Last year the wing flew about 29,000 hours, during which 62,000 passengers and 22,000 tons were airlifted and 32,500 troops and 10,600 tons airdropped.

DUIs

Through Feb. 11	10
Feb. 12-18	1
Total	11

Pope AFB—"We put the Air in Airborne"

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Briefs

Pope gets two STEP promotion slots

Stripes for Exceptional Performers Program has been approved by the Air Force chief of staff as a permanent program.

STEP is designed to reward exceptional performers with a promotion. It allows major commanders to promote a limited number of airmen to ranks of staff, technical and master sergeants.

The Air Force quota is 445, with the Military Airlift Command being 54. Pope has been allotted 2 slots.

Quota distribution is based on assigned strength of airmen in ranks of sergeant, staff sergeant and technical sergeant and provided to commanders of numbered air forces, services and most wings. Units with a small number of enlisted people in E-4, E-5 and E-6 ranks have been consolidated with other organizations in their chain of command.

CMSgt. Herbert Niemietz, MAC's STEP program manager, Autovan 638-2724, is available to answer questions regarding the STEP program.

Air Force Academy handbook available

A special handbook is now available for officers interested in an assignment to the Air Force Academy.

The U.S. Air Force Academy Assignment Opportunities Handbook "Project Falcon," is designed to introduce officers to the academy's living and working environment, the mission, job positions and the reward of an academy tour.

The handbook describes major mission elements at the academy, positions available, and qualifications required. It also contains detailed information about the academy's history, facilities, services and the nearby Colorado Springs area. Application instructions are included.

40th TAS wins relay race

Five members of the 40th Tactical Airlift Squadron, from four different age categories, won the Pope relay race Feb. 12.

Teams from the 41st TAS took second and third place in the six-mile run.

Winning team members were Sgt. Silas Winters, 1st Lt. Edward McIntyre, Capt. Douglas Allen and Maj. Robert Snellgrove.

The race began in front of the 41st TAS, with Col. James Callahan, deputy commander of operations, firing the starters rifle. The winning team crossed the finish line 35 minutes and 30 seconds later.

In addition to teams from the 40th and 41st TAS, the Air Force Clinic competed. The 39th TAS, currently on rotation, was unable to participate.

A 317th Security Police Squadron car escorted the racers around the course.

Col. Edsel R. Field, 317th Tactical Airlift Wing commander presented all the racers with certificates. Winning team members were awarded a travelling trophy and individual medals.

The date of the next race will be set by the 40th TAS because they were the winning team and will be accepting challenges.

Pope recognizes

Brenda H. Cox of Pope was among



Salvadorans arrive

More than 900 Salvadoran troops arrive at Pope Feb. 11 and 12 aboard a 747 to join 60 of their officers and noncommissioned officers who arrived last month. The Salvadorans, comprising a battalion, are here to receive basic individual and unit training from Fort Bragg's Special Forces unit. (U.S. Air Force photo by 2nd Lt. Walter Thorp)

13 people and three units receiving 1981 Air Force comptroller awards. Mrs. Cox works in the cost and analysis branch.

Lt. Col. William R. Hipp of the 48th Tactical Fighter Wing, RAF Lakenheath, England, was named outstanding comptroller for the year. The 7448th Comptroller Squadron at RAF Lakenheath was chosen as the best organization.

Recreational vehicles parking restricted

Due to critical parking space, area appearance, and safety of small children on Pope, Base Housing and Security Police have imposed certain restrictions on parking and storing recreational vehicles in the housing area.

Access to the lot will be controlled by Security Police. Owners of stored vehicles can gain entrance to the lot after verification of their right to enter the lot through comparison of their identification with the registration on file at the Security Police desk.

Vehicles may be kept at the assigned quarters 48 hours for cleaning, etc. Permission to keep the vehicle at the quarters for longer periods must be granted by the Housing Office, Ext. 4820.

Racquetball team wins in Las Vegas

By SSgt. Cynthia Hedrick

Although competition was stiff, four Pope people walked away winners in

the Showboat Military Racquetball Tournament Feb. 1-5 at the Showboat Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas. Eight Pope people took part in the tournament.

Competing in the tournament were players from all branches of the United States military throughout the continental United States, Hawaii and Europe.

Deb Bontragen took first place in the Women's "D" Division and Robert Bikofsky came in first in the Men's "D" Division. Both are from the 317th Avionics Maintenance Squadron. Gene Hindle, 317th Security Police Squadron commander, took the consolation round in the "Men Over 40" category. Debbie Van De Ven of the 41st Tactical Airlift Squadron also won the consolation round in the Women's Open.

Other members of Pope's varsity racquetball team who participated in the Showboat Military Tournament in Las Vegas included Kurt Kamrad, 41st Tactical Airlift Squadron, James Hamby, commander of the 1943rd Communications Squadron, Denise Johnke, 1st Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron and Bob Skolasky, 40th Tactical Airlift Squadron.

This was the first of what is to be an annual military racquetball tournament.

While in Las Vegas, Pope's racquetball team took part in a civilian tournament at the largest racquet club in the city, the Sporting House of Las Vegas.

Once again, although competition was extremely tough and included the nation's top professional woman racquetball players, Pope came through a winner.

Gene Hindle and Bob Skolasky took first place in the Intermediate Doubles category. Skolasky and Bikofsky took first and second place respectively in the Men's "C" Division. Debbie Van De Ven came in third in the Women's "C" Division and Hindle took third place honors in the Seniors category.

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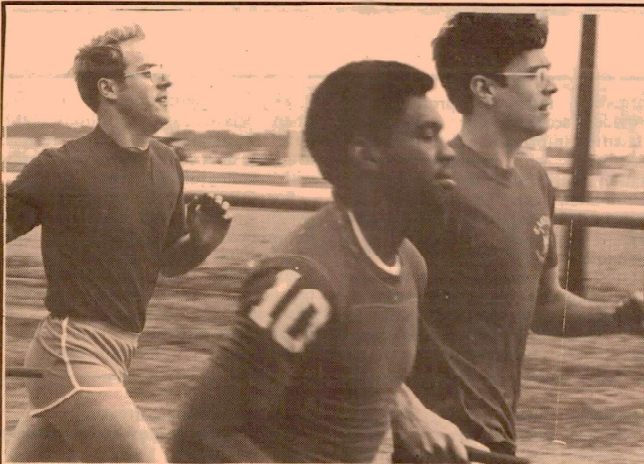
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A day at the race

Above (left to right) Joel Maynard, 41st TAS, Silas Winters, 40th TAS and Jeff Kintzing, 41st TAS, get off to a fast start at the Pope Relay Race Feb. 12. The 40th TAS went on to win the competition. At left, Sgt. Richard Cruse, a spectator at the race, received a surprise balloon bouquet from his wife in honor of Valentine's Day. Sergeant Cruse is a flight engineer with the 41st TAS.

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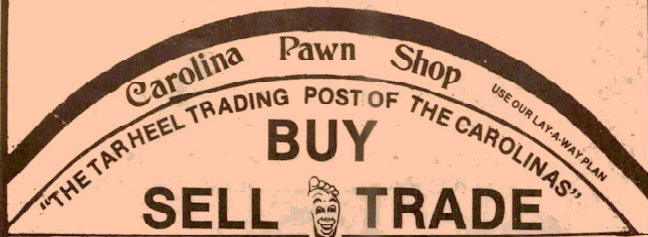
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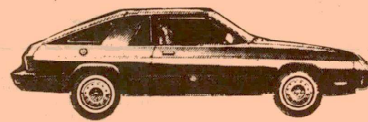
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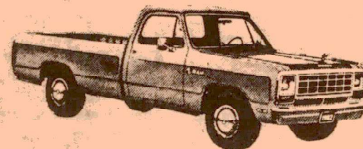
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Editorials

OPSEC is everyone's responsibility

By Maj. David L. Petersen
OPSEC officer

Successful operations frequently depend upon the concealment of capabilities and intentions. This is true not only for wartime, but for peacetime as well.

OPSEC, or Operations Security, involves protecting various forms of information which may contain some intelligence value for hostile elements attempting to determine these capabilities and intentions. This protection must be applied through all stages of operations.

Both classified and unclassified in-

formation must be protected to provide security for operations. Classified information is protected in accordance with established information security programs. Unclassified information can be afforded appropriate protection by applying OPSEC principles, policies and techniques.

OPSEC is designed to protect unclassified and highly visible aspects of an operation as well as classified aspects. It makes little sense to protect an operation by classifying some parts of

it, or protecting information about it, when unclassified conversations, standard procedures and other readily available data could provide an enemy with meaningful intelligence.

For OPSEC to be effective, each person on Pope must be aware of its importance. The security of any organization is only as strong as its weakest link. Only through the daily practice of a high degree of security awareness by everyone can an organization discover its vulnerabilities and take action to eliminate them.

A formula for many happy returns

By 2Lt. Walter Throp
Wing Public Affairs

Formulas are wonderful. They somehow simplify our world by putting everything in perspective and solving our problems.

There is a simple, apparently little-known but quite effective formula I would like to pass on. Try it when you fill out your tax forms this year.

A few seconds time plus attention to

detail results in success.

Internal Revenue Service officials here tell me that millions of tax refunds are delayed each year because of minor errors on the returns.

The biggest problems last year were arithmetic errors and information entered on the wrong line.

Take that one extra minute this year

to check those nitty gritty details.

Are the names and social security numbers correct?

Is the address complete—including apartment number and zip code?

Are all the W-2s attached?

Is the return signed?

Pay attention to the details and I can guarantee you many happy returns.

Who says seat belts work?

Courtesy of Air Force Recruiting Service, Randolph AFB, Texas

Imagine yourself travelling down a two-lane, icy country road doing approximately 25 MPH in a 45 MPH zone. The van in front about four to five car lengths is also creeping along about 25 MPH. You've had a great day, setting up three people to go to AFEES and taking another one home. You're paying close attention to the road ahead because of the icy conditions when you notice a car pull out of a side road in front of the van. You and the van brake simultaneously and discover you have no control as you start sliding on the black ice. You start pumping the brakes but seem to be

picking up speed as you go down a slight hill. There is on-coming traffic in the other lane, and the van seems to have better traction because you are closing rapidly on him. The only option seems to be the ditch. You manage to get the car headed into the ditch but almost as soon as you congratulate yourself for the smart thinking you see the culvert at the end. The nose of the car buries into the embankment and you watch in slow motion as the rear end starts to come over the top. Your front seat passenger goes through the front windshield as it pops out and is halfway out the window as the car comes down on the roof, crushing his

upper body. The picture fades out as your body is dropped against the crumpled roof and your neck is bent to a strange angle. As reality slowly returns, you hear voices outside the car and can see the red reflection of emergency lights through the shattered rear window. The only thought going through your mind at that time is "If only I had been wearing my seat belt."

This accident actually happened, with one slight difference. Everybody in the vehicle wore seat belts and nobody had a scratch. Who says seat belts work? Survivors, I know because I'm one.

The great whatdunit

On a rainy Monday morning, Stanley Spaniel, owner of Spaniel Brothers Circus, was found dead outside his California mansion. On Tuesday night, Detective Sinclair Bandler and his partner, Byron Dibs, asked three suspects to gather at the Spaniel home.

Seated on the couch was Lloyd Boxem, the butler; Set Butterfield, Spaniel's son-in-law; and Rex Terran, the circus flame-eater.

"Please hurry with this in-

vestigation," the butler said, pointing at a ladder and paint supplies. "I want to put away these supplies."

"Ah, Mr. Boxem, are you in a hurry to leave?" Bandler said. "Are you trying to hide the fact that you've held a vicious grudge against Stanley Spaniel since your childhood days together; that you've been jealous because your life-long friend became owner of a famous circus while you became his servant?"

Bandler shifted his gaze to Butterfield. "Or how about you, Mr. Butterfield? You've made wild threats against Spaniel ever since he tried to stop your marriage to his daughter. And then there's you, Rex Terran, an aging flame-eater who recently was kicked out of the circus."

Suddenly, the lights went out. In the dark, there came the scuffling of feet. Somebody knocked over a lamp and another person shouted.

In a minute, the lights were back on. The three suspects were still on the sofa, Bandler was seated in the recliner and Dibs was standing.

"What went wrong with our plan?" Dibs said. "The real murderer was supposed to flee when the lights went out. But all the suspects are here."

"Nothing went wrong with the plan," Bandler said. "Notice that the ladder fled when the lights went out."

"You mean...?"

"Yes, the ladder caused Spaniel's death. Or should I say, Mr. Spaniel's poor use of the ladder caused his death. Even though Mr. Spaniel was a

former trapeze artist, he was a clutz on the ladder. I've been told that he always ignored the four-to-one rule, which says a ladder should be set away from the house at a distance of one-fourth the height of the ladder. This keeps the ladder at a safe angle.

"Spaniel also was lazy and he usually stretched to paint hard-to-reach spots, rather than reposition the ladder. Yesterday, while painting the mansion's trim, he leaned too far to paint the window ledge. He lost his balance and the ladder slid into a power line, electrocuting him."

"Amazing," Dibs said. "I guess that solves this mystery."

"Not really," Bandler pointed out. "Now we must figure out how a ladder left the room by itself."

AF operates economically

By SSgt. Ronald K. Wiseman,
Cost and Management Analyst

Most of us have heard about the Economies and Efficiencies Campaign, but ask someone to explain it and chances are you'll only get a blank stare.

The Air Force Campaign for Economies and Efficiencies is the Air Force's full commitment to the current administration's policy of trimming down economically and operating more efficiently. The overall goal of the program is to show all of the ways we are operating more efficiently.

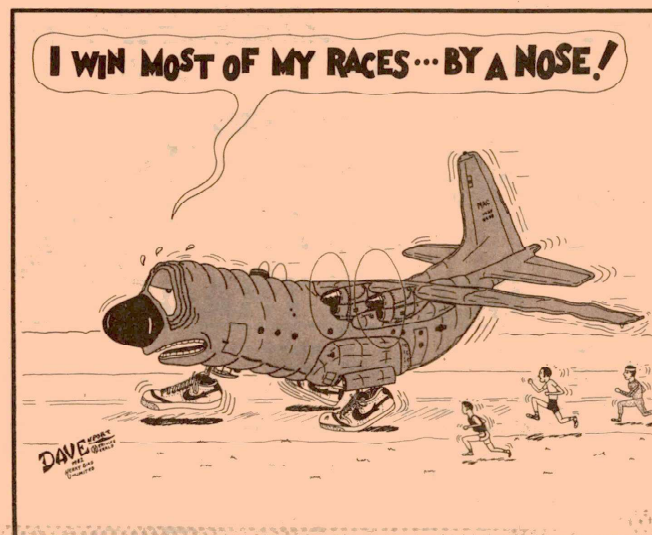
The Air Force wants Congress and

the public to see our achievements towards this goal. We want the public to know that a bigger defense budget doesn't necessarily mean more government waste.

At base level our responsibility is to provide Headquarter United States Air Force with examples of measures that we're taking to make our operations run more economically, and at the same time, at an equal or higher level of efficiency. Those measures that are reported through normal channels such as suggestion program, value engineering, PRAM, etc., should not be reported.

Cost and Management Analysis (ACM) is the focal point for this program. ACM will be contacting all staff agencies once a quarter for their input. Any example should be reported, whether actual cash saving can be recognized or not.

This program gives all of us an opportunity to share the ways in which we are more effectively managing our resources.

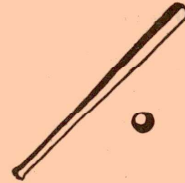


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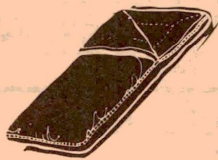


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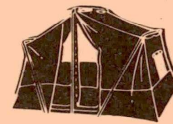


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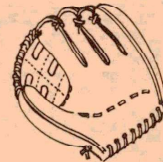
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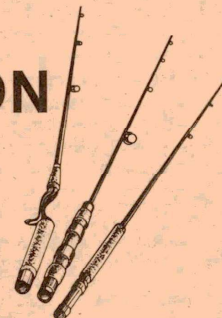
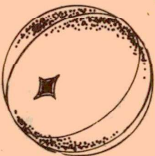


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Friday: Darts contest begins at 8 p.m. If there are eight competitors prize will be a MAC mug.

Saturday: Tour to Morehead planetarium has been cancelled. A tour is scheduled Feb. 28 to Southern Living Show in Charlotte. Sign up at the Rec Center or Arts & Crafts Center.

Sunday: Dungeons and Dragons begins at 1 p.m. The pinocle tournament starts at 2 p.m. and the pool tournament starts at 5:30 p.m.

Monday: Free movies start at 7:45 p.m. This week's film is an "oldie" musical. Free popcorn and punch will be served.

Tuesday: Aerobic dance class from 7-8 p.m. Beginners Bridge class meets at 7 p.m.

Wednesday: A free one-day CPR course will be given 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Pre registration is required.

Thursday: The UNO game begins at 8 p.m.

Cinema schedule

Friday: Clash of the Titans (PG) 7:30 p.m. Clash of the Titans deals with the immortal gods of ancient Greece, their loves, their quarrels and power struggles. This tale of sword and sorcery offers a blend of live action and visual effects.

Saturday: Hercules Unchained (G) 2 p.m. Steve Reeves, whose outstanding physique earned him the title of Mr. Universe has the role of Hercules. Sylva Koscina, the Italian beauty, is the girl he loves. Clash of the Titans 7:30 p.m.

Sunday and Monday: Escape From New York (R) 7:30 p.m. The adventures of Snake Plissken (Kurt Russell), airdropped into the New York City-turned penal colony to rescue the kidnapped president of the United States.

Tuesday: The Revenge of the Patriots (R) 7:30 p.m. The restoration of the Ming dynasty through recovery of the emperor's will and the royal jewelry is the subject of this drama.

Wednesday: Happy Birthday To Me - 7:30 p.m. Glenn Ford stars as a psychiatrist in this mystery centering on a series of disappearances on the campus of an exclusive private school. Melissa Sue Anderson debuts as the disturbed student forced to face her traumatic past.

Thursday: Victory (PG) 7:30 p.m. Sylvester Stallone, Michael Cain, Max Von Sydow and Pele star in this action story about a ragtag group of World War II allied prisoners who form a soccer team.

Youth Center

Friday: Pre-teen disco 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Saturday: Outing planned for teens 7-11 p.m.

Monday: Monday at the movies 3:30-6 p.m. Free popcorn will be served.

Tuesday: Square dance instruction 7-10 p.m.

Wednesday: Karate classes 6:30-8 p.m.

Thursday: Monthly birthday party for members born in February. Cake and soda will be served.

NCO Club

Friday: "South Street Exit" plays 9 p.m.-1 a.m.

Sunday: Membership appreciation buffet 1-5 p.m. Members with spouse or date attend free. A small charge for guests and children age 2 and up.

Monday: Game night at 7 p.m. Pinocle tournament at 6:30 p.m. Free nursery service to members.

Tuesday: Third annual Gong Show begins at 9 p.m. Disco with Jumpin Sunny in the lounge.

Wednesday: Western night with "Dixie" in the dining room 8 p.m.-midnight. Oriental night with two-for-one special.

Current members see Denise for free bowling tickets for three games.

Dial 497-6955 for menus and entertainment information.

Officers' Club

Friday: Membership night and Officers' Wives' Club function planned.

Saturday: Ladies night with two-for-one steak dinner 6-9 p.m. All beverages 80 cents with a disc jockey in the lounge 8 p.m.-midnight.

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

Monday: Shrimp platter special 5:30-9 p.m.

Tuesday: Boneless breast of chicken special 5:30-9 p.m.

Wednesday: Stuffed porked chops special 5:30-9 p.m.

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

Gong Show VI, 'funniest ever'

The show's sponsors call it the funniest and the most controversial show yet to come to Pope. Gong Show VI will take place in the NCO Club Tuesday at 9 p.m.

"If you've heard your friends talking about previous gong shows, but never found the time to attend one, this may be your last chance," says the show's producer/director, Sunny Williams.

Sunny, known to his fans as Jumpin Sunny, says the Gong Show will keep the audience on the edge of their seats.

Anyone interested in participating as an act in the show, who has not already signed up, should be at the NCO Club between 7:30 and 8 p.m. on Tuesday. Cash prizes will be awarded to the winners. Judges will be local merchants from Spring Lake.

Varsity softball meetings planned

The mens' varsity softball meeting will be March 2 at 2 p.m. at the Bowling Center. The womens' meeting will be March 3 at 2 p.m. at the center. For more information, call the gym, Ext. 2671.

Association for handicapped military children conducts drive

The Association for Handicapped Military Children, a private organization on Fort Bragg that services the military community for parents who have handicapped children, is conducting their annual membership drive during the month of February.

Meetings are conducted the third Tuesday of each month. For additional information, please contact Rennie V. Chastain.

MAC Troubadours

The 1982 MAC Talent Troubadours will perform a "Rainbow of Sounds" March 1 at 7:30 p.m. at the Base Theater. The Troubadours are made up of 30 active duty Air Force people from various MAC bases who are polishing their acts for the Air Force level competition.

Black Heritage week wrapup

Black Heritage Week, observed here last week

was kicked off Feb. 7 with a gospel concert at the Base Chapel. Chaplain (Capt.) Jerry Quick and his choir from Sandy Ridge AME Zion Church in Landis, N.C. entertained a large audience.

About 40 people attended a seminar on the black family Feb. 10 at the chapel. The seminar featured a group question and answer session led by Dr. George Neely, professor of health and administration at the University of North Carolina.

Base officials, including Col. Edsel R. Field, 317th Tactical Airlift commander, Col. James W. Bushey, 317th TAW vice commander and Col. Jerry W. Angell, 317th Combat Support Group commander, attended a luncheon Feb. 11 at the Officers' Club. Guest speaker was Mr. J.D. Lewis, television commentator with WRAL-TV, channel 5, in Fayetteville.

On the evening of Feb. 11 a standing room only crowd viewed a parade of black fashions. A local dance troupe later entertained the crowd, performing to tunes of the big band era.

Pope's young black people entertained a Base Theater audience Feb. 12. Four to ten-year-olds performed to the theme, "young gifted and black."

The week ended with a banquet and ball at the NCO club Feb. 13. Capt. Frankie Jones, chief, officer retention group, spoke on the contributions of black Americans to our nation's history. The 400 people present danced to the sounds of a local band, "Ultra Sonic".

Black Heritage Week committee members called the week a tremendous success which the Pope AFB community can be proud of.

USO conducts exercise class

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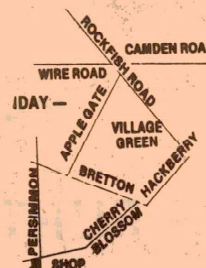
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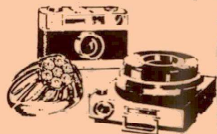
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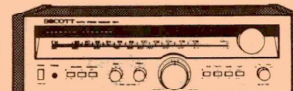
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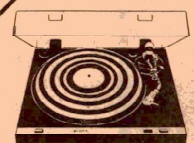
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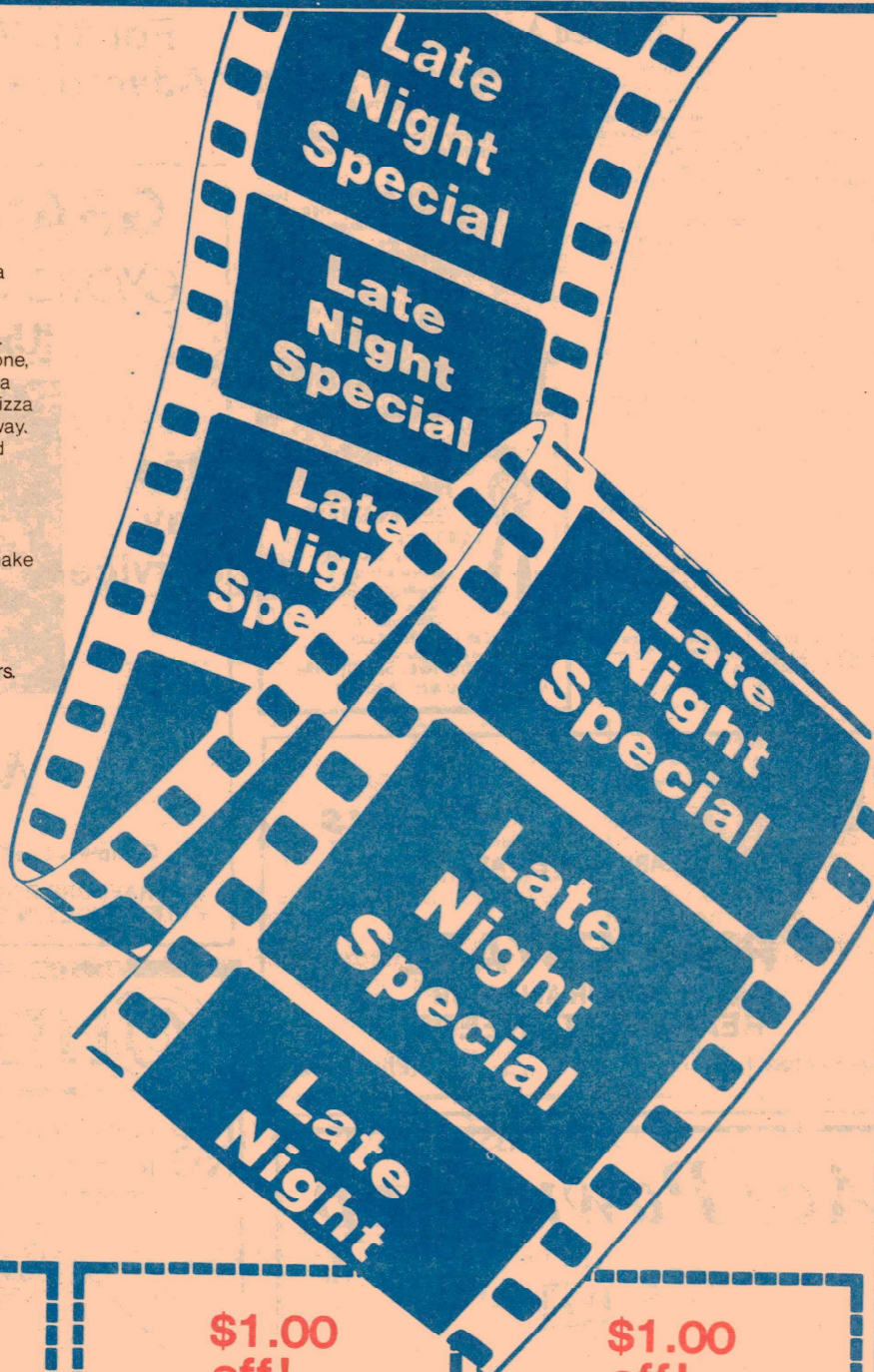
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