

The SHEPPARD SENATOR

Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, home of the 82nd Training Wing and 80th Flying Training Wing

In the news

General Rooney to address the base on TSTV today

Brig. Gen. Arthur Rooney, 82nd Training Wing commander, will hit the airwaves today at 6:30 p.m. for a live town hall meeting from his office.

Personnel are encouraged to send e-mails to tstv@sheppard.af.mil or call in to ask the general questions. A phone number will be made available at the beginning of the broadcast.

Mandatory E-4 call today at the enlisted club

All permanent party senior airmen are required to attend an E-4 call at 3:30 p.m. today at the enlisted club.

Brig. Gen. Arthur Rooney, Chief Master Sgt. Lupe Ruiz, Chief Master Sgt. Randolph Messineo, Mr. Jim Hale and an Airmen Against Drunk Driving representative will be the guest speakers.

Boat race to be held Saturday

The community center is hosting a boat race Saturday at the main swimming pool.

For more information about the race, see page 16.

Officers club to hold Sunday Brunch

The officers club will hold a Sunday Brunch this Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. All ranks are welcome.

The cost for members is \$10.95 and \$12.95 for non-members.

A cut above



Photos by Mr. Lynn Bullard

Lt. Gen. John Hopper Jr., Air Education and Training Command vice commander, speaks to an Aircraft Maintenance Officer Course during his visit to Sheppard Sept. 18. The maintenance course was recently the recipient of a virtual reality air field, an addition to the Sheppard training arsenal that makes the base the best among AETC bases.

AETC vice commander touts Sheppard as cutting edge in technology

By Mr. John Ingle

Base public communication

If there is any doubt where Sheppard ranks as far as training and use of technology to prepare tomorrow's airmen, look no further than Lt. Gen. John Hopper for the answer.

During a visit Sept. 18 to Sheppard, the vice commander of Air Education and Training Command saw how advanced technologies have enhanced training here.

"Sheppard has kind of blazed the path...for technology," General Hopper said. "Sheppard is on the leading edge."

Four words on the front of the 82nd Training Wing headquarters building depict Sheppard's role in AETC and

the Air Force – Combat Capability Starts Here.

General Hopper said Sheppard has a legitimate claim to that title on a worldwide scale.

"A tremendous number of students are doing a tremendous amount of training here," he said.

Sheppard's training mission extends well beyond the base's three gates. The general said Sheppard is building worldwide combat power through international training programs locally and training detachments spread out across the world.

Personnel here have continued to come up with new ways of training students such as using wireless laptops

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Climate survey to begin Wednesday

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFP) – Air Force leaders at all levels want to know, "How is my organization doing?"

The 2003 Air Force Climate Survey begins Oct. 1 to answer this question with the help of Air Force people.

Their participation in the survey is critical, said senior leaders.

"Leadership must be made aware of what's really going on out there," Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James G. Roche said. "By taking a few brief moments to fill out this survey, you can help your leaders understand your concerns and, ultimately, better serve you and our nation's interests."

Previous surveys included active-duty airmen and appropriated-fund civilians. This year, the survey also will include the Reserve, Guard, non-appropriated fund civilians and students in a temporary-duty status.

"We want to make sure all members of the Air Force team have an opportunity to participate," Lori Marcum, the survey's team leader, said. "Leaders at all levels use the Air Force Climate Survey to target areas for improvement. In order to create positive changes within an organization, (leaders) must know where to begin. This survey provides everyone an opportunity to speak out about strengths and areas for improvement in their organization."

The survey runs through Nov. 23 and can be completed online at <http://afclimatesurvey.af.mil> anytime during the survey period. The Web address is not dot-mil restricted.

Because Air Force leaders ask for direct and candid feedback, the survey team has taken extraordinary measures to ensure privacy by using advanced infor-

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Team Sheppard Training 2003



82nd Training Wing: 56,328 students trained to replenish America's combat capability
80th Flying Training Wing: 153 combat pilots trained for the NATO Alliance





Brig. Gen. Arthur Rooney presents the commander's Star Award to Master Sgt. Tim Carney recently. Sergeant Carney was recognized for mentoring a student who has aspirations of gaining a commission in the Air Force.

Action Line 6-2000, action.line@sheppard.af.mil

The 82nd Training Wing's Action Line is your direct line to me for any concerns and suggestions you have.

I am personally involved in every reply, and I am committed to making Sheppard Air Force Base a better place to live, work and play.

Before you call the Action Line, however, I ask that you give your chain of command or other base agencies an opportunity to work your concerns. If you still do not receive a satisfactory response, call me at 6-2000, or send an e-mail to

action.line@sheppard.af.mil. Please include your name and telephone number.

Those concerns with a wide impact at Sheppard may be published in *The Sheppard Senator*.

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Commentary: dining-in bigger than any one person

By Maj. Lynn Pauley
82nd Training Squadron

I was raised in the military and my father was a Marine Corps officer.

To mark special occasions, such as the Marine Corps birthday, arrival of a ship or return of the unit from overseas, family members were sometimes invited to the Dining Outs. My father had five daughters, and getting selected to go with him to a Dining Out was a cherished treasure.

I remember shopping for my dress, practicing all the rituals, such as standing up at the right time and which fork to use.

It seemed like there were fifteen different forks!

Luckily, family members were never sent to the "Grog Bowl" so I didn't have to

worry about that. On the rare occasions when I did get to attend a dining out, I remember leaving the event and feeling like I had a deeper appreciation for the military and its purpose.

Fast forward several years and I remember the first Dining In I attended as a military officer myself.

It was at the end of the medical officers basic course. The instructors spent several hours explaining to us the purpose behind many of the rituals.

I was struck at the time with a new depth of understanding of the importance of these events. The empty place setting, the oldest and youngest member having special functions to perform.

All of these ceremonial events remind us, in a deeply

meaningful way, of the real purpose of our military.

Since that time, I have attended several Dining Ins and Dining Outs.

I hope to attend the next Marine Corps birthday ball with my father honored as the oldest Marine. I hope to attend the event upcoming at Sheppard Air Force Base.

As a psychologist and as a military officer, I believe these events touch a part in all of us that misses the rituals and symbols that our ancestors embraced and cherished.

It is our way of saying, "We are part of an organization that is bigger than myself, my unit, even my base. We are part of an organization that is enduring, important, and meaningful."

Question:

I would like to bring to your attention all of the shopping carts that are being left all over the base.

The students use these to bring groceries or other items from the BX and Commissary. Any time I see one left out I will have a student take it back, but this is unfair to that student.

We need some way to ensure that the student who removes the cart also takes it back or make a new student procedure that makes it against rules to remove the carts from the BX/Commissary area.

Answer:

The shopping cart issue is currently being worked.

AAFES has purchased new carts and sent a lot to the mini-mall. DECA has also ordered new carts.

Plans are for CES to install cart barns at strategic locations once all the carts are in. To help in the process, AAFES and DECA have agreed to do two to three runs a week to pick up carts in the dorm area.

Special attention will be on payday weekends, too. Also, appropriate signs will be posted once the cart barns are in place.



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Squadron to “communicate” job during expo

By Ms. Carolyn Young

Base public communication

Technology is fantastic until the new fandangled computer doesn't work the way it's supposed to.

Many people have pumped their fists in the air in angst when their computer locked up or they couldn't get on the Sheppard Portal because of “system problems.”

The 82nd Communications Squadron will show visitors at the 2003 Sheppard Tech Expo a behind-the-scenes look at exactly who and what powers Sheppard's networking and communications equipment and the ones who fix those hair pulling “system problems.”

But, 1st Lt. Scott Cassano said the squadron is more than a shop full of repairmen.

“We're kind of transparent to users,” Lieutenant Cassano said, “but we provide (communication) services for the entire base and are in charge of computers on the network, Audio/Visual services and the post office.”

In addition to the usual communication duties the squadron handles, most people don't realize the Comm Squadron also maintains ground-to-air and radar equipment for Sheppard.

The 82nd CS's demonstration at the Expo will feature an introduction to the new automated form 32-15. This relatively new technology allows communications needs to be requested and submitted on-line.

Also planned for the booth is a display of the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) site that is located on the Sheppard portal. This important on-line tool can answer many user questions without even needing to call the Comm Squadron.

Another communication feature that will be showcased by the squadron is a system that allows for speedy access to the network.

The Combat Information Transport System (CITS) has “given the base a tenfold increase in the speed of access to the network,” Lt. Cassano said, and the expo is a chance for CS to display how fast the new technology has proved to be.

They will be giving before and after demonstrations, showing the speed of copper wires compared to the faster fiber optic lines.



Photo by Ms. Carolyn Young

Senior Airman Ricky Smith, a communications technician at the 82nd Communications Squadron, makes an adjustment to tactical air navigation equipment. The 82nd CS will explain what the squadron does during the Tech Expo.

Sheppard sergeant saves money, helps training through recycling

By Master Sgt. Jeff Szczechowski

Base public communication

The Sept. 5 edition of the Sheppard Senator ran a story about the base's war on waste. It mentioned that Sheppard's “ground troops” — military, family members and retirees — were all part of the battle to improve the base's recycling efforts and reduce the amount of trash earmarked for landfills.

One person who has emerged as a leader in this campaign is Staff Sgt. Cassandra Amos, 381st Training Squadron dental assistant instructor. She's a perfect example of how one person can make a critical impact on the environmental front and how that impact can be both Earth- and cost center-friendly.

Sergeant Amos was appointed her unit's hazardous materials monitor not long after she arrived at Sheppard in January 2002. She admitted it was a job she didn't apply for, and at first, she had mixed feelings about taking on the additional duty.

However, with an important environmental compliance and assessment program inspection looming in the months ahead, she had little time to waste.

With ECAMP on her mind,



Photo by Mr. Mike McKillo

Seaman Rebecca Hammel practices dental hygiene techniques while Staff Sergeant Cassandra Amos looks on. The bottle Sergeant Amos is holding is one of several items she has recycled for use in training.

she did an initial walk through of her section, inspecting materials and storage areas for potential environmental write-ups. When Sergeant Amos came upon a storage cabinet stocked with some expired dental materials, she said she was seized by a momentary feeling of panic. She had a problem on her hands — what to do with the expired products?

“Instead of doing the wrong thing, like throwing the material in a dumpster or simply hiding it until the ECAMP inspection was over, I applied for a waiver to

keep the expired materials,” Sergeant Amos said.

She took her plan to squadron leadership and received their support.

Then she sent a letter to Col. David Charlton, military consultant to the Surgeon General for dental biomaterials, asking if the expired materials could continue to be used for training purposes only.

Colonel Charlton responded with an endorsement for her idea, writing that he completely agreed with the way she decided to han-

dle the materials.

She also discussed her proposal to keep the expired products with the environmental professionals at the 82nd Civil Engineers Squadron. They also thought it was a good idea, and left it up to the 381st TRS to decide whether to keep the products or remove them from their inventory.

Sergeant Amos labeled the containers with color-coded adhesive dots. She did this for two reasons.

“One, I wanted our students to know that they were working with expired materials, and once expired, these materials were to be used for training purposes only,” she said. “And, I wanted to make sure anyone inspecting our program knew that we were fully aware that the products were expired.”

Sergeant Amos said the dental flight has made arrangements with other bases to have their expired medical materials shipped to Sheppard.

She said the flight's assistant supply technician, Tech. Sergeant Lorrin Savage, now checks with other bases to see if they have used or expired materials before ordering needed items.

“One man's trash is another man's treasure,” said Sergeant

Amos.

Sergeant Amos said the dental flight saved more than \$5,000 on dental materials in 2002, and with those savings, the unit was able to purchase a new digital radiology unit.

Sergeant Amos expects an increase in savings this year, she said, which translates into a financial bonus for the Air Force and an environmental bonus for the Earth.

“I want to help conserve resources and protect the environment, while at the same time, save money for the base,” she said. “I can't save money unless I'm being a steward of the environment, and I can't save these materials without saving money.”

For her efforts, Sergeant Amos was named an ECAMP Top Performer in 2002—one of only five on base. She also briefed her “What's Old is New Again” success story at this year's International Pollution Prevention Conference in San Antonio, earning praise for her program. And, after recounting her story for base leadership during a wing staff meeting on Sept. 2, Brig. Gen. Arthur J. Rooney Jr., 82nd Training Wing commander, recognized her outstanding service by presenting her with a wing coin.

Former Vietnam POW honored

By Mr. John Ingle

Base public communication

The table is usually set for one person, a person that might not ever use it.

It was set for four Sept. 19 when POWs and MIAs from the Air Force, Army, Marines and Navy were honored during a ceremony at the community center.

The flame of a lone candle flickered as the glimmer of hope for those who haven't come home remains strong. In dramatic fashion, representatives of the four military branches slowly raised their right arms to salute the empty place settings while "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" echoed throughout the room.

Col. (ret.) Leroy Stutz, dressed in his military uniform, stood in front of guests and visitors as a testament that hope should never be lost.

After spending more than six years in a prison camp in North Vietnam, Colonel Stutz was returned home.

While flying a mission, the colonel's RF-4 Phantom was hit by a surface-to-air missile. After ejecting, he landed in the middle of a small village.

"I was immediately captured in this village," he said.

But, what helped him survive his years in captivity didn't come from survival courses. It came from a simple packet of sugar and the words of a senior

non-commissioned officer at Shaw Air Force Base, S.C.

Prisoners were allowed to receive packages from home in late 1970, Colonel Stutz said. His wife, Karen, sent him instant coffee with sugar packets.

On the back of one of those packets, he said there was a naval vessel with an American flag flying above it. Like home, the flag became a symbol of freedom in the dark, dank confines of the camp.

"It was the first one we had in the prison camp in North Vietnam," he said of the small flag.

The small flag was used for reveille, parades and ceremonies, Colonel Stutz recalled. He said his wife would never be able to understand what the small flag on an insignificant sugar packet meant to him and his fellow-captives.

Words from a former first sergeant at Shaw were the second catalyst for survival, the colonel said.

As rain pounded the ground one morning in 1964, then Lt. Stutz was walking with the sergeant as an airman approached. He wondered if the airman would garner a salute in the downpour or keep walking, he said.

He also wondered how he would react. The airman didn't salute and then-Lieutenant Stutz didn't respond.

But, the sergeant did. The



Photo by Ms. Sandy Wassenmiller

Col. (ret.) Leroy Stutz addresses the audience at the community center Sept. 19 during POW/MIA Recognition Day. Colonel Stutz was held for more than six years in a North Vietnamese prison camp.

airman practiced saluting before the young Lieutenant Stutz and the sergeant continued to their destination.

Once inside, the sergeant spoke first.

"Lieutenant, would you step into my office please," Colonel Stutz recalled the veteran NCO saying.

The verbal lashing the airman got for not remembering his customs and courtesies was worse for the rookie officer. He recalled those words the wily sergeant had spoken.

"Every time you walk by something that is wrong in my Air Force and don't stop to correct it, you're saying it's okay to do something wrong," the

sergeant said.

Those words were with him in Vietnam, he said.

Instead of keeping their rag-tag pajama uniforms wrinkled, Colonel Stutz said the pants and shirts were laid underneath a rice and straw mat. By morning, they had a crease down the middle of the pants and pressed shirts.

"In a situation like that, it made me feel better," he said. "We were proud because we were able to look better than the North Vietnamese soldiers."

Colonel Stutz returned home in March 1973 to a chair that was reserved for him at the POW/MIA table.

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mation-masking software. Anonymity continues to be a key factor of the survey, officials said.

Results will be released early in 2004, Gen. John P. Jumper, Air Force chief of staff, said.

"The U.S. Air Force is the finest in the world, a great place to serve and raise our families. We share a commitment to make it better," he said.

The 2003 survey will cover 13 factors that measure work experience: job, resources, core values, leadership, supervision, training and development, teamwork, participation and involvement, recognition, unit flexibility, general satisfaction, unit performance outcomes and job enhancement.

Survey participation has climbed from 39 percent in 1997 and 36 percent in 1999 to more than 65 percent of active-duty airmen and civilians in the 2002 survey.

The 45th Space Wing at Patrick Air Force Base, Fla., used the data from the 2002 survey as a powerful tool for change. Patrick's leaders created a performance plan called START for "Synchronize actions," "Trust people," "All accountable," "Recognize achievement" and "Tenacious execution."

The plan emphasized mentoring and individual development. It provided mission focus with clear and measurable goals, according to base officials.

Even though the base scored high in most factors, base leaders wanted to make life at Patrick even better, Judy Nicholson, START director, said.

"We knew from the Air Force survey that we could improve in some areas. The work the commanders did reviewing the survey feedback resulted in START," she said.

The base introduced monthly civilian commanders' calls and created a civilian-oversight-recognition team. Leaders rewrote the rules on the quarterly awards process to focus more on performance than additional duties.

To encourage attendance at commander's calls, leaders use tickets for rocket launches at nearby Cape Canaveral Air Force Station as door prizes.

Salute to Sheppard Air Force Base

MSU v. Texas A&M-Kingsville

Saturday, Oct. 4 at 6 p.m.

Memorial Stadium

Free game entrance: show Sheppard ID at front gate



Free transportation for students to and from the game. Pickup at the bus stop outside the main gate. Two Wichita Falls busses will run at 6 p.m. and two MSU busses will run at 6:15 p.m.

SFS to enforce vehicle registration

Beginning Wednesday, base vehicle registration will be strictly enforced.

All vehicles must display either an AF Form 75 temporary registration, or the three permanent registration stickers.

Permanent party personnel have three days after arriving or purchasing a car to register it on base. Registration stickers issued at a previous base must be transferred or replaced.

Stop by Security Forces Pass and Registration in Bldg. 402, Room 114, with your ID card, driver's license, registration and proof of insurance to replace your missing, expired or unserviceable registration stickers, or to transfer your registration from your previous base.

Contact pass and registration at 6-4135 with any questions.

OSI recruiting new members Oct. 8

Military members looking to cross train into a challenging and rewarding career field should look no further than the Air Force Office of Special Investigations.

AFOSI will be conducting a

recruiting briefing in the Community Center Conference Room at Oct. 8 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Follow up interviews will be held Oct. 9 between 8 and 10 a.m.

Interested individuals should plan on attending the screening Oct. 8 and bring a records review RIP. A RIP can be picked up at your orderly room.

Applicants with foreign language, computer and technical skills are among those highly sought after by the AFOSI.

For more information on AFOSI special agent duty prior to the team's visit, you can visit our website at www.dtic.mil or contact your local AFOSI detachment at DSN (676-1852).

Embry-Riddle registration begins this week

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University is preparing for registration for the winter term which runs Oct. 20 thru Dec. 19, 2003

Regular registration dates are Monday - Oct. 17, 2003.

New students to the university should come in early to pick an application packet. ERAU staff will be happy to evaluate any previous coursework. Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University offers a

Bachelor of Science degree in Aeronautical Science and a Master of Aeronautical Science.

We are located in Building 402, room 318.

For more information, please contact us at 851-6458 or email us at Sheppard.Center@erau.edu.

Yard of the Month winners announced

The winners of the Yards of the Month competition for August were announced recently.

The winner in Capehart on the officer side was Capt. Chad Holt, 212A Jupiter and on the enlisted side Senior Master Sgt. Leonard Krombel, 203B Matador.

The Bunker Hill winner was Tech. Sgt. John Kiernan, 111 Sky and the winner in Wherry was Senior Master Sgt. William McGovern, 79 Beaumont.

A new senior officer category was recently added to the competition for lieutenant colonels and above. The winner was Lt. Col. James Bruno, 209 Jupiter.

The criteria used for selection is overall yard appearance and occupant care during the award month or quarter. Yard of the Month winners compete for quarterly honors.



Photo by Ms. Sandy Wassenmiller

Wunderbar!

Col. H.D. "Jake" Pumbo, commander of the 80th Flying Training Wing, catches the first few drops of German beer from a wooden keg in a traditional German stein to kick off the 2003 Oktoberfest. The annual event is a way for members of the German air force, the first nation to train pilots with Sheppard, to bring a little of their culture and traditions to the base.

Student Activities: Happenings in the community

Student center events

Every Monday, 6-8 p.m. - jam session, bring your own instrument or equipment, free.

Every Tuesday, 5-9 p.m. - Video Night in the pub, free.

Every Wednesday, 3-5 p.m. - Pool Tournament, \$2 per person.

Every Thursday, 7-9 p.m. - Karaoke Night, free.

Every Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Club BDU dance, \$4 per person.

Every Sunday, 3-5 p.m. - billiards tournament in the ballroom, \$5 per person.



Red River Café Hours of Operation

Wednesday and Thursday: 4:30-10p.m.
Friday and Saturday: 11 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.

Sunday and Holidays: Noon to 9 p.m.

South fitness center to have football game

The south fitness center will have an eight-man flag football game Saturday at 10 a.m. For more information, call 6-2972.



MTLs to challenge students in volleyball game

There will be a students vs. MTLs volleyball game tomorrow at 10 a.m. To participate, sign up by Thursday by calling 6-2972.

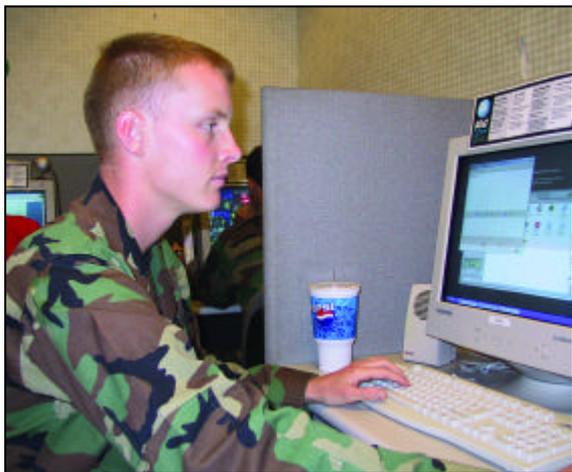


Photo by Mr. Mike McKito

Surf's up

Airman Basic Scott Ginn, 364th Training Squadron electrical and environmental student, "surfs the net" at the mini-mall's cyberzone during his off-duty time.

Center gives fitness incentive

Every Saturday the student center offers a variety of exercise programs for students as part of the Fitness Incentive Training for Students program. Two plastic chips are given to those who participate and one chip is given to those who attend. The squadron that collects the most chips at the end of the program will win a prize. For more information, call 6-2972.

tion, call 6-3866.

Other events

Dining facilities celebrate birthdays with dinner

Students who are having a birthday this month and are on subsistence in kind are invited to celebrate their birthdays on the Friday of their choice for dinner. Students can contact the dining facility manager/supervisor, or call 6-2080 for more information.

Student Ministry Programs

Solid Rock Cafe

Solid Rock Cafe is open every day at Bldg. 450.

Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.

Saturday from 1 to 11:30 p.m. Sunday from 1 to 9:30 p.m.

Sunday Protestant Bible study is at 4 p.m.

Contemporary Praise Worship Service is at 5 p.m.

Chapel Ropes Meeting, Tuesday from 11:15 a.m. to noon and 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Parents and Tots, Monday from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. and Wednesday from 10 to 11 a.m.

Praise Band Rehearsal, Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon (Andria Hayman), Solid Rock Saturday Meal, 5 p.m.

Community center events

Free table tennis classes offered

Free table tennis classes are held every Monday and Friday. Professional tournament instructors are available. For more information, call 6-3866.

Pool tournament

Pool tournaments are held every Saturday at 5 p.m. The fee is \$2 per person. There will be first- and second-place trophies. Call 6-3866 for more information.



Free video night

The community center has a free video night every night beginning at 5 p.m. on the big screen TV in the lounge on the second floor. For more informa-

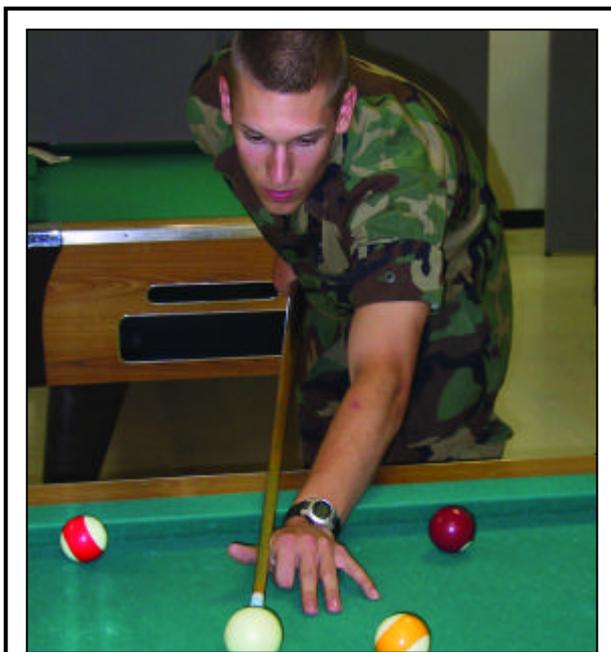


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Rack 'em

Airman John Miller, 360th Training Squadron crew chief student, enjoys a game of pool at the mini-mall arcade/game room.

Fall Driving & Rain Hazards



Fall is here and the rainy season is upon us. Here are some tips for handling vehicles in these dangerous conditions.

Rain Hazards

Stay out of puddles. They can hide potholes and flood your brakes.

If your brakes become flooded, dry them by driving with the brake-pedal down until they start working again.

If spray from an oncoming vehicle blinds you, grip the wheel firmly, stay off the brake, and be ready to brake when the view clears.

Slippery Roads

Stay below posted speed limits.

To avoid hydroplaning on wet roads, try to drive in the tracks of the car in front of you.

Avoid braking heavily.

If you skid, take your foot off the gas and turn in the direction you want the car to go. **DO NOT USE THE BRAKE.**

Poor Visibility

Reduce your speed so you can stop in whatever distance you can see ahead.

Use your flashers if you are driving slowly.

Pull over if it is dangerous to drive.

Remember to use your wipers.

Use low beams when visibility is a problem, both day and night.

As a reminder, AETC policy dictates that drivers must utilize their headlights during inclement weather and decreased visibility. Keep these tips in mind to help you, "ARRIVE, ALIVE."

Hispanic Heritage celebration continues

As Part of the Hispanic Heritage Month celebration, the Base Hispanic Heritage Committee (HHC) cordially invites you to the following events:

■ Taste of Culture at the Base Exchange Oct. 4 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. There will be FREE Hispanic food for sampling, provided by HHC members as well as local businesses. There will be a Jalapeño eating contest and a dance contest.

■ Luncheon at the officers club Oct. 15 from 11 a.m. to noon. There will be a performance by Sandunga Dance Group, a professional dance group from the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

■ Dance at the enlisted club Nov. 1 from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Come dance to the energetic beat of Tropical Sound, a terrific Latin band from the Dallas-Fort Worth area. Free Salsa and merengue dance lessons will be provided from 9 to 9:45pm.

For more tickets and information, please contact Master Sgt. Ramirez at 6-5432, Army Staff Sgt. Flores at 6-8144/8150, or Mr. Pesantez at 6-6489.

Centennial of flight:

This week in air and space history

September 1954 – In September 1954, the first of three departments from Lowry, the Department of Comptroller Training, began transferring its operations to Sheppard.

Sept. 26, 1996 – STS-79: Shannon Lucid returns from Mir after setting U.S. record for continuous stay in space and beginning a more than two-year continuing U.S. presence in space.

Sept. 28, 1924 – The first round-the-world flight is completed in Seattle, Washington by three, two-seat Douglas World Cruisers of the US Army Air Service.

Sept. 28, 1945 – The first round-the-world air service is inaugurated by the Air Transport Command when a Douglas C-54E

“Globester,” carrying nine passengers, flies 23,147 miles in 149 hours, 44 minutes, from Washington, around the globe, to Washington.

Sept. 29, 1911 – Walter Brookins sets American record by

flying 192 miles from Chicago to Springfield, Ill., making two stops.

Oct. 1, 1928 – The U.S. Army Air Corps develops a parachute 84-feet in diameter, of sufficient strength to support the weight of an airplane and its passengers.

Sheppard's CFC 2003

Team Sheppard's 2003 Combined Federal Campaign began Sept. 15 with the theme "What Makes America Great" and will last until Oct. 24.

The annual program gives all federal employees the opportunity to donate to local, national and international charitable organizations that can make a positive difference in the lives of thousands who find themselves in a time of need or crisis.

The program began in the 1960s to create one fund-raising entity that federal employees could support. There are now over 1,400 charitable organizations recognized by CFC.

Team Sheppard's Family Support Center, Family Services, Child Development Center and Youth Centers are some of the agencies that can benefit from your generous contributions.

Last year's CFC campaign was an overwhelming success and this year's goal is \$333,000, a 2 percent increase over last year's goal.

For questions about the CFC, contact the CFC unit coordinator, Lt. Col. James Bruno at 6-1829, Maj. Karen Fraley at 6-5941, Capt. Charles Ashmore at 6-7292, or Master Sgt. Jeffrey Foreman at 6-7082.

23rd Annual Lobster Bake

The 23rd Annual Lobster/Steak Bake is



For more information about the event, call 6-2760.

Oct. 11

Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased through Oct. 8.

Points of contact

Ms. Marilyn Lucas, 6-6647.

Ms. Kathy Green, 6-2698.

Capt. Carolyn Sablonski, 6-2271.

Airman 1st Class Michael Guanill, 6-6075.

Steak.....\$11

Lobster.....\$17

Both.....\$24

Adult Hot Dog.....\$5

Childs Hot Dog..\$2



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and virtual reality airfields, he said.

As updated and new aircraft begin to filter into the Air Force, General Hopper said Sheppard is already poised to train without touching the aircraft.

The F-22 Raptor will eventually find its way to Sheppard, but not in the traditional static trainer like other airframes. The general said with Sheppard's capability to do virtual training, having a Raptor at Sheppard isn't as likely as having a computer-generated trainer.

As with most aircraft maintenance students, Raptor students would learn basic fundamentals here.

"A significant portion of their training will be at their follow-on base," General Hopper said.

As home to the Euro-

NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training program and host of Air Force Security Assistance Training for international students, the general said Sheppard has been doing what the Department of Defense is looking to do more of – build on international relationships and joint training.

"We're in the process now, DoD wide, to look at training events," he said.

The window of graduating technical training and first deployment for airmen has gotten smaller over the years to meet the demands of worldwide responsibilities with a smaller force than in the past.

General Hopper said this window has gotten as small as it can, but the list of requirements to become deployment eligible could get shorter.

"We've started to revise that list of requirements," he said.

All article submissions to the *Sheppard Senator* must be in by noon the Friday before the requested publication date. For information regarding story submissions, please visit the Public Communication Web site at www.sheppard.af.mil/82trwpa and click on the "Writing for the *Sheppard Senator*" link.



Daily Programming

Sheppard Today ~ 6 a.m., noon, 5 p.m.
 Air Force News ~ 6:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m.
 Navy/Marine News ~ 8 a.m., 2 p.m., 7 p.m.
 Army News ~ 8:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m.

Programming runs 24 hours on TSTV Channel 14.

Check out the detailed schedule at www.sheppard.af.mil/82trwpa

Today

5:30 a.m. – Air Force Productivity Enhancing Capital Investment

11:30 a.m. – Famous Generals: Pershing

8 p.m. – Military Separation Series: Family Reunion for Waiting Spouses

Saturday

10:30 a.m. – The Air Force Story Chapter V: 1935-1937

4 p.m. – The Physics of Car Crashes

10:30 p.m. – Silver Wings

Golden Valor: The Air Force in Korea

Sunday

9 a.m. – Legacy and History of Air Power

6:30 p.m. – Airlift...Working for Humanity

11 p.m. – Flying for Freedom: Women Air Force Service Pilots

Monday

7:30 a.m. – AFN Presents: The Making of an Air Force Recruiter

3:30 p.m. – The Army Training Leaders

6 p.m. – Sheppard Idol; Student Talent Show

Tuesday

5 a.m. – Into the Mouth of the Cat; The Lance P. Sijan Story

11 a.m. – Wind Through the Wires; WWI Aviation

1:30 p.m. – The March Field Story

Wednesday

7 a.m. – The Air National Guard in the Expeditionary Air Force

4:30 p.m. – Naval History: 1964-1966

9:30 p.m. – African Americans in WWII: Valor and Patriotism

Thursday

9:30 a.m. – PKI and Common Access Card Instructional Video

1 p.m. – Air Power OAF: The Air Campaign in Kosovo and Serbia

8:30 p.m. – Listen to the Voices

Spanish units to take over Marine patrol in Iraq

By Army Staff Sgt. David Bennett

1st Marine Expeditionary Unit

AN NAJAF, Iraq - Latin American forces are taking on an historic role as they prepare to replace Marines in Iraq's holy city of An Najaf.

The Spanish Brigade, which is comprised of one battalion each from El Salvador and Honduras as well as a command element from Spain, arrived three weeks ago. During that short period, the forces have been working side-by-side with members of the 1st Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, which prepares to return to 29 Palms, Calif.

The brigade is part of the Polish-led Multinational Division that is assuming control of five southern Iraqi provinces from the First Marine Expeditionary Force.

This marks the first time that troops from El Salvador or Hon-

duras have been deployed to support an operation of such magnitude, said Lt. Col. Santiago Sabino Monterroza, commander of the Battalion Cucastlan, which was the first Latin American contingent to arrive in Iraq. The colonel said his battalion's performance so far has exceeded his expectations.

"I think it is going very well," he said. "Our soldiers are very motivated. We are very motivated to accept the responsibility."

Maj. Kyle Ellison, operations officer for 1st Battalion, 7th Marines, said the Latin battalions, working independently and jointly, have scored key accomplishments already including the seizure of a number of illegal small arms at roadway checkpoints and conducting a successful raid on a Ba'ath Party-meeting house.

"Each battalion does its own planning for its battlespace," Major Ellison said. "They have

been successful at securing critical infrastructure such as the fuel pipeline, the water treatment plant and the ASP."

Colonel Carlos Andino, commander of Battalion Xatruch, said because of exposure of joint training and numerous classes taught by the Marines, the Spanish Brigade is ready to assume the mantle of peacekeepers in Iraq.

Though Battalion Xatruch has participated in major peacekeeping operations before - the most recent in Haiti - the colonel acknowledged that overcoming cultural and language barriers in Iraq will be challenging. Colonel Andino said, however, he has no doubt that the battalion will succeed.

"My troops are very well trained to do this work in Iraq," he said.



Photo by Army Staff Sgt. David Bennett

Pvt. Manuel de Jesus Herrera, a rifleman with Battalion Cuscatlan of El Salvador, keeps watch during a patrol outside the village of Mishkhab near the city of An Najaf Sept. 16.

Sheppard Spotlight: 15 lines of fame



Staff Sgt. Joy Hice

1. Name: Joy A. Hice

2. Rank: Staff Sgt.

3. Organization and position: 363rd Training Squadron., Nuclear Weapons Apprentice Course instructor.

4. Hometown: Edwardsville, Ill.

5. Married or single (include your family if you'd like): Married to Staff Sgt. Donovan Hice. Son, Dalton, 5.

6. Hobbies/Favorite thing(s) to do in your free time: I enjoy playing soccer and being the assistant coach of the Tumbleweeds soccer team. I also like camping and fishing.

7. Funniest childhood memory: When I was 9 years

old my older sister taped me singing the song Oklahoma (from the musical). She would play that tape for anyone who would stop by—family, friends, and door-to-door salesmen—it didn't matter as long as she knew she was humiliating me.

8. Why did you join the Air Force? Direction.

9. Why do you stay in the Air Force? Pride. I'm proud to serve my country. I like knowing that I am a part of a force that preserves the past, protects the present and secures the freedoms of the future. Plus, I know my dad loves all the AMMO coins.

10. Date Arrived at Sheppard: Dec. 15, 2000.

11. Most rewarding aspect

of your job: The challenges and rewards of working with the non-prior service students.

12. Favorite book or movie: A collection of Edgar Allen Poe's writings. Although not a blockbuster, The Princess Bride is number one on my list.

13. What is your dream vacation? Cancun—scuba diving and offshore fishing. Lots of sun, sand and a couple Coronas.

14. If you could be anyone for one day, who would you be? I guess if I had to pick someone, Albert Einstein or Jane Goodall.

15. Most prized possession (families aren't considered possessions): My Weimeraner, Smokey.

To place an ad in the Sheppard Senator, call the Times Record News at 761-5151.

Small world of maintainers

By Ms. Carolyn Young

Base public communication

They say that it's a small world, but in one of the smallest career fields in the Air Force the world is positively tiny.

Mr. Robert Wright, Mr. Bennie Brashear, Tech. Sgt. Mark Michalak, and Airman Jeremie Brashear make up an even smaller portion of that career field, but their lives are forever intertwined through the very thing that makes Sheppard what it is...training.

The connection began in 1973 when Mr. Wright, then a CH-3 helicopter instructor at Sheppard, taught Mr. Brashear the trade.

After departing Sheppard to begin his career in the Air Force, Mr. Brashear returned in 1984 and served as an instructor for eight years, during which time he trained now-Sergeant Michalak in helicopter maintenance.

Confused yet? Here's the completion of this so-called "circle of helo maintainers."

Mr. Brashear's son, Airman Brashear, recently joined the Air Force and was sent to helicopter training at the 360th Training Squadron's Detachment 1 at Fort Eustiss, Va, where he was instructed by none other than Sergeant Michalak.

The crossing of paths didn't end with instructor-trainee ties. Mr. Wright worked with Mr. Brashear once again during his assignment at Sheppard in the 1980s. Mr. Wright said the two knew each other immediately, even after the passing of time.

Mr. Brashear retired from the Air Force in 1993 and returned to Sheppard in 1996. He was reunited again with Mr. Wright as civilian co-workers in the aircraft fundamentals office.

Mr. Brashear said his son wanted to join the Air Force originally in the pararescue field.

"I loved helicopter maintenance," Mr. Brashear says, "and

gave him some material about it to read."

Airman Brashear said once he made the choice to join the military, he knew what he'd be doing in his career – something he has known most of his life.

"I wanted to be a helicopter mechanic," the airman said.

When he showed up at Fort Eustiss for training, Airman Brashear said Sergeant Michalak recognized him during the first couple of days of training.

"As soon as he saw my nametag, he automatically knew I was Bennie's son," he said.

Airman Brashear said he was always mechanically inclined and now will get to use that skill as a H-60 Pavehawk helicopter crew chief at Keflavik Naval Air Station in Iceland.

Mr. Brashear said his lineage "created a lot of pressure" on his son to do his best and he handled it well.

Mr. Wright said the training Airman Brashear has just completed has changed a lot since he was an instructor in the late 1950s.

"There's more bells and whistles now," he said, but the one-on-one personal instruction is still the same.

Mr. Wright is amazed at all the coincidences surrounding he and his fellow helicopter maintainer's careers, but knows that after all, helicopter maintenance in the Air Force is a small group and "every one knows each other."

It all began with one exceptional instructor and now has passed into its fourth generation.



Photo courtesy of Mr. Bennie Brashear

Master Sgt. (ret.) Bennie Brashear pins a maintenance badge on his son, Airman Jeremie Brashear, following his graduation from a helicopter maintenance course at Fort Eustiss, Va.

These men have and will continue enduring legacy of "excellence in to contribute to the Air Force's all we do."



General activities

Ceramics shop open for summer hours

The ceramics shop is open for summer hours. All the materials needed to start creative projects are available. More than 2,500 craft projects are available for lessons with a variety of paints, glazes and supplies. The ceramics shop is located in Bldg. 832, the health and wellness center building. Summer hours of operation are Wednesday-Friday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. For more information, call 855-0118.

Club activities

"Travel the World on Us" promotes clubs

Both officers and enlisted club are taking part in a promotion that gives current members a chance to win ITT travel packages, sports and entertainment tickets, airline tickets, hotel stays and rental vehicles until Oct. 31. For more information, call 6-6460 or 6-2083.

Enlisted club gets in a Frenzy

The enlisted club is giving members chances to win a variety of prizes and trips with Football Frenzy 2003. On Oct. 7, members will start planning the club's Super Bowl party. For more information, call 6-2083.

Officers Club has daily lunch specials

The officers club has daily lunch specials Monday through Friday. Cost is \$5.95 for members and \$7.95 for non-members. Membership pays!

On Mondays, they serve a country lunch. Tuesday is Italian. Wednesday is Texas style. Thursday is Mexican, and Friday is seafood. Call the officers club at 6-6460 for more information.

Enlisted club offers darts, cards, dominoes

The enlisted club offers a variety of activities. Cards, dominoes and pool are available every day. Also, a video game system is available every night to play in the main bar area. For more information, call 6-2083.

Enlisted club to have comedy night

Comedy night at the enlisted club is tonight at 9 p.m. Doors open at 8 p.m. For more information, call 6-2083.

Enlisted club to have family night

The enlisted club will have a family night Thursday from 5:30 to 8 p.m. The cost is \$5.95 for members, \$8.95 for nonmembers, \$2.95 for children 6 and older, free for children 5 and younger. There will be an all-you-can-eat buffet and games and prizes. For more information, call 6-2083.

Officers Club to have two-for-one prime, wine night

The officers Club will have a members only two-for-one prime and wine dinner tonight from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Cost is \$16.95 for two. For more information, call 6-6460.

Upcoming trips, shows

Falls Fest tickets available

Tickets for the 2003 Falls Fest are available for \$5 at the ITT office.

The ticket covers tonight's concert featuring Mark Willis and Saturday night's concert featuring Eddy Money.

Community center to have Build a Boat race

The community center will have a Build a Boat race Saturday beginning at 8 a.m. Contestants will be in six- to eight-person teams and build boats out of cardboard and race them across the main swimming pool at 10:45 a.m. Awards will be given in five categories: the fastest boat, most spirited team, most creative design, most spectacular sinking and best cheerleading squad.



ITT planning upcoming trips in September

ITT offers tickets and tours to local and surrounding attractions. Call 6-2302 for more information about any of these trips.

Six Flags - Saturday. Cost is \$53 per person and includes round-trip transportation and theme park admission. The group will leave at 7 a.m. and return at 8 p.m.

Grapevine Mills - Oct. 11. Cost is \$43 per person and includes round-trip transportation, ice skating at Polar Ice with skate rental and \$30 game card for Gameworks. The group will leave at 9 a.m. and return at 7 p.m. Register by Oct. 6.

Free tickets - Tickets are available for MSU football and Texas Rangers games at no cost.

Now showing

Today 6:30 p.m.
Bend it like Beckham

Today 9 p.m.
Uptown Girls

Saturday 2 p.m.

Freaky Friday
Saturday 4:30 p.m.

Uptown Girls

Saturday 7 p.m.

Grind

Sunday 2 p.m.

Spy Kids 3-D

Sunday 4:30 p.m.

Grind

Thursday 6:30 p.m.

Spy Kids 3-D

Friday 6:30 p.m.

Uptown Girls

Friday 9 p.m.

Freddy v. Jason

BEND IT LIKE BECKHAM (PG-13)

- Jonathan Rhys-Meyers, Parminder K. Nagra - A young Indian girl dreams of playing professional soccer, but must hide it from her traditional parents. Hilarity ensues when her sister's wedding falls on the day of an important soccer match.



UPTOWN GIRLS (PG-13) - Brittany Murphy, Dakota Fanning - Molly is the toast of the New York social scene until her inheritance is stolen by her accountant. As her party comes to an abrupt end, she is forced to do something she's never done before - get a job. Molly lands a position as nanny to Ray the daughter of high-powered music executive.

Schedule subject to change without notification. For information, call 6-4427.

Chapel Schedule

Parish Ministries

Protestant Worship Services

Sunday, 10:30 a.m., Inspirational Gospel Worship Services, south chapel

Sunday, 10:30 a.m., General Protestant Worship Service, north chapel

Sunday, 10:30 a.m., Protestant Liturgical Worship Service (Holy Communion each week), medical center

Protestant Religious Education

Sunday school classes, Bldg. 962, 9 a.m.

Tuesday night Bible study, 6 p.m., south chapel

Thursday night Bible study, noon (lunch provided), south chapel

Protestant Men of the Chapel

Saturday, 6:30 a.m., south chapel
PMOC breakfast/fellowship is the second Saturday of the month at Golden Corral at 8 a.m.

Catholic Service

Sunday, 9 a.m. and noon, mass, north chapel
Sunday, 10:30 a.m. to 11:40 a.m., Catholic Religious education, Bldg. 962
Monday through Friday, 11:30 a.m. Daily Mass, north chapel

Saturday, Confessions, 4 p.m., north chapel
Saturday, 5 p.m., north chapel

For more information, call the base chapel at 6-4370

Army to get new physical fitness training

By Sgt. Trinace Johnson

Army News Service

FORT BLISS, Texas – A team from the U.S. Army Physical Fitness School is visiting Army installations to teach a new exercise regimen that includes pull-ups, the shuttle sprint, squat bender, rower and forward lunge.

The school's commandant began by visiting Fort Bliss last week to teach physical training instructors the exercises designed to improve muscle strength, endurance and mobility, while focusing on fitness for everyday life.

There are no immediate plans to change the Army's physical fitness test, officials said, just how soldiers prepare for it.

The 6th Air Defense Artillery Brigade sponsored the training last week that involved more than 60 soldiers from various units on Bliss, including National Guard soldiers and German Air Force members.

Fort Bliss was the first Army installation to be introduced to the new program that was just approved for trial less than three weeks ago.

Lt. Col. William Rieger, U.S. Army Physical Fitness School commandant, and deputy commandant Frank Palkoska, said the new PT would be standardized, disciplined and have a more military appearance.

They also said that the program would be more designed toward the individual soldier's needs and ability and not just a "mass one" level of participation.

Some of the key points in the program will be to:

- Improve physical fitness while controlling injuries.

- Progressively condition and toughen soldiers.

- Develop soldiers' self-confidence and discipline.

"We're going to be training as we fight," Sgt. Jeffrey J. Hernandez, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 6th ADA Brigade,

said. "We had a lot of injuries in the past."

He said the USAPFS is set to teach this PT to basic trainees and anticipates saving money on hospital costs.

"With these exercises we will be able to better control injuries," Staff Sgt. Emerson Hazzard, 6th Brigade operations noncommissioned officer and student of the new PT demonstration class, said. "We'll never be able to get rid of injuries. The Army had to come up with a plan to get the max amount out of a soldier without breaking him."

Colonel Rieger said that this



Photo by Sgt. Trinace Johnson

Staff Sgt. Chance Finely, with the 1-204th Air Defense Artillery, National Guard, practices the squat bender during the PT course.

program is not a drastic change from what the Army has always been doing, it's just doing it better.

"There's no bad exercise, only exercises that are done incorrectly or with the improper intensity, order, volume and amount of repetitions," he said.

Mr. Palkoska said that when he teaches soldiers in the field, he wants to make sure they understand why they are being taught the particular way of doing the exercises and why they could endure longer if they use the USAPFS program.

Soundoff

What do you think about the new BDUs that could become the Air Force uniform after the initial test phase?



"I'll give it a chance, since I have to. However, I'd rather not. It's not as if I have a choice." - 2nd Lt. Calvin Henderson, 82nd CPTS deputy financial services officer.



"I do not like the new BDU's. I wish they would bring back the old green fatigues." - Master Sgt. Carlos Morales, 360th Training Squadron 7-level school instructor supervisor.



"Give it a chance. Focus on the good and the advantages." - Staff Sgt. Peter Mosia, 82nd Aerospace Medicine Squadron aerospace physiology.



"I wouldn't want to wear blue BDU's, but if I have to I guess I will." - Airman 1st Class Monica Recio, 365th Training Squadron electronic warfare systems apprentice student.

Be smart, don't drink and drive. For a ride home, call Airmen Against Drunk Driving at 6-AADD.

MSS team continues streak

The Mission Support Squadron All-Stars have continued to pummel opponents in the base intramural flag football league led by quarterback Tevin Auster.

So far this season, they've dominated league play with their fast-paced and brash brand of football.

Their winning streak extends through last year when they finished the season undefeated. Their aim this year: repeat.

"That's all we do...all day!" Anthrone Jones said. "Everyone on this team is an all-star."

The All-Stars faced the 363rd Training Squadron on Wednesday. The game ended 45-0 with the 363rd TRS only crossing the 40-yard line once. It's that sort of lop-sided play that has made the All-Stars and their black jerseys the dominating force in intramural football.

During Wednesday's game, Sidney Mitchell made several diving catches for touchdowns and big gains.

"Just throw the ball near me, and I'll catch it. Period," the always-con fident Mitchell said.

Kevin Watson, a wide receiver for the All-Stars, leads the team in touchdowns but is humble about the praise he receives.

"We have a lot of weapons. We keep the ball spread out so everyone

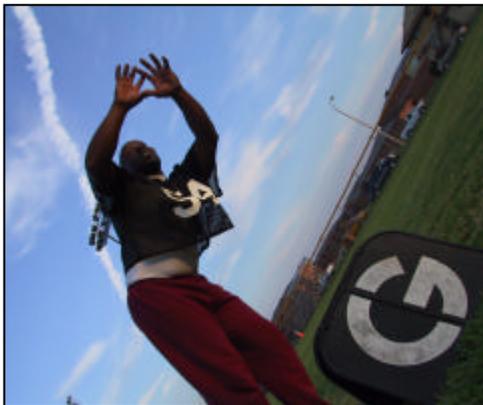


Photo by 2nd Lt. Nathan Broshear

Anthrone Jones, a member of the MSS All-Stars gets ready to haul in a pass during Wednesday night's intramural football action. The undefeated MSS team is trying to keep its winning streak alive this season.

gets a chance to shine," Johnson said.

Team captain and cornerback Jared Austin credits the team's success to the camaraderie the All-Stars share.

"We have a genuine respect for what each person brings to the team," he said. "Each person plays a part in making us a success. ...and it

helps that we're amazing athletes," he joked.

Austin himself already has a handful of interceptions this year.

Even newcomer Daren Willis has been infected with the team's esprit-de-corps.

"We feed off each other's energy," he said. "We're all players, and players make plays!"

Academy football

Late surge by Army not enough

J.P. Losman passed for 350 yards and five touchdowns as Tulane held off a late Army rally and beat the Black Knights 50-33 Saturday.

Tulane opened the game with a 70-yard drive capped by a 13-yard TD run by Kris Coleman. In the second quarter, Williams' 3-yard TD catch completed a 65-yard drive.

Tulane got its third TD with 2:34 left in the half as Losman hooked up with Williams on a 31-yard scoring pass. That gave the Green Wave a 22-6 halftime lead after Anthony Zurisko hit two field goals for Army, the first two kicks of his career.

Momentum swung the Black Knights' way in the second half, but two lost fumbles and an interception cost Army several scoring chances.

The Black Knights got

their first touchdown on Zac Dahman's 28-yard pass to Aaron Alexander early in the third quarter.

Navy thumps Eastern Michigan

Craig Candeto threw for a touchdown and ran for another as the Navy Midshipmen torpedoes the Eastern Michigan Eagles, 39-7, at Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium.

Candeto completed 6-of-10 pass attempts for 92 yards and ran for 72 more yards on 18 carries as he led the way for the Midshipmen (2-1).

Eastern Michigan was saddled with six turnovers in the contest as it dropped its third consecutive decision.

Navy dominated the contest and scored 39 straight points before the Chippewas got on the board with an inconsequential touchdown midway through the fourth quarter.

The following is a list of winners from the Bed Races Sept. 13:

82nd Services Division: 1st Place overall and best costumes.

82nd Dental Squadron: 2nd Place overall.

Family Member Program Flight: best decoration.

82nd Medical Group: best theme.

383rd Training Squadron: best agility.

362nd Training Squadron students: best race time.

Also competed: 381st Training Squadron, 360th Training Squadron and 362nd Training Squadron instructors.

Congratulations to all teams.

Center offers classes

The aerobiccenter, located in the south fitness center, offers coed aerobics classes seven days a week. Call 6-2972 for more information.

Abdominal class

Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 11 a.m.
Monday-Friday at 8 p.m.

Aerobics

Monday at 7:15 a.m.

Step aerobics

Tuesday and Thursday at 5:30 a.m.

Body pump

Tuesday and Thursday at 9:15 a.m.

Thursday and Saturday at 11:30 a.m.

Yoga and pilates

Monday and Wednesday at 10:15 a.m.

Wednesday at 5 p.m.
Thursday at 6 p.m.
Saturday at 3 p.m.

Basic step

Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 7 p.m.
Sunday at 2 p.m.

Kickboxing

Tuesday and Thursday at 7 p.m.
Sunday at 3 p.m.

Intermediate step

Saturday at 10:15 a.m.,
Wednesday at 6 p.m.

Advanced step

Monday, Tuesday 5 p.m.

Combo step

Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 11:30 a.m.

Step/Floor

Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9:15 a.m.

Spinning

Tuesday and Thursday at 11:30 a.m.
Monday through Friday at 4:30 p.m.
Monday at 7 p.m.

Sports Shorts

North lanes to rock, bowl Friday, Saturday nights

A glow-in-the-dark Rock It Bowl takes place every Friday and Saturday night from 5-11 p.m. at the north lanes. For more information, call 6-4806.

Army, Texas Christian University to square off in football

Army is scheduled to play the Texas Christian University Oct. 4 at 7 p.m. at Amon G. Carter Stadium in Fort Worth. Call 1-877-849-2769 or visit <http://goarmysports.ocsn.com> for tickets. For more information call ITT at 6-2302.

South fitness center offers

return to fitness classes

The south fitness center offers a free return to fitness program to benefit those who want to start an exercise program slowly. Most participants are between the ages of 50 and 70. Exercises are done with dumbbells, rubber bands and exercise tubes. The classes are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:15 to 9 a.m. For more information, call 6-2972.

South fitness center to have lunch bunch basketball

The south fitness center is scheduled to have lunch bunch basketball from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. For more information, call 6-1493.

Falcons gain 431 yards on the ground, win 35-29

By John Van Winkle

Air Force Academy Public Affairs

U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. – The U.S. Air Force Academy Falcons went to their strengths on a fourth-and-one midfield gamble and it paid off on the way to a 35-29 win over Wyoming Sept. 20.

Stuck at midfield with a fourth-and-one, 2:05 left in the game and a six-point lead, the safe play for Air Force would have been to punt.

But letting Wyoming quarterback Casey Bramlet get his hands on the ball one more time just was not a recipe for success, according to the academy coaches. Bramlet had already wreaked 398 yards of passing havoc on the Falcons, and had proven that nothing short of close-air support was going to slow him down.

Likewise, the failure to gain a yard on that fourth down play would have given Bramlet excellent field position and enough time to go for the end zone and the win.

So Air Force turned to its nation-leading rushing game and signature option attack to gain the first down.

"You always look forward to going for it," Falcons right guard Jesse Underbakke said. "You never want to punt in that situation."

"I made that decision right away," Fisher DeBerry, the academy head coach, said. "We're in the conference race right now, and we have to take some chances. It's a game about making plays in clutch situations."

DeBerry called for his signature triple-option running play, but the Wyoming defenders were expecting the run.

Reading the defense and guessing Wyoming was anticipating another shot up the middle, Falcon quarterback Chance Harridge called an audible, changing the play to a double-option right to halfback Joe Schieffer.

Harridge took the snap and rolled right, then saw a linebacker lining him up for the kill.

"Joe concentrated and stayed with it, and I pitched to

him," Harridge said.

Schieffer ran to the Wyoming 43-yard line for a 5-yard gain and the first down. Out of timeouts, Wyoming could not stop the clock as the Falcons ground out three more running plays and ended the game with a 35-29 win.

"We just played vintage Air Force football and ran right at them," Harridge said, "and they couldn't stop it."

The Falcons ended the day with 431 rushing yards and 530 total yards on offense, retaining their status as the nation's top Division I rushing offense.

"It was a typical Air Force-Wyoming football game," DeBerry said. "I don't know who picked us to win by 20 points over Wyoming, but I'd like to know him and know what he knows that I don't know."

The win also advances the Falcons' record to 4-0 and gives them the top spot in the Mountain West Conference. Next up for the Falcons is conference foe Brigham Young University on Sept. 27.



Photo by John Van Winkle

Air Force fullback Adam Cole fights his way into the end zone to put the Falcons up 21-6 over the Wyoming Cowboys. Air Force went on to beat Wyoming 35-29 and advance to 4-0.

Box Score Wyoming vs Air Force

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Score
Wyoming.....	6	9	7	7	- 29
Air Force.....	14	7	0	14	- 35

Scoring Summary:

First

AF - Ward 3 run (Ashcroft kick), 13:16
 AF - Stephens run (Ashcroft kick), 7:52
 WY - McGuffey 19 pass from Bouknight (Yaussi kick blocked), 4:11

Second

AF - Cole 7 run (Ashcroft kick), 13:05
 WY - Bouknight 20 pass from Bramlet (Bramlet pass intercepted), 5:12
 WY - Yaussi 38 field goal, 00:02

Third

WY - McGuffey 5 run (Yaussi kick), 4:42

Fourth

AF - Messerall 7 pass from Harridge (Stephens rush), 13:22
 AF - Ward 18 run (Ashcroft kick blocked), 8:49
 WY - Robbins 7 pass from Bramlet (Yaussi kick), 4:53

This week's
games:

South Florida
v. Army,
1 p.m.

Air Force v.
BYU, 3 p.m.

Navy v.
Rutgers,
7 p.m.