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The May TALON presents an inside view into Air Training Command — the next step for most USAFA graduates.

A handy reference chart to the facilities and topography of each flying training base is provided, courtesy of the doolies of 30th squadron. Further, five 1973 graduates have written personal letters to the wing describing life at their base. With June Week around the corner, TALON hopes this issue will be a helpful insight to the class of '74 and a Spring stimulant to '75, '76, & '77.



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THE SECRET LIFE OF

WALDO F. DUMBSQUAT

C/4C Waldo F. Dumbsquat hurried through the mailroom, saluting two secretaries and the postmaster. But he couldn't stop to check the arthropod farm in his mailbox; typically, Waldo had been scheduled for a mandatory issue of work-gloves and snow shovel between his second and third period classes. The scrawny doolie navigated the issue-room maze of ropes, signs, and arrows — getting lost only twice — and picked up his five-sizes-too-big gloves. Then he halted in front of a mountainous pile of shovels. The shovel issuer looked at Waldo and asked, "What do you want?"

The question caught the doolie off guard for a second, but he recovered quickly.

"Sir, I'm here for my government shovel, snow type, one each, steel."

"Sorry, but we don't have any shovels in your size, Dumbsquat."

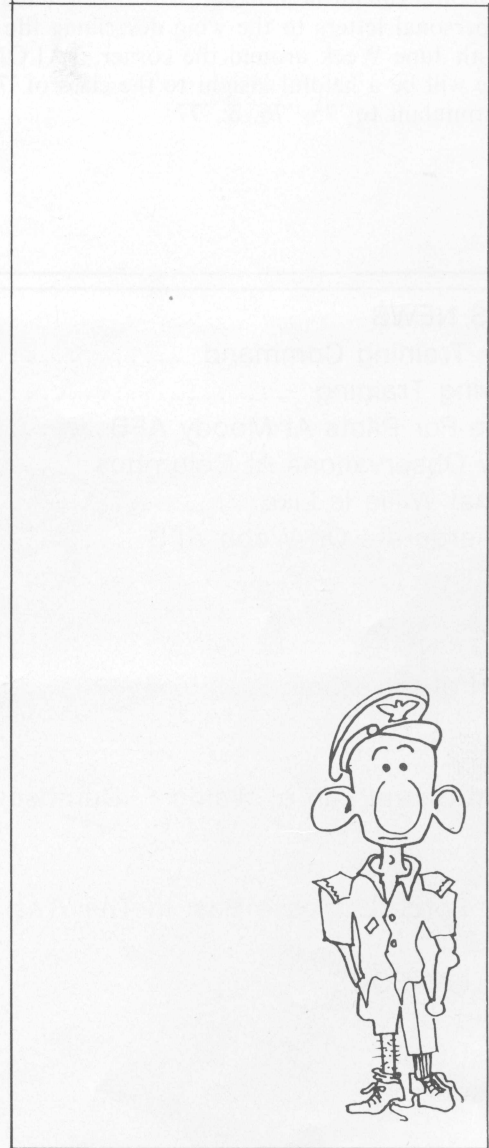
With a shrug of his bony shoulders, Waldo turned and started doubletiming back to class. He had to slow up momentarily near Command Post to salute a passing golf cart.

As Waldo F. Dumbsquat stood in the alcove of his Geography class, his knees began to quake. He dreaded reporting late to his instructor, Major Claire Chinook, who was affectionately known as "Old Wind Bag." Waldo hoped that he had already missed the class IRI. Wiping his shoes on the back of his trouser legs, C/4C Dumbsquat walked through the door and reported.

"Please take a seat, Mister Dumbsquat. You're just in time to start the second half of today's pop final exam. Please code your answers on the side of the digitek marked 'Do not use this side'." The major inspected the soggy Cheerio that had been clinging to one of Waldo's shirt buttons since breakfast.

Mumbling something about R-flight to himself, Waldo took the test: "... analyze each of the following fifty soil samples and name from which county in the United States it is derived and write an essay on the effect of Henry Kissinger's diplomacy on the crop cycle in Bermuda; equation sheets and calculators may be used on this portion of the examination." Waldo knew nothing about Bermuda, so he created a brilliant article on Henry Kissinger's marriage and hoped he could get partial credit or CFD.

Doubletiming back to the dorm, Waldo marvelled at the beautiful spring day. A mere eight feet of snow covered the terrazzo like a USAFA T-shirt. Ah, yes, the wing would march to the noon meal today. Then Waldo recalled that he hadn't spit-shined his low quarter overshoes yet and he was already late for calling minutes. Panic seized him by the hand and led him to a nearby latrine (Waldo is always lucky to be near a latrine when he needs one) where he made another transformation into dynamic Col. Waldo F. Dumbsquat, religious reader of Morris Janowitz. Proudly the colonel strode into Command Post and confiscated the microphone from the startled Senior Officer of the Day.



"Attention you cadets out there and listen up. This is Col. Dumbsquat talking now. All cadets will proceed individually to the meal after reading their decorum manuals. Minute Callers are excused from their duty to comply with this order. I never give an order twice. Dumbsquat out."

Calmly, the colonel spun on his regulation heel and departed Command Post without another word. Instantly his transmutation into C/4C Waldo F. Dumbsquat took place. Waldo sighed happily. He had gained another victory, but it would be a long time before the wing ate lunch.

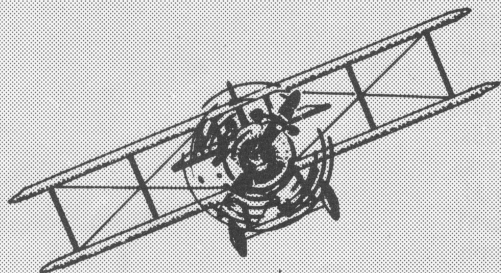
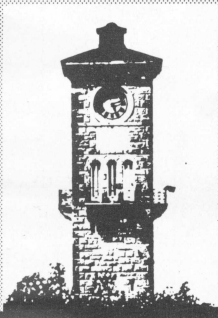
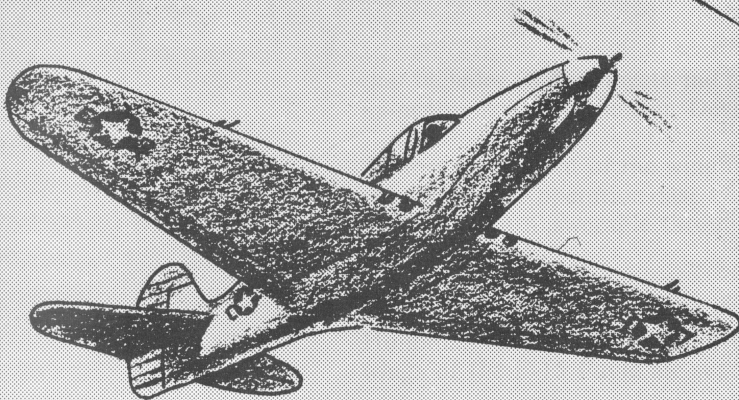
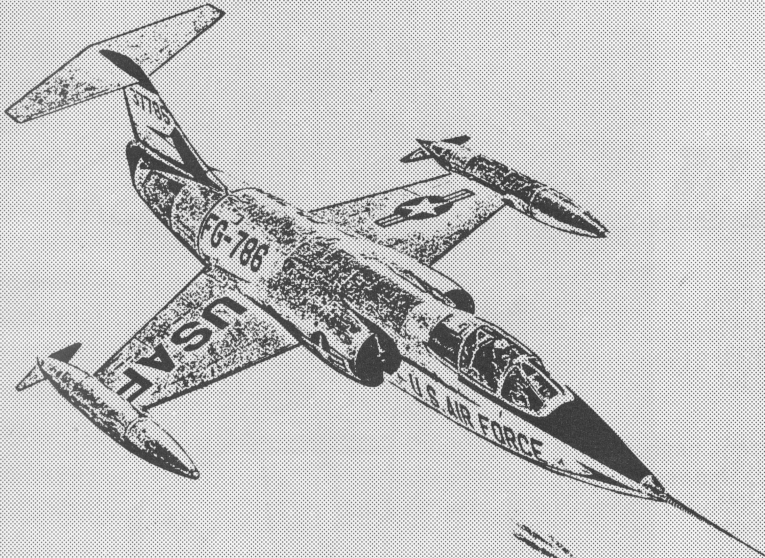
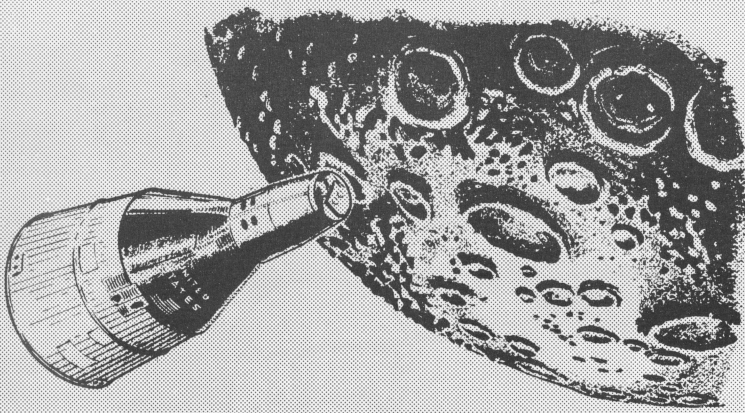
Waldo popped the Cheerio into his mouth.

WHAT DO WE DO FOR AN ENCORE?

That's a good question when you've completed the evolution from World War One's Spad to the Air-cobra of World War II . . . through the jet transition to the miracle of space travel.

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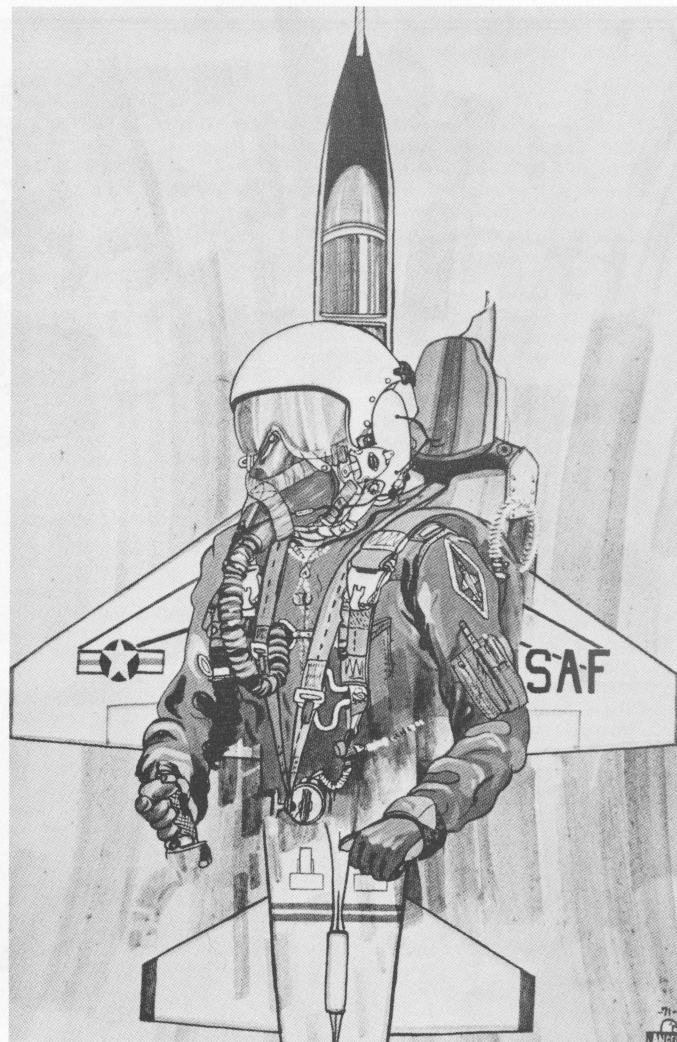
AIR TRAINING COMMAND

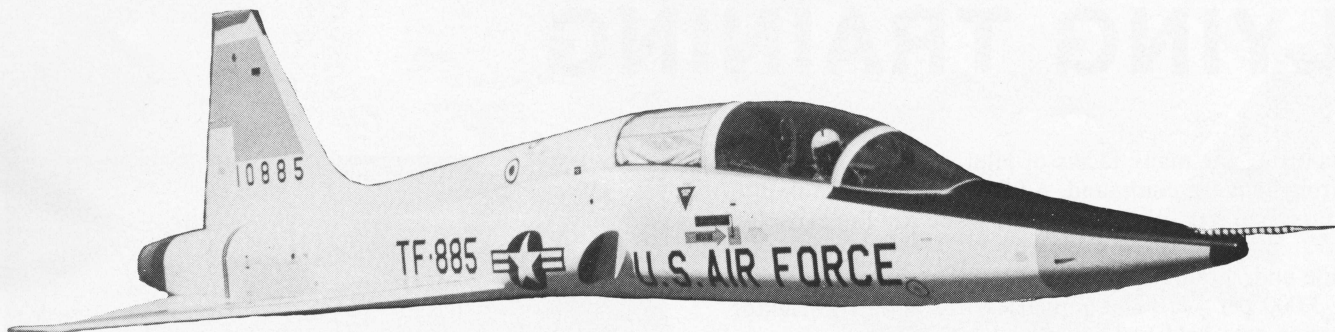
Air Training Command was born on July 7, 1943, when flying and technical training commands were merged. Since that date, ATC has been responsible for military, technical and flying training, with additional responsibility for recruiting added in 1954.

From a structure that included over 600 training installations in July 1943, the ATC main-base inventory declined to 17 before the Korean conflict, increased to 43 as a result of training demands associated with the hostilities, and gradually decreased to the 15 bases which was as high as 1-million plus in World War II and 300,000 during the Korean conflict, totalled 122,900 in May 1973.

ATC selects most of the personnel who enter the Air Force, provides more new officers than any other source, is solely responsible for training all new pilots and navigators, and offers several thousand technical courses in the mechanical, electronic, administrative and other career fields. Command operations are located throughout the United States and in many foreign countries. Air Training Command prepares men and women not only for military assignments, but also provides them with skills useful in civilian life.

The command, headquartered at Randolph AFB, near San Antonio, Texas, is one of the largest training systems in the free world. ATC, in terms of assigned personnel, is the second largest in the Air Force. Its fleet of over 2,000 aircraft includes nearly 800 T-37s and more than 900 T-38s. No other command possesses as many aircraft or logs as many flying hours (571,000 from July 1, 1972 to March 31, 1973) as ATC. ATC's operating budget is well over \$1 billion annually, with command aircraft, real estate, supply inventories and other assets valued at over \$2.8 billion.





ALERT

The remains of the 12 U.S. military personnel who died while in captivity have been turned over to the United States by North Vietnam, 8 of the 12 were identified as Air Force officers.

Junior shortstop Jim Corrigan appears to be fully recovered from his broken leg of a year ago as the 1974 AFA baseball season gets under way this month.

In the forthcoming golfing season, the Falcons face a slate that includes 10 dual meets and participation in seven tournaments, including the Sun Devil Tournament in May.

Almost ten percent of the wing has utilized the Comm line since it began operation last October. For questions and problems not answerable through the chain of command, dial C-O-M-M.

The Air Force has announced that Langley AFB, Va., and Holloman AFB, N.M., will have the first two operational wings of the F-15 Eagle air superiority fighter.



FLYING TRAINING

Supporting the many facets of pilot and navigator training throughout the command, ATC programmed more flying hours than any other command in the Air Force during 1973.

While undergraduate pilot production reduced slightly to about 3,000 per year, the annual undergraduate navigator production rate held at about the 1,400 mark.

Dramatic developments in flying training technology and methodology highlighted the year, including the following:

- The Flight Screening Program, using the prop-driven Cessna T-41, was consolidated at Hondo, Tex., Municipal Airport in May. This program, designed to screen prospective pilots prior to entry to jet flying training in the T-37, formerly was administered at each of ATC's nine undergraduate pilot training bases. Other screening studies underway are aimed at predicting, through psychological testing, the flying aptitude of officer trainees.

- Progress is being made in moving toward increased use of simulation in the flying training program, and increasing sophistication of simulator design and implementation, both in pilot and navigator training. Major undergraduate pilot training test programs are underway at Williams AFB, Ariz., Craif AFB, Ala., and Columbus AFB, Miss., in respect to syllabus content, self-pacing procedures, and new approaches to synthetic trainer instruction.

- At Mather AFB, Calif., navigator training officials have accepted the first deliveries of the T-43, a medium-range jet navigation trainer which is the military version of the Boeing 737. A fleet of 19 T-43s will replace most of the 22-year-old prop-driven T-29s, which will leave Mather after establishing in 1973 a record 10 years of flying without a major accident. The T-43s will provide the capability of flying more students farther at higher speeds and altitudes with more up-to-date equipment — at lower operating and maintenance costs. Used in conjunction with the T-43 will be a ground-based simulator complex, the T-45, designed for "whole task" training, digital radar land-mass simulation, and digital computer control of air navigation training missions.

- Also accepted at Mather AFB during 1973 was a digitally controlled simulator which will permit a nonflying program for training of electronic warfare officers. When fully implemented, the "no-fly" program will eliminate the need for 12 aircraft.

- Realignment of Department of Defense activities during the past year included the closure of Laredo AFB, Tex., home of one of ATC's undergraduate pilot training wings. Thanks to closely coordinated cooperation between the base and the civilian community, the closure was accomplished in an orderly manner, with little or no disruption to the outstanding spirit of friendship which for so long had marked the mutual relationships of Air Force personnel and the people of Laredo.

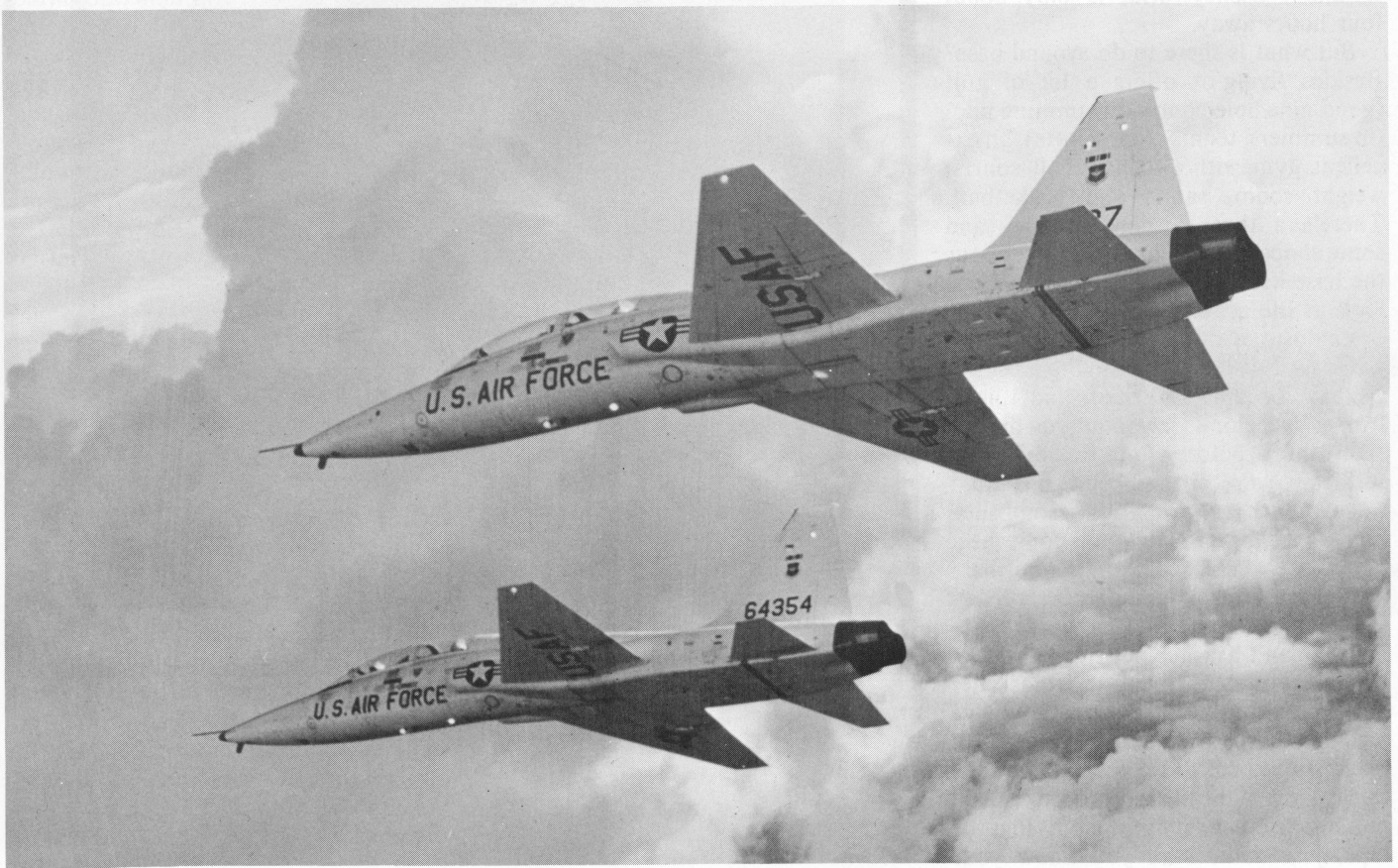
- While ATC annually has more programmed flying hours than any other command, during the past year its cumulative flying accident rate of 1.3 at the end of the year was one of the lowest in the Air Force.



CLASS IN SESSION (AT 40,000 FEET)



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visited in Marshall, Texas; Brad Johnson
Tall and low. Johnson, the rest of
Florida the fighter south, but even
Cody, Lakewood is important



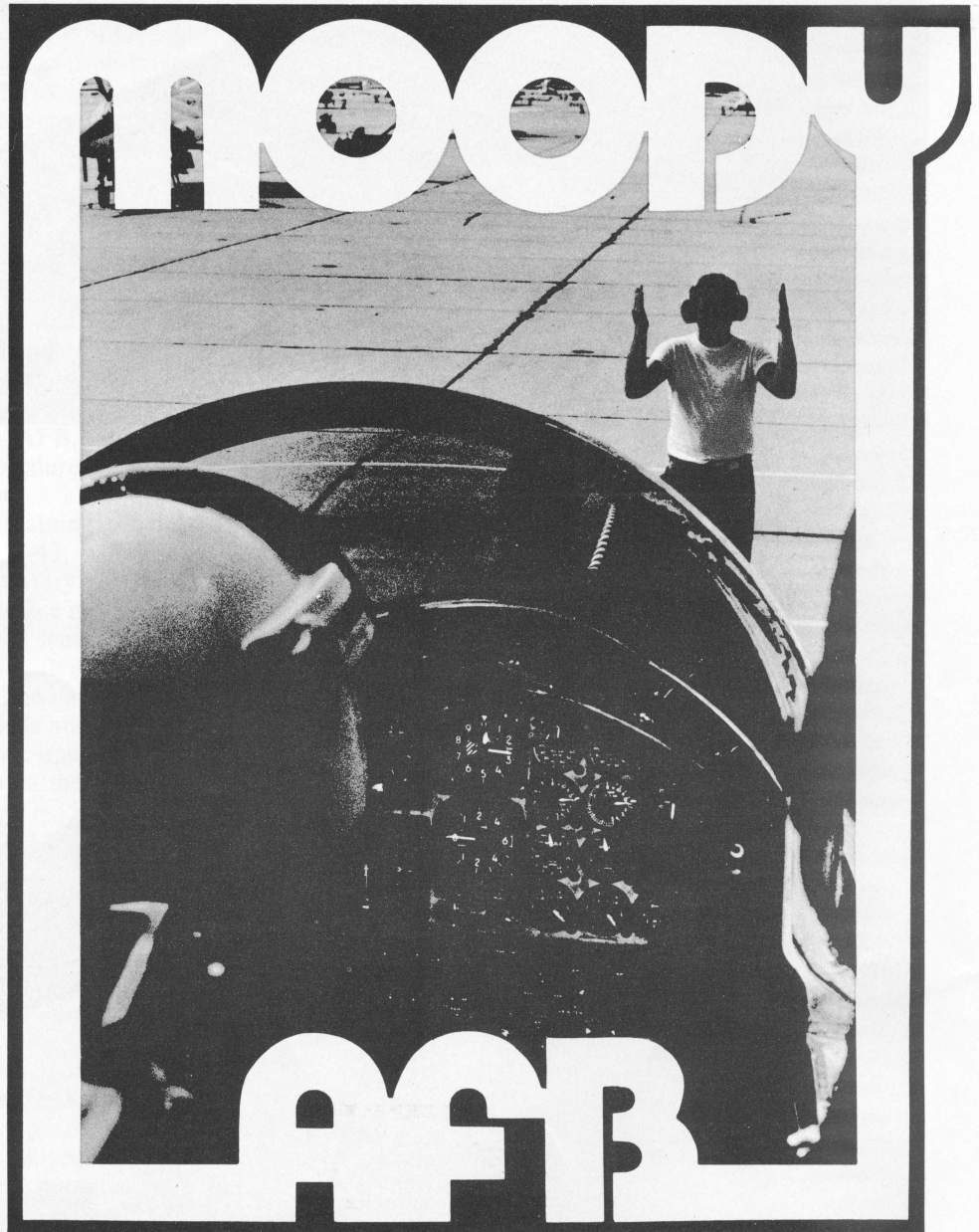
A NARRATIVE ACCOUNT OF LIFE FOR PILOT TRAINEES AT MOODY AFB

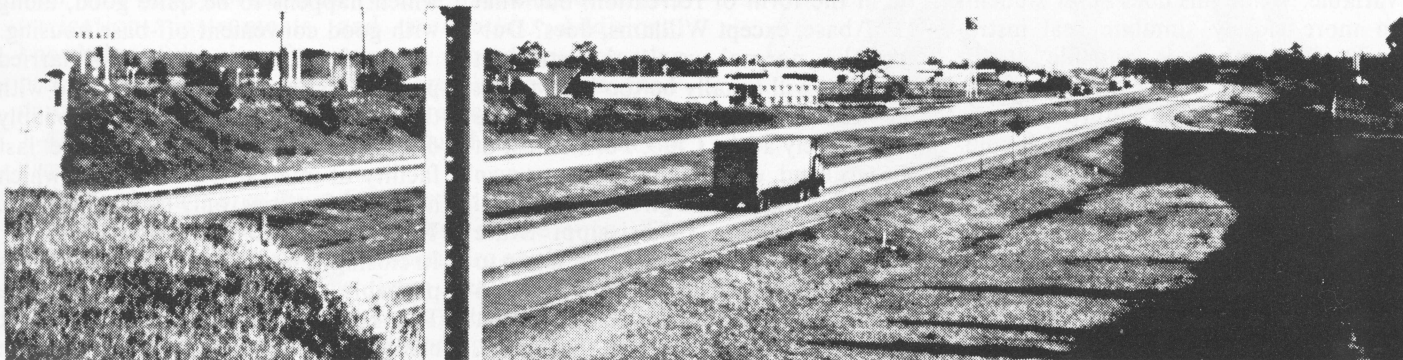
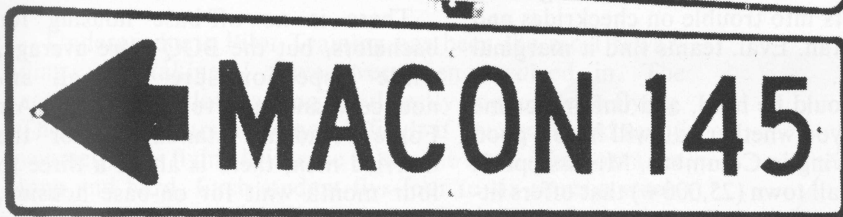
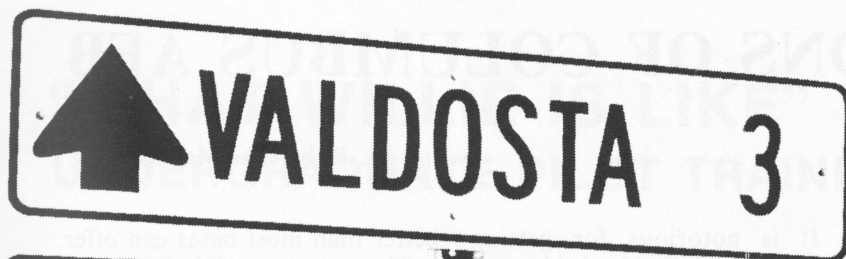
By 2nd Lt. Phillip A. Fay, Class 75-03

When you get assigned to Moody your parents are bound to ask why it isn't on the map. Well it is, but you have to look closely because it's a little dot about ten miles northeast of Valdosta, Georgia. Moody is situated near I-75 and like I-25 north leads to a big city, Atlanta (but you gotta drive four hours). Still you can get there, gas permitting, and needless to say there's a lot going on in a city that size (i.e. Playboy Club, bars, dancing, concerts). Heading south on I-75 is Florida and two hours away is Jacksonville. Being on the beach, it offers a lot of fun in the sun as well as good concerts by groups as varied as Marshall Tucker Band, Jethro Tull and Led Zeppelin. The rest of Florida lies further south, but even Orlando, Disneyworld, is only about four hours away.

But what is there to do around base? Besides flying it offers a lot of golf (good nine hole course), swimming pool (in summer), tennis (four courts), an excellent gym with two handball courts, weight room, sauna and basketball. There's a theater, bowling alley and some shops - but you can find out about the base itself from a guide book. Let's look at life around Moody.

Valdosta is not L.A. but from what I've heard at least it's not Big Springs, Texas. For those married, and this is from a bachelor's viewpoint, you did the right thing before coming here. No, seriously, it's not so bad just that although there are four established night clubs for dancing - you don't meet many girls there because girls out here are seldom if ever seen unescorted. It's not unlike Catch 22, in that you obviously can't ask her out til you've met her, but you can't meet her to ask her out. Well, it's not a lost cause, you've just got to try harder, and believe me once you've broken the ice, though it be thick, your night life will improve. And remember, there's no signout logs or taps, just make sure you know your





stuff and can fly the next day.

The BOQ's at Moody are probably some of the best you'll find with one man rooms that include a kitchen, bathroom, and one room that combines as living, dining, and bedroom. However, some guys have even gotten together and paid rent to set up housekeeping in a house downtown. Of course they don't get quarters allowance but they're doing well in a three bedroom flat.

Before I quit, there are two other important points to be made. As the weather warms water skiing gets very big out here and several guys have purchased their own boats. It's a great way to spend the weekend. The second point is expect to join the O Club. Since the Wing Commander took a personal interest, there seems to be an increase of good things going on.

So, let's quickly sum up a few thoughts on UPT at Moody. First, you'll leave USAFA far behind - you may never really find the RAF, but Moody is a big improvement. Second, there's a lot better bases in the Air Force, but for UPT only one or two will beat Moody. Third, I won't say any more about meeting girls out here except that it's not as easy as walking into a party at LoHi or CWC. Finally, and most important, flying is just outstanding.



MY OBSERVATIONS OF COLUMBUS AFB

by 2nd Lt. Robert A. Manson

I have been asked to describe life at Columbus AFB. Basically, your intended stay at Columbus, or any UPT base, can be divided into two parts: flying and social. If you will pardon the pun, the flying at Columbus has its ups and downs; mostly due to the weather. At best the weather can be described as variable. While this does allow students to more closely simulate real instrument flying than is possible at the cloudless bases, it does have the drawback of necessitating Saturday flying, and no one's stay at Columbus is complete without several six day weeks.

From what I have been able to discern from friends at other UPT bases, the flying programs are all, naturally, Air Force-A.T.C. standardized, so I can't recommend Columbus over any other base on the merits of its flying program. Perhaps our only unique feature is having to use a particularly difficult auxiliary field in the T-37

phase. It is notorious for getting students into trouble on checkrides and even Stan. Eval. teams find it marginal at best.

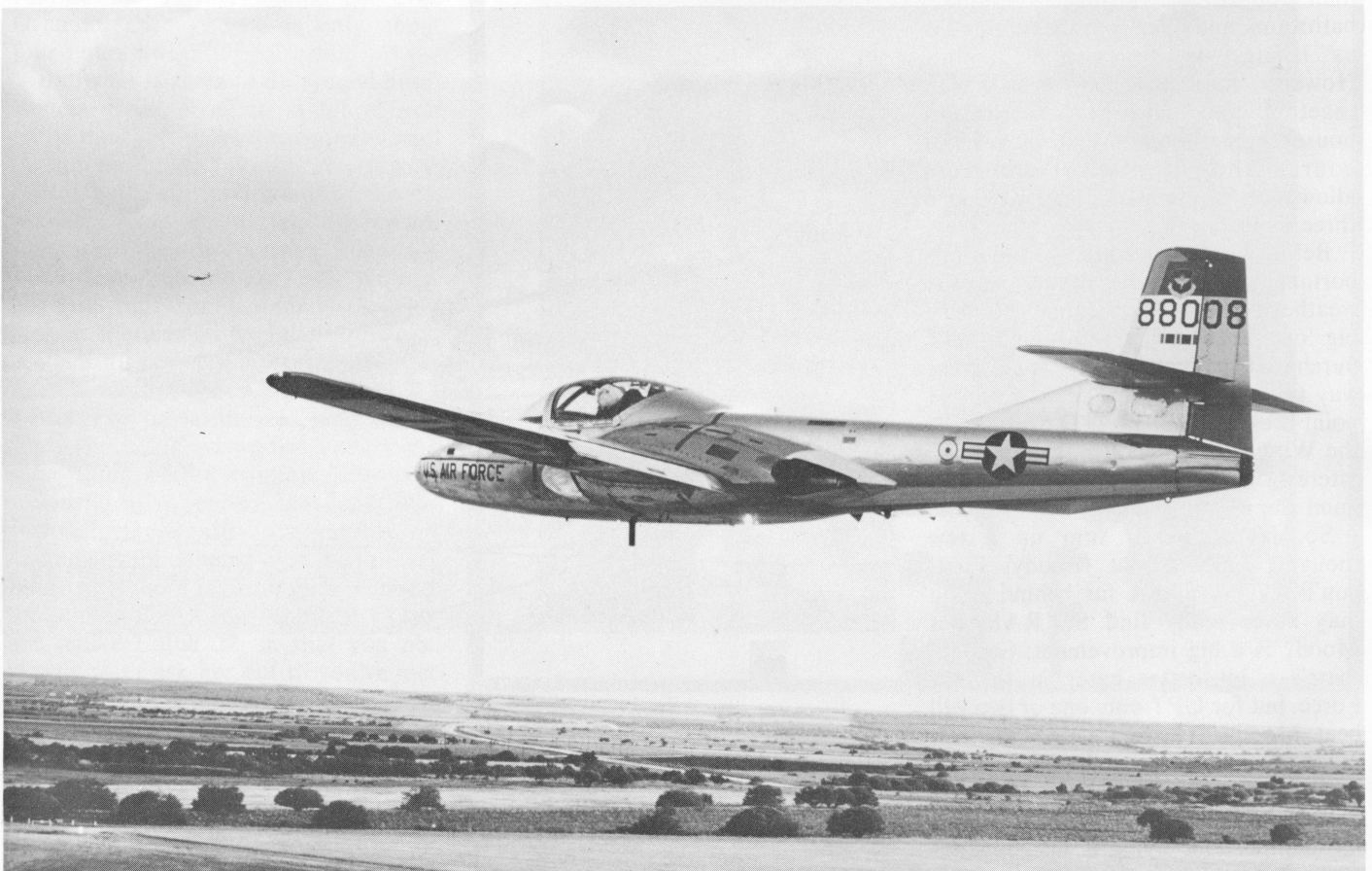
It would be hard, and unfair, for me to tell you whether you will have a good time living in Columbus, Mississippi. It is a small town (25,000+) that offers little in the form of recreation; but what UPT base, except Williams, does? During the normal week the stalwart bachelor will usually be too busy to get out and about, but Friday nights are pretty lively at the Club. For the rest of the weekend, either you make your own fun with a dirt bike, a girl from the local women's college (Mississippi State College for Women 3000+), or a trip to Atlanta or New Orleans (both about 5-6 hours by car). Offhand I would say that most guys have their fun in that order, as the girls are - to be kind - southern, reserved, conservative and altogether different from Colorado girls. Still, it's

better than most bases can offer.

There is no off-base housing for bachelors, but the BOQ's are average, while inspections are few, all announced, and not very tough by Air Force Academy standards. For the married men, there is about a three to four month wait for on-base housing, which happens to be quite good, along with good convenient off-base housing.

Base facilities are geared for married people; however, all are small and with the exception of food you will probably do most shopping off base. The last facility of interest is the hospital which has good facilities, only lacking doctors. There is presently no obstetrician.

In closing, I would say that Columbus is probably closer to civilization than the Texas bases and offers the most challenging flying of any UPT base due to the weather. You will have to bring your own fun, but you should be used to that by now.



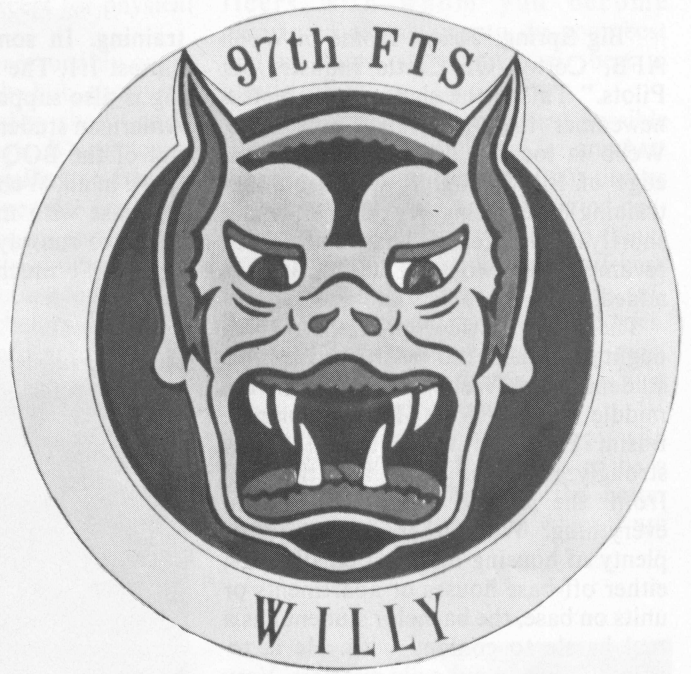
"WHAT WILLIE IS LIKE" UNDERGRADUATE PILOT TRAINING

by 2nd Lt. Harry C. Walker

Undergraduate Pilot Training has been the most rewarding undertaking I have ever been involved in. The academics at pilot training are directly applicable to flying. The various courses are not difficult if you listen and apply yourself. The flying is intense to say the least. The hours are long and hard. Each student flies four to six times a week. You fly a variety of different types of missions: formation, navigation, instruments and acrobatics. Additional knowledge of the aircraft, emergency procedures, operating procedures and flying regulations are also required. Standardization and evaluation is comparable to the program in T-41s. If you expect a very long and hard year, you won't be disappointed.

Williams Air Force Base, I feel, is the best place to take UPT. The weather cooperates most of the time. The summer is the worst, since the temperature on the flight line gets up to 110 degrees. The flying weather, however, is marvelous and we seldom, if ever, have to fly on weekends. Living conditions are varied, depending on your marital status. Bachelors have to live on base until toward the end of T-38 training. The BOQ's are livable but removed from the life downtown. For the married students, apartments downtown range from \$150 to \$250. They are generally very nice and up-to-date. There are a great deal of places to visit and things to do in and around Phoenix. Major league sports, theaters, good restaurants and many cultural activities can be found in Phoenix, along with good hiking, camping, hunting and sightseeing.

Undergraduate Pilot Training is very hard work, but rewarding if you give all you can. Williams has a great deal to offer from good weather to an abundance of diversions for off duty time.



DISORDERATA ON WEBB AFB

by 2nd Lt. John Nestico, '72

"Big Spring, Texas: Home of Webb AFB, Cotton/Oil/Cattle/Industry/Jet Pilots." This is the sign which greets a newcomer to Webb Air Force Base. Webb is located on the southwestern edge of Big Spring. It was a bomber training base during World War II and shortly thereafter. It has since been revamped and two new 8500 ft. runways added.

There are a few problems which ought to be checked by the prospective student pilot. Webb is located in the middle of the West Texas' Permian Basin. Here the winds tend to blow strongly from the West and the dust from the cotton field filters into everything. While there seems to be plenty of housing for married students, either off-base houses or apartments or units on base, the bachelor student has a real hassle to contend with. He is required to live in quite old quarters. Very few of these rooms have cooking facilities available and the others have a 1200 watt limit on their ancient wiring. The remoteness from any town other than Big Spring is quite noticeable. It is a five-seven hour drive to either El Paso or Dallas but luckily only a couple of hours to Abilene, Midland-Odessa, or Lubbock.

While there are definitely some problems with being stationed here at Webb, there are also some very noticeable advantages. The first on this list would be this same remoteness that was mentioned earlier. This takes away nearly all distractions from an avid student who really desires to fly. The weather in the Permian Basin is notably good from the flying end of things with the only real problem being from the winds. These are an asset at times as cross-wind landings are an art in themselves. The town is old and established but the merchants are not against giving credit to a young second lieutenant. In fact, there is actually too much credit available to us; care should be taken not to overextend oneself. Finally, an influx of foreign students from all over has led to a very low instructor-student ratio in the advanced

training. In some flights this ratio is almost 1:1. The increased foreign training is also supposed to mean that some American students may be able to move out of the BOQ's in the near future.

All in all, Webb is a good flying training base with many old buildings and only two runways instead of three. The town isn't much for night life or any

other kind but high school football is some of the best in the country and Howard County College is ranked among the top 20 in the nation in basketball. Webb is a place for someone to come who is serious about learning to fly and who has enough sense to make his own good time. It is usually up to the classes to make their own parties.



VANCE AFB

by Daniel P. Narzinski, 2nd Lt. Class
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Vance AFB, located in Enid, Oklahoma, is a good base, all factors considered. Flight line time is very challenging, 8-10 hours a day, yet necessary if the student pilot is to learn what is expected. Of course, this is the same at any Undergraduate Pilot Training base. Vance flying is characterized by hot, humid summers and windy, cold winters. Winds are always a factor which is not so at all other bases. Instructor Pilots are well qualified and generally enjoy their work.

Academics are taught by pilots in a relaxed and interesting atmosphere normally 1-2 hours a day. The academic program is reasonably simple, but requires much individual study. Physical training is required 2-3 times a week. Approximately 8 months into the

program academics are finished and free time is the rule except for physical training.

Vance facilities are reasonably good. The Officers' Club is the hub, the gym - well equipped, auto hobby shop - comparable to the Academy's, BX and commissary - small but sufficient for the number of military people on base, medical - acceptable for dependents and excellent for students, pistol range and wood hobby shop - both good. BOQ's are mandatory for bachelors. Some are of older vintage but many are new. Base housing is very good with about 4-6 weeks' waiting list on the average. Apartments off-base are expensive, but there are many houses for rent throughout town at reasonable rates.

Vance employs civilian maintenance which is of high quality. As I mentioned

earlier, Instructor Pilots and other officers with whom you become associated expect you to do your best and in return show you their best in almost all cases.

The weather explores every possible combination at one time or another. The town of Enid (pop. 45,000) thrives on wheat, oil, and Vance. Married people have fewer problems finding things to do than bachelors as far as off-base activities go. However, there are sufficient things to do and see if one tries. Military people are respected by most Enid residents. Oklahoma City is just over an hour's drive away.

Overall I have been quite happy with my stay at Vance. It appears to be a good compromise between the better and the average bases with which I am familiar.



FACILITIES and

	COLUMBUS	CRAIG	LAUGHLIN	MOODY
T-37/38 HOURS	T-37 90 T-38 100	90 100	85 110	85 120
BX	FAIR TO GOOD	GOOD	AVERAGE	FAIR TO GOOD
COMMISSARY	GOOD, BUT CLOSED SUNDAYS	GOOD - PROVIDES BRAND NAMES	SMALL	AVERAGE
HOSPITAL	EXCELLENT FACILITIES ON BASE, KEESLER AFB IN 100 MI., MAXWELL 150 MI.	USAF CLINIC WITH AN OUT PATIENT CARE 6 CHAIR DENTAL CLINIC GOOD FACILITIES	25 BEDS - GOOD	35 BEDS, SHORT TERM GENERAL HOSPITAL
AUTO HOBBY SHOP	EXCELLENT	GOOD	EXCELLENT	VERY GOOD
NEAREST CITY	COLUMBUS 15 MIN.	SELMA 5 MI. MONTGOMERY 50 MI.	SAN ANTONIO	TALLAHASSEE JACKSONVILLE
NEAREST TOWN	ABERDEEN	SELMA	DEL RIO	VALDESTA 10 M
WORK FOR WIFE	HARD TO FIND	YES, BUT LOW PAY	TEACHING, NURSING	
HOUSING ON BASE	MARRIED: UNFURNISHED (6-8 WEEKS WAIT) FURNITURE CAN BE CHECKED OUT (60 DAY WAIT)	5 HOUSING REFERRAL OFFICES - 3-6 MONTH WAIT	VERY BAD, WWII TYPE SINGLE	GOOD, 50 OFFICER UNIT BEDRMS., 49 TRAILER PARKING AREAS
HOUSING OFF BASE	1 BEDROOM, FURNISHED; \$125 UNFURNISHED \$100 2 BEDRM., FURNISHED; \$150 2 BEDRM. UNFURNISHED \$120	15 TRAILER PARKS \$5 - \$30 15 APARTMENTS FURNISHED \$140-\$180 UNFURNISHED \$90-\$125	ALL MARRIED - GOOD BUT EXPENSIVE AND SCARCE	LIMITED: 1-4 BED SCARCE; APARTMENTS SCARCE
AVERAGE SUMM. TEMP.	81.3° WEATHER BEST AT END OF SUMM.	82°	82°	93°
AVE. WINT. TEMP.	48.7°	50°	50°	67°
ANNUAL RAINFALL	51.25"	55"	30"	40"
AUTO INS. W/USAA	SAME	SAME 10-20-5	70%	HIGHER
COST OF LIVING	BELOW AVERAGE	AVE. TO HIGH	HIGH	ABOVE AVE.
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BOQ	SINGLE MUST LIVE ON BASE. EXCELLENT BOQ - SHARE KITCHEN - AIR CONDITIONING	114 RMS. 1 RM. PRIVATE BATH, SHARED KITCHEN	FAIR	FAIR, 130 UNITS MOTEL
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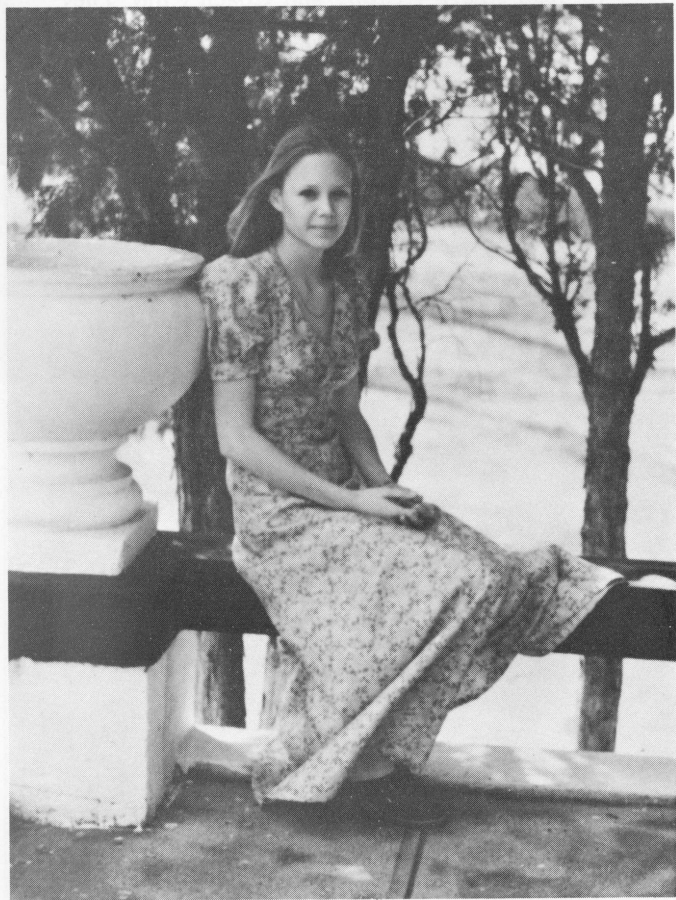
LAURA



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Laura Bolin, a senior at Mitchell High School, has lived her entire life in Colorado. She takes advantage of the Colorado climate, skiing often during the winter and spending her summers traveling. She is also well versed in gymnastics and has the distinction of being three minutes younger than her twin. Laura's plans include college at Western State with a major in business.



AIR FORCE LACROSSE BEST IN THE WEST

by Russ Trinter, '75

Intercollegiate athletics are a major part of the spring activities of many Air Force cadets. While a majority of first classmen are looking to graduation, second classmen to cars, and fourth classmen to recognition, some very exciting sporting events go unnoticed and virtually unattended.

One of the most exciting spring sports in the past has been lacrosse and this year promises to be no different. Although the '74 season is being considered a rebuilding year, the team has the nucleus of experience necessary to accomplish its goal of being invited to the nationals. The addition of several freshmen from the Maryland and New York area should greatly aid in this task.

Offensively, the team has three of last year's top five scorers returning in Ed McIlhenny, Gary Janelli, and Bill Woolford. McIlhenny was the 1973 most valuable player and the second highest scorer with 59 points. Janelli added 44 points and Woolford chipped in with 32. The defense should be strong once again with Kip Peterson and Ed Agis guarding the cage. Backing up the goalies are defensemen Tom Richardson, Rich Long, and Frank Casserino. An integral part of all lacrosse teams is the middie position. The Falcons are blessed with many talented middies who hope to virtually run the competition off the field. These individuals are Don Kerley, Chuck "Cat" Stevens, and Henry Esposito. Adding additional strength to the Falcon attack are three freshmen who back up the starting three middies on the second unit.

Team captain Ed McIlhenny believes that the slogan "Air Force Lacrosse Best in the West" is a fact.

We are definitely the best team in this area. That helps to explain why only three of our 16 games are at home. We have to go east to play the good lacrosse schools. It just doesn't pay for them to travel west because we're the only team worth playing and besides there are plenty of schools that they can play that are close and thus cheap to travel to.

Included on this season's schedule are Notre Dame, Denison, and West Point.

This is the first time ever that we are going to play a sister service academy. This is going to be the highlight of my career. Our schedule is definitely tougher than ever before, but if we are going to go to the nationals then we have to beat some of the best teams. I feel the team can do it because we are a real team. Everybody hustles and gets along. A lot of this has to be attributed to head Coach Keating and Coach Cillo. They instill in you a desire to work and you actually feel hurt if you let them down.

The Air Force lacrosse team knows where it wants to go and what it has to do to get there. It is definitely ready to face the challenge.





L to R: C2Cs Mike Peters and Rick Douglas, next year's *POLARIS* and *TALON* editors; CIC Bill Sexton, 1974 *TALON* editor.

ASSEMBLY

—The *TALON* Magazine and *POLARIS* Yearbook swept many of the categories at the recent Rocky Mountain Collegiate Press Association's 50th annual convention in Billings, Montana. Both publications won First Place in the General Excellence (overall) category and between the two cadet books, six 1st place trophies and five 2nd place certificates were awarded to USAFA.

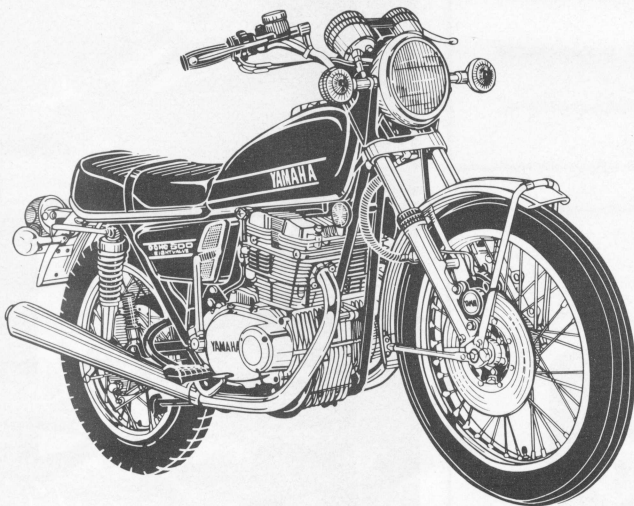
—Eleven Air Force athletes have been chosen to appear in the 1974 edition of "Outstanding College Athletes of America."

—Chosen from the Air Force Academy were Jay Baldwin, track; Jim Greeson, pistol; Steve Hansen, football; Steve Heil, football; Don Kerley, lacrosse; Jimmy Morris, football; Phil Nardecchia, gymnastics; Rich Nickelson, basketball; Rick Pilling, water polo; Len Salvemini, soccer and Jim Skalko, ice hockey.

—Criteria for those selected included leadership, service, scholarship and outstanding athletic accomplishment.

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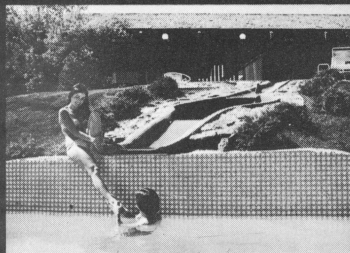
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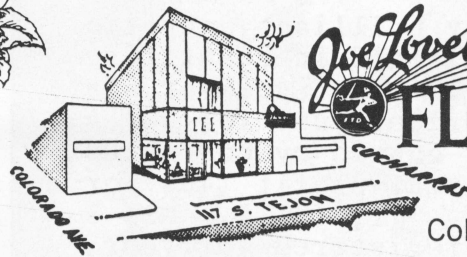
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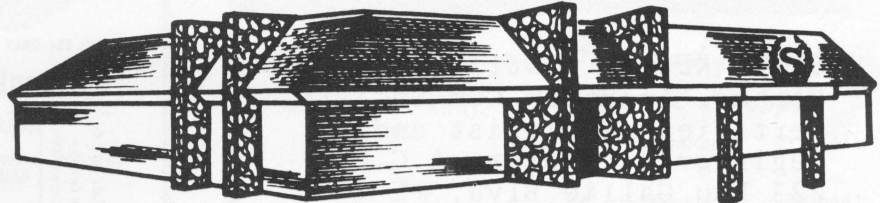
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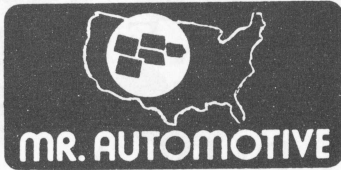
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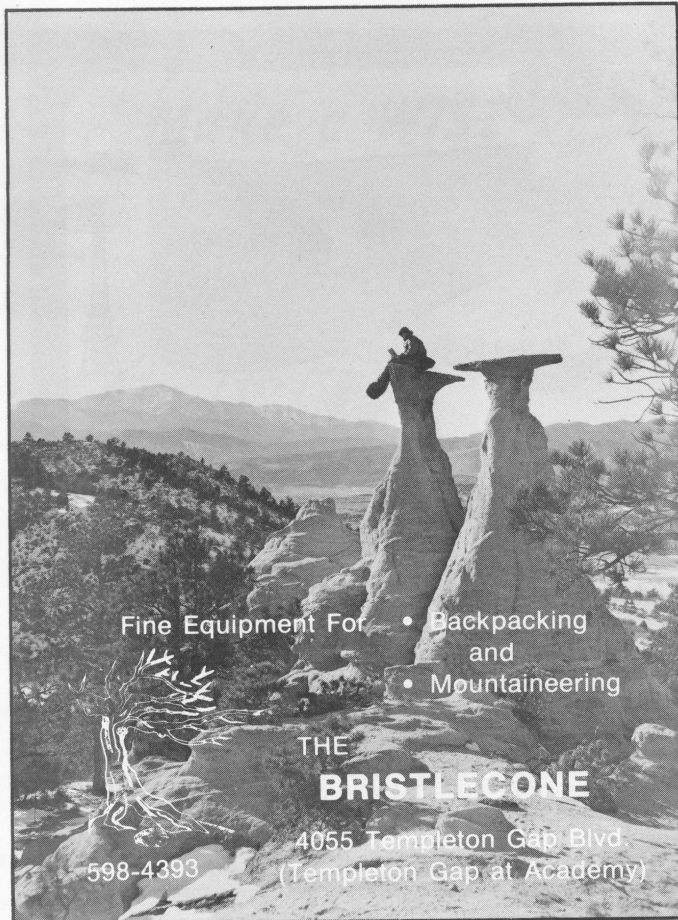
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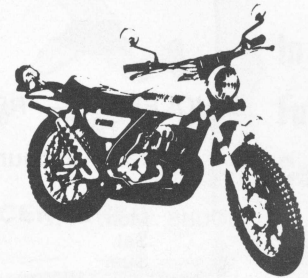
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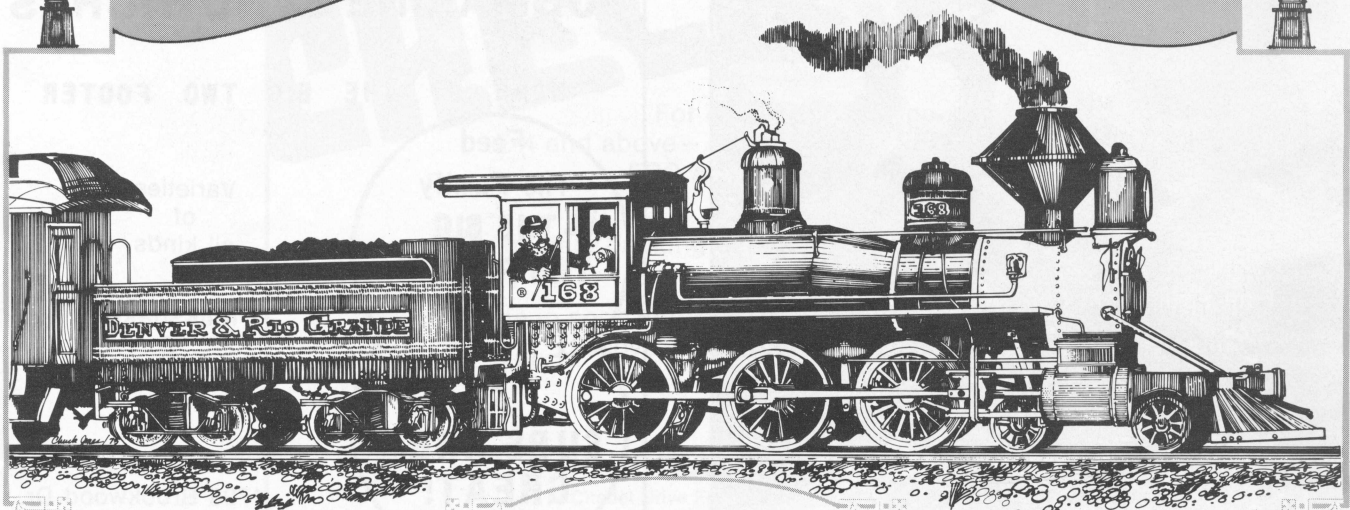


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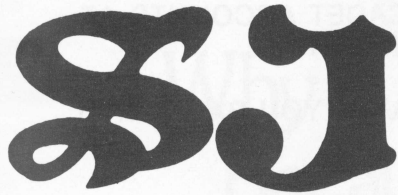
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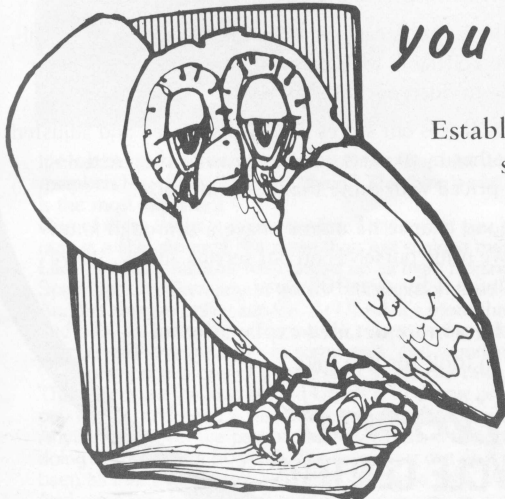
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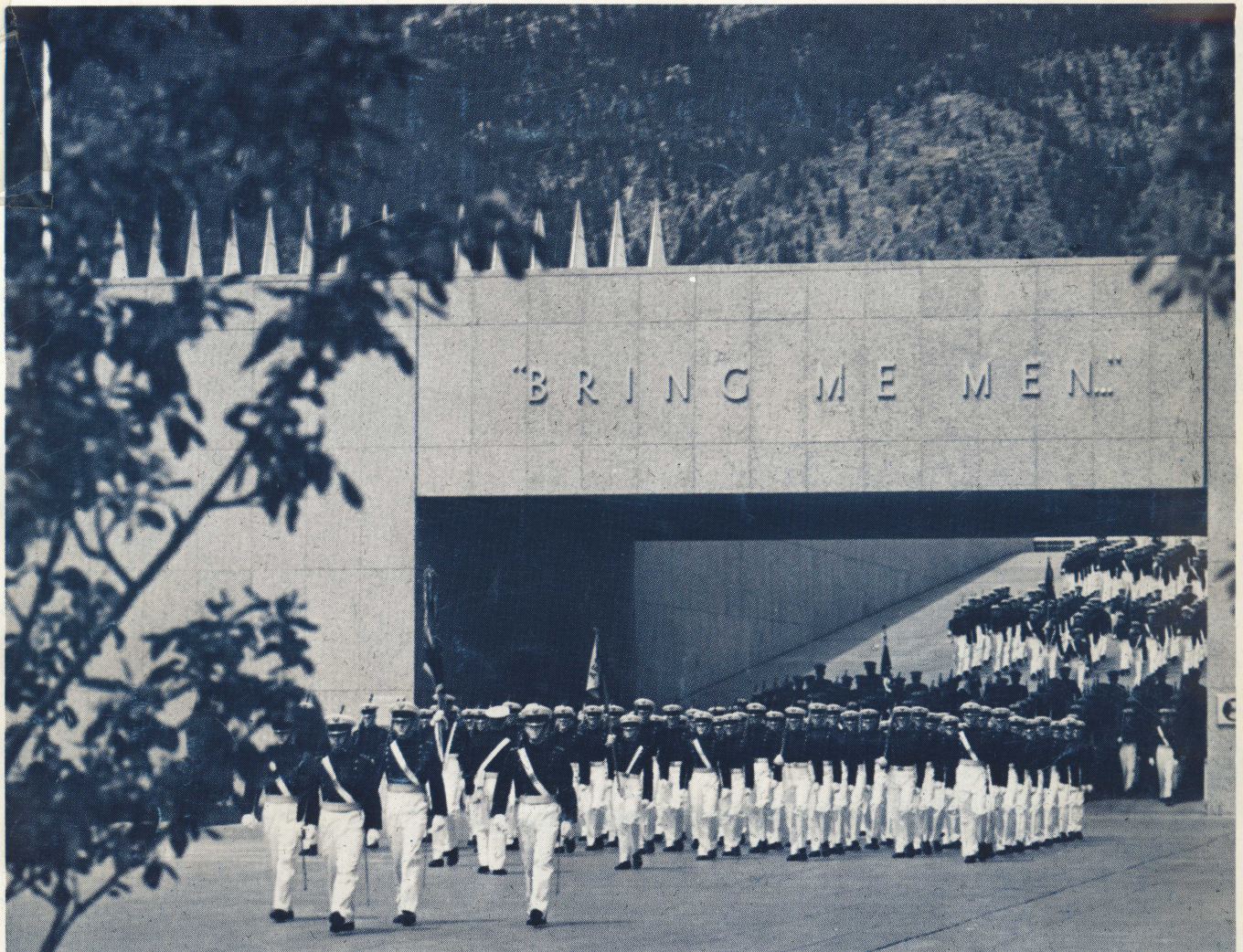
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