

News Digest

By the Associated Press



Stairway to heaven...

MEDIA, Pa.—Three million more Americans lost their jobs in January than were reported by the U.S. Labor Department, a private research firm says.

The Sindlinger & Co. also said true unemployment for last Wednesday was 11.6 per cent, or more than 11 million persons out of work, and that unemployment actually rose 1 per cent from December, while the Labor Department reported January unemployment had dropped one-half of 1 per cent.

WASHINGTON— President Carter, meeting for the first time with the head of the Chinese liason office here, said yesterday he wants to see U.S. relations with Peking strengthened.

Chatting in the Oval Office with Huang Chen, the chief representative in Washington of mainland China, Carter said U.S.-Chinese relations will continue to be guided by the 1972 Shanghai communique.

WASHINGTON—Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare Joseph A. Califano Jr. today lifted the moratorium on a double-barrelled flu vaccine and recommended that the elderly and those with chronic illnesses get shots to protect them from A-Victoria flu.

Califano continued the moratorium on swine flu vaccine, saying there is no immediate need for it because, unlike A-Victoria, there has been no outbreak of the swine flu strain in the United States this year.

MARION, Ky.—Portions of the Ohio River were virtually closed

to traffic today following a two boat collision that damaged a dam near here, an Army Corps of Engineers spokesman said.

The collisions was the latest in a string of troubles that has plagued river traffic near here and severely hampered delivery of fuel and other petroleum products to points in the north and east.

ROME—King Juan Carlos of Spain and Greek-born Queen Sofia are to arrive here today to visit Pope Paul VI - the first such visit made by a Spanish monarch to a pontiff since 1923.

The visit to Pope Paul, set for Thursday morning, is seen as another Spanish step to improve relations with the Vatican after decades of strain under the late

dictator Gen. Francisco Franco, who had kept the Spanish throne vacant. The monarchy gave way to the Spanish Republic in 1931.

WASHINGTON— Admiral Stansfield Turner, President Carter's second choice to head the Central Intelligence Agency, may face tough questioning from senators who would prefer a civilian in the job, but the nomination appears in no danger.

Sen. Daniel K. Inouye, D-Hawaii, chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, announced yesterday that hearings on the Turner nomination will begin on Feb. 22. Inouye said the committee staff is running a background check on the admiral.

Campus Digest

Black Awareness Week—Chancellor Moudy said Monday that the week had two purposes—to encourage more particular awareness of blacks by non-blacks and to promote a greater self-awareness on the part of blacks.

Ft. Worth Mayor Cliff Overcash commended at this time TCU and UNITY for their efforts and urged all residents of Ft. Worth to participate in the week's activities.

The events scheduled for Thursday are culture shows in art, hair styling and clothing,

beginning at 11 a.m. Helen Stone of KKDA Radio will speak on "A Look at the Roots of Afro-America: West Africa Today and Yesterday," in the Coffeehouse at 7 p.m.

ROTC Mixer—Army ROTC has announced it's semi-annual spring mixer to be held at Miller Brewery at 6 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 11.

In addition to all the beer you can drink, soft drinks, chips and dips will be provided at no charge. The invitation is open to all military science students.

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Pete Wright won't go coed

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Housing considers Pete Wright unique because it has the lowest dormitory price rate. They thought this low-cost Housing option should be open to women as well.

The conclusion reached, however, is that few women are interested in taking up residence in Taco City even at the comparatively low rate.

In other matters, Neeb discussed needed repairs in dormitories. He said Tom Brown could conceivably have a price increase after its renovation is complete, but that such a decision would have to be made higher up.

"No one person sets rates; it's a decision among people," said Neeb.

Although he had hinted in an earlier interview that men could be forced to pay higher maintenance costs than women, Neeb later clarified such a plan was not underway, nor could he see it happening in the near future.

Such a plan could be justified if there were evidence in the form of maintenance cost records of a higher cost of upkeep in men's housing than women's, but such records are costly, and are not being kept.

Examples of higher costs include more wear on upholstered furniture, dirty walls, ceilings and damage to accoustical ceilings.

Maintenance costs went up in Sherley when men moved into the first floor, said Neeb.

Neeb said he didn't think many should be held responsible for the damage incurred by only a few, however. "It's a real tough problem determining who should be charged," he said.

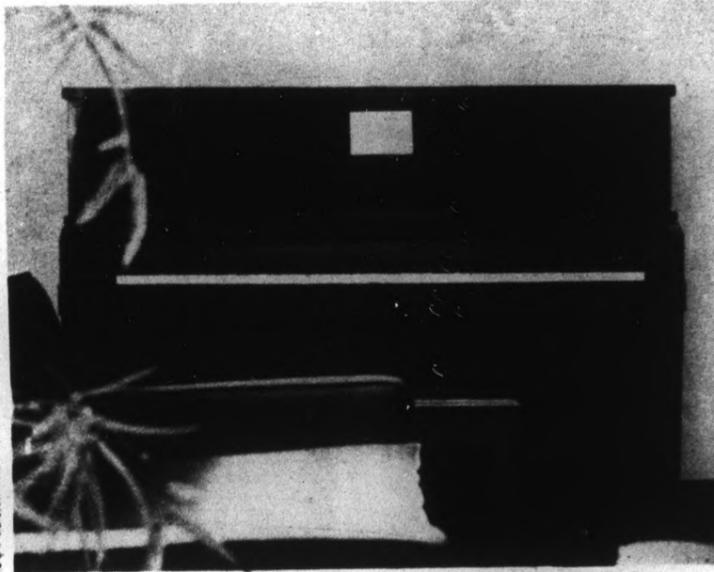
Foster Hall will also undergo further renovation eventually, said Neeb. Housing had wanted to do renovation work in Foster at the same time such work was done on Waits, but did not get approval from the administration.

Present improvement plans include replacing the windows in Foster Hall, now underway, and a proposal to carpet the rooms, remodel the kitchens, drop the ceilings and put in new sinks, medicine cabinets and mirrors.

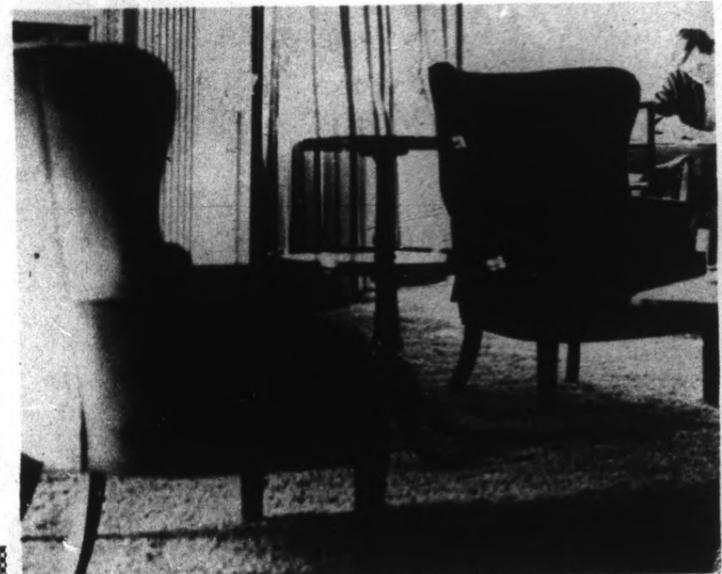
These improvements have been formally requested for the budget of 1977-78. "The idea is to enhance the building—not to charge more rent—but because of need," said Neeb.

Although the Housing office has input, the Chancellor's staff is ultimately responsible for all rate increases, Neeb said.

Tale of two cities. . .



The old



vs. The new

Gas shortage might hit home

This year's unusually cold weather and Washington's attempts to provide heating fuel for an energy starved east coast could mean a cutback for TCU.

The new emergency natural gas law, recently passed by congress has left Lone Star Gas Company out in the cold about its own allotment.

The company, distributor of natural gas to Fort Worth and other Texas cities, has not been informed by the Federal Power Commission (FPC) if any of its suppliers will be sending their fuel to ease the energy-stricken Northeast.

"We do not know if it will affect us," said Muriel Daniels, spokesman for Lone Star Gas. "We're still reading the legislation and waiting for the FPC to come down with a ruling."

The new law will permit President Carter to allocate gas to those areas of the country hardest hit by the shortages. It also allows for natural gas purchases at prices above federal regulations.

The company will not be directly affected by the new rule, since it distributes gas rather

than producing its own. The gas producing companies are the ones that are subject to reallocation.

Daniels "couldn't speculate at this time" if the company would have to curtail any natural gas supplies to the city, but later added that the company could be affected "if our producers are called on to send their gas north."

She noted, however, that the company is presently under

"about 500 different contracts," adding that if only a few were called upon to send off fuel supplies, it wouldn't be a major problem.

"If we had all our gas under one contract," she said, "we would have something to worry about."

This winter, the company has dipped into its storage facilities and used up about 30 per cent of its excess gas, according to Daniels.

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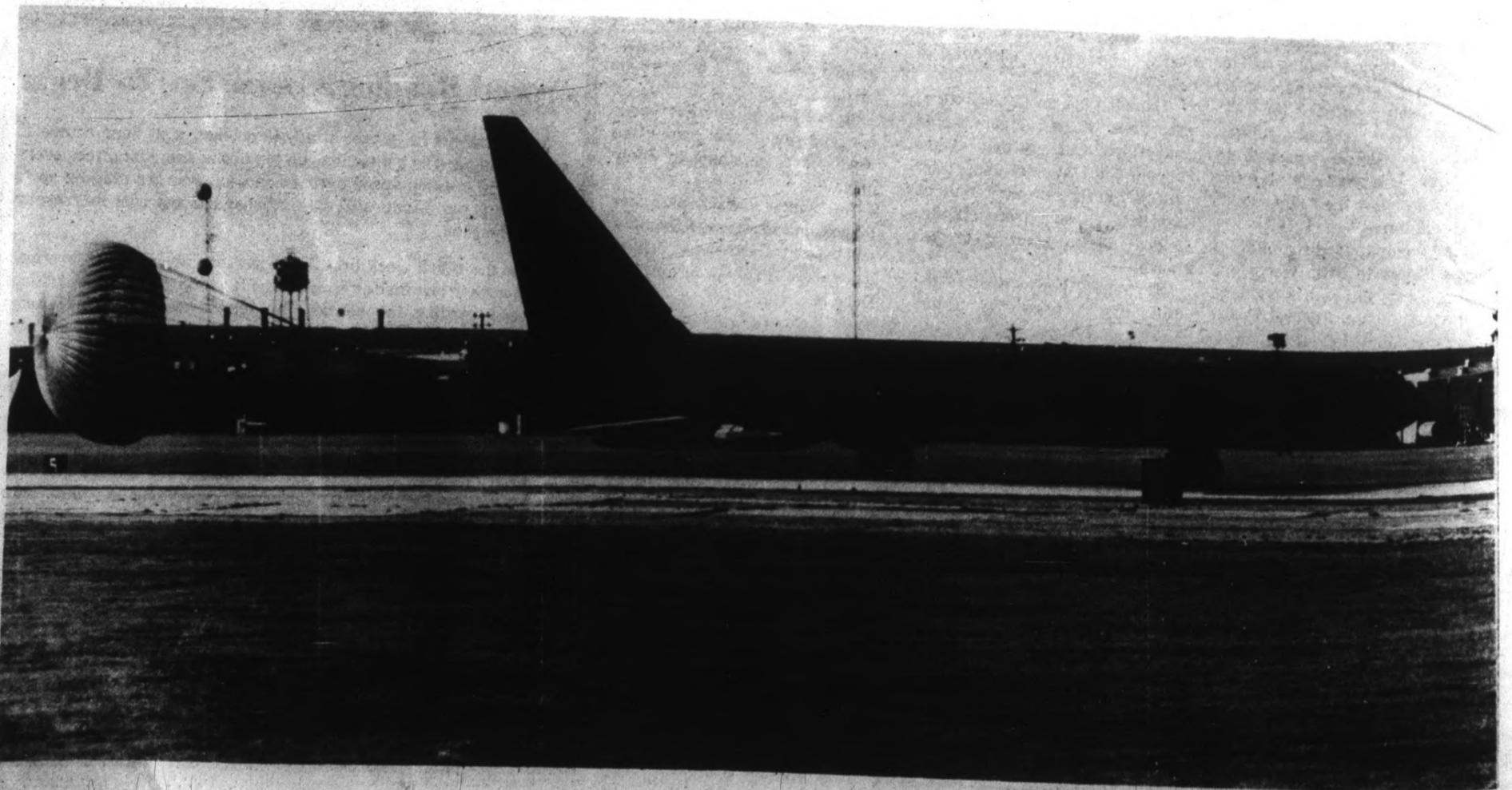
After the seven week program a person can read any average length book in less than an hour and understand it better. In addition to speed reading the course also emphasizes improved study techniques, better test taking skills, and increased concentration and retention abilities.

The course requires a person to attend one class per week. For those who would like more information, without obligation to enroll, a FREE one hour orientation lecture has been scheduled.

These meetings are free and the course will be explained in complete details including entrance requirements, classroom procedures, tuition, class schedule and location. This free one hour orientation will be held at the Center For Counseling & Developmental Services, 3008 Sandage 1/2 block N. of Cox's on Berry, Sat, Feb. 12, at 9, 10, & 11 a.m., or call 928-7087.

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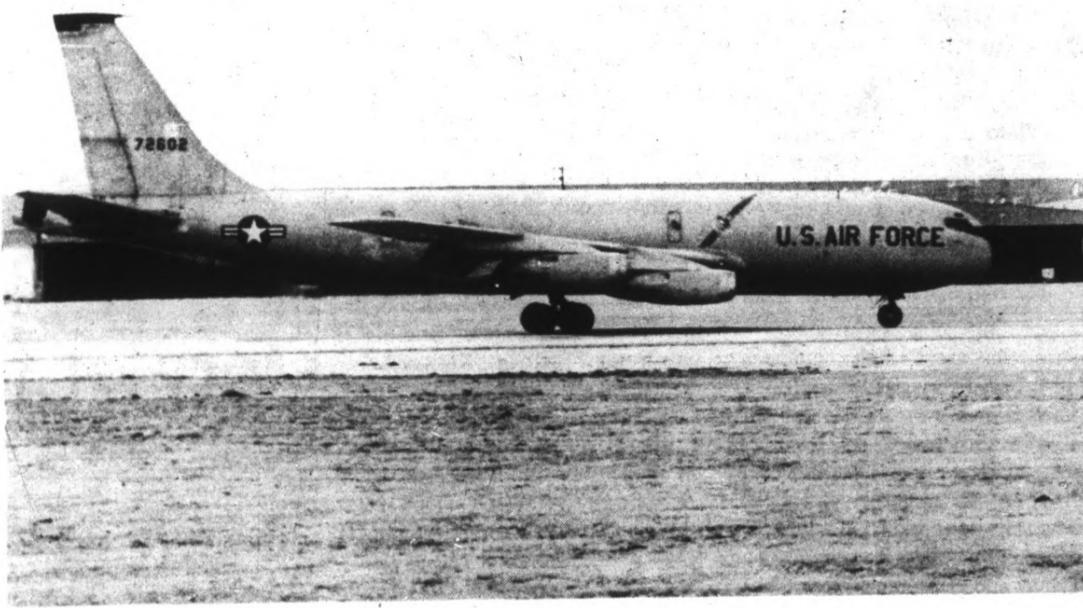
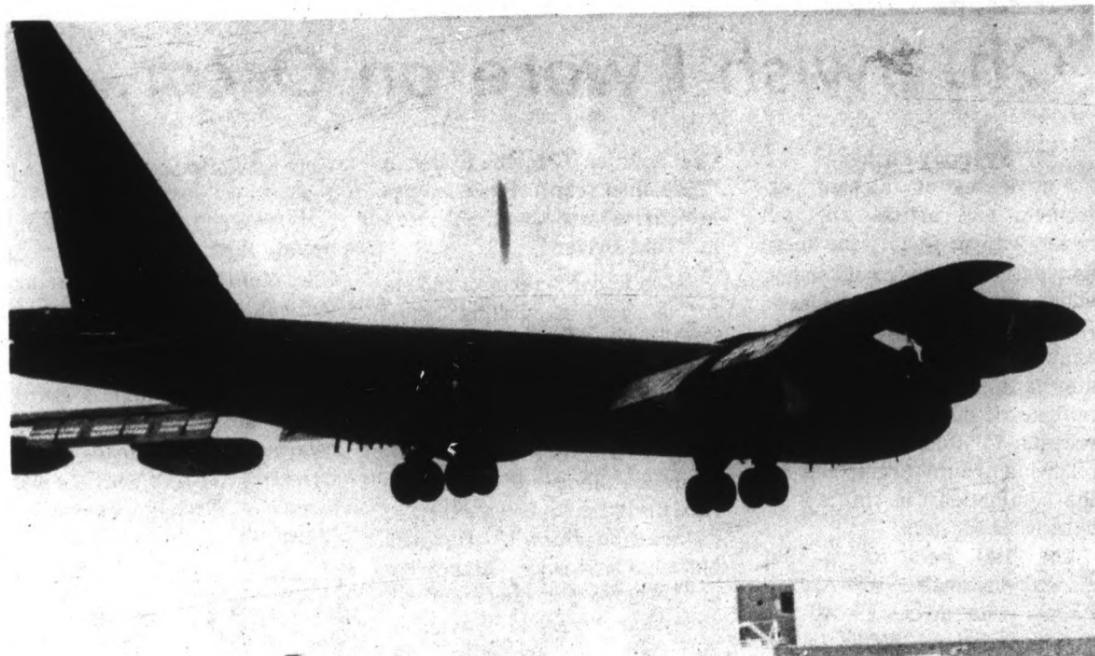
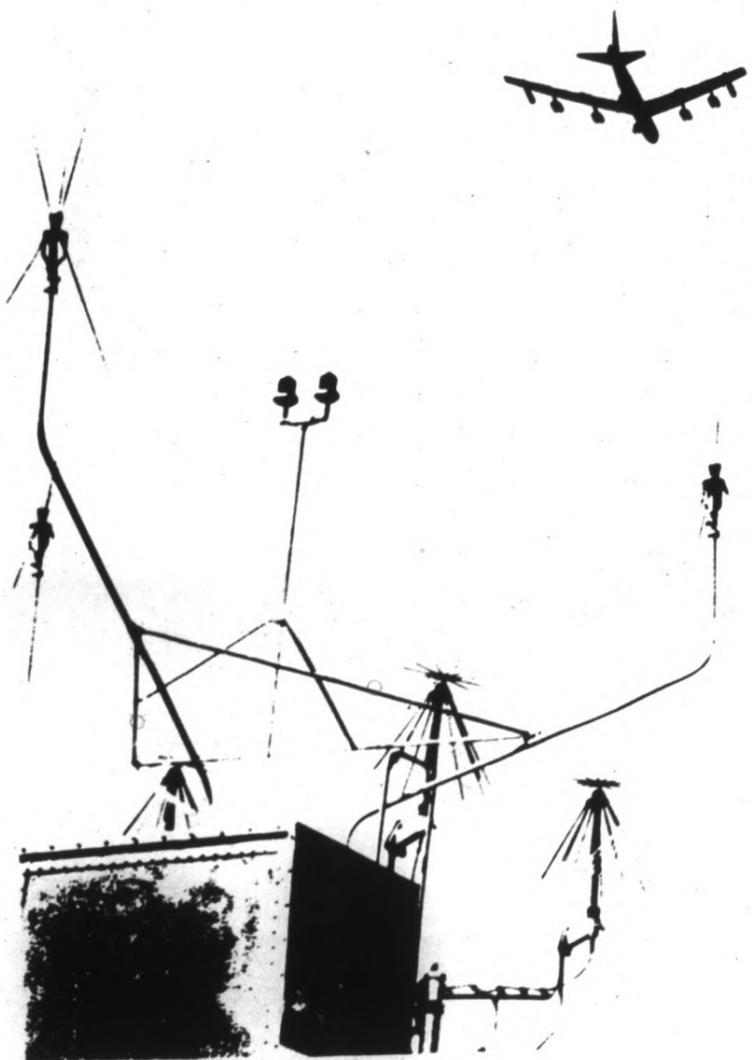
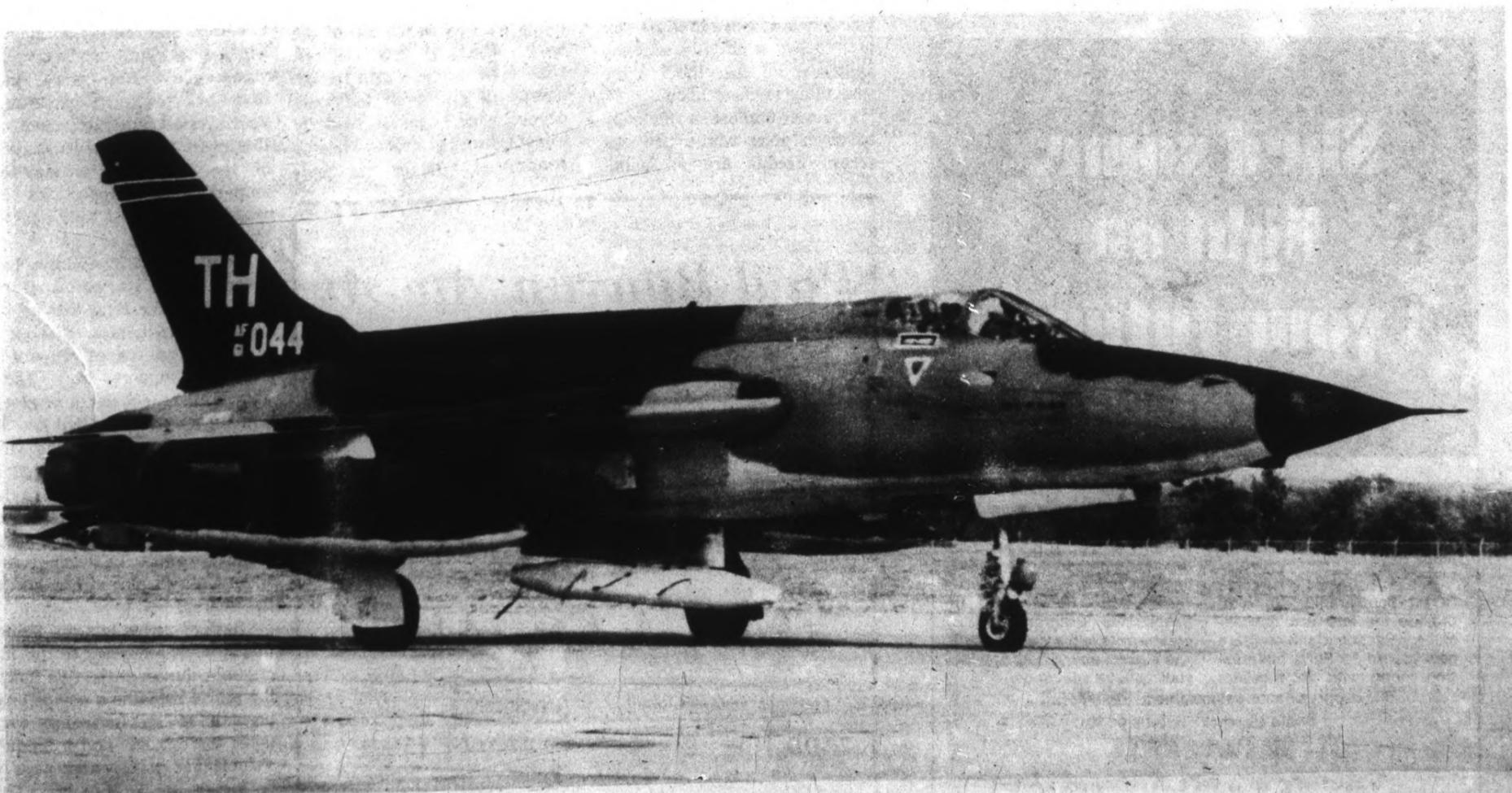


Photo essay

by

Steve Van Fossen



"Oh, I wish I were an Oscar..."

By Harry Parker

For dozens of talented performers and artists who will never win an Oscar, the mere nomination for their outstanding achievements must compensate. For many, the nominations alone are enough to rejuvenate stagnant careers and add millions of dollars in box office receipts to studio coffers. The following are my predictions for the nominations in the top six categories for 1976.

The best bets for a best director nomination are Alan J. Pakula who directed "All the President's Men," Sidney Lumet for "Network," and John G. Avildson for "Rocky." Less probable nominees are Martin Scorsese for "Taxi Driver," John Schlesinger for "Marathon Man," Elia Kazan for "The Last Tycoon," Brian dePalma for "Carrie," and the Swedish director Ingmar Bergman for "Face to Face." The long shots are Hal Ashby for "Bound for Glory," Rober Altman for "Buffalo Bill and the Indians," Herbert Ross for "The Seven Per Cent Solution," and Brian dePalma for "Obsession."

The hardest category to predict is the best supporting actress division because good supporting roles for women are rare. The most likely nominees are two-time Oscar winner Shelley Winters for "Next Stop, Greenwich Village" and 14-year-old Jodie Foster as the child hustler in "Taxi Driver." Possible nominees include Rita Moreno for "The Ritz," and Lee Grant and Katharine Ross, both for "Voyage of the Damned." Outside possibilities are Vanessa Redgrave in "The Seven Per

Cent Solution," Martha Keller in "Marathon Man," Piper Laurie in "Carrie" and Cybill Shepherd in "Taxi Driver."

Jason Robards seems a shoo-in for a best supporting actor nomination for his stunning portrait of Washington Post editor Benjamin Bradlee in "All the President's Men." Equally likely is a nomination for Lord Laurence Olivier for his evil ex-Nazi Christian Szell in the thriller "Marathon Man." Burgess Meredith in "Rocky," Alan Arkin in "The Seven Per Cent Solution" and Oskar Werner in "Voyage of the Damned" are also contenders. A couple of long shots are Hal Holbrook in "All the President's Men" and Richard Pryor in "Silver Streak."

Despite much criticism, Barbra Streisand is a likely nominee for best actress in "A Star is Born," Talia Shire in "Rocky" and Liv Ullmann in "Face to Face" are also good bets. Other possibilities include Faye Dunaway in "Network," Sissy Spacek in "Carrie" and Glenda Jackson in "The Incredible Sarah."

In the best actor category, the leading contenders are Sylvester Stallone in "Rocky," Robert DeNiro in "Taxi Driver" and the late Peter Finch in "Network." Strong possibilities are Dustin Hoffman for "Marathon Man" and-or "All the President's Men," plus Hoffman's co-star in "President's Men," Robert Redford. The dark horses include Nicol Williamson for "The Seven Per Cent Solution," Robert DeNiro for "The Last Tycoon," David Carradine for "Bound for Glory" and, if they're desperate,

Kris Kristofferson in "A Star is Born."

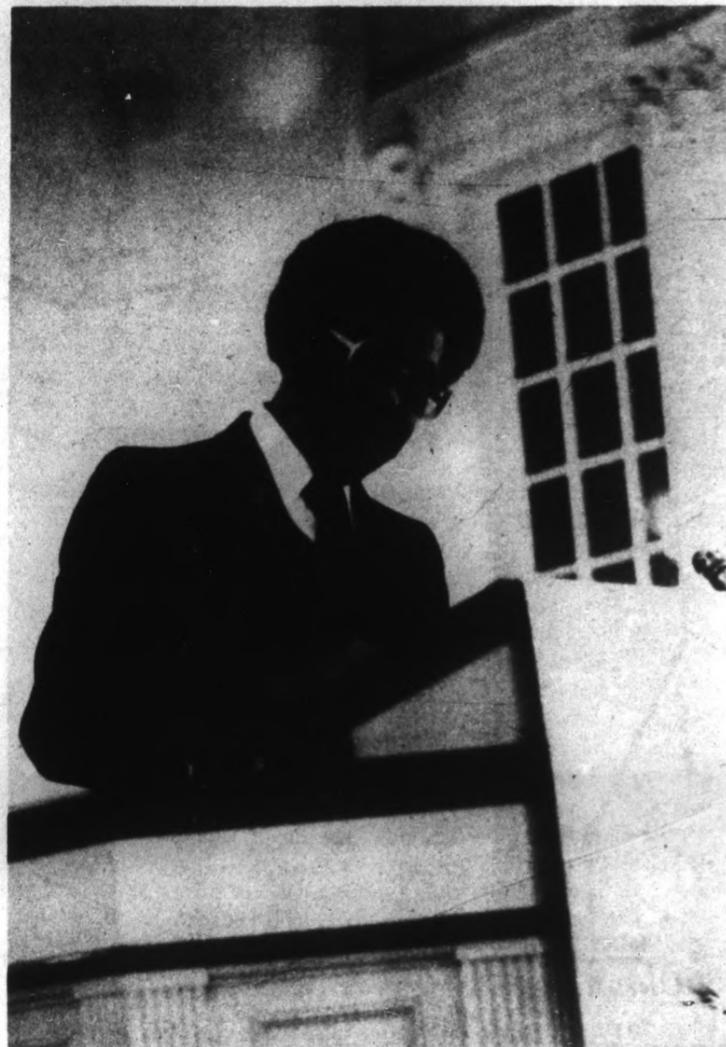
"All the President's Men," "Network," and "Rocky" lead the field for best picture nominations. Also possible are "Marathon Man," "The Seven Per Cent Solution," "The Last Tycoon" and "A Star is Born." Less likely to be nominated are "Voyage of the Damned," "Taxi Driver," "The Omen," "Silver Streak," "Face to Face" and "Carrie."

TCU flicks

"Leadbelly," the Black Heritage Week Special will shown repeatedly today in the Student Center lounge in cooperation with UNITY. The film will begin at 9 a.m. and admission is free.

At 4:30 and 7:30 Friday, "Dr. Zhivago" will be presented. Admission is 75 cents.

"Brother Sun, Sister Moon" will be the Sunday Special, shown at 2:00 and 6:30. Admission is 50 cents for the biographical film of St. Francis of Assisi.



The Reverend Albert Chew spoke yesterday in the Robert Carr Chapel as part of the "Black Awareness Week" activities.

"Rocky" moves audiences with story of fighter's rise to fame

A faded picture of Christ on the wall behind a two-bit boxing match in Philadelphia is the opening shot of "Rocky." From that moment on, you know what you're about to see is a miracle.

In an admittedly sub-par film year, United Artists' "Rocky," the story of a washed-up boxer who gets a once in a lifetime shot at the heavyweight title, is giving audiences all over the country something to cheer about.

Sylvester Stallone, a relatively unknown actor whose previous screen credits are as unim-

pressive as "The Lords of Flatbush" and "Death Race 2000," conceived and wrote the film. He also turned in a remarkable performance in the title role, giving "Rocky" the kind of fairy tale optimism modern cinema has missed.

Rocky Balboa is the loser who fights his way to the top of the heap. When he gets his one chance, he tackles it with enough energy to give even the most devout cynic hope. He tenderly woos his timid girlfriend while he tenaciously drives his body

through grueling physical training and mental preparation. By the time the film ends, Stallone has made a triumphant statement about winning, losing, America and love all rolled into an electrifying package of entertainment.

Beyond his brutish determination, Stallone injects Rocky with a quiet dignity and a sincere vulnerability. But, more than that, he creates a can't-take-your-eyes-off-him excitement on the screen that is the foundation of the audience's unqualified empathy and support as he wages the supreme fight against impossible odds.

Director John G. Avildsen has given "Rocky" a simple grace that allows the fairy tale to be realistic and honest. Stallone's virtuoso portrayal receives excellent support from Talia Shire as the meek pet store clerk who proves to Rocky that love is the most important thing to win.

Burgess Meredith shines in a small role as Mickey, the gym owner who at first convinced Rocky he was washed up, then comes begging to be his manager when Rocky's picked to take on the champ.

"Rocky" never lets up. From the opening moments to the incredible climax at the title fight, the movie remains a compelling portrait of an underdog who takes the chance, and a unique vehicle that enables audiences to be caught up in that triumph. And "Rocky" is a triumph.

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Boggs and wife terrorized

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according to the circulation director. There was at least one attempt to arrange an advertising boycott. That was not all. There were the personal threats.

Boggs's wife, in answering several phone calls, received the scorn and obscenities meant for her husband. Thirty such calls were made to the Boggs home within two hours. And there were bomb threats against Boggs and Taylor. For four nights, the two were under police protection.

Switchboard operators at the OPUBCO building downtown were kept abnormally busy. OPUBCO, too, received bomb threats. Even Helge Holm, circulation director for the two papers, received a call. The voice on the other end said he hoped Holm's recent birthday celebration had been a happy one because Holm "was not apt to see another..."

There must have been a good deal of thought given during this period to an adage describing what happened to the messenger who delivered bad news to the king. In Oklahoma, football was king.

Boggs, who told one reporter he had taken to gagging each morning when he awoke, still managed to retain the wit he has demonstrated over the years in his writing. He told Bob Galt of the Dallas Times Herald that during his plight he kept a nine-iron propped near his bed. "I've always favored a nine-iron. I've hit some of my better shots with the club," Boggs said. "Oh, I shank a few occasionally; but I figure even a shank might be effective on someone's head."

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A more serious Boggs told Sports Illustrated, "Despite the fuss, I know it only involves a small minority. Oklahomans are basically good people—better'n anybody I know—and most are genuinely concerned that something might be wrong. They don't want anything to be wrong—but hell, neither do I."

Boggs saw old friends, including coaches, ostracize him for doing what he considered to be his job as a newsman. Grant Burget, a former running back for the Sooners, was quoted as saying, "I thought he was my friend. Now he's writing about OU like they're the biggest cheats in the world."

And Coach Switzer, according to Sports Illustrated, was baffled that his old friend Boggs would do "this attacking." Wrote Frank Deford for the magazine (SI), "Like so many Oklahomans, he (Switzer) finds it impossible to believe that the Times and OU alums Boggs and Taylor would report objectively and truthfully simply as a matter of professional journalistic responsibility. Instead, Switzer offers that there must be some ulterior motive. He refers darkly to a possible conspiracy or vendetta. The most popular theory is that the high muckety-mucks at OPUBCO ordered Boggs to do in OU football because the University switched its broadcast rights from OPUBCO's radio station.

"Certainly, Switzer seems to believe that some kind of spell has been cast over Boggs."

Other regional and national press stories—including a segment on NBC-TV's Grandstand program and an article by Skip Bayless in the Los Angeles Times—pictured Boggs as a once-likeable good guy to fellow Okies, now "Public Enemy No. 1."

Nine days after the Oct. 25 "bombshell," the NCAA finally confirmed that it was conducting an investigation of allegations concerning the OU football program.

Then, more than one anguished OU fan exclaimed, "Why are they picking on OU! Every big-time college team does it." They may have a point. Woody Hayes, the influential coach of the Ohio State Buckeyes, at a weekly press conference, admitted that ticket scalping occurs and that his players probably participate in it. He added: "We do everything to discourage it. It's impossible to completely discourage it. We stay on top of it. I never in any way have said we're perfect." That quote was the lead of Ohio Associated Press Sports Editor George Strod's story that went out over the wires the next day.

But, home-town Columbus reporters, who were at the press conference, chose not to use the quote. Dispatch Managing Editor Robert Smith said his newspaper had carried stories on ticket scalping in the past. Citizen-Journal Managing Editor Jack Keller said the quote had been made by Hayes "in passing," and the newspaper would not be able to follow up on whether the NCAA might be investigating Ohio State.

Even if it were investigating, it's unlikely the news would be officially announced. It is, indeed, rare for the NCAA to comment on pending matters.

However, the NCAA did make a statement in the Oklahoma case. On

Nov. 3, the Times reported, "In an unusual prepared statement by Walter Byers, executive director of the NCAA, previous comments by officials at OU were branded inaccurate."

The Times went on to say that Byers said he had told OU President Paul Sharp in an earlier telephone conversation that allegations of non-compliance by OU had been received. He said the NCAA was investigating them to determine whether there was cause for formal notification.

Shortly after the Nov. 3 story appeared, Sharp asked Byers to state in "plain language" whether OU was under official investigation. On Nov. 5, the Daily Oklahoman reported that the answer from Byers was "no" to the specific question. But the story also quoted University officials as saying some sort of complaint had been filed with the NCAA.

(Since the complaint had to do with the alleged involvement of OU coaches, it became clearer as days passed as to why OU was being "picked on." In early December, Sports Editor Bob Hentzen of the Topeka (Kan.) Daily Capital reported on an interview he had with the NCAA's Byers. Hentzen concluded from what Byers told him that "the NCAA isn't going to get that uptight about a football player occasionally selling a ticket for a few bucks above the going rate. But the NCAA isn't going to like it if a school has an organized scheme to sell tickets to fill the billfolds of its players.")

Meanwhile, among a rapid succession of breaking stories in November, some raised questions of the propriety of the OU Board of Regents meeting in executive (closed) session twice within three days. Regents defended the action as proper. The board was meeting to discuss personnel matters, they explained.

To be continued Friday

Search for ass't coach underway

By David Bennett

Citing the need for more time with his family and poor health, TCU assistant basketball coach Danny Whitt resigned his position Monday afternoon.

"It was really a difficult decision for me," Whitt said in a telephone interview from his home yesterday. "We tell our kids to never quit, but if you know you've done your best and tried your hardest, you shouldn't be ashamed. I have no regrets."

Athletic director Frank Windegger said a search for a replacement is already underway.

"There's really no secret to it," Whitt added. "The team is discouraged and I have been too. But I think with a little muscle in the middle you could see a complete turnabout by next season."

Whitt's resignation has spurred speculation that the head coach Johnny Swaim might also be considering resigning, but Windegger says Swaim is feeling no pressure.

"Johnny Swaim's job is secure and he has my full commitment," Windegger said. "We know what the problems are and they are going to get solved."

Swaim was contacted at his home yesterday morning and said he has no intention of resigning.

"We just have to get busy and find another assistant," Swaim said. "In coaching there are times when you get discouraged, but I'm not going to step down."

Apparently the Fort Worth Star-Telegram had a contact at the Frog Club meeting Monday who told them that I was thinking about resigning. What I said at the meeting was that when you lose 14 games in a row you stop and evaluate yourself.

For now, Swaim has evaluated himself and decided to stay.

Frogs drown Rice, Baylor

By Chuck Ault

It wasn't a very pleasant weekend for the Horned Frog track and basketballers, but it was a very successful one for the men and women swim teams.

Last Friday, the tankers defeated the Rice Owls 65-40, but dropped a 69-36 decision to Arkansas in a tri-meet held at the Rickel pool.

In defeating the Owls, the Frogs won 11 events including the 400 medley and freestyle relays. The Frogs continued to do well in diving as Harris Masterson captured the 1 and 3 meter diving contests.

Against Arkansas, the Frogs were first in only four races, but Bryan Austin defeated Arkansas' Doug Wilnes, two-time SWC champ in the 50 freestyle.

In a tri-meet last Saturday, the Frog women outpointed both Baylor and the University of Texas-Arlington to up their season record to 4-4.

In defeating Baylor 60-53, the mermaids racked up 10 firsts. Babbie Robinson and Jean Marie Grissim each scored 3 victories, while Jeanie Hensley and Jan Boldt bagged 2 wins apiece.

Against UTA, the lady swimmers recorded 11 victories, with Grissim leading the way with four firsts. The only sour note was a loss to Rice 83-32 Friday night.

The Frog mermen face Southern Missouri State Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. at the Rickel pool.



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Frogs ink Strickland ★

Blue-chipper chooses TCU

By David Bennett

Chester Strickland, one of the top high school running backs in Texas, signed a Southwest Conference letter of intent yesterday with TCU.

The 6-2, 225 pound Strickland, rushed for 1,218 yards as a junior at Pittsburg High. This past season he rushed for 993 yards and in his three year career gained over 3,100 yards and scored 29 touchdowns. TCU out-recruited Texas Tech, Houston, Rice and SMU in signing Strickland. His high school coach, James Rust, told the Daily Skiff yesterday that Strickland has also signed a letter of intent with Texas Southern.

By late Tuesday, Head Coach F.A. Dry and his staff had signed 18 players to letters of intent. High school recruits can also sign letters of intent with schools outside the SWC, but the letter guarantees if they play in the SWC they will play at TCU. The National letter of intent will be signed one week from today.

Dry signed a flock of four running backs other than Strickland. Robert Hoot, a 5-11, 180 pounder from Houston-Cypress Fairbanks signed along with mid-term transfer Duncan Still. Still, a 6-0, 215 pound back is from Mesa Community College in Arizona. Algia Jones, a 6-1, 190 pounder from Dallas Hillcrest joined Mike Bowers, a 5-11, 180 pound back from Richardson Pearce in signing with the Frogs.

Four potential linebackers have also signed letters of intent. The Mosley twins, Baron and Daron, both awesome and highly recruited, are both 6-3 and 215 pounders from Dallas Kimball. Other linebackers signing with TCU are Bobby Cummings from Dallas Skyline, a 6-3, 210 pounder and Jim Bayuk (brother of TCU qb Steve) of Ft. Worth Trinity, who is 6-1 and 205.

Field goal kicking and punting could receive help from giant

Chris Leiss, a 6-5, 240 pounder from Houston Westchester. Three offensive linemen, also giants, signed letters of intent.

Robert Kemp, a 6-4, 240 tackle transferred to TCU during the mid-semester from Blinn Junior College. Bud Conway, star pitcher on his Baytown Sterling high school team is another 6-4, 225 pound tackle. Bill Kinder of Mineral Wells is a 6-3, 230 lineman who signed with the Frogs.

Two local boys Ricky Allen, 6-1, 175 from Fort Worth Poly and Allen Roberts, 6-3, 195 from Arlington signed letters hoping to fill the quarterback spot. They should have a tough battle with Steve Bayuk and Jimmy Dan Elzner who both have plans of guiding the Frog offense.

Also signing with the Horned Frog offense was tight end Eddy Grimes, a 6-3, 230 pounder from Burleson. The weak defensive

backfield could be helped by Mark Labhart, a 6-1, 190 pound back from Eastern Hills.

An all purpose footballer who signed a letter was Willie Williams, a 6-6, 225 monster from Waco Richfield. Last season on his high school team he played tight end, noseguard, and linebacker.

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Face it ... you've always wanted to fly! Most of us remember that feeling ... and for a lot of us it has never gone away.

You're in luck. Air Force ROTC can set you winging. Our Flight Instruction Program (FIP) is designed to teach you the basics of flight and includes flying lessons in light aircraft at a civilian-operated flying school.

The program is an EXTRA given to cadets who can become Air Force pilots through Air Force ROTC. Taken during the senior year in college, it is the first step up for the cadet who is going on to Air Force jet pilot training after graduation.

Air Force ROTC also has a scholarship program to pay for books, fees, and full tuition, along with \$100 a month. This is all reserved for the cadet who wants to get his life off the ground ... with Air Force flying.

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