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Dress Right, Dress

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To present the proper military image, while in uniform members will not stand fast or walk with hands in the pocket except to retrieve a personal item. (Courtesy of the Spangdahlem AB First Sergeants Council)

News Briefs

Town hall meeting

A town hall meeting hosted by Col. Stephen P. Mueller, 52nd Fighter Wing commander, takes place in the base theater this Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. The meeting is highly recommended for all deploying members and their families in the upcoming AEF bucket and optional for all other active duty, civilian members and their families. Topics include Combat Care for military members and their families while a spouse is deployed.

Congratulations 52nd CES, LRS

The 52nd Fighter Wing congratulates the 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron for winning the 2003 Air Force-level Society of American Military Engineers Curtin award for CE excellence in the large unit category. The 52nd Fighter Wing also recognizes the 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron for winning the 2003 U.S. Air Forces in Europe Daedalian General Warren P. Carter Logistics Readiness effectiveness award.

Construction update

Road construction takes place on Memorial Drive starting Monday through May 15. It will begin from the supply warehouse, building 250 to the commissary, building 173. Construction entails replacing curbing along the street. Drivers are urged to maintain caution and obey traffic signals. For more information call Tech. Sgt. Rudolph Gunther at 452-4883.

PKI certificates

All newcomers to Spangdahlem AB must update their public key infrastructure certificates on their common access card through military personnel flight customer service as soon as they acquire a local e-mail account. Those without the certificates will be unable to send digitally signed e-mail, access certain Web sites or access PKI-enabled applications. In the future, the user will be unable to log on to the network or replace current network password access. For more information call the MPF customer service at 452-6553.

Top 3 volunteer search

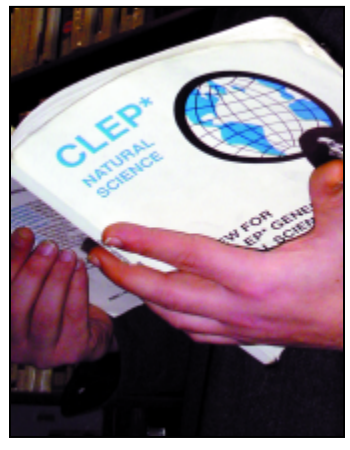
The Enlisted Top 3 committee seeks volunteers Feb. 18-21 for set-up, breakdown, and preparation for the 52nd Fighter Wing annual awards ceremony Feb. 20. Days and times are flexible. Call Master Sgt. Craig Sweeney at 452-7140 to sign up or e-mail rank, full name, squadron and contact number to craig.Sweeney@spangdahlem.af.mil.

Volenteer recognition nominations

Voluteer recognition packages are due by Feb. 20. For instructions and package materials call Lynn Luria or Kelly Childs at the family support center at 452-9491.

Testing 1, 2, 3 ...

New 'Project Wizard' Combat Program makes test-taking, research and reading a breeze.



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Airman 1st Class Amaani Lyle

Linkin' logs

Troops Zach Hornberger and Jordan Legg, 12 and 11, attempt to tie two half hitch knots at the Boy Scouts of America troop 165 holiday party Dec. 8. Boys can register and adults can become "Hidden Hero" volunteers by visiting building 139 during a meeting and talking with any adult leader. The scouts meet each Monday from 6-8 p.m. and hold weekend campouts about once per month. For more information about Hidden Hero volunteer opportunities call the family support center at 452-9491.

'Eifel Patrol' program makes debut, targets local hangouts to fight DUIs

Story and photo by 1st Lt. Gerardo Gonzalez
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

Military members started patrolling local bars and base dormitories Feb. 6 as part of a new initiative designed to establish a leadership presence in the local community to help maintain good order and discipline.

The Eifel Patrol, consisting of a field grade officer and three senior noncommissioned officers (or selects), is tasked to visit local establishments on weekends in an effort to curb drinking-related incidents.

"Our goal isn't to chase people out of the bars," said Col. Stephen Mueller, 52nd Fighter Wing commander. "Sometimes your judgment and decision-making isn't the best once you start drinking ... and maybe a reminder from a person in uniform is what's needed."

Asking military members in the nightclubs if they have a designated driver is one of the duties of the Eifel Patrol, according to the commander. Driving airmen home who have been drinking is not the patrol's responsibility; however, it will be up to the members to make the right decision under the circumstances.

According to recently published rules of engagement, responsibility for the weekend patrol will rotate among the four 52nd FW groups and the wing staff agencies. The Eifel Patrol is scheduled for duty every Friday and Saturday from 11:00 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Frequency of Eifel Patrol assignment is based on the number of FGOs and SNCOs within each unit and not the entire unit population, according to the wing policy rules of engagement.

Patrol members are not law enforcement, said the colonel.

Senior Master Sgt. Dave McGuigan, 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron maintenance flight chief, speaks with a Spangdahlem Air Base airman at an off-base bar as Master Sgt. Michael Pimentel, 52nd EMS structure maintenance superintendent, makes an entry into his log book as part of the wing's new Eifel Patrol program.

They will not use any type of physical force to detain someone. Their role is more about deterrence and being a good witness when incidents occur.

The 52nd Security Forces Squadron briefs Eifel Patrol members prior to their shift to ensure they're aware of the procedures and the latest situational information on local drinking establishments.

The commander recognizes that alcohol and drinking are recreational pastimes for some.

"Done responsibly, there's probably nothing wrong with it," Colonel Mueller said. "Done irresponsibly, it swings to criminal."

Base officials are hopeful the Eifel Patrol will curb the number of alcohol-related incidents by Spangdahlem Air Base members, such as DUIs.

"They're going to help be your conscience when you're drinking," the commander said.

Wizard of ease!

‘Project Wizard’ enhances library features

By Stephanie Evers
52nd Services Squadron Spangdahlem librarian

When many people think of a library, they think of rows of musty books and a stern librarian who quickly admonishes all who enter to be quiet. Luckily, this is not the library of today.

Project Wizard, one of U.S. Air Forces in Europe commander General Robert H. “Doc” Foglesong’s Combat and special interest programs, is all about improving library services and publicizing all the wonderful resources libraries have to offer. There are a number of resources available online for customers to access from home, work or the library. These include research databases with full-text journal, magazine and newspaper articles, or online practice tests and study guides for such tests as the CLEP, ASVAB, GRE, SAT and ACT. Eifel libraries are also a great source for DVDs, VHS videos, music CDs, books on tape or CD and computer software. The wing’s modern libraries also offer free Internet access. Between the Bitburg Annex and Spangdahlem Air Base libraries there exist a total of 15 Internet computers available for customers to use for e-mail, research, travel planning, or just surfing the information highway.

Despite the popularity of the DVD collection and Internet computers, the number one reason customers visit the base libraries is still to check out books. The libraries offer a big selection of new and popular books, including the latest best-sellers, as well as plenty of travel guides, cookbooks, health and wellness books and much more. Thanks to Project Wizard, the collection will only get better in the near future with the recent $65,000 in funds received to buy new library materials.

A big part of Project Wizard is increasing the visibility of base libraries in their communities, which is achieved through several new programs. Eifel libraries will be offering regular training classes on electronic resources. So for research papers or simply more efficient ways to find information, these classes will increase knowledge of online databases.

A reading program is in place for children in grades kindergarten through 12th grade. Come visit the “We the People Bookshelf” and read books about the history of the United States, complete book reports and win prizes along the way. Another upcoming event at base libraries is Information Quest, a trivia contest based on online resources. Look for more information to come.

There is also the ever-popular summer reading program and weekly story times for pre-schoolers at both libraries. Spangdahlem AB’s story time takes place each Thursday at 9:30 a.m. and Bitburg Annex’s takes place each Wednesday at 9:30 a.m.

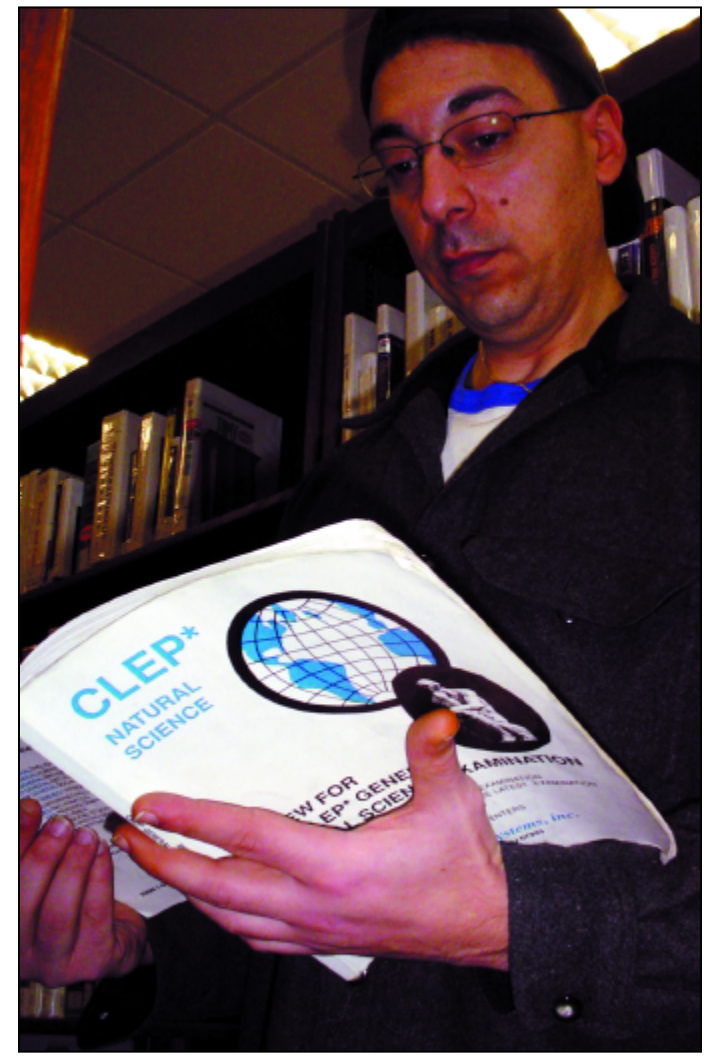
Base libraries also offer copiers and fax services to anywhere in the world for a $1.00 a page and copies at $0.10 per page.

Eifel Libraries have a lot to offer, and all for free. Living in an overseas area where English-language materials are not as readily available, the base library is a great resource for everything from the latest bestseller to a DVD for evening entertainment. Let Project Wizard help Team Eifel explore the world.

Library hours

452-6203 or 452-9055

Spangdahlem AB
Building 148
Monday-Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Thursday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Friday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Closed American holidays
Bitburg Annex
French Caserne, building 2002
Monday-Friday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Closed Sunday and German holidays



Staff Sgt. Jennifer Lindsey

Master Sgt. Dominic Perino, 52nd Component Maintenance Squadron production superintendent, considers CLEPping natural sciences to use toward his criminal justice degree. Spangdahlem Air Base and Bitburg Annex libraries offer a variety of College Level Examination Program books and videos Team Eifel members can study before taking a CLEP test. Sergeant Perino has earned credits in five CLEP subjects so far.

Oil slick, high speeds cause week’s crashes, repeat offender caught

By Iain Lotan
52nd Security Forces Squadron

There were 20 car crashes last week. One was classified as a major crash and there were three DUIs. The major car smash was caused by an oil slick in the road.

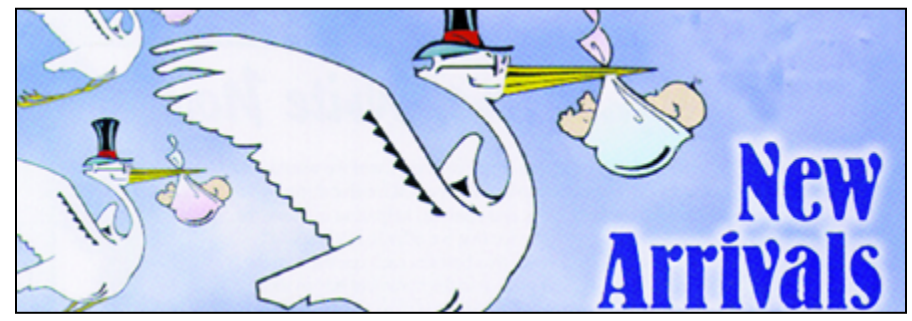
In the first DUI Security Forces witnessed an airman first class crossing the centerline. The airman first class was apprehended and failed all field sobriety tests. The airman was taken to the law enforcement building for processing. A breathalyzer test was administered and resulted in 0.155 blood alcohol content. The airman was arrested for DUI. The stateside Department of Motor Vehicles will be notified, if convicted. The airman’s walking time is pending.

In the second DUI, Security Forces stopped a military spouse for failing to maintain control of the car and failing to use her turning signal. The spouse failed all field sobriety tests. A breathalyzer test was given with 0.098 results. Stateside DMV will be notified, if convicted.

The third DUI occurred when Trier Polizei apprehended an airman first class for driving with a revoked license for a previous DUI while driving down a one-way street in the wrong direction. The airman is a two-time DUI offender. Polizei arrested the airman and a breathalyzer test was given, resulting in a 0.129 BAC. Stateside DMV will be notified, if convicted. Substantial pending driving suspension will result in walking for years.

The first major smash occurred on B-50. A senior airman hit an oil slick and lost control. The airman’s car played pinball by smashing back and forth between guardrails. The car was totaled but there were no injuries.

There were 19 minor crashes, with six from speeds too fast for conditions, two in parking lots, three from backing, four from inattentive driving, two from wildlife and one other at fault. One other occurred from following too closely.



Staff Sgt. John Barton

Staff Sgt. Gregory Cornelison, 606th Air Control Squadron vehicle maintenance journeyman, is this week's Top Saber Performer.

Top Saber Performer

Name: Staff Sgt. Gregory Cornelison
Unit: 606th Air Control Squadron
Duty Title: Vehicle maintenance journeyman
Hometown: Morris, Okla.
Years in Service: Four
Nominee's contributions to 52 FW mission success: In garrison, Sergeant Cornelison maintains 183 vehicles and equipment valued at more than $15 million and ensures optimal performance. He manages the vehicle maintenance tool and maintenance equipment programs, said his supervisor, Master Sgt. Jerry Kelly.
Off-duty volunteerism and professional development pursuits: Currently pursuing up-grade training to the 7-skill level.
What do you do for fun? Paintball.
What do you like most about being stationed here? Sightseeing and travel.
What's one thing you would like to see changed or improved at Spangdahlem Air Base? I would like to see a large indoor playground or gym for youth of all ages open at the Bitburg Annex housing area.

Team Eifel members cinch 2003 communication, information nods

Spangdahlem Air Base officials recently recognized the following wing-level winners, for their outstanding achievements in the 2003 Communications and Information awards contest.

FGO: **Maj. Michael Almy**, 606th Air Control Squadron; CGO: **Capt. Gregory Hoffman**, 606th ACS; electronic systems: **Tech. Sgt. Jason Boster**, 752nd MUNSS; information management: **Senior Airman Raymone Massey,** 52nd CS; **Staff Sgt. Pete Rivera**, 81st Fighter Squadron, **Master Sgt. Lisa Friend**, 52nd FW; computer systems: **Senior Airman Shawn Huggins**, 52nd CS; **Staff Sgt. Rease Wold**, 52nd CS; **Master Sgt. Jeffrey Wepner**, 52nd Mission Support Group; visual information: **Airman 1st Class Heather Forrest**, 52nd CS; **Staff Sgt. Karen Silcott**, 52nd CS; **Senior Master Sgt. Brian Duke**, 52nd CS; postal service: **Airman 1st Class Gary Verdusco**, 52nd CS; **Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey Dalander**, 52nd CS; civilian specialist: **Colleen Madonna,** 52nd CS; civilian manager: **Jeffery Visosky**, 52nd CS; Gen. Edwin W. Rawlings Team Award: **606th Air Control Squadron Batman Air Base Deployment team**; Maj. Gen. Harold M. McClelland Unit Award: **52nd CS**; Maj. Lt. Gen. Harold W. Grant Unit Award, **606th ACS**; information assurance professional: **Senior Master Sgt. Aaron George**, 52nd CS; small postal facility: **852nd MUNSS**; Combat Camera Darryl G. Winters Award: **Staff Sgt. John Barton**, 52nd CS; U.S. Air Forces in Europe Large Workcenter Award: **52nd CS wire and telephone branch**; USAFE Small Workcenter Award: **852nd MUNSS Communications Maintenance Element** (Compiled from staff reports).

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at 452-6063

IEA Scorecard

Project	Coordinator	Percent complete	Estimated completion
Brick House	Eddy Mentzer	100	Complete
Jet Blast Inn AFN decoder	Tech. Sgt. Sean Applegate	100	Complete
Honor Guard uniforms	Tech. Sgt. Randall Reno	100	Complete
Billeting laptops	Master Sgt. Fred Ayers	100	Complete
Loaner transformers	Gertrude Cochran	100	Complete
Coffee Mill improvements	Capt. Glenn Gresham	100	Complete
Bus shelter improvements	Tech. Sgt. Michael Smith	100	Complete
HAS mezzanine	Master Sgt. John Murphy	100	Complete
Batting cages	Juergen Stockemer	70	March 31
HAS crew shacks	Tech. Sgt. John Murphy	75	Pending
Pavilion improvements	Udo Stuermer	15	July

(Editor's note: The "Installation Excellence Award Scorecard" tracks the progress of 52nd Fighter Wing improvements set into motion this past year. Funds for the improvements come from winning the 2002 and 2003 Commander-in-Chief Installation Excellence competition at U.S. Air Forces in Europe-level, which is $500,000 for each win.)

Eifel Salutes

52nd Operations Group

Showing it is mission possible, **Maj. Mike Young** commanded battle action from his A-10 Warthog while **1st Lt. Bobby Hunt** was on the prowl coordinating six different fighter squadrons from four nations during the 52nd Fighter Wing Large Force Employment on Jan. 23 at Zaragoza, Spain.

52nd Maintenance Group

Proving he's an A-1 troop, **Tech. Sgt. John Moose** volunteered for weekend duty to prepare an A-10 deceleron for painting. **Tech. Sgt. Charles Simpson** and **Staff Sgt. Bill Phillips** really floored it when they established a temporary work area and relocated the support section and all equipment while the Aircraft Structure Maintenance shop underwent floor repairs. **Staff Sgt. Juan Jimenez** shifted into high gear when he stepped up to fill in as a shift floor chief, providing sound leadership to 15 troops and completing 126 inspections.

52nd Mission Support Group

Staff Sgt. Hilda Holmes proved she is the complete package by taking over as the interim custodian of postal effects, stepping up UCI preparations and filling a leadership void due to recent departures and deployments. Reaching for new heights, **Airman 1st Class Daniel Blair** deployed on short notice and provided outstanding support to the Zaragoza, Spain operation. His enthusiasm and "can do" attitude sparks high morale. A special two-fingered salute to **Tech. Sgts. Phillip Whitehead** and **Katherine Hathaway** and **Senior Airman Leotis Fields** for helping 10 Boy Scouts earn their merit badges in truck transportation. The "moving" trio volunteered more than 7 hours each of off-duty time assembling a variety of vehicles for the scouts to experience and learn about. **Airman 1st Class Monica Cripe** laid the foundation for a great program by reenergizing the wing's support agreement program. Now we have the privilege of introducing **Airman Jessica Perez** -- she is a key player in championing the wing's new Combat Intro program. She also dug deep and helped the 52nd LRS war readiness element complete a 100-percent inventory of mobility bag assets.

52nd Medical Group

Give her a hand (piece) ... **Senior Airman Marie Collins** put the bite on overpriced dental hand piece repairs during an inspection, which saved more than $1,100. An emergency salute to **Airman 1st Class Ontario Rogers,** who showed great poise and remained calm under pressure during simultaneous ambulance responses involving patient transport, one requiring a life flight and the other a transfer to another hospital. "Be prepared" to salute Airman Rogers again and **Senior Airman Leslie Cook**, who made a difference with their awesome presentation of an ambulance and emergency response orientation for 14 Girl Scouts. We have no bones saluting **Senior Airman Susan Davis** for acing the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists national examination. **Senior Airman Yolanda Davis** went the straight and "marrow," by being the only diagnostic imaging technician in United States Air Forces in Europe to pass the Radiology Quality Control Test. This one is legit! A hearty thanks goes out to **Senior Airman Deanna Liggit** for always doing a great job for the Medical Support Squadron command section! **Senior Airman Travis Kohlhof** more than earned his meal ticket by designing an awesome slide show for the 52nd Medical Group's annual awards luncheon.

Kudos to all; Team Eifel salutes you!
(Compiled by Master Sgt. Sean "Scoop" Cobb, 52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office)

Staff Sgt. John Barton

Members of the 606th Air Control Squadron vehicle maintenance and vehicle operations section make up this week's Top Saber Team.

Top Saber Team

Unit Name: 606th Air Control Squadron Vehicle Maintenance and Vehicle Operations section
Unit Responsibilities: The section conducts squadron vehicle maintenance and operations to include care for more than 200 vehicles and equipment assets used in conjunction with deployable radar and communications equipment.
Number of members: 12
How does the team fit into the 52FW mission? Known as the "Inspectors of the Skies," The squadron's mission is to repair and maintain the road transport vehicle and equipment assets to ensure all personnel, radar, communication and related equipment are successfully transported to wherever the mission requires the unit to deploy, whether it be a local training exercise or combating terrorism and annihilating any hostile threat aimed at America or its forces. Nothing moves without transportation.

‘All Access,’ Part two: Col. Mueller talks spirituality, community with AF chaplain

By Airman 1st Class Amaani Lyle
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

(Editor's note: This following is part two of a three-part "All-access" series covering two of the commander's duty days in recent weeks.)

Wednesday, 12:30 p.m. - Divine intervention

"Looks like my lunch today is in the form of cookies," Col. Stephen Mueller, 52nd Fighter Wing commander said as he nibbled on a chocolate-dipped butter cookie and peeked at his schedule. Despite this ceaseless agenda, the colonel insists this day is "light" compared to a regular Wednesday.

Chaplain (Brig. Gen.) Charles Baldwin, deputy chief, Air Force Chaplain Service deputy chief, is up next. Responsible in part for maintaining a chaplain service of more than 2,350 active duty, Guard and Reserve chaplains, enlisted personnel and civilians, the one-star general appeared in the hallway escorted by Col. Carl Andrews, 52nd FW wing chaplain. Colonel Mueller and the two chaplains discussed plans for the National Prayer Luncheon that took place here Jan 22. General Baldwin cited what a pleasure it is to participate in the "prayer circuit" on various bases and mentioned his particular interest in Spangdahlem AB's solid community relations. Colonel Mueller had no trouble elaborating on the decades-long friendship Spangdahlem AB has enjoyed with the local community.

"As Gen. John Jumper said, 'You cannot direct a change in culture. You've got to lead a change in culture,'" the colonel quoted. The wing commander explained that the sense of family -- the change in culture -- has resulted in an extraordinary German-American friendship. "Somebody told me there've been more that 10,000 weddings over the course of the base's 50 years -- and more than half are between Germans and Americans," he said.

Though the Bundeswehr (German military) are no longer a presence at the main gates, it appeared the commander held the organization in high esteem as he recollected their involvement with the base.

"Shortly after 9-11, Klaus Rodens (Spangdahlem's mayor) was telling me that the Bundeswehr pledged to offer assistance, protect the base and even held a candlelight vigil at the front gates," Colonel Mueller said.

"We're talking a serious sense of family here," added Colonel Andrews.

The general agreed.

"You have to live over here to really appreciate what that means," General Baldwin said.

Iris Reiff

Col. Stephen P. Mueller, 52nd Fighter Wing commander, listens to a speech by the Speicher area mayor, Rudolf Becker Jan. 9 at the Speicher Rathaus (city hall). It was the opening of an exhibit featuring German emigration to the United States. The event was sponsored by the Host Nation Council. Right of the commander is Dr. Michael Dietzsch, chairman of the council and Bitburger brewery managing director.

The commander exchanged coins with the general, who seemed to have a sense of anticipation about getting out on the flightline with the troops later that day.

"The flightline is radically different than other parts of the Air Force because pilots and maintenance troops seem to have their own 'language,'" the general said.

"I'm thinking of putting a psalm into pilot lingo!" he added as the room erupted with a chuckle.

Wednesday, 1:18 p.m. - Not-so-separated units

Fresh out of his meeting with the general, the commander stepped out of his office to check out the itinerary for his trip to Volkel AB, Netherlands, where he would be the guest speaker for the annual awards ceremony Jan. 30.

It seems the troops at geographically separated units are a little less detached from the base when the commander is a presence at major events and throughout the year.

Wednesday, 1:30 p.m. - Family ties

Between visitors, paperwork signings and schedule checking, the commander stays in close contact with Col. Thomas Groznik, 52nd FW vice commander and the wing commander's executive, Capt. Alyson Miller. The two are not only able to provide up-to-the-minute updates on wing happenings, but can occasionally pinch hit for him when the day gets short. This day, Jan. 21, was Colonel Mueller's eldest son's 19th birthday and the commander has dinner with his family on the evening's agenda. Colonel Groznik was willing and able to step in and attend a tour and dinner with prominent community members at the Bitburg brewery on Colonel Mueller's behalf. With a solid team in place, the commander seems more comfortable and confident making decisions between family and duty.

According to Captain Miller, the commander is equally committed to his other "family" -- the troops. She explained that unless he's on temporary duty elsewhere, he attends nearly every departure and return of the wing's deploying groups. Soon after, the commander is off to a medical appointment -- which he goes solo to and hopefully, he'll stop for lunch somewhere along the way.

Stay tuned for part three of this "All-access" series. Next week, the commander gets the "Eifel Patrol" DUI deterrent program up and running, becomes an apt teacher on an F-16 simulator flight and gets a visit from a German general.)

New landing system ‘instrumental’ in aircraft runway safety

By Airman 1st Class Amaani Lyle
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

Driving a vehicle in heavy fog and snow can be a harrowing experience. Taking a $60 million aircraft in for a landing can redouble the anxiety associated with navigation in inclement weather.

Thanks to Spangdahlem Air Base’s acquisition of a new landing system in December 2003 small fighter aircraft can benefit from higher visibility and safer landings with the same landing system used by their larger heavy-aircraft cousins such as C-17s and C-5s.

According to Tech. Sgt. Mike Van Kirk, 52nd Communications Squadron meteorological and navigational systems element NCOIC, the Instrument Landing System, which aligns aircraft to the runway’s center and provides a safe angle of descent, went into operation Dec. 8 while the remaining portion undergoes Federal Aviation Administration flight checks.

Although the systems that have been replaced could still safely land aircraft, they are about 30 years old, which makes it difficult to support the upgrades Spangdahlem AB needs for the Rhein-Main Transition Program, said Staff Sgt. Joel Zastrow, 52nd FW METNAV assistant NCOIC.

The ability to land at lower missed-approach altitudes is crucial for certain aircraft, Sergeant Zastrow explained.

“This is critical for the larger cargo aircraft that will have to land here after the closure of Rhein Main,” the NCO said. “The new systems are computer controlled and half the size of the older systems,” he cited in reference to the ILS’s two million-euro equipment portion of the RMTP.

Replicating Rhein Main’s mission capability from Spangdahlem AB is a task that originally called for a category III, or full auto land capacity, said Orlando Vidal, Spangdahlem RMTP Communications Project Manager for U.S. Air Forces in Europe. However, due to off-base terrain interference problems, and the steep cost of upgrading the airfield lighting system to CAT III standards, the relatively cost-effective CAT II ILS system was installed on the more frequently used approach end of the runway.

Though the project still carries a total price tag of more than seven million euro, the standard system includes local German support in the form of parts supply, training, test equipment and warranty maintenance, according to Keith Peabody, RMTP project manager.

Mr. Peabody added the system’s formal name, the Thales Mark 20A is widely used across the United States for CAT II and III civil airfields and installed at various European civil airports.

While the Army has elected to install the system at Wiesbaden, and Ramstein AB will receive four new Mark 20A systems within the next two years, Sergeant Van Kirk admits the system’s infancy means full capability is still a “work in progress” pending rigorous FAA safety inspections.

“The system is great because it allows us to check status and make alignments from the shop, but because it’s new it’s still growing and everything will hopefully be complete by March,” he said.

Nonetheless, Mr. Vidal describes the new system as one that “adheres to European and host-nation standards newly implemented by the Air Traffic Act and the Air Traffic Services Office of the German Federal Armed Forces, the German Air Force office responsible for this project.”

For more information about the Rhein Main Transition Program visit https://cenet.usafe.af.mil/rmtp.

Orlando Vidal

The Instrument Landing System is shown above. The system is a mixture of European and U.S. equipment. Thales, a French company, is the contractor responsible for installation of the equipment and the market leader of these systems.

Community Mailbox

Submit "Community Mailbox" advertisements 10 days before the desired publication date to publicity@spangdahlem.af.mil.

Brick House

The following activities take place at the Brick House located in the Spangdahlem AB Community Activity Center. Brick House offers free activities for single Team Eifel members ages 13 and older. It's open daily from 4-8 p.m. for all ages, Sunday-Thursday from 4 p.m. to midnight for ages 18 and older, and Friday-Saturday from 4 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Friday: "Friday the 13th" movie marathon

Saturday: Ladies Night, play "For the Love of the Game" at 7 p.m.

Sunday: Bi-Okoto African-American dance group at 5 p.m.

Monday: Movie Madness plays "Dead Presidents" at 6 p.m. and "Air Force One" at 8 p.m. Free popcorn.

Tuesday: USAFE X-Box Championships at 6 p.m.

Wednesday: Spang Idol contest, Round II at 6 p.m. Two best performers compete in the finals.

Thursday: Trivia night for prizes at 5 p.m.

Commissary hours

The Spangdahlem AB commissary is open Monday, but the Bitburg Annex store is closed in observance of President's Day.

BMS early dismissal

Bitburg Middle School students are dismissed Thursday at 11 a.m. for an official function.

Scholarships

Application deadlines for Bitburg American High School Scholarship Association scholarships is Feb. 27 to the BHS guidance counselor. Art and music scholarship application deadline is April 9 to BHS Room 114. Qualifying students are those graduating from Bitburg American High School, a school serving a wing geographically-separated unit or a home-schooled student assigned to Spangdahlem AB. The date for the audition for the music scholarship is yet to be determined. Fact sheets applications and are available at the BHS guidance counselor office Call 452-9337 for details.

Le Leche

A meeting for women who are currently, or interested in, breastfeeding takes place Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Bitburg Annex Hospital conference room. Children and nurslings are welcome. Call Margaret Loffelman at 06565-7555 for details.

BCAA events

The Black Cultural Awareness Association sponsors the following events. Call Master Sgt. Erick Anderson at 452-3131 for more information.

♦ A brown bag luncheon seminar on the Civil Rights battles of the 1950s-1960s continues Wednesday and Feb. 25.

♦ Soul food sampling, Saturday from noon to 2 p.m. at the Bitburg Annex commissary. Menu includes fried chicken, collard greens, cornbread and more.

AA meetings

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings take place each Sunday, Tuesday and Friday from 7:30-8:30 a.m. in Bitburg Annex, building 2015.

Family support

The following classes take place at the Bitburg Annex Family Support Center, building 2001. Call 452-9491 for details.

♦ Transition Assistance Program three-day workshop, Tuesday-Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

♦ Creative critters preschool program, Wednesday from 10-11 a.m.

s Cooking for one, Wednesday from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

s Preseparation consultation, Feb. 23 from 8-9:30 a.m.

The following workshops take place at the Spangdahlem FSC, building 307.

♦ Predeployment briefing, Tuesday from 1:30-2 p.m.

♦ Crossing borders, Tuesday from 5:30-7 p.m.

♦ Smooth move for upcoming PCS, Wednesday from 8-10 a.m.

♦ German bills made easy, Thursday from 8-9 a.m.

♦ Sponsor training, Thursday from 10-11 a.m.

♦ Picking mutual funds, Thursday from 6-8 p.m.

♦ European job seekers, Feb. 23 from 11 a.m. to noon.

Voting assistance

Wing members can call installation voting representatives for help with voting questions through the 2004 general election. Call Maj. William McAllister at 452-8298 or Master Sgt. Jeff Barr at 452-7410 for more information.

Preschool get-togethers

♦ Children's story hour takes place each Thursday at 10:30 a.m. in the chapel library, building 139. Call the base chapel office at 452-6711 for more information.

♦ A preschool playgroup meets each Tuesday from 10 a.m. to noon in Spangdahlem AB Military Family Housing, building 409-C. A playgroup meets each Thursday from 10 a.m. to noon in Bitburg Annex Temporary Living Facility 2. Call Michele Linnen at 452-8288 for more information.

♦ Children's story hour takes place each Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. in the Bitburg Annex Library and each Thursday at 9:30 a.m. in the Spangdahlem AB Library. Children ages 2-5 are invited. Call 452-9056 for details.

♦ A facility for indoor pre-school play area is open Monday-Friday from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in Bitburg Annex building 2012. Call 452-9555 for details.

Volunteer dance instructor

The Bitburg High School Drama Department seeks a Hidden Hero volunteer to provide four swing dance lessons by March 12. The lessons are to improve ACT-Eifel play,"Sensored on Final Approach: A WWII True Story of Women Pilots." Call Elke Zchaebitz at 452-9202 or 452-9337 for details.

AMXS spouses

The 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron Spouses Group meets Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Spangdahlem AB Chapel. Childcare is available. Attendees are encouraged to bring a wrapped, Mardi-Gras-themed $10 gift for playing Bunco.

Club Eifel Happenings

The following events take place in Club Eifel. Call 452-6090 for more information.

Today

❑ **Captain Jesse Winters** and **Norman Bovee** missed out on pocketing the **$775** Club Eifel membership drawing this past Friday because they weren't in the Expeditionary Cockpit Lounge or Stripes Lounge to win. Tonight's drawing takes place between 6-8 p.m. and is worth **$800**.

Customer's choice

❑ Lunch buffets take place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is $5.95 for members and $7.95 for non-members.

Monday: Country favorites
Tuesday: Mexican
Wednesday: Italian
Thursday: Soup, salad, potatoes
Friday: Seafood

Today

❑ Ballroom: Sweethearts Night Out takes place from 5-8 p.m. Sweethearts are in for a treat with roast of prime rib and simmering au jus, shrimp scampi, salad, rice, baked potatoes, rolls and a special dessert. Ladies receive complimentary roses. Cost is $9.95 medium cut and $12.95 large cut for members; $12.95 medium cut and $15.95 large cut for non-members.

Sunday

❑ Ballroom: A breakfast buffet takes place from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Cost is $7.95 adults, $4 kids for members and $10.95 adults, $5.50 kids for non-members. Kids 5 and under free.

Tuesday

❑ Tantalizing Tuesday in the Stripes Lounge. Challenge the bartender to a game of "showdown" for a chance to win half-price drinks. Club members play free pool from 4-10 p.m.

Thursday

❑ Valentine Family Fun Night in the ballroom from 5-8 p.m.

Combat CHEER Photo Scavenger Hunt

"Ahh, the thrill of the hunt!"

Starts Feb. 20, ends Feb. 23 at 5 p.m.

Open to the Team Eifel community

Find scavenger lists at the Eifel Community Center the day of the hunt

and in the Feb. 20 edition of the Eifel Times

Deadline for entries is Feb. 23 at 5 p.m. at the CAC. Only one disposable camera, roll of film, photo CD permitted per entry. Game tie-breaker is the quickest turn in time. Winners announced at the March

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Col. Stephen Mueller

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- DirectLine@spangdahlem.af.mil
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- To PA in building 23.
- Concerns may also be sent via fax to 452-5254.

Anonymous inputs are accepted. To receive a personal response you must include your name and phone number. Call the Eifel Times at 452-5244 for more information.

February Sortie Scoreboard

Aircraft	Goal	Flown	Delta
F-16	377	91	+9
A-10	287	88	+27

*Delta is contract vs. sorties flown to date.

Through Feb. 6

Courtesy of the 52nd Operations Support Squadron Plans and Scheduling Section

Viewpoint

From the top

Jumper: Force shaping on AF horizon

By Gen. John Jumper
Air Force Chief of Staff

Over the last decade, we've seen a dramatic change in our security environment. We reduced our active duty force by nearly 40 percent -- from 608,000 to 375,000 -- while remaining engaged around the world at levels higher than at any time during the Cold War. To accommodate the changing world, we have completely transformed our Air Force, from one that dealt with the Soviet and North Korean threats into an agile Air Expeditionary Force, capable of rapidly responding anywhere, with tailored forces ready to deal with any contingency. Our transformation has yielded outstanding results. But, for the past two years, we have exceeded our mandated active duty end strength of 359,000. Under the President's declaration of a national emergency, our excess numbers are appropriate. While this is a temporary situation fueled by the Global War on Terrorism, we now need a plan to return to the authorized levels. By the end of 2005, we should reduce the size of our active force by 16,000 people, and we must reshape the force to correct existing skill imbalances and account for a new range of missions in the GWOT.

I know it may not be clear why our active duty end strength needs to decrease while we are still heavily engaged around the world. Let me explain how we got to this point and what we are doing to fix it.

As a result of several years of high operations tempo, we were given some latitude on how quickly we came down to the legal end strength limit of 359,000. We also suffered an unprecedented recruiting problem during the 1990s. Recruiting has traditionally not been a problem for the Air Force, but a robust economy late in the 1990s had us falling short of recruiting goals for the first time since 1979. As a result, we took in thousands of people using skill mix assumptions that are no longer applicable to the demands of the GWOT. We now have several career fields over-manned, while suffering shortages in others. Our task now is to reduce the force while also fixing this skill mix imbalance.

To start our reshaping effort, we have set new targets for recruiting, from 37,000 this year to 35,600 in FY05 and 34,500 in FY06. We are also working on fixing our stressed career fields. Where we are short of people for the rotational requirement, we've taken action to direct more of our recruits into the stressed career fields. However, we know we can't replace 5 and 7-levels with people right out of technical school. Part of our force shaping will have to be done by retraining and shifting experienced people from over-staffed career fields. Many of our airmen are willing to make the shift, and we will encourage retesting and support for waivers to qualify for retraining into critical skills. But in some career fields, our ability to absorb more people is often limited by training facilities and capacity. We will work to unclog any training backlogs. I am dedicated to reducing our stressed career fields and putting in place the right incentives to retain the people we task the most.

In addition to looking at retention, recruiting, and retraining, we are also looking at where our people are -- we have airmen serving in jobs outside the Air Force who don't deploy as part of our AEF. Some of these require uniformed people, and we benefit by having an Airman's perspective in those jobs. Others, however, may not require a uniformed person, or a military person at all. These are positions that we are working to legitimately reclaim into our ranks.

It's hard for me to argue to the Congress that we don't have enough people when we should be using some of our airmen in other required positions.

All of these efforts will be combined with several additional force shaping tools to get to our authorized manpower levels and to get the right skills in the right places. We will include initiatives such as restricting reenlistment in overage career fields, voluntary transfers to the ARC, shortening service commitments, limiting officer continuation for those deferred for promotion, commissioning ROTC cadets direct to the ARC, limiting reclassification of those eliminated from technical school, rolling back separation dates, and officer and enlisted retraining.

We are out of balance for the contingency world in which we live. I recently returned from the AOR where I met people who had been deployed for more than 200 days. They take great pride in the job they are doing, but we are being unfair to them and their families. If at all possible, our goal is to give every qualified airman who wants to stay in the Air Force the opportunity to do so. In addition, we will use every tool to shape the force we have available to avoid the extreme measures that were used in the early 1990s.

Saddam Hussein buried his airplanes in the sand rather than face your Air Force. That's respect, and you continue to earn it every day. Secretary James Roche and I are proud of you, and are honored to serve with you. We will continue to remain closely engaged on these issues to ensure that we reshape the force into one that is suited for the 21st century while sustaining the standards of excellence and morale that are emblematic of the world's greatest Air Force.

Straight talk

Make the call to designate a driver or call for a ride

Maj. Robert Ricker
52nd Operations Support Squadron

It was prom night and the proud parents of the soon-to-be graduate reluctantly allowed their daughter and her friends to take the family car to the dance under one condition -- there was to be no drinking. Later that night, the doorbell rang. Katie's mother rushed to the door and broke down into tears when the police officer told her that a drunk driver killed her daughter and friends. In a split second their young lives were robbed by the irresponsible actions of a drunk driver. Similar sagas plays out daily throughout the world.

Closer to home, this criminal act continues on a much too frequent basis at Spangdahlem Air Base and it must stop. According to the security forces, there were 56 driving-under-the-influence cases in 2001, 58 in 2002, 50 in 2003 and we have already racked up seven DUIs in 2004.

It doesn't take a mathematician to figure out that the trend is not improving. Why?

Well, my theory is that most people feel they won't get caught. They're wrong!

The legal DUI blood alcohol content in Germany is 0.05. In most cases, depending on your body weight, this is equal to a couple of beers. If you are involved in an accident, you can be charged with DUI if your blood alcohol content is 0.03.

Polizei and security forces are jointly executing random roadblocks in and around the Eifel community, screening all drivers for traces of alcohol. On occasion, you never know when, the security forces, Air Force Office of Special Investigation and drug demand reduction teams will set up screening points at the main gates of Bitburg Annex and Spangdahlem AB and seize urine samples from all drivers entering the base.

"Eifel Patrol" will frequent local drinking establishments in an effort to ensure that *you* have a plan to get home. You may call this micromanagement of your personal life, but I call it proactive leadership. If you drink and drive you will be caught and punished.

According to the judge advocate general, the typical punishment for a first time DUI offender is an Article 15, loss of a stripe, forfeiture of pay and extra duty. Authorities will also notify your insurance company and your home-state agencies, not to mention the fact that you will lose your driving privileges for a year.

You work hard to excel and uphold the professionalism of the United States Air Force. Why significantly set yourself back by drinking and driving?

I'd much rather receive a call from one of my subordinates telling me that their plan fell through and that they needed a ride home rather than from security forces telling me to come get them out of jail.

Air Force Core Values: Integrity, Service Before Self, and Excellence aren't just words. They're the foundation of your being as long as you wear this uniform.

If you drink and drive, you violate all three core values. Integrity is doing the right thing even when no one is looking -- Don't drink and drive.

Service before self is having the self-discipline to be available for the mission on the next duty day rather than in jail, the hospital or in the morgue -- Don't drink and drive.

Excellence in all you do is obeying the law and having the fortitude to control your inhibitions -- Don't drink and drive.

Each and every one of you has direct control to curb this negative trend. It's your choice. Make the right call -- Don't drink and drive.

Movies

The following movie listings are for Feb. 13-19. Times and movies are subject to change. For the most current information, call 452-9441 or 06565-61-9441. Movie synopses are available at www.aafes.com/ems/default.asp.

Bitburg Castle

Today

Peter Pan (PG, 7 p.m.)

London siblings Wendy, John and Michael meet a strange flying boy named Peter Pan who invites them to soar with him to Neverland.

Saturday

Dr. Suess: The Cat in the Hat (PG, 4 p.m.)

Sally and brother are left home on a rainy day and are rowdily entertained by a mysterious man-size cat.

Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World (PG-13, 7 p.m.)

Lucky Jack Aubrey sets sail across two oceans to capture his ship's foe.

Sunday

Peter Pan (7 p.m.)

Closed Monday and Tuesday

Wednesday

Dr Suess: The Cat in the Hat (7 p.m.)

Thursday

Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World (7 p.m.)

Spangdahlem Skyline

Today

Cheaper by the Dozen (PG, 7 p.m.)

When a football coach scores a job at Northwestern University, he sets out for Chicago with his wife and their 12 children. But when the wife's writing career takes off, the two must balance their jobs and parenting.

Timeline (PG-13, 10 p.m.)

Professor Johnston, his son and a team of archaeology students find a passage back to the 14th century and the professor gets trapped in history.

Saturday

Cheaper by the Dozen (7 p.m.)

Gothika (R, 10 p.m.)

Criminal psychologist Miranda wakes up and discovers she's locked in her own sanitarium for a murder that she can't remember committing.

Sunday

Cheaper by the Dozen (4 p.m.)

Tupac: The Resurrection (R, 7 p.m.)

The first authorized biography of the late rapper-actor Tupac Shakur.

Monday

Timeline (7 p.m.)

Tuesday

Gothika (7 p.m.)

Closed Wednesday and Thursday

Photos courtesy city of Wittlich

German paraders dressed like Hollywood's 1950s version of native Americans tend to their papoose in the Wittlich parade this past year. Spectators often also dress in costume at the parades and collect candy from paraders marching by.

Fasching parades, celebrations highlight German Silly Season

By Iris Reiff
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

Germany's annual Silly Season, better known as Fasching, officially begins at 11:11 a.m. on the 11th day of the 11th month. The months-long holiday features speeches, plays and toasts to Fasching Princes and Princess'.

However, things really get going Fat Thursday, Feb. 19 this year with Ladies Day. This is when the ladies of Germany take charge of their towns and celebrate their victorious "coup detat" by dancing through the streets.

Ladies Day

In Wittlich, Bitburg and Trier, people can watch how the "Moehnen," women dressed up as old ladies, capture the town hall by climbing through the window. They then take the symbolic town hall key from the mayor, which puts them in charge of the town for the rest of the day. This is usually a big show with lots merrymaking in front of and inside the halls. The event is open to the public.

Also, it's customary for the ladies to cut men's ties with scissors on Ladies Day, so men typically wear one they don't like that day. In the smaller villages the ladies jokingly request men to buy the house a round of drinks as he enters the local pub.

On Ladies Day, children try to get in on the action as well. They stand in the street, stop cars and ask drivers to give them a small donation or they will not let the drivers through. It's not a must to stop and give money to the kids; however, drivers must drive slowly through town and keep watch for children walking in the streets. It's okay to just waive at them and drive past them. They will eventually move out of the road.

A Wittlich Moehne scales a ladder to enter the city town hall to steal the key from the mayor, putting all ladies in charge of Wittlich for the day.

Other events

Presently thousands of German Fasching clubs feature costume balls, dances and "Sitzungen" or sessions with all events starting at 11 minutes past the hour. No one is exactly sure about the significance of the number 11, but one of the most popular explanations is, that God gave Moses not ten. The eleventh being, "Thou shalt have a good time." The good times finally roll to an end at midnight Feb. 24, Ash Wednesday. The day Lent starts.

Parades

Big Fasching parades take place Sunday, Monday and Tuesday throughout Europe. Although almost every village sponsors its own parade, the most famous German parades take place Rose Monday, in Cologne, Mainz, Duesseldorf, Aachen and Munich. These cities put on spectacular shows.

Parade fans often wear costumes to watch the event, some paint their faces or simply wear a silly hat. Children can bring bags to the parades to collect candies tossed to the crowds by Fasching fools.

Masquerade balls

Public masquerade balls take place now through Tuesday in local gasthauses and other public meeting places. Some parties feature costume contests with monetary prizes. The event typically starts at 8:11 or 9:11 p.m. Anyone with a costume wishing to participate must be in place at 9:30 p.m. Those who want to attend a prize masquerade ball must wear a mask until 11:30 p.m. or midnight, when the prizes are awarded. Some prizes can be in the hundreds of euro.

Celebrations are a fun way to get meet German neighbors. German Fasching associations encourage Team Eifel members to participate in events, including as parades and the public masquerade balls. Organizations interested in marching in Fasching parades can call the village mayor's office for details.

Lady Barons tame undefeated Hanau Panthers

By Denny Lemmon
Bitburg High School Ladies Basketball

The Lady Barons basketball team defeated the previously unbeaten Hanau Panthers 54-48 Feb. 6. Unfortunately they lost in overtime to the Panthers 54-57 Feb. 7. The Junior Varsity Lady Barons are only two games away from having a perfect season as they rolled over their opponents 29-17 on Feb. 6 and 38-19 Feb. 7.

The Bitburg Middle School gym overflowed with fans ready to watch the big match-up between the top two teams in Division Two. They got their money's worth. The Lady Barons got the ball moving in their quick transition game and stayed with the high scoring Panthers earning a 13-13 first quarter score. Two three-pointers sparked the Panthers scoring, but talented center Nadia Parker showed she's an All European player as she pumped in 19 of her game-high 34 points in the first half. Despite that fine production of points the Lady Barons trailed at the half 26-28. A good team defensive spurt by the Barons held the Panthers to just 8 points in the third quarter, and the Barons found themselves ahead 38-36. Key free throws by junior guard Melodie Dupervall iced the victory for the hometown team. Point guard Erica Winters contributed 8 points while Chelsea Gavagan added 4 in the winning effort.

Parker dominated the boards with 23 rebounds. Guards Dupervall, Winters and Gavagan made some amazing assists inside to Parker to allow her to score pretty much at will against the Panthers defense.

Saturday the ladies started strong tieing 13-13 at the end of the first quarter. Unfortunately the Barons defense collapsed and allowed the Panthers to outscore them 19-11 to trail at the half 24-32. Parker once again sparked the Barons offense in the third quarter hitting 10 of her game high 28 points to pull within two of the Panthers 40-42. With 30 seconds to go in the game the Lady Barons were ahead by two. The Barons attempted to hold the ball, but lost possession and the Panthers scored to tie the game up and force the overtime. In the overtime the breaks went to the Panthers, who outscored the Barons 7-4, which was enough to win the thrilling game.

Feb. 6 the Junior Varsity first team started out rather flat missing a lot of easy shots. Upon completion of the first quarter the game was tied at eight. In the second quarter the second team sparked and pulled the JV Lady Barons to a 12-10 half time lead. In the second half the Barons outscored the Panthers 17-7 to go on to their eleventh straight victory. On Saturday morning the hometown team played more like they are capable of playing and jumped out to a 23-7 lead at the half. Rebecca Wepner sparked the offensive attack by scoring 10 of her game high points in the first half. Wepner led the scoring for the weekend with 18 points. Jazmine Winn was the top rebounder and also added 14 points. At the end of the fourth quarter just before the buzzer Rachel McCormack hit the first three-point shot of the season for the JV team.

Next up in BHS basketball
Barons vs.Patch Panthers
in the Bitburg Middle School gymnasium
Friday
Lady Barons JV at 4 p.m., Barons JV at 5:15 p.m., LB varsity at 6:30 p.m., Barons varsity at 7:45 p.m.
Saturday
LB JV at 10 a.m., Barons JV at 11:15 a.m., LB varsity at 12:30 p.m., Barons varsity at 1:45 p.m.

Hanau tops Bitburg for two

The Hanau Panthers maintained their division lead by handing the Bitburg Barons two losses over the weekend. The Barons hope to improve their shooting tonight against the Patch Panthers at the BMS gym.

The Barons started out flat against a tough and quick Hanau team. Senior Alyx Walks lead the Barons with 14 points hitting 4 three's and two free throws, other than that, no Barons made more than one field goal.

Saturday became a repeat of Friday. Going 6 for 26 in field goals and 0 for 9 on three's sank the Barons into misery. All Barons played, but Hanau kept up the pressure and forced the Barons into another poor shooting game. Leading the Barons was Senior Anthony Fornicola with 8.

Friday's results

Hanau 36, Bitburg 25

JV results

Bitburg 39, Hanau 24; JV lead scorers: Mike Romero 10, Nick Brown 10

Saturday's results

JV results

Bitburg 28, Hanau 17; JV Lead scorers: Brandon Morales - 9 Nick Brown - 8

(Contributed by Coach Lin Hairstone, BHS basketball)

Sports Shorts

Submit "Sports Shorts" advertisements 10 days before the desired publication date to publicity@spangdahlem.af.mil.

Intramural Sports news

Games take place at the base fitness center. Call 452-6634 for more information.

Basketball

Feb. 3 scores: 606 ACS vs. EMS-A, 38-74; LRS vs. CES, 34-49; 852 MUNSS vs. SVS, 41-53

Feb. 4: MOS vs. LRS-B, 64-56; GK vs. 852 MUNSS, 61-28; GK vs. CES-B, 65-51; EMS-B vs. SFS-B, 36-29

There were no games Feb. 6.

HAWC happenings

- Commissary tour, Tuesday at 9:30 a.m.
- The Sensible Weigh, Wednesday at 9 a.m.
- Sports nutrition, Thursday at 1 p.m.
- Hypertension education, Feb. 23, 9 a.m.

Bowling weekend

Two people bowl for the price of one. The Combat Cheer bowling weekend takes places Saturday from 1-6 p.m. and Sunday from 6 p.m. to 4 a.m. The President's Day bowling all-night offers free bowling and shoes for everyone and random prize drawings. For more information call Eric Guth at 452-6217.

Volleyball tourney

The "Spang Bang" varsity-level volleyball tournament takes place Saturday and Sunday at 11 a.m. Expected participants are 10 teams from Aviano AB, Italy, RAF Lakenheath, England, RAF Mildenhall, England, Ramstein AB, Germany, Sigonella, Sicily, Naples, and Spain. For more information call Senior Airman Emanuela Pollano at 452-6141 or e-mail pollanoem@spangdahlem.af.mil.

Photos by Jay Gardner

To the mat

Clockwise from above, Jordan Watts, Bitburg's "pin-master" is on his way to pinning Roger Gates ofSHAPE during the Department of Defense Dependents Schools Division II wrestling championships at the Spangdahlem AB fitness center Feb. 7. Watts completed the pin at 1:22 to win the 171-pound division and is ranked number one in his division for the European championships in Wiesbaden today and Saturday. Devon Gardner of Bitburg "breaks down" SHAPE's Doug O'Meara. Gardner later pinned O'Meara at 4:51 to win the 130-pound division. Gardner is undefeated and moves on to the European championships. Right, Bitburg's Jon Coker, standing, found himself in a tough match with Joe Morrow of Patch High School. Coker defeated Morrow 8-7 and won the 125-pound division. Coker ranks number 1 in his division and moves on to the European championships.