

IN THE NEWS

Chapel restarts 'STU' program for airmen

By Senior Airman Jason Smith
437 AW Public Affairs

The base chapel will hold a Stripes to Uniforms program Thursday, 5:30-7 p.m.

Single and unaccompanied airmen are welcome to bring two uniforms (one set of BDUs and one set of blues) to the chapel to have stripes and patches sewn on by trained volunteers.

The 437th Mission Support Squadron will host a spaghetti dinner for the airmen while they wait for their uniforms to be sewn.

"Singles are the largest, and at times, most overlooked group in the Air Force," said Chaplain (Capt.) Richard Novotny, 437th Airlift Wing Catholic chaplain. "We had this program a few years ago, and now we decided to resurrect it."

The program will be held the fourth Thursday of every month, except November, when it will be on the third Thursday. Also, due to the holidays, the program will not be held in December.

Each month, a different unit will host the meal. The chapel will provide financial support for the dinner, but it will be up to the creativity of the sponsoring unit to decide on and prepare the food.

Master Sgt. Darryl Tremain, 437th Mission Support Squadron first sergeant, said he knows a little bit about preparing a meal. "I was raised in a family with seven kids. You either learned to cook or you went hungry."

"I'd like to thank the chapel for giving us this opportunity to participate," said Tremain. "I'll try not to offend any traditional Italian mothers by calling my recipe authentic, but I can promise a quality, home-cooked spaghetti dinner."

Novotny said it was important to point out the program does not promote any specific denomination or belief. "It's an ecumenical program sponsored by the chapel for the benefit of our personnel. There's no religious service and no pressure involved."

For more information, call Novotny at 963-3717.

There's nothing scary about Halloween safety

By Senior Airman Melanie Streeter
437 LSS

Ghosts and ghouls will haunt the streets here Oct. 31 for Halloween trick-or-treating. Caught up in the excitement, sometimes adults and kids alike forget basic safety rules on Halloween night.

In order to take the "fright" out of this scary holiday, the 437th Airlift Wing Safety Office has established these simple rules:

- Feed your little monsters before they go out so they are not tempted to snack on collected candy before it is inspected.

- Warn children not to eat any of their treats before they get home. Parents and guardians should examine all treats in bright lighting for evidence of tampering before consumption.

- Look for costumes and accessories labeled "flame resistant." While this does not mean these items won't catch fire, they will resist burning and extinguish quickly when removed from the ignition source.

- Flimsy, baggy or billowing material should be

avoided to minimize the risk of contact with candles and other sources of ignition.

- Make sure costumes that are bright enough to be seen clearly by motorists traveling at night. Trim costumes with reflective tape.

- Apply makeup rather than a loose, floppy mask, that can impede vision and breathing. If a mask is worn, it should fit snugly and have large enough eyeholes to allow for a full range of vision.

- All children should be encouraged to use the sidewalk whenever possible. If a sidewalk isn't available, remind children to walk on the left side of the street into the flow of traffic and to use crosswalks when crossing intersections.

- Children should walk rather than run from house to house and only visit homes with outside lights on.

- Warn children to never enter homes or apartments unless accompanied by an adult they know and trust. Affix your name, address and telephone number to the inside of small children's costumes in case they become lost or separated.

- If you plan to receive

trick-or-treaters, remove anything that could be an obstacle from steps, lawns and porches. Also, it is much safer to light jack-o-lanterns with flashlights.

Master Sgt. William Erb, superintendent of ground safety, said parents should be actively involved in escorting their kids. Also, adults should take extra care while driving due to the increase in pedestrian traffic.

Senior Airman Jeremy Rice, 437th Security Forces Squadron crime prevention program manager, said pranks can be a little tricky. "Halloween is notorious as a night of pranks, with kids toilet papering houses or filling mailboxes with shaving cream. Try to get a handle on your children's plans before they go out. Remind them that while you want them to have a good time, some tricks can hurt other children or be considered vandalism. Emphasize that vandalism is illegal and that you strongly disapprove."

These rules apply to adults as well as children. By following a few simple rules, everyone can have both a safe and happy (and hopefully scary) Halloween.

Oktoberfest held at dorms today

By Staff Sgt. Dutch Umbaugh
437 AW Public Affairs

Oktoberfest, the Annual Junior Enlisted Block Party, is today, 11:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m., between dormitories 473 and 466, next to Arthur Drive.

It has been declared an alternate duty location for all E-6s and below. There will be free food and beverages

all day for junior enlisted members and \$5 for all others. There are prizes and ongoing volleyball and basketball. The band, Big Black Building, will perform and WSSX and WAVF will provide music throughout the day. Parking on the grass areas and the turnarounds is unauthorized. For more information, call Master Sgt. Matt Harless at 963-8004.

15th Troop Carrier Squadron Reunion

The 15th Airlift Squadron is sponsoring the 15th Troop Carrier Squadron Reunion Sunday-Thursday.

The group has various activities planned for their time in Charleston. The reunion participants will attend a welcome party at the Charleston Club Sunday, Monday, the group will tour Patriot's Point, Fort Sumter and downtown Charleston. An orientation flight on a C-17 will take place Tuesday.

There will be a banquet for the group at the Charleston Club Tuesday, 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome, but must RSVP today by calling 963-2184.




Oktoberfest

Between Dormitories 473 & 466
Food and Beverages
Live Bands
WSSX & WAVF
Games & Prizes

Admit 1 Adult
Valid Friday, October 20

FREE Admission E-6 and Below
\$5.00 All others
* COUPON NOT REQUIRED *