

## SC senator visits CAFB

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Senator Ernest "Fritz" Hollings, Democratic senator from South Carolina, visited CAFB Jan. 31 to personally thank the members of Team Charleston for their hard work in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Hollings stepped off the bus at the nosedock and was greeted by a sea of camouflage and flight suits surrounding a static C-17 Globemaster III.

The senator made his way from one side of more than 100 troops to the other shaking every hand and thanking them for what they do.

Hollings stopped briefly to grab the microphone and share some words with the crowd.

"I wanted to come out today

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Sen. Ernest "Fritz" Hollings shook many hands during his visit to Charleston AFB Jan. 31. Hollings made the trip to personally thank Team Charleston members for their contributions to Operation Enduring Freedom and America's war on terrorism. Photo by Staff Sgt. Richard Kaminsky

## Officials release some career fields from Stop-Loss

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Air Force personnel officials announced an ease in the Stop-Loss program for a number of career fields Jan. 29, releasing 24 officer and 40 enlisted career fields.

The officer career fields released from Stop-Loss restrictions include: 13S, 21A, 21M, 21S, 35B, 36P, 38M, 42B, 42E, 43A, 43D, 43M, 44D, 44H, 44J, 44Z, 46G, 47B, 47D, 48E, 65A, 65F, 65W and 84H.

Enlisted career fields released from Stop-Loss restrictions include: 1C6XX, 1S0XX, 1T0X1, 2A000, 2A0X1, 2A1X1, 2A1X2, 2A1X3, 2A300, 2A3X1, 2A3X2, 2A3X3, 2A4X1, 2A4X2, 2A5X3, 2A6X3, 2A7X4, 2M0XX, 2P0XX, 2R0XX, 2R1XX, 2T3X5, 2T3X7, 2W0XX, 2W1XX, 2W2XX, 3A0XX, 3C0X2, 3C3X1, 3H0XX, 3N0XX, 3N1XX, 3N2XX, 3U0XX, 4J0XX, 6FXXX, 8FXXX, 8MXXX, 9DXXX and 9E000.

The Stop-Loss "exit plan" is based

on the strategies of operations Enduring Freedom and Noble Eagle, personnel officials said in a news release.

The announcement was the result of a planned 90-day review, officials at the Pentagon said in the release. An initial 30-day review, conducted in early November, resulted in the continuation of Stop-Loss restrictions on all Air Force specialties. Subsequent reviews will take place at 60-day intervals.

A number of different factors went into the process of deciding which career fields could be released, according to the release.

"We had to consider the balance between the active duty and the air reserve component, as well as the need to remain flexible to changing events worldwide," said Lt. Col. Jan Middleton, chief of promotion, evaluation and separation policy at the Pentagon, in the release. "In addition, homeland defense is still being

shaped and defined. So, there were a lot of factors to consider in the decision-making process."

More career fields will likely be released in the future based on input from different levels around the Air Force, she said.

Charleston AFB had 48 people with Dates of Separation or Retirement that are now exempt from Stop-Loss. Those people are eligible to separate or retire as of March 1, said Staff Sgt. Gerald Thompson, Retirements and Separations NCOIC. He explained that they can start their outprocessing as soon as they want, but are not allowed to start their terminal leave or permissive TDY before March 1. He added that members should expect to take about 30 days to complete their outprocessing checklists.

The only exception to this policy is female members who applied for a pregnancy discharge but were kept in the service past their due date because of Stop-Loss, said Thomp-

son.

"People with pregnancies can get out as soon as possible," said Senior Airman Demetria Holman, Retirements and Separations, "but cannot stay in past March 15. Those people who plan on getting out with an approved pregnancy discharge, if their due date is April 2 or later, they will separate no later than 30 days prior to their expected delivery date."

Members who are exempt from Stop-Loss and had a DOS between October and July have the option of extending their DOS until Aug. 31 or even withdrawing their paperwork completely, said Holman. At that point, members can reenlist if eligible.

Deployed members are required to finish their deployment, said Thompson. When they return home, they can keep their original DOS if there is time, or can extend up to 150 days from their deployment return date.

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## IN THE NEWS

# CAFB Top 3 looking to increase membership: Current members represent 33 percent of eligible CAFB SNCOs

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The Charleston Top 3 organization is alive and well and looking for more members to join the ranks. There are 111 current members out of more than 330 eligible on CAFB.

"The goal of the Top 3 organization is to foster the professional development of our enlisted corps and improve the quality of life within our base and local communities," said Senior Master Sgt. Susan Barnes, 437<sup>th</sup> Logistics Support Squadron superintendent and Top 3 president. "We are leaders committed to developing leadership in others. We are a change agent looking for ways to make things better for both our enlisted members and the community at large."

Membership is for military personnel in the grades of E-7 (and selects) through E-9. Any senior NCO may become a member by attending the meetings and paying annual dues of \$20. With the dues comes the choice of a Top 3 hat, shirt or coin. A general membership meeting is held on the first Wednesday of each month at noon in the Charleston Club.

"We aren't asking folks to sign up for every program or event we do, just try one," said Barnes. "Find the one niche you enjoy or would like to try for the first time and go for it. The

meetings provide an opportunity to find out the latest on issues, voice concerns or raise issues."

The Top 3 Association's overarching goal is to educate, develop and continue participation in Air Force traditions.

"We host the annual Oktoberfest with food and music for junior enlisted members," said Master Sgt. Tracy Brewster, 437<sup>th</sup> Aerial Port Squadron, and publicity and membership officer.

"We develop and manage the NCO Professional Development Seminar for E-5s and E-6s, conduct the annual SNCO Professional Development Seminar and Induction Ceremony for newly promoted master sergeants, actively sponsor the Wing Quarterly and Annual Awards Programs, sponsor the Airman Leadership School Academic Achievement Award, and manage a college scholarship program that provides three \$100 college scholarships for E-1 through E-6 three times per year."

The purpose of the education grant is to assist individuals between the grades of E-1 and E-6 in completing their Community College of the Air Force degree. For more information

contact Senior Master Sgt. Marvin Ettlin at 963-3542 or go to the website at <https://www.charleston.af.mil/top3/index1.htm>.

"We give the opportunity for the enlisted to let their hair down at the Oktoberfest and show the Top 3 really cares about them," said Master Sgt. Terry Gabbert, 17<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron first sergeant and Top 3 member. "As a first sergeant I know how important that is to the troops."

Many senior NCO's may be busy with the current situation the military is facing and may not think they have the time.

"Honestly, joining the Top 3 is simply the right thing to do," said Barnes. "It boils down to payback. Senior NCO's were there making it possible for us to become Senior NCO's. They were finding ways to make our lives, our careers better. Now it's our turn, and participation in the Top 3 is part of the payback equation."

The organization is under new leadership since the yearly elections have just finished. The new officers said they have some things they would like to see accomplished.

"We want to strengthen enlisted professional development programs

like the First Term Airman Center and NCOPDS," said Barnes. "We also want to use guest speakers and open forums to get critical information to our members."

Brewster said he would like to increase membership and foster camaraderie among other organizations such as the First Six and the Chiefs' Group.

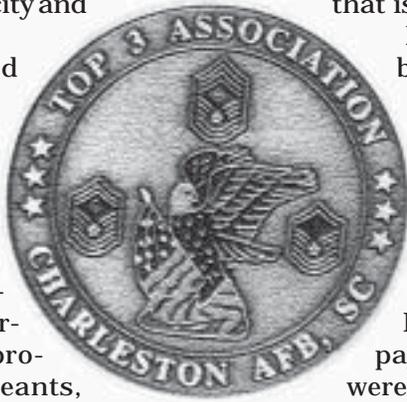
"We are a proving ground, providing opportunities for fellow senior NCO's to develop their own leadership skills through the many programs we sponsor and support," said Barnes.

Brewster also emphasized the importance of participation.

"It isn't simply a medium to fill a promotional square," said Brewster. "The organization helps bring colleagues together to keep informed both outside and inside our independent areas."

Members come from every organization on base including the current board members. Along with Barnes and Brewster is Master Sgt. Sarah Coleman-Lee, 437<sup>th</sup> Medical Group, vice president; Master Sgt. Glen McNeil, 437 APS, recorder, and Master Sgt. Edison Velez, 437<sup>th</sup> Operations Group, treasurer.

Members are reminded the next meeting is March 6 at the Charleston Club and are asked to bring someone not currently a member.



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and thank you," said Hollings. "We in Washington are most grateful, particularly to our Air Force. We see it on TV every day, and to have you in my own backyard is great. To know the proficiency and expertise that you have is something I can brag about and be proud of."

Hollings thanked Col. Karl Young, 437<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing vice commander, for inviting him out to meet Team Charleston members and brought up a subject near and dear to everyone in attendance.

"We got a pay raise, don't worry about that. It's coming through," said Hollings to thunderous applause from the crowd.

He said what is done here is very important, and Team Charleston shouldn't worry about the future, as the base is a workhorse and needed.

Hollings made his way through the remaining personnel, stopping to talk and look at storyboards about each organization on the base. He posed with many of the troops for photographs, including

four Team Charleston members who were Citadel graduates, Hollings' alma mater. Hollings joked with a photographer who was having trouble taking the photo that he must be a Clemson graduate.

Hollings took special note of the maintenance personnel and asked what kind of engines the C-17 had and how they were holding up.

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- Sen. Ernest "Fritz" Hollings

"Pratt and Whitney engines, sir," said Staff Sgt. Bradley Rawn, 437<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Squadron mechanic. "They are running great with no problems."

Hollings countered with "We know mechanics do all the work."

The senator met many members of the 315<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing and noted one in particular.

"My name is Charlie Hall from Charleston," said a senior mas-

ter sergeant, sticking his hand out and smiling.

Hollings said he knew a Charlie Hall from Charleston and asked if he was any relation.

"That was my daddy," said Hall, senior Air Reserve Technician in the 81<sup>st</sup> Aerial Port Squadron. Hall's father was a famous weathercaster.

"Let me shake your hand again," said Hollings. "Your daddy was one of the best friends I ever had. We even named a street after him in Charleston." Hollings finished shaking hands, shouted a final thank you and got back on the bus.

The Charleston native graduated from the Citadel in 1942 and served in World War II as a U.S. Army officer. He was decorated with the Bronze Star and received seven other campaign ribbons.

In 1958, at age 36, Hollings was one of the youngest men ever elected governor of South Carolina.

Hollings has represented South Carolina in the Senate since 1966 and is the fifth most senior member of the Senate and fourth most senior democrat.

## Public affairs links Team Charleston members to hometown newspapers

By 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Jennifer Andrews  
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When some service members go home on leave, they read local newspapers to find out if anyone got married, had a child or joined the military.

However, many service members don't realize they could be in their hometown newspaper, too. Family members and friends can verbally spread the news of a promotion, re-enlistment or graduation, but it's impossible to reach everyone.

"Hometown news releases let family and friends back home know what accomplishments the service member is making in their career," said Capt. Krista Carlos, 437<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing Public Affairs chief of media relations.

To take advantage of the program, service members fill out a news release form (Department of Defense Form 2266) and submit it to their public affairs office.

The forms are forwarded to Kelly AFB, Texas, where they are formatted into a news release and sent to the member's hometown newspaper.

Several events qualify for a hometown news release: promotion or commissioning, awards or decorations, college degrees, training schools, ROTC, re-enlistments or retirements.

"People should fill out the form as soon as possible after the achievement," Carlos said. "People are encouraged to include an official photo and a copy of any supporting documentation."

After filling in the blanks, forms should be turned in at the public affairs office in Bldg. 1600, Room 223.

For more information, call Carlos at 963-5589.

# CAFB's Black History Month opening ceremony highlights African American history, contributions

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Recognizing and paying tribute to the unique contributions of African Americans was the order of the day at the Black History Month opening luncheon Feb. 1 at the Charleston Club.

The theme for the luncheon was the African American legacy, and their contributions and services to America's defense. Tables and displays located throughout the club included musical records by famous black artists, displays of the Tuskegee Airmen and various artwork.

Col. Clarence Johnson, director of the Military Equal Opportunity Policy in the Office of the Deputy Assistant of Defense (Equal Opportunity), was the guest speaker.

Johnson spoke about the importance of family and music to African Americans and their great contributions to society, which he said were overlooked in the past. He added celebrations like this remind all Americans of African Americans' contributions.

"I'm proud to be an American and even prouder to be an African American," Johnson told the crowd. Johnson spent five years at Charleston AFB as a C-141 navigator and joked with the crowd about his time here.

"The DOD ties equal opportunity directly to military readiness," Johnson said. "Even though President Truman signed the executive order integrating the forces in 1948, it was a few years later as Negro soldiers were integrated into white units because those units were not getting replace-

ments fast enough."

Johnson emphasized three points in his remarks about what Black History Month should be about. His first point was the need for appreciation and recognition of African Americans.

"I was born the son of a maid and a Baptist minister. I am proud of my ancestors," he said about paying tribute to one's past. "It took 50 years for this observance to expand from a week to a month."

He cited the work of historian Dr. Carter Woodson, who devoted his life to making the world see African Americans as a participant rather than as a lay figure in history.

"He just wanted a little light shown on the contributions of blacks who helped to make this country great," he explained. "He just wanted to build-in more recognition about our black warriors who braved the Civil War and the 35,000 who died to prove to an uncaring nation that they were entitled to citizenship and freedom."

"His intent was not to belittle the accomplishments of other great military pioneers, he just wanted a little light shown on the Tuskegee Airmen, who like black warriors before them, had fought the war on two fronts some eight decades after the slaves were freed."

His second point highlighted the need for DOD and society to keep constantly working at full inclusion for all members of society.

"Can you imagine a football team succeeding if every team member was not effectively utilized?" he explained. "An absence of strife is not necessarily an indica-

tor of the presence of justice. Use this observance as a special time to highlight our shortcomings and devise strategies and solutions to mitigate those concerns when identified."

Some of those shortcomings that need to be addressed were found in the most recent Equal Opportunity survey.

"Servicemembers expressed that the military was ahead of their civilian contemporaries and overall members have a positive perception," Johnson said. "On the other hand, minorities as a group have a significantly less positive perception of the equal opportunity climate in the military."

African American representation in the Armed Forces has increased tremendously.

"Blacks make up 20 percent of the military," Johnson said. "Blacks comprise 26 percent of the military's top three enlisted ranks. Black women make up 24 percent of the top three women in the military. There are more E-6 black women in the military than there are white E-6 women."

In the civilian workforce, black representation in GS-13 and GM-15 positions has also increased,

Johnson said.

"The other side of the story is that the senior officer and senior civilian leadership could use some attention," he said. "The trend is going the other way and there are only four black three-stars of the 118 total. There are two black four-star generals of the 34. There are 35 black members of the 1,200 senior executive service corps. It takes 25 years to grow a general officer and now is the time to start."

"African American month should be a time when we collectively on and off the job exploit avenues to actively engage issues in the civilian community," Johnson addressed as his third point. "Retention and recruiting rely heavily on our involvement in the community. We need to establish ties with the communities. We should

highlight problems and work closely with civilian authorities and show them we are willing to roll up our sleeves.

"I am personally trying to turn around the trend with black young men, that one of every 25 African American men will wear a prison uniform," he continued. "This is a train wreck waiting to happen and will have a tremendous impact on our military, our future and more importantly, on the black family as we continue to work toward full inclusion in American society."

Johnson concluded his remarks by citing the words of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. that each of us can be great in our service, and we must be vigilant to reach out to surrounding African American communities and form working partnerships for the benefit of all.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Corey Clements

Col. Clarence Johnson, director of Military Equal Opportunity Policy in the Office of the Deputy Assistant of Defense (Equal Opportunity), spoke at the Black History Month opening ceremony Feb. 1 about African Americans' contributions to the history and success of the United States.

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At the 150-day mark they must either separate or withdraw their paperwork.

"There are 292 people here who have dates of separation from February to July that are still affected by Stop-Loss," said Holman. Holman and Thompson said they expect to see an increase in the number of visits they get from members wanting to know how to put in a waiver request.

"We've had quite a few people already come in who want to know how to do the package now that they know that their AFSC is not exempt," said Holman.

Holman and Thompson will guide

members through the waiver process. The package includes a letter from the member explaining why they want to be released from service, a copy of their separation paperwork, a staff summary sheet and a checklist for the wing commander.

Once the member has put the paperwork together, Holman explained, the package will go to their squadron commander then group commander.

The package will then go to the military personnel flight commander for review, then to the wing commander. After the wing commander has put his recommendation on the package, it will be mailed to the 21<sup>st</sup> Air Force commander at McGuire AFB, N.J., and then the Air Mobility Com-

mand commander at Scott AFB, Ill.

Holman said personnel should expect to wait about two months on a response.

So far, the waiver requests from CAFB have been successful at the command level, said Holman, with eight of nine requests being approved. Of 292 people at CAFB affected by Stop-Loss, the largest group is pilots and loadmasters, who are not being released right now, Holman said.

Thompson and Holman said anyone who is considering putting in their separation or retirement paperwork now should remember a few things.

Officers must put in their paperwork at least six months prior to their

intended DOS. Enlisted members don't have to do the paperwork to set a DOS unless they plan on getting out earlier than their DOS already in the system.

Reserve and Guard component members who are involuntarily on active duty (partial mobilization) or voluntarily on active duty in support of operations Noble Eagle or Enduring Freedom or related operations, will not be released until they return from deployment or are demobilized.

No appointments are necessary for members wanting information about Stop Loss. Call the Separations and Retirements section at 963-4562 or 963-4563 or stop by their office on the second floor of Bldg. 503.

# NEWS BRIEFS

## Spotlight

**Promotions:** Three lieutenant colonels from the 315<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing were recently promoted to colonel: John Hall, 300<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron; Steven Lesnieski, 701<sup>st</sup> Airlift Squadron; and Robert Brown, 315<sup>th</sup> Operations Group.

## Around the base

**Valentine's baskets:** The 437<sup>th</sup> Communication Squadron's Booster Club is selling Valentine's Day baskets for a booster club fundraiser. The baskets include conversation hearts, chocolate lips, chocolate-peanut butter hearts, heart-shaped suckers, Hershey kisses and two votive rose candles. The \$5 cost per basket also includes a short message and on-base (including housing and Hunley Park) delivery. To order, contact Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Maria Mroczek at 963-3485 or Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Patrick Martin at 963-2973. Orders may also be e-mailed to [maria.mroczek@charleston.af.mil](mailto:maria.mroczek@charleston.af.mil) or [patrick.martin@charleston.af.mil](mailto:patrick.martin@charleston.af.mil). E-mail orders should include the buyer's name and phone number, and the name of the person receiving the basket, their building and office number, or, if a residence, the street address. E-mail orders should also include a short message of no more than four lines. Orders will be accepted between now and Monday.

**Speech:** The City Colleges of Chicago, Charleston AFB campus, will offer Speech 101, Fundamentals of Speech Communications, at the Community Education Center beginning Monday and continuing for five weeks. Classes will meet Monday-Friday, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. The three

credit hour course satisfies the speech requirement for the Community College of the Air Force degree. Registration is currently open for the course. For more information, call 552-5959.

**Study skills seminar:** There will be a study skills seminar at the Community Education Center Tuesday, 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.. This seminar is helpful for personnel in upgrade training, and for personnel preparing to take college level classes or tests. For more information or to reserve a seat for the class, call 963-4575.

**PWOC luncheon:** The Protestant Women of the Chapel will host a luncheon for all active-duty women Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., at the Base Chapel. RSVP to Sandy Guin at 832-9783 no later than Feb. 11. Those who don't RSVP and have a change of plans may still attend.

**OSA:** Officers' Spouses' Association welcomes watercolor artist Amelia Rose Smith for its February program at the Charleston Club Feb. 21. Social begins at 6:00 p.m., with program time at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$6.50 for club members and \$9.50 for non-members. For reservations, last names A-M call 875-2505 and N-Z call 207-7379 by Feb. 19.

**Chiefs' Group:** The Charleston AFB Chiefs' Group will hold its monthly meeting Feb. 21, 11 a.m., in the Charleston Club. Representatives from Bank of America will address the group and lunch will be provided. All chiefs and chief-selectees are eligible to attend.

**National Prayer Luncheon:** The 50<sup>th</sup> National Prayer Luncheon will be held Feb. 27, 11:30 a.m., at the Charleston Club. Scheduled to speak is Chaplain (Col.) Charles Locklin, Air Mobility Command chaplain. The luncheon costs \$5 for club members and \$7 for non-members. For more information or for tickets, contact a first sergeant or call the Base Chapel at 963-2536.

**Commissioning:** There will be a Commissioning Briefing on Mar. 20, 10-11:30 a.m., at the Community Education Center. The briefing will be conducted by Capt. Nuttall, Unit Admission Officer for AFROTC Detachment 772, Charleston Southern University. For more information or to reserve a seat, call 963-4575.

**CSAF survey:** The Air Force chief of staff wants to know what changes Air Force people want in their organizations, and what those people think of the leaders they work for, from the squadron level through higher headquarters. To find out, the Chief of Staff survey is going on now. Air Force members may go to <http://csafsurvey.af.mil/> from a government computer or to [www.csafsurvey.com](http://www.csafsurvey.com) from a home computer to complete the survey now-Mar. 8. The process takes about 45 minutes to complete, and surveys started on the .com site must be completed on the .com site.

**OSA scholarship:** The Officers' Spouses' Association is offering the Silver Wings Scholastic Assistance Awards to dependents of both officers and enlisted members stationed at Charleston AFB. Also eligible are those living in the Charleston area

who are dependents of active duty members stationed elsewhere. Scholarships are available for both high school seniors and military spouses attending college. Applications are available at the Community Education and Family Support Centers and must be postmarked by Feb. 25 for consideration. For more information, call Ruth King at 207-9686.

**ESC scholarship:** The Enlisted Support Club is offering their Scholarship Assistance Awards to graduating high school seniors who are dependents of enlisted military members stationed at Charleston AFB. Applications are available at the Family Support Center and must be turned in by Feb. 25. For more information, call Amanda Ambrose at 963-5780 or Crystal Hampton at 207-0123.

**Hunters:** Due to increased security, the hunting program at North Auxiliary Air Field has been suspended until further notice. Individuals who purchased hunting permits for this program are eligible to have their permit fees refunded. For more information, call the 437<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineer Squadron Environmental Office at 963-4976, or visit the office on the first floor of Bldg. 247.

**AFAS grant:** The Air Force Aid Society's General Henry H. Arnold Education Grant awards \$1,500 grants to children of active-duty members, Title 10 Active Guard Reserve or Reserve members, Title 32 AGR performing full-time active duty, retired military members, retired reservists with 20 or more qualifying years of service and deceased Air Force members; spouses (residing stateside) of active-duty or Title 10 AGR/Reserve members on extended active duty; and surviving spouses of deceased members. For more information or to receive an application, call the AFAS office at 963-4406, or visit the Family Support Center. Additional information is also available online at [www.afas.org](http://www.afas.org).

## Family Support Center

**Pre-deployment Briefing:** Monday and Feb. 25, 8-8:30 a.m., and Thursday and Feb. 21, 4-4:30 p.m.

**Sponsorship Training:** Feb. 20, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

**Troops-to-Teachers:** Monday, 10-11 a.m.

**TAP 3-day Workshop:** Tuesday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

**Educational Opportunity Counseling:** Tuesday, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Mini Job Fair/Employers Panel:** Thursday, 2-4 p.m.

**Marriage Enrichment Part I:** Feb. 21, 6-8 p.m.

**Resume II:** Feb. 26, 9-10:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.-noon.

All workshops are held at the FSC unless otherwise noted. For more information or to register, call the Family Support Center at 963-4406.

## Charleston Warrior of the Week

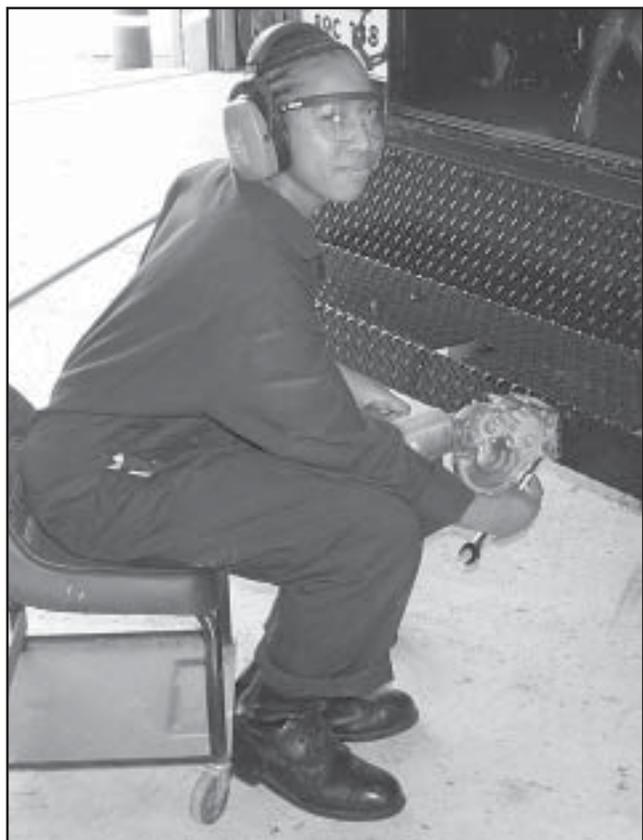


Photo by Capt. Beth Szucs

### Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Rosemarie Boyd 437<sup>th</sup> Transportation Squadron

Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Rosemarie Boyd is a general-purpose vehicle mechanic by trade, but is currently working in the body shop.

"I work on door panels and seat belts," said Boyd. "Basically the older parts of the vehicle, including the engine."

Boyd has been in the Air Force for seven months and at Charleston for three. She said at first it was hard to feel at home here but now thinks it is "awesome."

Boyd, a native of Kingston, Jamaica, moved to Brooklyn, N.Y., when she was 19 years old. Her parents were immigrating to the United States, and she was legally too young to stay in Jamaica without them, she said.

After living in New York for less than a year, Boyd joined the Air Force for all the benefits it had to offer.

"I really want to go to Embry-Riddle University and knew the Air Force had a lot of educational benefits," said Boyd.

She also said she liked the discipline the military instills in people, and she feels very proud to be serving this nation.

In her free time she enjoys sightseeing, singing and dancing, but her true love is flying. Boyd already has her private pilot's license in Jamaica, and is anxious to get it transferred to an American license. Once that happens, she intends to spend some time flying with the Aero Club and someday hopes to be a commercial airline pilot.

## COMMENTARY

## Community involvement key to making Charleston an Air Force town

By Col. Karl Young  
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We celebrated African American heritage with the Black History Month opening ceremony luncheon in the Charleston Club Feb. 1. Col. Clarence Johnson, director of Military Equal Opportunity Policy, in the Office of the Deputy Assistant of Defense (Equal Opportunity), located at the Pentagon, Washington, D.C., was the guest speaker. He gave a great speech about the contributions of African Americans to our society and encouraged everyone to become active in their local community. For more information about his remarks, see the article on page 3 of the Airlift Dispatch.

The 2002 Chief's Induction ceremony went very well Saturday night. Air University Command Chief Master Sgt. Kevin Bruch spoke about the key leadership role our chief master sergeants play in the Air Force and what it means to be a chief. Congratulations to our chief selects!

I was honored to recognize the Diamond Sharp recipients Tuesday. Receiving the award for this month were Senior Airman **Hector Lopez De Jesus**, 437<sup>th</sup> Contracting Squadron; Staff Sgt. **Clifford Drake III**, 437<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Squadron; and Staff Sgt. **Danitza Mack** and Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class **Melinda Cena**, from the 437<sup>th</sup> Aerial Port Squadron. Congratulations on your achievement.

Col. James Hutchinson, Air Mobility Command director of Security Forces, and his staff visited with our security forces members Monday through Wednesday. This was his first official visit to Charleston since assuming his present position in November. During his visit, he spent most of his time discussing our security measures, AMC command initiatives, Aerospace Expeditionary Force taskings and meeting with each of our security forces members. He was glad to return to the Lowcountry area, having previously served at the Navy Consolidated Brig where he established the Air Force element.

Our new Air Force Association chapter is off and running. Gen. Ralph Eberhart, commander in chief of U.S. Space Command, was the guest speaker at our kickoff luncheon for the Charleston chapter of the Air Force Association Wednesday at the Charleston Club. General Eberhart gave us a unique perspective about how space based assets and the air defense mission have played a key role during Operation Enduring Freedom. It was a great turnout, and I hope we can sustain the momentum with our new AFA chapter.

Charleston AFB members are active in our local community and can often be found lending a helping hand to others in need. Despite almost 700 people deployed and longer work hours, I am very proud of the way Team Charleston has responded to a number of requests from our local community for assistance.

About 20 base members have volunteered to participate in the Gregg Middle School Career Day today and Belle Hall Elementary School Career Day Feb. 27. The Carolina

Youth Development Center has a program called Preparation for Adult Living and was looking for volunteers to mentor or act as role models for at-risk young women ages 16-21. We had nine CAFB personnel volunteer for this program.

The upcoming South Carolina Special Olympics will have more than 100 CAFB volunteers assisting with the many sporting activities. The 437<sup>th</sup> Transportation Squadron is even providing a bus to transport our volunteers. Base volunteers will meet at the base theater Feb. 15 at 3 p.m. and Feb 16 at 6:30 a.m. We plan to host about 40 North Charleston High School students to spend a couple of hours with our folks to learn more about the Air Force as a possible career path as part of the Chamber of Commerce's sponsored Groundhog Shadow Day on Feb 25.

Our support to the local recruiters has been no less impressive. We aided the Air Force recruiters when "The Air Force Experience," a tractor-trailer with flight simulators, visited a local Wal-mart and needed help staffing the exhibit. Forty-two people volunteered to participate in this day-long event. Again, when recruiters needed volunteers to help administer the Armed Forces aptitude test to Fort Dorchester High School, 15 airmen volunteered to help.

I could go on and on about the strong support Team Charleston members provide in the local community. I thank you all for representing our Air Force so well and being a part of the solution in our local community and staying engaged with our youth. Our involvement in the local community is what will transform Charleston into an Air Force town.

Gen. John Jumper, Chief of Staff of the Air Force, has directed the Air Force Manpower and Innovation Agency to conduct a climate assessment survey every two years. The Chief of Staff Survey 2002 began Jan. 22 and will conclude March 8. The purpose of the survey is to "tap the pulse" of the Air Force by soliciting feedback from those who make it work. All active duty members and civil service employees are highly encouraged to participate. About 22 percent of our workforce has completed the survey with less than a month left in the campaign. Please find some time to complete this important survey. You can go to either <http://CSAFSurvey.af.mil> at work, or you can take the survey at home by entering <http://www.CSAFSurvey.com>.

We won best in Air Force honors for our civil engineers, and now we would like to do the same for our outstanding 437<sup>th</sup> Services Squadron as they prepare to host the AMC LeMay Evaluation Team Feb. 12-15. The four-person team will examine about 23 different areas in our 437 SVS. Charleston is competing against Andrews, Dover and MacDill AFBs for the top AMC honor. Please show your support for the team and be sure to talk up our services squadron.

Keep doing the great job you are doing each and every day. Thank you all!

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## Action line caller concerned by misplaced shopping carts

**Q**I recently visited both the Base Exchange and the Commissary. In the parking lots of both facilities were many shopping carts left there by people too lazy to return them to their proper site.

This behavior is both a safety concern and a selfish act. The carts take up parking spaces, damage automobiles and are a general eyesore. Please help stop a few bad

apples from ruining our BX and Commissary.

**A** Thank you for shopping at the Commissary and Base Exchange and for bringing this concern to our attention. We agree unattended shopping carts not only create a safety hazard, but also are very unsightly. The Commissary has a policy in place that requires patrons to return grocery carts back to the area.

This policy will be enforced.

In addition, the Commissary and BX management have increased the number of times shopping carts are collected from the parking lot and, hopefully, this will solve the problem.

We all want to contribute to the aesthetic appeal of Charleston AFB. Thank you again, for bringing this matter to our attention and for your many years of patronage.



## Off duty--Around town



### Sports:

**Stingrays:** Tonight, 7:30 p.m., vs. Arkansas and Saturday, 7:30 p.m., vs. Augusta. For more information, call 554-6060.

**Basketball:** The 2002 Mountain Dew Southern Conference men's and women's basketball championship is scheduled for Feb. 28 - March 3 at the McAlister Field House and Charleston Coliseum. Twelve schools will be competing for the "Dance Card" to the March Madness NCAA tournament.

***(On March 1, all local military and their families may attend any basketball game for a 50 percent discount. IDs can be shown at the main ticket booths at either location)***

### Entertainment:

**Improv comedy:** The Have Nots! performs tonight and Saturday at 8 p.m., Theatre 99. For more information, call 853-6687.

**Poetry reading:** The poetry Society of S.C. Jessica Bundschuh reading her original works followed by a reception, tonight, 7 p.m., Second Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall, 342 Meeting St. For more information, call 795-8314.

**Concert:** Charleston's Premier Big Band featuring Nancy Clayton plays Swing music tonight, 7:30 - 10 p.m., at the Trident Technical College's Student Center (Bldg. 410). Limited number of free tickets available. For more information, call 574-6012.

**Concert:** Paulo Bellinati of Brazil performs on guitar, part of C of C's International Guitar Series, tonight, 8 p.m., at Simons Center, 54 St. Philip St. For more information, call 953-1413.

**Lowcountry Blues Bash:** Ten days, 14 venues, 34 acts, 62 shows. Tonight - Feb. 17. For a full schedule visit [www.bluesbash.com](http://www.bluesbash.com). A 24-hour hotline is also available at 937-6000, ext. 4447.

**Dinner theater:** Flowertown Players present "S'Wonderful Gershwin," a caberet-style musical revue, tonight, 7:15 p.m., Embassy Ballroom, Convention Center Complex. For more information, call 745-1087.

**Live music:** Cake performs tonight, 9 p.m., at Gaillard Auditorium. Tickets are available through the auditorium at 554-6060, or online at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).

**Live music:** Charr will perform at High Cotton, 192 East Bay St., Sunday, 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., during brunch.

### Events:

**Book sale:** Friends of the Charleston County Library will hold a used book sale Saturday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., at the Otranto Road branch library, 2261 Otranto Rd. For more information, call 805-6977.

**Mardi Gras Carnival:** Enjoy children's games, a silent auction, health fair, bake sale, food booths and book fair Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., at Summerville Catholic School, 226 Black Oak Blvd. For more information, call 873-9310.

**Second Saturday:** Charleston Museum offers Pottery Pizzazz Saturday, a chance to get hands dirty making mosaic tile coasters, coil pots, face jugs and other clay creations to take home. The event runs from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., 360 Meeting St. and costs \$4 for children and \$8 for adults. For more information, call 722-2996, ext. 264.

**Oyster roast:** Enjoy all-you-can-eat oysters Saturday, 1-5 p.m., at Rosebank Farms Cafe, Bohicket Marina (off Maybank Highway). Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Proceeds benefit Pet Helpers Adoption Center. For more information, call 795-1110.

***Listings are published on a space-available basis at the discretion of the editor of the Airlift Dispatch. Events listed are subject to change without notice. Those interested in attending an event should call ahead to confirm the date and time. To submit an event for Off duty, send a fax with pertinent information and point of contact to 963-5604.***

## FEATURE



Photo by Staff Sgt. Corey Clements

Chaplain (Capt.) Richard Novotny (right) conducts mass as part of his daily duties. He and the rest of the chaplains also teach educational classes, conduct counseling sessions and organize volunteer efforts for a variety of events. Retired Chaplain (Col.) Joe Mulhern (left) helps Novotny conduct daily mass.

## Base chapel continues to serve despite deployments

By Capt. Beth Szucs  
437 AW Public Affairs

Charleston AFB is blessed to have a hard-working chapel staff that is determined to keep their programs up and running during a time of high deployments, both for chapel personnel and those who volunteer throughout the week.

Having a mission built upon the ideal of providing "spiritual care and the opportunity for Air Force members and their families to exercise their constitutional right of freedom of religion," as explained in a Global Ministry pamphlet, can be challenging when key workers and volunteers are missing.

"We've lost a significant number of folks who normally do the various ministries at mass," said Chaplain (Capt.) Richard Novotny, Catholic chaplain. The large number of pilots, loadmasters and maintainers deployed since Sept. 11, has taken a toll on the number of people available to do everything from teaching Sunday school to handling various duties throughout different religious services, he said.

"Our pool of volunteers has noticeably shrunk," said Chaplain (Maj.) Phillip Guin, Protestant chaplain. He said upcoming deployments will take three staff members, including two chaplains, away from CAFB.

"When we lose three in a small staff like this," said Guin, "then we are very thin."

Both chaplains said they're always happy to have new volunteers for their programs, especially active-duty members and their families.

Regardless of a small staff and dwindling volunteer pool, the chaplains and their support staff are working hard to maintain the number of services available to base members, families and retirees.

Both the Catholic and Protestant programs include education classes and studies for all ages, including a new group called Total Youth Ministries. In previous years, Catholics and Protestants have had separate youth groups for kids in grades nine through 12, said Novotny. This year the two programs were combined.

There are a variety of outreach programs, both on and off base, run by the chapel, according to Novotny. Twice a month volunteers cook meals and take them to Echo House, a home for disadvantaged elderly people in downtown Charleston, and throughout the year volunteers provide ongoing support to Jenkins Institute for Children.

Novotny also said he is in the process of working out an agreement with the Navy Consolidated Brig to set up a time to conduct mass for the inmates.

Ministering to people in area hospitals, funerals around the state and weddings are more examples of their outreach, said Guin.

On base, the most recognized program is Stripes to Uniforms, which consists of the chapel providing a meal and sponsoring units providing sewing services to airmen who might otherwise have to pay to have their rank sewn on. Another popular program is the single parents program for parents who've divorced, never been married or have suffered the death of a spouse.

Although no time of the year is uneventful in a church, the slower pace following Christmas is now gearing up in anticipation of Lent and the Easter season.

### Upcoming Events

- Saturday, 6 p.m., a Sweetheart Dinner hosted by the Total Youth Ministry at the Charleston Club; contact the chapel to RSVP
- Wednesdays (except Feb. 27), noon, beginning Feb. 20, a soup and bread lunch provided during a bible study video series at the Chapel
- Free Shrove (or Fat) Tuesday Pancake Meal, Feb. 12, 5 p.m., at the Chapel

### Protestant Lenten Services

- Feb. 13 – Ash Wednesday Service, 12:30 p.m.
- Mar. 28 – Maundy Thursday Service, 6:30 p.m.
- Mar. 29 – Good Friday Service, noon

### Catholic Lenten Services

- Feb. 13 – Ash Wednesday Mass, 11 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.
- Feb. 19 to Mar. 26 – Tuesday night Stations of the Cross, 6:30 p.m., followed by supper
- Mar. 28 – Holy Thursday Mass and Adoration, 5:30 p.m.
- Mar. 29 – Good Friday Service, 5:30 p.m.

Anyone interested in attending these events or learning more about other chapel programs can call the chapel at 963-2536.

## CAFB hosts 2002 National Prayer Luncheon

Chaplain (Col.) Charles Locklin, Air Mobility Command command chaplain, will be here Feb. 27 as the featured speaker for the 2002 National Prayer Luncheon.

The Senate and House of Representatives inaugurated prayer breakfast groups in 1942. Since then, these groups have continued their weekly meetings to discuss and pray for individual daily spiritual needs.

In 1953, members of the Senate and House prayer groups gathered with President Dwight Eisenhower for prayer and worship, to seek divine guidance for the national leadership, and to reaffirm faith and dependence on God.

This year's National Prayer Luncheon is sponsored by the Senate and House prayer groups. Their goal is to bring together the

leadership of the United States in recognition of the moral and religious values upon which the United States was founded.

Observances on Air Force bases worldwide are an extension of the National Prayer Breakfast in Washington, D.C., attended by the president, members of Congress and other national leaders.

Other participants in the luncheon here will include Christina Burkhalter, classical guitarist Christopher Teves and Tech. Sgt. Antionette Enoch.

The luncheon is at 11:30 a.m. at the Charleston Club. Tickets are \$5 for club members and \$7 for non-members. Tickets can be purchased from First Sergeants or at the Base Chapel. (Information provided by the Chapel.)

*Summer is fast approaching, and many parents dread the inevitable sighs and groans of children newly released from the hallowed halls of learning. But when the classic line, "We don't have anything to do!" is uttered, parents need only remember ...*

## CAFB's Youth Center offers escape from boredom year round

**By 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Jennifer Andrews**  
*437 AW Public Affairs*

Summer is almost here, and that leaves many parents wondering, "What will my child do this summer?" The answer is at the Youth Center.

"The Youth Center offers many different programs for children," said Denise John, Youth Center director. "We have everything from Karate to baseball."

One option for parents is the Summer Day Camp program, offered to children ages 5-12. It begins June 4 and runs for 10 one-week sessions. The camp begins each morning at 8 a.m. Each session is composed of weekly themes with activities directly related to them.

Many parents enroll their children in the Youth Center's sports programs.

"Currently, there are almost 150 children enrolled in basketball," John said. "We expect at least that many for baseball."

Parents can register their children for tee ball, baseball and softball at the Youth Center. The cost is \$25.

"If you haven't enrolled your child in a sports activity with us before, be sure to bring a copy of your child's birth certificate when you register," John said.

However, the Youth Center doesn't just provide sports-related activities. They also provide instructional classes.

"We also have gymnastics, karate and dance classes," John said. "People can enroll their children for these at any time."

The Karate program is for youths aged 5 to 17. Classes include all levels of Karate from beginners to black belts. Cost is \$30 for members and \$35 dollars for non-members per child, per month, and classes are held Monday and Wednesday from 5-6 p.m.

The gymnastics program is for preschoolers and up. The cost is \$25 per month for members and \$30 dollars a month for non-mem-

bers. Girls are asked to wear leotards, footless tights or bike shorts. Boys are asked to wear shorts and a t-shirt.

The dance class is for ages 3 and up. The price is \$25 per month for members and \$30 for non-members per month. Dance classes offered include tap, ballet and jazz. White shoes are required for recitals. The next dance recital is May 23.

In addition to these, the Youth Center has other programs. One program is the School Age Program for children age 5 to 12. It is designed to aid working parents of children who would otherwise be on their own.

The program runs Monday through Friday from 6:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Children who are enrolled also have access to the multi-media learning center, which provides computer familiarization, homework help and a variety of other resources.

"Children can come in and use the Internet or get help with long-term projects for school," John said.

"We'll also be able to help new high school graduates with resumes."

The Youth Center also works with the Boys and Girls Club of America. Through this program, children participate in fine arts exhibits, folk festivals, crafts, health and fitness, citizenship and leadership development, and outdoor and environmental recreation.

The Torch Club is a small club for children ages 9-12 and teaches children that they can make a difference in the community by taking an active and responsible role in setting the direction of their own lives. The club is committed to voter registration drives, hospital visits, community clean-ups and special events. The club also works on education issues by taking children to museums and historical areas, and colleges and businesses. In addition, this club also takes trips to amusement parks, holiday parties and film festivals.

For more information about any of these activities, call Denise John at 963-5684.

## Chapel schedule



**107 Arthur Drive**

**Office hours:** 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday.

**Phone:** 963-2536. After duty hours, call the command post at 963-2531 for emergencies only.

### Catholic Services

**Saturday** -- 4 p.m. Reconciliation, 5 p.m. Mass.

**Sunday** -- 9:30 a.m. Mass, 9:30 a.m. Children's Church.

**Weekdays** -- 11:30 a.m. Mass, Sacrament of Baptism pre-baptismal classes are held the first Sunday of each month at 11 a.m. in the Chapel Annex. For Sacrament of Marriage, call the Catholic chaplain six months prior to the wedding.

### Protestant Services

**Sunday** -- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School in Bldg. 245, 11 a.m. Traditional Worship Service, 11 a.m. Children's Church.

**Thursday** -- 7 p.m. Praise and Worship contemporary service.

**Buddhist:** Columbia Shambhala Meditation Center, Suite 109, Columbia, S.C. 29405. Phone: (803) 254-9048.

**Orthodox:** Holy Trinity, Greek Orthodox Church, 30 Race St., Charleston, S.C. Phone: 577-2063.

**Jewish:** Call Jewish Lay Leader: Senior Airman David Winner at 963-2676.

**Islamic:** Al-Jami Ar-Rasheed, 1998 Hugo Ave., Charleston Heights, S.C. Phone: 554-1773.

## Movie schedule

### Admission prices:

Adults/Children -- 99 cents

Any child under 17 years of age requires a parent or adult guardian (21 years old) to purchase an admission ticket for the minor child to view R-rated movies. The ticket office opens 30 minutes prior to start of movie, unless otherwise noted.



**Movie schedules are provided by AAFES. Patrons should call 963-3333 to verify movie titles, running times and start times, which are subject to change.**

**Tonight, 7:30 p.m.**

### *How High - Method Man, Redman*

Desperate to diversify the student body, Chancellor Huntley lures Jamal and Silas to Harvard. Their personalities, however, clash with conservative Dean Cain, who sets out to discredit Huntley's decision to recruit the duo. **(R) 94 minutes**

**Saturday, 2 p.m.**

### *Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius - Animated*

Jimmy and his friends await the opening night of Retroland Amusement Park. When his parents forbid him to go, he sneaks out. While having the time of his life, Jimmy wishes his parents would vanish. Meanwhile, all the parents are kidnapped by aliens! Jimmy and his friends discover they need and want their parents back! **(G) 82 minutes**

**Saturday, 7:30 p.m.**

### *A Beautiful Mind - Russell Crowe, Ed Harris*

In 1947 mathematician John Forbes Nash, Jr. made an astonishing discovery early in life and stood on the brink of international acclaim. But that changed when Nash's brilliance was undermined by schizophrenia. After decades of hardship, he triumphed over tragedy and received the Nobel Prize in 1994. **(PG-13) 135 minutes**

## Fitness & Sports

# CAFB youth spend Saturday mornings knocking down pins

**Story and photo by  
Tech. Sgt. Brian Jones**  
*437 AW Public Affairs*

To see a bunch of kids having fun on a Saturday morning, go to the Starlifter Lanes on Charleston AFB. Every Saturday, about 30 children can be found knocking down pins while taking part in the Youth American Bowling Association league.

Senior Master Sgt. Steve Wiggins, superintendent of the Navy Consolidated Brig Clinical Services and bowling program coordinator, has been involved with youth bowling for the last two years. According to Wiggins, his main objective is getting the kids together and having fun.

"I enjoy seeing these kids smiling and interacting with each other," Wiggins said. "We have kids ranging from 5 to 13 years old. They all bowl together whether they are big or small."

Twelve-year-old Brandon Hirniere said, "I've been bowling since I was six years old, and it's great to get up early on a Saturday morning to go bowling."

During Saturday's bowling

action, Hirniere was one of the top bowlers, rolling a high game of 158. Hirniere has an average of 119.

Ask any of the kids bowling, they all say they are having fun.

Erik Grimes, 12, said "It's a great time on Saturday mornings to bowl with friends. This is a fun game and gives me something to do until baseball starts."

Thirteen-year-old Chris Ramos said this is his first time in the league, although he has been bowling for three years.

"I bowl in the morning, and then play youth basketball in the afternoon," Ramos said. "It keeps me busy, and I like playing different sports."

Wiggins also emphasized how the parents are involved. He said he does not run a baby-sitting service and encourages the parents to stay and watch their kids bowl.

"It's great to see how the parents are enjoying the outing with their kids," said Wiggins. "The parents come out and support the kids and help them any way they can."

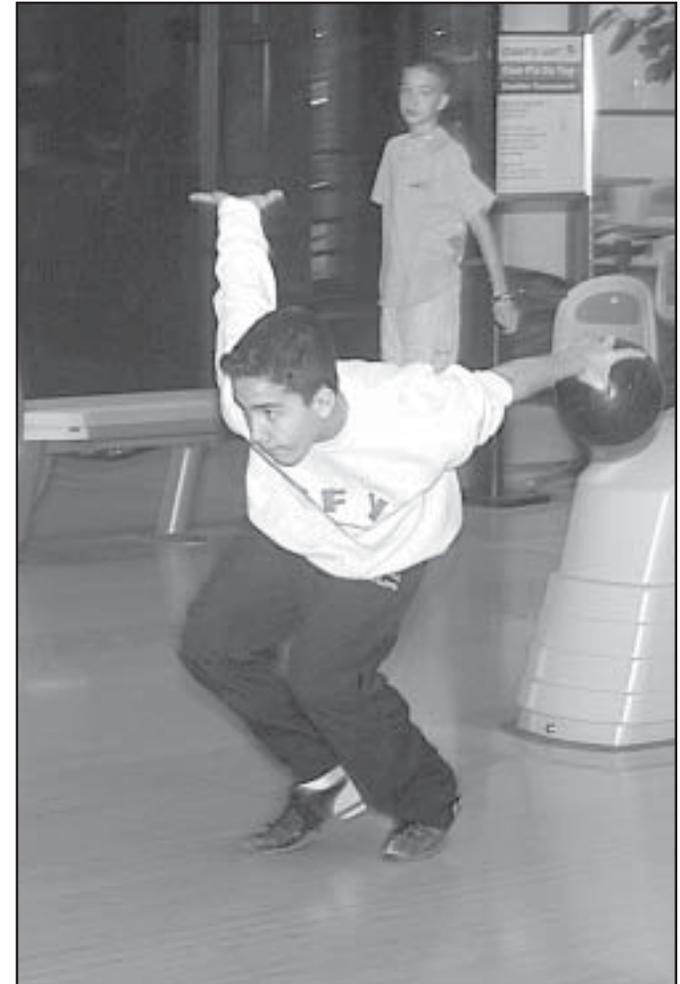
Samuel Boone, a recreation aid at the bowling center, commented on the outstanding job Wiggins has

been doing in getting the league organized.

"You can see it in the kid's faces, these kids are having fun whether they are bowling 30s or 130s," Boone said. "The kids are having a blast on Saturday mornings here. Mr. Wiggins is doing a tremendous job to make this happen."

The league runs from January until mid-April. Wiggins tailors it so it does not conflict with baseball season. One of the highlights is the end of the season banquet. Wiggins said everyone is a winner in this league.

"I've seen such an improvement in these kids' abilities since last year," Wiggins said. "None of them need to use bumpers anymore."



**Chris Schoenrock, 13, participates in the Saturday morning youth bowling league at Starlifter Lanes.**