

Briefs

Scholarships offered to reservists, families

Wing personnel and their family members may compete for one of three scholarships totaling \$10,000 offered through the Westover Club and Air Force Services. Applicants need to write a 500-word essay on "Air Force Clubs – Professional Privilege," and submit it along with a one-page summary of their accomplishments and long-term career and life goals.

The summary may include civic, athletic, and academic awards and accomplishments. Submissions should be on standard white bond paper, with one-inch margins, typed in 12-point Arial or Times New Roman. Nomination packages should be mailed to: Christopher Menard, 439th SPTG/SV, 951 Patriot Ave., Chicopee, MA 01022-1636.

Free step aerobics

Step aerobics classes are being offered, free of charge, during both unit-training assemblies at the base gym.

1st Lt. Kelly Montolio, a member of the 439th Aeromedical Staging Squadron, a certified aerobics and CPR instructor, will provide instruction on Saturdays at 5 p.m.

For further information please call Lt. Montolio at Ext. 3073 on UTAs only.

Billeting no-shows causing a problem

As of May 1, all paying reservists must reserve billeting by credit card or provide pre-payment (cash or check), according to Lt. Col. James Joyce, commander of the 439th Support Group.

If guests do not show up by 5 a.m. the following day, his or her credit card will be charged for the previous night's lodging.

If a reservist has a non-guaranteed reservation (not secured with credit card or prepayment) the reservation will be cancelled at 6 p.m.

A no-show fee will be charged to the unit for all UTA personnel who do not cancel their reservation if they are not coming in.

Westover to get new control tower

by Gordon A. Newell

Construction of a new air traffic control tower will begin here in late May.

The \$4,349,001 project will replace the present tower, which opened in August of 1962. Winning the construction contract is Westcott Construction, Inc. of North Attleboro, Mass.

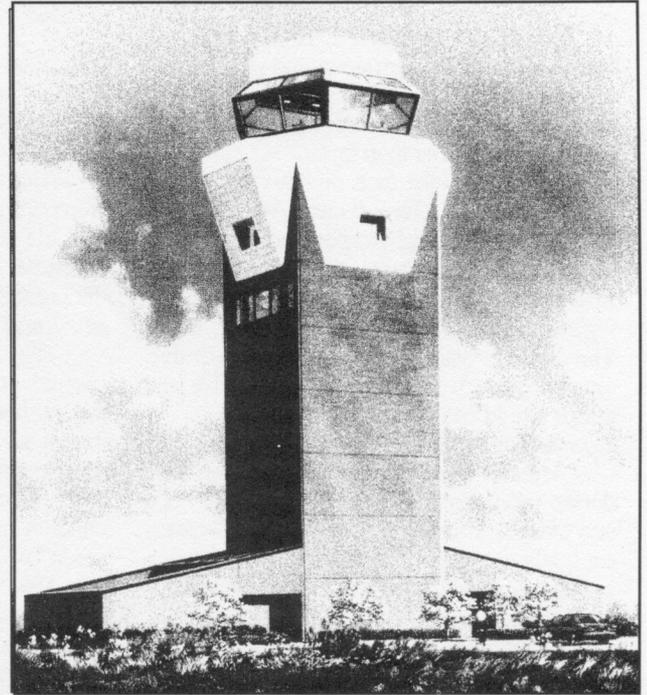
"This is good news for Westover and Metropolitan Airport," said Col. Martin M. Mazick, commander of the base's 439th Airlift Wing. "I wish to thank Congressman John W. Olver and his staff who worked closely with us to bring about this project. It's something we've needed for a long time and will provide the airfield with a state-of-the-art facility that will be the most modern in New England."

The new facility will be a 10-story, steel framed structure supported on a new mat foundation with pre-cast exterior wall panels explained Lt. Col. James P. Joyce who is commander of the 439th Support Group. "In addition, the new tower will have an elevator, fire sprinkler system and an emergency generator. Underground tanks will be installed for building heating oil and for diesel fuel for the emergency

generator," he said.

Construction of the tower is scheduled to take about 425 days, Joyce said. The second phase – time for the government to install new equipment — will take an additional 90 days. When that work is completed, the existing tower will be demolished and removed. The new tower will stand in the same general area as the existing one.

"So all in all, we're looking at about a year and a half before the tower is up and running," said Joyce.



Patriot Puns

by MSgt. W.C.Pope

