

Local Air Reservists Finish Two Week Training Tours

Several members of the 9807th Air Reserve Squadron recently have completed two weeks active duty tours in their various capacities as Air Force Reservists.

Lt. Col. William O. Davis, Squadron Commander, completed his active duty training with the 3510th Flying Training Wing at Randolph Air Force Base, San Antonio. Col. Davis is a salesman for the Humble Oil & Refining Company as a civilian.

Maj. Archie I. Flowers completed his two weeks of active duty with the 3700th Military Training Wing of Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio. Maj. Flowers, whose civilian occupation is assistant professor in the School of Veterinary Medicine at A&M, resides with his wife, Rosemary, and family at 1304 Walton Dr., College Station.

Maj. Guy Davis completed two weeks with the Laredo Air Force Base, being attached to the 3640th Pilot Training Wing. Maj. Davis,

who is manager of Davis Auto Supply in Bryan as a civilian, is also president of the Davis Flying Service of Bryan.

Capt. Charles E. Neelley completed two weeks with Bergstrom Air Force Base. Capt. Neelley as a civilian is employed as fan testing supervisor for the Texas Engineering Experiment Station. Capt. Neelley resides with his wife, Betty, and family at 1007 Dexter Dr. in College Station.

Capt. Vance W. Edmondson completed two weeks of active duty with the 9807th Air Reserve Squadron as administrative officer during the absence of the unit advisor. Capt. Edmondson as a civilian is employed at A&M as assistant professor in the Department of Agricultural Economics and Sociology.

1st Lt. Lyman S. Reed completed two weeks with Chennault Air Force Base, Lake Charles, La. Lt. Reed as a civilian is a draftsman

and photographer for Philip G. Norton & Associates, architects.

T. Sgt. Harold L. Boedecker completed two weeks of schooling with the Amarillo Technical Training Center, Amarillo Air Force Base. Sgt. Boedecker, a senior accounting major attending A&M, resides with his wife, Patsy, and family at 206 Ehlinger Dr. in Bryan.

T. Sgt. Donald J. Hutchison was attached to the 9807th Air Reserve Squadron for two weeks of active duty in an administrative capacity for training. Sgt. Hutchison is enrolled at A&M and is working on an advanced degree in genetics.

S. Sgt. Andrew Schouvaloff completed two weeks of active duty with Lackland Air Force Base. Sgt. Schouvaloff is a veterinary medicine student attending A&M.

S. Sgt. Edward L. Manning was attached to the 9807th Air Reserve Squadron performing administrative duties for two weeks of active duty. Sgt. Manning, a sophomore agricultural engineering major attending A&M, resides with his wife, Lillian, at A-14-A College View, College, Station.

S. Sgt. Barney I. Seely completed two weeks of active duty with the 4501st Air Base Group in Waco. Sgt. Seely, who is a senior physical education major attending A&M, resides with his wife, Kathryn, at C-7-A College View, College Station.

Airman I. C. Andres Gomez completed two weeks of active duty with the 9807th Air Reserve Squadron performing administrative duties. Airman Gomez is a sophomore attending A&M.

Airman I. C. Henry Vault Jr. completed two weeks with the 3565th Navigation Training Wing, James Connally Air Force Base, Waco. Airman Vault is a student attending Prairie View A&M.

Airman I. C. Lawrence Marshall completed two weeks of active duty with the 3610th Navigation Training Wing, Harlingen Air Force Base. Airman Marshall is a student attending Prairie View A&M.

Young Moderns

Pianist Van Cliburn Says Practice Is Needed Even Following Success

By VIVIAN BROWN
AP Newsfeatures Writer
IF RELATIVES and neighbors rebel at your piano practice, don't give up. It happens in the best of circles.

Our new cultural hero, 25-year-old Van Cliburn attests to that. "I wouldn't have been able to practice in New York at all if it weren't for my friends, the Steinways, who let me use the the basement of their building. Neighbors in my apartment building in New York complained to the janitor all the time, even after I had won the Moscow competition."

Van had to go on a list though, and so much of the time was

booked previously by touring artists, that he could only practice past midnight, and far into the night.

"It's never too late to resume or begin piano lessons though," he says, but "young people should choose teachers who are near to their age for better understanding of their world. The teacher should have the ability to be firm, should be someone you respect, and someone who can make you enjoy playing piano."

Van's mother taught him "until she just couldn't teach me more, she said, so I went on to New York and was fortunate in studying with

Mme. Rosina Lhevinne," says Van. Practice Vital

The most important point about learning to play piano is to stick with the keyboard—"just like typewriting," Van says. Discouragement isn't limited to beginners.

"Every day I feel that way." Looking at Van's hands one might suspect it was important to have king-size span. Van can reach a 13th from Middle C up to A in the next octave, but on the other hand, Josef Hoffman, one of the world's great pianists had such tiny hands, Van says, that the Steinways made him a special piano by shaving the keys. And it isn't a prerequisite to

have a big mop of hair, although it seems to go with piano players. "The only reason I have a reputation for a lot of hair is because I loathe barber shops," Van explains.

There is nothing personal in the remark, he adds. He's had that feeling since he was a child with straight hair.

"I'd rather snip my own hair with scissors," Van laughs, illustrating how he holds a lock of hair in his index and third finger and snips away, although he's "careless in not doing it often enough."

Van's had a normal life, even though he stuck with the keyboard, and his wonderful sense of humor and friendliness attests to it.

"I drove a car when I was 14, played a clarinet in the Kilgore High School band five years, and was president of the Thespian Club. I enjoyed dramatics."

No Mama's Boy
He is not a mama's boy, he says, because his mother had such an aversion to pushy mothers whose 'little darlings' were her piano pupils.

"Mother couldn't bear to see them overwhelm their children, so she went overboard trying to put me on my own. I used to go to recitals alone. Once when I said 'mama why don't you go to one of these things with me some time, she said 'why should I, you're 6 years old.'"

But no matter what courses you take in high school or college, Van points out, be sure to concentrate on a language.

"It is pitiful to go abroad, as you may find out some day, and meet Europeans who speak many languages, and you speak nothing but English. It is shocking, and one reason why Americans have a reputation for being uncultured. We give them plenty of reason to suspect it is true even though it isn't, because we give the impression we care nothing for culture or tradition."



From Many Lands

Scientists from every inhabited continent on earth are working side by side at A&M to solve some of the mysteries of nature. They are members of the research and teaching staff of A&M's Department of Oceanography. Dr. Dale F. Leipper, head of the department, is seated in front of the foreign-born members of his staff. They are, left to right, Dr. Mitsunobu Tatsumoto

and Dr. Yoshikazu Sasaki, both of Japan; Pieter Groot of Holland; Dr. K. M. Rae of Scotland; Commander John R. Lumby of England; Dr. Hugh J. McLellan of Canada; Dr. Kinjiro Kajiuara of Japan; Brian Logan of Australia; Basil W. Wilson of the Union of South Africa; and Captain Luis Capurro of Argentina.

CS Tankers Enter In Houston Meet

Art Adamson's College Station Swim Club is entered in the Sparks' Swim Club Invitational Swimming Meet in Houston to be held tomorrow and Saturday.

In the midget division, Diane Bell, Virginia Patterson, Matha Lawrence, Kay Callahan, Mary Amyx, Gerry Lowe, Paul Fagan, David Brusse, Scott Hervey, Stephen Henry and Preston Smith are entered.

Swimming in the junior division are Kathy Cleland, Suzanne Medlen, Sharon Covey, Barbara Ewens, Linda Rudder, Jim Amyx, Tommy Kahan, Bruce Riggs, Renn Lawrence, Peter Fagan, Trixie Doran and Kay Fisher.

Rosemary Thompson, Donna Dozier, Becky Kahan, Elenor Worley, Johnny Badgett, Bill Ewens, Jered Hitchcock and Leslie Brusse are entered in the intermediate

division.

Entered in the senior division are Eddie Lehr and John Covan.

Two members of the club will participate in the Southwestern Open AAU Swimming Meet in Dallas at the Brookhaven Country Club Saturday and Sunday. They are Pam Hayes and Joe Brusse.

Last week the club placed fifth at the state swimming meet in Tyler, scoring 83 points.

Pam Hayes set a new record in the women's 200m. breaststroke event with a time of 3:17.2. She also placed second in the women's 100m. butterfly event.

In the women's 22m. medley relay Becky Kahan, Gail Schlesselman, Mary Francis Badgett and Pam Hayes placed first.

Dick Hunkler, Joe Brusse, Dave Corson and Jim Covan placed first in the men's 400m. free relay.

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