



GETTING DOWN TO THE NITTY GRITTY—With the Commander's Facility Inspection just four days away, SSgt. David Presser and 2ndLt. Randy Boyd, 443rd Military Airlift Wing Director of Operations office, make final touch ups to their work area. (USAF photo by TSgt. Barry Bahler)

Home no place to relax on fire safety

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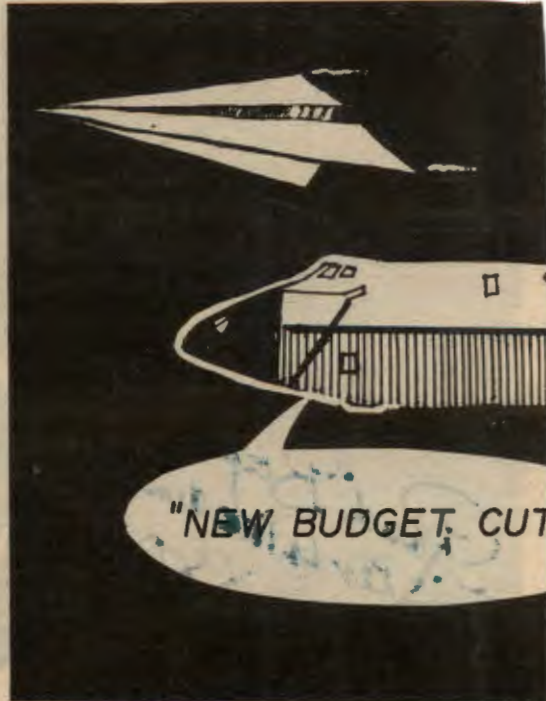
Achievement of a successful fire prevention program requires the aggressive participation of every individual on Altus.

These tasks in fire prevention are not calculated to reduce or infringe upon the performance of the base mission, but to strengthen the fire prevention program in support of that mission. Our effort toward reducing fire loss must be vigorously applied.

Statistics reveal the majority of the reportable real property fire incidents occur in dormitories, family housing and in places of public assembly. This leads me to ask myself and you—why? Why are we experiencing fire losses in these places and not in our shops and on our jobs where it appears that the circumstances surrounding our activities would make us more susceptible to the fire hazards and fire incidents?

As I try to figure this out, it came to mind that the reasons probably stem from people failing to carry out fire prevention while in a leisure status. Our homes, dormitories and place of public assembly are places to relax, even to the point that it leads to negligence.

Should an individual slip up on fire prevention requirements on the job, they are quickly corrected by the supervisor, building manager, or a fellow worker. However, in our homes or quarters, the responsibility for insuring good fire prevention is practiced rests entirely with us. When we slip, fire and the irretrievable consequences are inevitable.



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