



President's Perspective

I am hopeful that as each of you look back on this year, you see it as transformational. I say that because when I meet with students as they prepare for graduation, I see a sense of relief and confidence on their faces. Relief in the sense that they have worked very hard during their time in Tulsa at Spartan and that time has come to an end. Confidence in the sense, that they have attained the skills needed to enter the aviation and related industries workforce and that exciting time is just beginning. I recognize that as students we often wonder if all of the sacrifices and hard work are really worth the effort. In the end, if your goal is to obtain employment in the aviation industry or related industry then I can say absolutely yes it is worth it. The education that you receive at Spartan not only prepares you for that career that you have dreamed of it sets you up for a life of learning. I remember several years ago I had the honor of meeting one of our alumni from the 1947 graduating class. I ask him what sector of aviation he went to work in, he stated "none"! He went on to say that his education at Spartan taught him how to learn. He is the retired Chairman and CEO of one of the largest chicken producing corporations in the country located in Atlanta Ga. You see, your



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CEO/President
Spartan College

life truly is a journey and that journey begins with education.

The opportunities for our graduates are really starting to open up as the recession has officially ended and our nation has returned to growth. I am thankful that our graduates were able to realize career opportunities over the past few years given the state of the economy. In fact for 2009, Spartans aggregate graduate placement rate was

80%. As job orders continue to come into the career center placement should only improve. I clearly see that there is an impending need for both pilots and technicians now and in the years ahead. Stay committed, stay focused and I look forward to seeing you back on campus in January to finish your education. It's your future and you ARE worth it!!!

On behalf of all of the faculty and staff, we wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy upcoming New Year.

Kind Regards,

Redbird Lands at Spartan Flight School

By Doug Yost, Senior Vice President Flight Operations

Spartan Flight School has recently acquired a new full motion training device called the Redbird. This Advanced Aviation Training Device (AATD) is a superior-quality, feature-rich simulator which includes wrap-around visuals and a fully enclosed reconfigurable cockpit. Some of the training features are:

- Fully enclosed cockpit
- Compatible with scenario based training
- 200 degree wrap around visuals
- Portable instructor panel software
- User defined missions database
- Quick-change cockpit configurations
- Unique pilot key system
- Complete terrain and airport database



The new simulator has the capability to configure the cockpit for the 172 airplanes with the conventional gauges and, by removing and adding a one panel, it can be flown as a 172 with the latest Garmin FMX1000 package. There is also a quick change panel and throttle quadrant to configure the Piper PA-44 twin airplanes for flight. The instructor, by using a lap top computer, can simulate all types of weather and aircraft problems while the student flies the plane. With a maximum 60° Yaw, 50° Pitch, and 40° Roll,



you become immersed in the movement and soon forget that it is only simulation. Add rain, turbulence, snow or program an engine out or loss of brakes on landing; the different scenarios for training are endless. Those who have flown the simulator usually have the same response; "it flies like the real thing". The new redbird simulator is a much needed addition to our ground training flight program. Instructors are being standardized over the Holiday break and we expect FAA approval to begin operation with the returning class in January 2011.

Royal Air Force Pilots Honored

By Damon Bowling, Director, Advertising and Support Services

I had a great privilege and honor last month to attend a memorial service at the G.A.R. Cemetery in Miami, Oklahoma honoring the Spartan training Royal Air Force pilots from WWII. Each year the City of Miami has taken time to remember and honor those who trained at the Spartan School of Aeronautics British Flight school in Miami.

Spartan had the pleasure of training thousands of Army Air Corp pilots and technicians in Tulsa and another school in Muskogee, Oklahoma and over 2000 pilots for the British Royal Air Force in Miami, Oklahoma.

As a result of the Lend-Lease Act of March, 1941, six flying schools were established in the United States two of which would be in Oklahoma; school number 6, The Darr School of Aeronautics in Ponca City and school number 3, The Spartan School of Aeronautics in Miami, Oklahoma.

Shortly after passage of the act, Captain Maxwell Balfour, President of Spartan and C.E.O., J. Paul Getty, were invited to Washington D.C. to discuss establishing the Royal Air Force training schools in the United States. It wasn't long after this visit that Spartan was announcing the opening of the school in Miami. If it hadn't been for Herb Cobban, President of the Northeastern Oklahoma Railroad, the school might have ended up in Ponca City along with the Darr School of Aeronautics. As retold, Herb spent a long time persuading Captain Balfour to operate the school in Miami. After hours of persuading Captain Balfour told Herb that since he was a businessman he would

have to pay at least two cents to earn his business and build the school in Miami. Herb fortunately reached into his pocket and had two cents which he gave to Captain Balfour along with a handshake to close the agreement.

On July 13, 1941 Spartan commenced operation in Miami. Picture if you will forty-nine cadets arriving in Miami, Oklahoma at a reception at the



municipal swimming pool where they had time to take a break from the eighty degree mid-August Oklahoma temperatures. As Paula Denson notes in her book, "The Royal Air Force in Oklahoma," "Some of the new cadets assigned to the flying school were especially excited when they learned of their destina-

tion until they discovered that the palm trees and sandy beaches they were expecting were in Miami, Florida, not Oklahoma. The men averaging age 18 to 21 were bombarded with friendly invitations to dances, teas, sporting events and church functions as soon as they arrived. Good Oklahoma hospitality soon won them over and they forgot about the palm trees and sandy beaches.

A typical day for the cadets began as they got up at 5:45 each morning. After a series of calisthenics, the men marched to breakfast in military cadence. After breakfast the cadets marched back to the barracks where they straightened their rooms. In the afternoon, half the students would spend their time in ground instruction while the

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other half received flying instruction. Primary training would consist of ten weeks in the Fairchild PT19 Cornell and another ten weeks would be taught using the Vultee BT 13A and then advanced training in the Harvard AT6.

By the close of the war Spartan flight training school in Miami, Oklahoma trained 2,124 RAF cadets and 117 USAAR cadets in Miami, Oklahoma. 1,493 pilots were awarded their wings upon graduation. As with any flight training there are certain risks and with those risks comes fatalities. Fifteen British airmen who made the ultimate sacrifice are buried in Miami, Oklahoma.

Last month's memorial service for these cadets was a great event and I was honored to attend on behalf of Spartan College of Aeronautics and Technology. Many veterans, the city manager, local

business owners, and friends and family of aviation attended ceremony. If you've ever lived in a small town, you know it's a big event when the Fire Department shows up. The Fire Department raised an American Flag on the giant extension ladder, The Tulsa Bag Pipes and Drum Squad performed and Taps was played by a bugler.

Spartan training of the Royal Air Force and Army Air Corps pilots is one reason Spartan is not only known in northeast Oklahoma but throughout the world. Today, Spartan is proud of these accomplishments and continues training pilots and mechanics for the United States Air Force.

As we head towards Spartan's 85th anniversary year I'm excited to what exciting and challenging opportunities lie ahead.

FINANCIAL AID

By Christina Foster

We are fast approaching tax filing time. We wanted to send a reminder to all students that the 11/12 FAFSA will be due May 1st, 2011. You should plan to file your 2010 Federal taxes as early as possible. If you are considered (by the Department of Education) a dependent student, your parents should plan to do the same. You should be able to file as soon as you/parent have received all W-2 forms for 2010. This usually occurs by the end of January.

The 11/12 FAFSA will be available for completion on-line at the beginning of January, 2011. You/parent should complete your FAFSA as soon as you/parent have completed your 2010 taxes. Please go to www.fafsa.ed.gov to complete the FAFSA.

Please stop by the Financial Aid office to speak with your Financial Aid Representative about any questions you may have.

Technical students:

Last name beginning A-K
see Mary Salas - Main Campus
Last name beginning L-Z
see Melanie Salyer - Main Campus

Flight students:

See Mandy Cockerhan
Tuesday and Thursday - Main Campus
Monday, Wednesday and Friday - Flight Campus

EXCESS FUNDS. . . Where Do They Come From?

By Christina Foster

Where do "excess funds" come from?

Your eligibility for excess funds is calculated by determining the total amount of financial aid obtained less the amount of charges you will have for tuition, books, tools and fees in an academic year. If you have more financial aid than you need to cover your direct costs for tuition, books, tools and fees then you have excess funds. It is actually that simple!

Example: If the total for tuition, books, tools and fees for this academic year is estimated at \$16,000 and you have \$17,000 in financial aid, then your excess would be \$1000 for the academic year.

- For a technical student, an academic year is defined 30 total weeks (5 terms of 6 weeks each) and 24 credits. Your financial aid will come in 5 equal disbursements, one arriving during each of the 6 week terms. If you have a total of \$1000 excess funds divided by 5 disbursements, you would have \$200 every 6 weeks.
- For a flight student an academic year is defined as 32 weeks and 24 credits. Your financial aid will come in 2 equal disburse-

ments, one arriving during each of the 16 week payment periods. If you have a total of \$1000 excess funds divided by 2 disbursements, you would have \$500 every 16 weeks.

How do I request "excess funds"?

Request for excess funds forms are located at the South campus Cashier office and at the Flight campus Student Records office. Cash requests for \$500 or less will be available in 2 days after 2:30. Check requests for all amounts greater than \$500 will be available for pick up on Thursday after 2:30 PM at the South campus Cashier office if the request is received by Monday at 3:00 PM. Any requests received after 3:00 PM will be available the FOLLOWING week on Thursday.

Advances from excess funds are expected to assist with MONTHLY expenses. Requests should be made once per month. Up to two requests will be honored each month. Please budget your expenses according to this schedule.

If you have questions regarding your excess funds, or how the calculation is done, please see the Financial Aid Department.

Council Meeting Schedule

The Spartan Student Council meets every Tuesday at 2:45 at the main campus auditorium.

Get involved with campus related activities. Become a part of a growing and active group of student leaders. We look forward to seeing you at the meetings.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARD

3RD QUARTER 2010

James Denoyer - General Education

Joe Howlett - Avionics Technology

Travis Alexander - Powerplant

William Manley - NDT/Quality Control

DEAN'S LIST - 3rd Quarter 2010

Chris Abell	Eduardo DeLeon Ortega	Erik Jorgenson	Seth Poskey
Eric Agee	Miles Dodge	Cody Ketcher	Jacob Pouncil
Zeeshan Ahmed	Blake Dorris	Jacob Key	Lindsay Rector
Stephen Altstatt	Sean Dreyer	Nikolay Kifyak	Cody Reed
William Miles Baker	Khavannah Dunkley	Ian King	Denton Sachs
Caue Banaczeski	Bo Elam	Tracy King	Jesus Saldivar
David Bayardo	Steven Enterkin	Patrick Langieri	Nasi Salters
Joshua Beke	Joel Erickson	Alan Lennon	Pablo Samalot
Thomas Bichon	Haley Evans	Pedro Marte	Jacque Sandoval
Jason Bills	Garrett Ewell	John McAlpin	Dylan Savage
D'Juan Blackmon	Jhon Faton	Lee McCallister	John Seidner
Kelvin Braxton	Andrew Fischer	Johnathan McFarland	Felipe Serrano
Josh Brewer	Brendon Foreman	Brandon McHaffie	Justin Shurtz
Zachary Breyne	Nathan Forrest	Dakota McHaffie	Vincent Sitterly
Ronald Brickman	Maurice Freeman	Aaron McKean-Hogan	Joseph Slosar
Kouakou Bruce	William Freeman	Justin Melton	Christopher Smith
Trey Bunch	Honoree C.G. Kamdem	Quinton Melton	Nathan Smith
Bryan Burke	Cory Gardner	Carlos Merida	Vince Stein
Coty Callaway	Matthew Giglio	George Merimon	Phillip Steiner
Aaron Campbell	Claudio Guerrero	Brian Michulka	Leighton Swatek
Michael Capps-Whitfield	Renato Guitart	Joshua Mills	Megan Sweeney
Michael Caretta	Dustin Hammond	Chase Molloy	Jason Talle
Michael Carnahan	Shawn Harbison	Melvin Moore	Bobby Taylor
Shane Cataldo	Chase Harmon	Christopher Morehouse	Brian Taylor
Brian Caudill	John Harris	Thomas Murphy	Vartan Tenkerian
Jarrod Chandler	Leon Haywood, Jr.	Michael Moud	Tanner Thomson
Tyson Cochran	Yovani Hernandez	Donald Nunn	Michael Turner
Carlos Collier, Jr.	Durell Hickman	Heather O'Donnell	Matt VanGundy
Luke Compton	Jesse Hill	Habib Osekre	Christopher Wade
Joshua Copeland	Christopher Hillmon	Elliott Ott	Erik Tyler Walker
Eric Cruz	Matthew House	Nicolas Ott	Elliot Ward
Zachary Daniels	Randy Howard	Michael Parker	Jason Westphal
Robert Davis	Thomas Huesties	Matthew Paul	Christopher Wharton
Julio De Los Santos	Dalton Jackson	John Pence	Richard Wollstrum

FLIGHT SCHOOL DEAN'S LIST 3rd Quarter 2010

James Denoyer	Ryan Keenerl
Jose Gonzalez	Mack Juston Miller
Tanner Hetz	Paul Richardson

FLIGHT SCHOOL PRESIDENT'S LIST 3rd Quarter 2010

Sebastian Delascurain
Stacey Elliott
Christi Ellis

PRESIDENT'S HONOR ROLL - 3rd Quarter 2010

Carl Aderhold	Scott Doyle	Benjamin Jeffries	Robert Riddle
Travis Alexander	Barry Edwards	Jeremiah Jordan	Caleb Ridgway
Arnina Allison	Robert Ellis	John Kenny	Travis Roberson
Wesley Alvey	Richard Essary	Jamie Killian	John Robertson
Heath Amon	Travis Eull	Timothy Kimball	Vincent Robinson
Umarhu Anjorin	Brian Evanul	Matthew King	Scott Roshong
Blake Aukes	Aaron Farley	Ames Knappen	Kevin Rushing
Christopher Autry	Olushola Fatola	Annemarie Korzon	Mario Salinas, Jr.
James Bagley	Charles Fenstermacher	Joshua Krouse	Jonathan Saltarelli
Rick Ballard	Michael Fink	Mark Kudsk	Brian Scanio
Shaun Barger	Justin Fisher	Caleb Lambert	Michael Scarborough
Joshua Barker	Rayne Gainous	Gregory Lankford	Hans Schlereth
Jeffrey Barnes	Janine Garcia	Joshua Laughlin	Carl Schulz
Josh Bash	Brett Gibson	John Lenhardt	Jordan Schwartz
Cory Baumgarten	Jeremy Gibson	Juan Lima	Saxon Shepard
James Beaty	John Girouard	Clay Lockee	Jake Sinyard
Shawn Blanton	Cody Glover	Chantelle Mahadeo	Michael Sisk
Brian Blasch	Kevin Gray	William Manley	Daniel Skerker
Eric Boo	Clinton Greenough	Catherine Marcus	Juan Soto
Jacob Bradford	Jade Griffin	Joseph Mattingly III	Chris Spinks
William Bremmer	Murray Gunn	Craig McCauley	Shawn Stark
Aaron Brewer	Andres Gutierrez	Bobby McKinnis	Chris Stauffer
Zachary Brown	Lucas Hall	Robert McMorrow	Randolph Stocking
Clayton Budinger	Larry Hallenbeck	Miguel Mendez	Joshua Taylor
Shawn Bullinger	Casey Hammond	Justin Morrison	Philippe Tchuyeng Thao
Zachary Callison	Brandon Harder	Travis Neal	Joel Torres
Shawn Cason	Joshua Hardy	Kenneth Nerge	Damian Trafton
Daniel Clark	Lina Harris	Spencer Newburn	Jeremy Tuluk
Luis Claudio Rosa	Kevin Hawkins	Jesse Nuttle	Caleb Turk
Stacey Coates	Edward Hayes	Marcie O'Neal	Zane M. Turk
Chase Collins	Abraham Henri	Jason Owens	Blane Turner
Joseph Cooper	Christopher Hicks	Eric Pacicca	Jeremy Vallier
Matthew Crandall	Michael Hirning	Donovan Padgett	Omar Velazquez
Amariah Crawford	Devan Hoover	Rory Parker	Christopher Wainwright
Stephen Crawford	Joseph Howlett	Keyurkumar Patel	Jesse Wang
Brent Crozier	David "Eric" Hoyt	Ethan Pearson	Jason Wassell
Cody Cupps	Curtis Hubbard	Larry Pearson	Michael Weiss
Russell D'Antonio	David Hudson	Daniel Porter	James Wheeler
Luke Davidson	Phillip Hudson	James Prociuous	Andrew White
Samuel Davis	Matt Hurst	Travis Prudhomme	Noah Wright
Treva Derbaum	Andrew Hutton	Brian reed	Zach Wyant
Bryson Devlin	John Ingram	Michael Reichert	Cynthia Zapien
William Dewar	Kanin Jackson	Dan Ridderhoff	Jeffrey Zook
			Mark Zook

ALUMNI CORNER

Spartan has graduated over 90,000 students in its 80+ year history. These students are from all over the United States and 63 countries worldwide. Some of the countries include Israel, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Iceland, and many, many more. This quarters Alumni Corner features two past graduates with an international flavor. We are proud of all of our graduates and we are looking forward to our current students becoming members of a long line of professional and productive corporate citizens. You will be the newest generation to carry on the Spartan legacy. Remember to stay focused and reach for your goals.

KEN SHEPPARD

Ken Sheppard is a 1964 graduate from Spartan School of Aeronautics. While attending Spartan he received his private, commercial and instrument ratings. He's had a long and productive aviation career spanning 38 years all of which has taken place in South Africa. The picture below was taken in March of 1964 in front of the dorm on Apache Street. Ken remembers his life in Tulsa and the lasting relationships he developed while attending Spartan.



Ken with fellow student David Polack.

MOHAMAD KHEIREDDINE

Mohamad Kheireddine graduated from Spartan School of Aeronautics and Technology in July 1983 with a diploma in airframe and power plant program. He then joined Parks College of Saint Louis University and he graduated with a BS in Aircraft Maintenance Engineering .

He went back home to Lebanon in 1986 . In 1988 Mohamad joined Middle East Airlines (Lebanese National Carrier) and now is the head of Engineering Planning for MEA and a member of the Airbus A330/A340 maintenance working group. The responsibility of this group is to study and check the intervals of all routine tasks issued by Airbus concerning the A330/A340. Mohamad is proud to be a graduate of Spartan and has fond memories of one of his instructors by the name of Robert Miller. Mohamad said that Robert was a father, advisor and mentor to all of us. He had a big impact on his success.

Student Council Thanksgiving Dinner

It was wonderful to see all the people who stepped forward to support our students for a Thanksgiving meal. There's nothing worse than not having anyplace to go during the holidays. When you see this out pouring of care it truly warms your heart. Our student council stepped forward, planned, organized, setup, prepared and participated in serving over 100 students on Thanksgiving day. Many staff members provided the traditional trimmings for an outstanding Thanksgiving feast. There was turkey prepared by Tiffany in Financial Aid, by Mr. Worthington from Student Services, by Andy White our Student Council president. There was ham, cranberries, mashed potatoes, greenbean casserole, gravy, rolls and enough pie to sink the Titanic. Mr. Fester baked pumpkin pies . . . and boy were they good! There are just too many people to thank but I'll have you know that every department provided support in one form or another. And again, it is the efforts of our Student Council that made this wonderful event a possibility for those who had no place to go on Thanksgiving.