

Airman pursues education

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Adam Bennett, 23, is only one of many college students holding down a full-time job. With the cost of living constantly increasing, this lifestyle is becoming more of a necessity.

Adam works at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base. He went into service in 2004 and has traveled from Japan to Texas. He was relocated here in 2004 and now attends Wayne Community College.

Bennett's busy school schedule consists of classes such as microbiology and technology in society.

His on-campus school schedule consists of going to class from 10 a.m. until noon and again from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. He also takes three online

classes, coming to a total of 17 credit hours. He just got accepted into WCC's nursing program and eventually wants to transfer to East Carolina University for a bachelor's degree.

"Since bachelor and master programs are so competitive, I study quite a bit to keep my GPA high enough to stay on par with my competition," he said.

After a day filled with homework and studying, he goes into work on base at 11 p.m. He works all night until 7 a.m. and then has a short break to take a nap.

"Balancing a full-time job, being a full-time student, and trying to have a social life takes not only a lot of time, but concentration and planning as well," Bennett said.

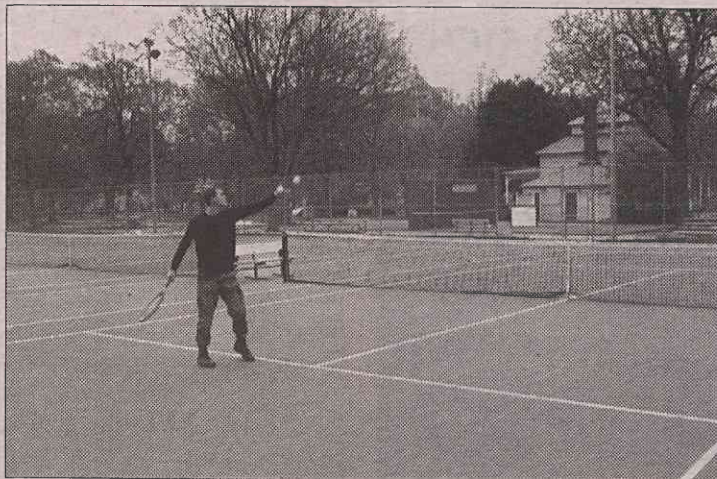


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Adam Bennett enjoys a game of tennis.

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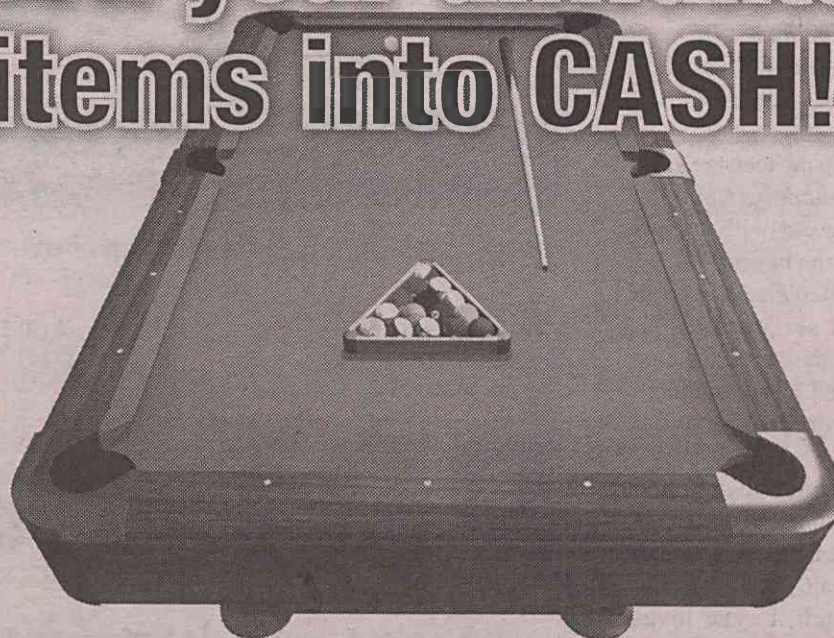
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